UJA Honors The Memory Of Irving Bell

More than one hundred and fifty people poured into the La Fonda Hotel to pay tribute to the memory of former Santa Fean Irving Bell at a fund-raising dinner for the United Jewish Appeal.

Dr. Arye Carmon, a professor with the Department of Education at Ben Gurion University in Israel and developer of a Holocaust curriculum taught world-wide was the featured speaker at the dinner. Carmon related stories about his experiences during the Yom Kippur War and reflected on "the meaning of being Jewish."

Regional UJA Representative Mark Groner presented Mrs. Irving Bell and her two sons, Lance and Jon, with a plaque praising Bell as "a mainstay of Jewish philanthropy in Santa Fe."

Elvin Kanter, JCCA President, also gave an address eulogizing Irving Bell for his kindness and generosity, adding that "Bell always gave the largest contributions of time as well as money."

Irving Bell was born on Sept. 2, 1921 and died on Sept. 6, 1981 at the age of 56. Bell was born in Espanola and was the owner of Bell's Department Store in Santa Fe. He headed the Santa Fe United Jewish Appeal for twenty-five years. Bell was president of B'nai Brith, Temple Beth Shalom, the Lion's Club and was on the executive board of the Retail Merchants Association for New Mexico. He graduated from the University of New Mexico with a business degree and was an Air Force veteran.

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Dr. Arye Carmon and Santa Fe UJA Chairman Jerry Levine.

Mark Groner presents UJA plaque to Mrs. Irving Bell and sons.
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