

In Feb. 1963 Los Alamos dedicated its own Jewish Community Center.

I have just returned on Nov. 8th/02 from Israel where I was a Volunteer for Israel, which is the program which Ben Morrow has become involved with and has encouraged many of us in Santa Fe to support. I never felt that I was in any danger either flying or 3 weeks in a barracks situation at Tel Hashomer a large military base near Tel Aviv.

I am writing this at my computer at 3AM on Nov. 10th, today getting over jet lag and calling on my memory bank of 55 years of living in and appreciating Santa Fe.

Today we have several Temples as well as alternative places to worship which are available to those who do not wish to attend more conventional religious venues.

We have a Jewish dedicated area at the Memorial Gardens Cemetery on Rodeo Road. It has recently been partially walled through the generosity of the Allan and Tonia Gould Foundation. The wall is beautifully constructed and defines the north west boundaries of the space . This is under the care of the Jewish Community Council of Northern New Mexico.

My long range view is one of optimism and hope for our Nation the world and New Mexico. As Jews I feel that we owe the State of Israel every bit of moral and financial support that is needed to survive. If we fail this obligation we are consigning them and world Jewry to an unthinkable future. After the Holocaust we vowed "Never Again"..This is a sacred pledge which must be passed on to all of our coming generations.

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Panel Participant, Sun. Nov. 10th/02