

## 2017 Hurst Award: Acceptance Speech *(continued from p. 9)*

Aaron, the last celebrations of this sort until our son Randolph's children had theirs 30 years later.

As they were growing up, we traveled to Albuquerque, Pueblo, Colorado Springs, and Denver to be with Jewish kids in Jewish organizations. They went to a Jewish camp, Shwayder Camp in Idaho Springs, Colorado, for many summers. Their identity with their faith has remained throughout their lives and I am so proud of that fact. It continues to this day and getting together for Jewish holidays means the world to me.

Today, Randy is still the president of Temple Aaron, having inherited the position from me. That legacy for me began in 1987, when I assumed the role of the primary caretaker of Temple Aaron until 2012. I inherited that function from Beatrice Sanders, who was the "lay rabbi" from 1951 until her passing in 1987. Being Jewish

has given me immeasurable satisfaction, keeping the tenets of the faith as much as possible. As I look back over my life, I see the candle of Judaism burning brightly. My relatives, especially Gustav Kahn, Albert Kahn, and Walter Kahn,

breadwinner.

Rabbis who had great influence on me were Rabbi Abraham Lincoln Krohn, Rabbi Solomon Starrels, and Rabbi David Shor, all leaders of Congregation

Albert in Albuquerque. I have such intense, rewarding, and vivid memories of the times in Mountainair, Gallup, and Albuquerque that helped shape my existence. I could probably entertain you for hours with stories of my childhood, riding horses, roller skating down the sidewalks, and to reminisce is to realize I have so many Jewish and non-Jewish friends growing up and still today, as well. I'm cognizant that friendship is more important

than religion. No one has a corner on goodness, faith, or truthfulness. We are all commanded to love one another and hold others in respect. Every day I am thankful for my life, and this honor will live with me forever.✡



*Temple Aaron, Trinidad, Colorado  
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stepped in when my father died, keeping our family safe and not destitute. How do you thank them for all they did? So many people came together to maintain our well-being, health, and mental stability during those rough years growing up without a primary

### Welcome New Members

#### New Members

Paul Kovnat  
Jan Rabinowicz  
Marc Sanders  
Barbara Reeback and Del Packwood

#### Life Members

Sheila Gershen and Sy Baldwin

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