

Letter from the President of the Board

May 1, 2018

Thank you to all who attend our annual meeting. Here, you find a group of people who are dedicated to being the energetic force for Judaism in the Four Corners. We do not gauge our success by the number of people who attend events, but rather by our common desire to be open and welcoming to everyone. Based on the response throughout the year, I feel that we have shown continual improvement in that measure of success. As of this writing, we have 82 family units and a much larger pool of newsletter and Facebook participants, as well as visitors who have not yet become members.

This past year, thanks to your support and the inspiring leadership of Lisa Smith, we have been able to celebrate all the holidays and maintain the infrastructure to reach all of you consistently. We have welcomed several new members into our community, and look forward to getting to know all of you better. Judaism thrives in Durango and the Four Corners.

At the 2017 High Holidays, we loved using our new Machzors. This year we have continued to host many successful community events and done outreach in addition to our ongoing education and religious activities. Our Shabbat Morning group now consistently has a minyan! Our matzoh balls were the best ever!

Integrated software allows us to track attendance, maintain membership and visitor records, and keep all financial records securely online. We have also been able to 'sell' tickets online to some events and for the first time, have been able to vote online. Our administrator and board member Carli Walker has raised the bar with newsletters and social media.

The board has been very active this year, especially the younger members! Our education continues to thrive with many youngsters and now with multiple age groups. Jen Bayer and Naomi Azulai are wonderful teachers.

Thank you for supporting your Jewish Community in the Four Corners.

Richard Brown
Board President