



New Mexico Jewish Historical Society 23rd Fall Conference

Registration Materials

**Plaza Hotel
Las Vegas, New Mexico
October 22 - 24, 2010**

Conference Highlights

Northeast New Mexico was home to a number of Jewish merchant families starting in the mid-1800s. This conference will highlight Hispanic participation in the Santa Fe Trail trade and the history of Las Vegas, the synagogues on the Santa Fe Trail, and the Jews of Las Vegas and Mora. Presentations will also cover the crypto-Jews in Las Vegas and northeast New Mexico, the rich Jewish past of Las Vegas and northeast New Mexico, and the renaissance of the Las Vegas Jewish community.

Pre-conference activities include Friday night dinner (on your own dime at El Fidel restaurant, 510 Douglas Avenue) at 5:30, and a shabbat service at 7:30 followed by oneg shabbat. You may register for the 8:30 walking tour on Saturday morning of historical Jewish Las Vegas, followed by a bus tour of Montezuma Castle (at the United World College).

The conference begins at 12 noon on Saturday, October 23, with a buffet lunch in the hotel ballroom. The program starts at 1 p.m. in the same location. There will be a reception at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m. Sunday morning the program begins in the ballroom at 9 a.m. and continues until noon, when there will be a lox and bagel brunch.

The conference registration desk will be open on Friday afternoon, October 22, from 2 to 4:30 p.m., and on Saturday morning from 7:30 to 12 noon. Three meals are included in your registration fee: lunch and dinner on Saturday and brunch on Sunday.

Make your own hotel reservations by telephoning the Plaza Hotel at 1-505-425-3591 and ask for the NMJHS rate. Single \$69, double \$79, deluxe \$109. Breakfast is included in your hotel rate. The hotel has no off-street parking - you may park in front of the hotel or anywhere around the plaza.

For more information:

NMJHS office: 505-348-4471

E-mail: nmjhs@jewishnewmexico.org

Web site: www.nmjhs.org

NMJHS 23rd Fall Conference Preview

Adventures Along the Santa Fe Trail: The Jews of Las Vegas and Northeast New Mexico

Friday, October 22 Pre-Conference Activities

- 5:30 p.m. Dinner on your own at El Fidel Restaurant (510 Douglas Avenue)
7:30 p.m. Shabbat Service at the Old Congregation Montefiore (now Neuman Catholic Student Center), corner of Columbia and 8th Streets, with Oneg Shabbat to follow at Plaza Hotel

Saturday, October 23

- 8:15 a.m. Pre-conference tour leaves from Plaza Hotel lobby
12 noon Buffet lunch at 12 noon in the Plaza Hotel ballroom
1 p.m. Conference begins in Plaza Hotel ballroom

Session I: *Hispano Contributions to the Santa Fe Trade, 1821 - 1880*, Susan Calafate Boyle
Las Vegas: Place of Encounter, Laura Gonzales

Session II: *Synagogues on the Santa Fe Trail – Slide Lecture on the History of Temple Aaron (Trinidad, Colorado) and Congregation Montefiore (Las Vegas)*, Sharon Niederman
Jewish Pioneers: Legacy of Jewish Settlers in Las Vegas, Melanie LaBorwit
The Jewish Commercial Presence in Mora County, New Mexico, 1860s to the 1940s: A Brief Overview, Noel Pugach

Session III: *Panel Discussion: Crypto-Jews in Las Vegas and Northeast New Mexico*, Orlando Mondragón, Hon. M. Christina Armijo

- 6 p.m. Reception at Plaza Hotel with harpist Sandi Ludescher
7 p.m. Dinner at Plaza Hotel, followed by after-dinner concert of nineteenth-century liturgical music from Congregation Montefiore

Sunday, October 24

- 9 a.m. Conference resumes in the Plaza Hotel ballroom

Session IV: *Panel Discussion: Legacy of Las Vegas's and Northeast New Mexico's Rich Jewish Past*, Betty Mae Hartman, Gerald Meyer, Nancy Paxton, Mortimer Herzstein, Florence Beier

Session V: *Panel Discussion: Renaissance of the Las Vegas Jewish Community*, Diana Presser, Kate Immerman, Nancy Terr

- 12 noon Barbara Bender memorial lox and bagel brunch

Registration Form for the 2010 NMJHS Fall Conference

To register for the 2010 NMJHS Conference, fill out this form and mail it with your payment to:
NMJHS Conference Registration, 5520 Wyoming Blvd. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109.

☐ Member \$110 ☐ Non-member \$125 ☐ Day rate \$30 ☐ Pre-conference tour \$20

(please print)

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (daytime) _____ Email _____

Registration fee _____ number of persons _____ = \$ _____

Pre-conference tour _____ number of persons _____ = \$ _____

Dues for new NMJHS members (see below) \$ _____

Contribution to help offset conference costs \$ _____

Total amount of payment \$ _____

☐ Check enclosed ☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard Card Number _____

Signature _____ Exp. date _____

Meal preference for Saturday night (indicate number of persons)

_____ prime rib _____ trout _____ vegetarian

If you are not an NMJHS member and wish to join the organization at this time, you can qualify for the member rate of \$110 per person. Please indicate the type of membership you wish by checking the appropriate box and including your payment on the form above .

Membership Form for New Members

Membership in NMJHS is for one calendar year, starting January 1. If you join the Society during the last four months of a year, your membership will extend through the entire following year.

Annual Membership Dues *(check one)*

☐ Individual \$40

☐ Individual senior (55+) \$35

☐ Family \$55

☐ Senior couple \$45

☐ Lifetime member \$1000 (payable over two years)

☐ Student \$25

☐ Business \$100