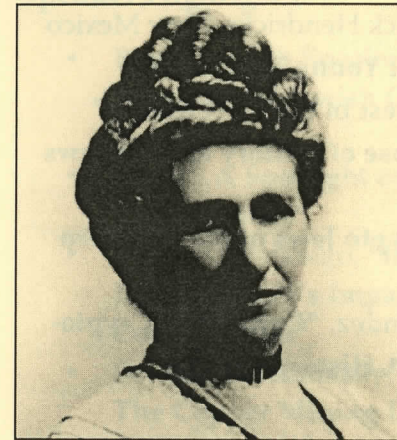


New Mexico Jewish Historical Society
5520 Wyoming Blvd. NE
Albuquerque, NM 87109

*“Legacies of the Jewish Communities
of the Southern Southwest &
Celebrating 30 Years of the New
Mexico Jewish Historical Society”*



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New Mexico Jewish Historical Society Fall Conference

November 14-15, 2015

**The New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum
Las Cruces, New Mexico**

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS:

Saturday, November 14, 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Registration, Silent Auction, Raffle Ticket & Book Fair Sales

Open & Optional Museum Tour at 9:45 a.m.

Buffet Luncheon at 11:30 a.m.

Speaker Highlights:

- **Opening Keynote:** Dr. Rick Hendricks, New Mexico State Historian, **"Go West Young Man: Jewish Migration to the Southwest in the 19th Century"**
- Dr. Henry Tobias, **"A Sense of History and the Jews of New Mexico"**
- Rabbi Stephen Leon, **"Crypto Jews of the Southern Southwest"**
- Dr. Marie-Theresa Hernandez, **"Conversos, Crypto-Jews and Bnei Anuism: A History without Documents"**
- Panel: **"Legacies of the Jewish Communities of the Southwest"**
- Panel: **"NMJHS: Celebrating 30 Years, A Retrospective Panel: An Interview"**

Cocktail Reception & Silent Auction/Raffle Sales Continue

Dinner & Keynote Speaker: Dr. Jon Hunner, New Mexico State University, **"A Path Not Taken: J. Robert Oppenheimer"**

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS:

Sunday, November 15, 7:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Registration, Silent Auction, Book Fair Sales Open followed by the White Elephant Sale

Bagel Brunch co- sponsored by Carla Freeman

Speaker Highlights:

- **Bagel Brunch Speaker:** Dr. Jeffrey Brown, **"Las Cruces' Jewish Community in a National Context"**
- **"Panel: A Spotlight on the Las Cruces Area Jewish Communities"**
- Dawn M. Santiago, **"In the Midst of History: The Jacobs Family's Impact on Southwestern Communities"**
- Dr. Ann Ramenofsky, **"Family, Mining, and Place: The Copper Mining District, 1870 – 1885"**
- Dr. Gus L. Seligmann, **"The Triumph of Ethnicity Over Religion: The Rohman/May/Seligmann Family in 19th Century Southern New Mexico"**
- Jan Siegel Hart, **"From Russia to West Texas"**
- Dr. Richard Melzer, **"Symbol of Peace or Hate?: NMSU's Swastika Yearbook, 1907 – 1983"**
- Panel: **"Writing the Next 30 Years of New Mexico Jewish History: Where Do We Go from Here?"**

CONFERENCE LOCATION:

The New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum
4100 Dripping Springs Road
Las Cruces, N.M. 88011
575-522-4100

SHABBAT SERVICES:

For those wishing to attend Friday night service, NMJHS conference participants are welcome to attend Shabbat services at 7:30 p.m. NMJHS is co-hosting the Oneg. All are Welcome!

Temple Beth El
3980 Sonoma Springs Ave.
Las Cruces, N.M.
575-524-3380

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Accommodations are available at the Hilton Garden Inn. Standard rooms are available at \$89.00 per night, plus tax, on a first- come, first- served basis. Breakfast is not included but available. 25 rooms are being held for NMJHS participants. Be sure to mention the conference when you make your reservation.

Hilton Garden Inn
2550 S. Don Rosner Dr.
Las Cruces, N.M. 88011
575-522- 0900

**OPTIONAL PRE AND POST CONFERENCE
CULTURAL EVENTS & ACTIVITIES:**

PRE-CONFERENCE TOUR:

November 14th: 9:45 a.m.

New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum-Enjoy a one hour Volunteer, Docent-Led Tour of the New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum
Early Sign Up with the Registration Form is encouraged!
Cost: \$2.00 per person

POST CONFERENCE TOURS:

November 15th: approximately 2:30 p.m.

