

We were to learn very early on that the warnings from Rabbi Shore should have been heeded. Rabbi Strauss left by mutual consent in 1961. The last we heard at that time was that he was a marriage counsellor in Columbus, NM.

A series of Rabbis came and went during the 60's and we finally engaged Rabbi Abraham Shinedling, a retired Rabbi from West Virginia residing in Albuquerque, to be our Rabbi.

He did not drive and depended on his wife Helen to chauffeur him here for Friday night services and Sunday Religious school. Helen was also a big part of the Jewish education of our children.

Rabbi Shinedling was very interested in the geneology of the families here and in Los Alamos and helped families with preparing their family histories.

Boys preparing for their Bar Mitzva took a bus, which was at that time located about where the Coyote Café is, to Albuquerque. Helen would pick them up, give them lunch and after their session take them back down to the bus depot. Of course this was long before we knew about abductions and the frightening epidemic of missing children.

In 1966 we enlarged the social area of the Temple which then served us for the next 20 years. Most of our social life revolved around meals at one another's homes, on the weekends. Poker games for the men, bridge games during the week for many of the women.

In 1970 I became the first woman President of our Temple. It was the year when by popular vote the graduating Confirmation class got us to change our name to Temple Beth Shalom. My predecessor was Sam Pick. Rabbi Shinedling was retiring and the Pacific Region of UHAC found us Rabbi Sam Markowitz of San Diego. His wife was in the Hebrew Home for the Aged which took most of his Rabbinic pension and he needed a modest income to live on. He was engaged at \$5,000. per year. He was then 78. We