

I will never forget walking into this synagogue after it was completed. I was totally overwhelmed to think that our tiny little congregation had grown to this size, and to see this magnificent edifice in my little town just blew me away. It filled me with such pride that it is hard to explain.

Well, Santa Fe has changed-it has grown in many ways and it has become more sophisticated and diverse. Our Jewish community has expanded beyond belief, and offers an incredible menu, something for everyone of every age. We are able to have a full time rabbi, Nacum Ward, which is a blessing in itself.

Surely our children and now our grandchildren have had and will have a different religious experience growing up than I had.

And though I am proud, beyond belief, of how far we have come, I wouldn't for the world trade growing up and living in Santa Fe when I did, and I feel blessed for my eclectic upbringing. I feel especially blessed that I have such a great sense of belonging and belief, not only to our community but to the Jewish religion as a whole.

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