

Report to the Community



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Originality is not seen in single words or even in sentences...

Isaac Bashevis Singer



Originality is found in our Jewish community, both at the grassroots level and in organizational life. Whether it is a group of women searching for ways to help Jewish domestic-violence victims or the JCC working with Jewish parents, new ideas are enriching Jewish life in Denver and Boulder.

Rose Community Foundation is proud to bring national projects to Denver and support the creation of new local programs.



Local Jewish organizations strengthen our community by giving life to original programs and ideas. The following programs funded by Rose Community Foundation create new connections to Jewish life and provide innovative, exciting learning opportunities.

Helping Synagogues Create a Culture of Welcoming, Innovation and Spirituality

Synagogue 2000 is a national program designed to add meaning and spirituality to congregational life. Synagogue 2000 involved 11 metro-area congregations and resulted in new programs, outreach efforts and strengthened synagogues.

“This process involving religious study, community and team building, and change management helped congregations understand how to grow. Without Rose Community Foundation’s support this would never have happened in Denver.”

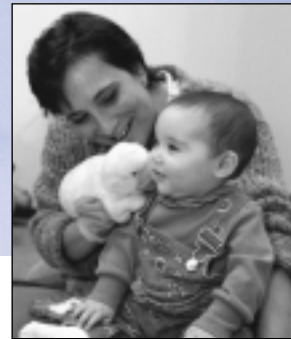
Susan Spero, Denver/Boulder Area Coordinator, Synagogue 2000
www.s2k.org

Give Us Two Hours – We’ll Give You 5000 Years

The Florence Melton Adult Mini-School is an international program with a site in Denver through Colorado Agency for Jewish Education (CAJE). In its four years in Denver, the CAJE program has doubled in size, serving close to 200 adults each year who study together two hours a week for two years, making Denver one of the largest Melton programs in the country.

“We see our growth and our impact on Jewish life continuing to grow—we’re now not just a program, we’re a school.”

Sue Parker Gerson, Director, Florence Melton Adult Mini-School of Colorado
www.caje-co.org



In Step With Your Child

In only a year, Shalom Baby, a Robert E. Loup Jewish Community Center program, has become a model for early childhood education and parenting programs, offering classes, information and connections for parents and their newborns.

“Shalom Baby is a bridge not only into the Jewish community, but into what it means to be a Jewish parent.”

Caron Blanke, Director, Shalom Baby
www.jccdenver.org/childreneyouth/shalombaby.htm

Outreach to College Students

The Hillel Steinhardt Jewish Campus Service Corps is a one-year fellowship that enables recent college graduates to work on campuses across North America helping students explore and celebrate their Jewishness.

“Our Steinhardt Jewish Campus Service Corps Fellows have touched hundreds of students’ lives on University of Denver, University of Colorado and Colorado State University campuses. Now more Jewish students than ever know there’s a place in Hillel for them.”

Pat Blumenthal, Executive Director, Hillel Council of Colorado
www.hillelcolorado.org

Increase Access for Victims of Domestic Violence

Community Help and Abuse Information (CHAI) was created to address domestic abuse in the Jewish community.

“A key challenge is to raise awareness that domestic violence does exist within the Jewish community. Our focus is intervention and education and we have served more than 155 victims. Without Rose Community Foundation’s support, we would never have gotten started.”

Jan Wood, Executive Director, CHAI
www.Jewishabuse.org