1. Paul Taylor House

J. Paul Taylor was a teacher, principal, and associate superintendent in the Las Cruces Public School system for over three decades. Post retirement, he served as District Representative in the NM legislature for 18 years. During his tenure he was known for his support of programs to help indigent and disabled New Mexicans, and as an advocate for arts and culture. Mr. Taylor has been called "the conscience of the New Mexico legislature." For many years, J. Paul Taylor has taken people through his beloved home in Old Mesilla, explaining the home's architecture, contents, and history. He especially enjoys visits from school children who are challenged to guess the purpose of old tools and are captivated by stories about life in the Taylor

family. Through the unique experience offered by these tours appreciate the traditions, culture, and lifestyles of the people who settled the Mesilla Valley. Preservation of the Taylor home as a state monument will continue this educational tradition for generations to come. Tours lasting about one hour will be offered after the conference. **Prior sign-up is required. Please indicate your interest on the Conference Registration form.**

2. Walking Tour of La Mesilla: Historic Las Cruces

A tour of Old Mesilla, lasting 45 minutes – 1 hour will be offered following the conference on Sunday by Preciliana Sandoval, a seventh generation Mesilla Valley native. She proudly shares her colorful hometown history on tours of Historic Mesilla during which visitors hear romantic ghost stories, find out what Billy the Kid's last words were, see where Mesilla's bloodiest battle happened, our food, our traditions, folklore, what pink flamingos love about New Mexico – the tour ends with a guaranteed scare! **The tour is \$10 per person. Please sign up for this tour on your Registration form and include the amount in your total Registration fee.**

Fall Conference Optional Bus Transportation to Las Cruces

If there is sufficient interest, NMJHS may organize a charter bus for round trip transportation Albuquerque and possibly Santa Fe depending upon the number interested. The bus would depart Friday morning and arrive in Las Cruces to check-into the hotel, rest, have dinner and attend Shabbat Services, if interested. The bus would depart Las Cruces, Sunday, after the Conference and Optional Post-Conference Tours. The bus will provide service to attend Shabbat Services and the Hilton Garden Inn and the New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum. The cost is in addition to Conference Registration per person based on the number of participants. The bus holds 55 passengers and has a bathroom on board. If we have the following number of people, the cost per person as of now is expected to be:

55 passengers:	\$40.00
45 passengers:	\$50.00
35 passengers:	\$65.00
25 passengers:	\$90.00

Please let us know on your registration form or before if you want to take advantage of the bus transportation to Las Cruces! We appreciate your cooperation to confirm this offer as soon as possible.

Be a Mensch, Menschette, or All- Around Good Person!

This year's New Mexico Jewish Historical Society Fall Conference celebrates two important occasions: 1) the 30th Year Anniversary of NMJHS and 2) a Regional Conference Bringing Together Our Friends and Colleagues from Texas and Arizona;

To help us celebrate these important occasions, we invite you to serve as a Conference Sponsor in one of four ways:

1. Keynote Speaker Sponsor @ \$250.00
2. Become a Conference General Sponsor @ \$200.00
3. Become an Individual Conference Session Sponsor @ \$100.00
4. A Donation Level of Your Choosing

Your contribution is tax deductible and an acknowledgement letter will be provided to you. In addition, your name will appear on the Conference Program, and you will be recognized during the Conference. Moreover, your continued support allows us to organize a memorable 30th Year Anniversary Birthday Celebration as well as to ensure a vibrant Society and programming over the next 30 Years!

We thank you with all our heart!

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

The full conference registration fee includes all sessions plus meals/coffee breaks/Silent Auction/Raffle unless otherwise stated. Please complete the form below and return with checks made payable to NMJHS

Early Bird Registration (postmarked by Oct.15)
NMJHS & Sister Organizations*

Member \$110 x ____ = \$ _____

Nonmember \$130 x ____ = \$ _____

Saturday Dinner & Reception only*

\$45 x ____ = \$ _____

Registration (postmarked by Nov. 6)

NMJHS member \$135 x ____ = \$ _____

Nonmember \$155 x ____ = \$ _____

Daily Rate:

Saturday Only, includes **only** program, Buffet Lunch and Coffee Break \$45 x ____ = \$ _____

Sunday Only \$45 x ____ = \$ _____

Student/K-12 Teacher Full Conference, includes **only**

program, Saturday lunch, Sunday Brunch and Coffee

Breaks \$45 x ____ = \$ _____

PRE & POST CONFERENCE TOURS:

Museum Tour: \$2x____ = \$_____

La Mesilla Walking Tour: \$10x____
\$_____

Paul Taylor House: No Charge but early sign up
required. #of Participants _____

Registration subtotal: \$ _____

**Are you interested in the Bus Transportation
Option?**

_____ yes _____ no _____ #

NMJHS membership fee** \$ _____

Additional Tax Deductible Contribution

\$ _____

Total amount of payment \$ _____

- **Individual Membership:** \$45.00
- Household:** \$60.00
- Heritage Partner:** \$100.00
- Legacy Partner:** \$200.00

PARTICIPANT NAME(S)

as it/they will appear on nametag(s)

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone (daytime) _____

Email _____

Payment:

_____ Check (preferred) _____ Visa _____ MC

Card Number _____

Signature _____

Exp.date _____ Security Code _____

Make checks payable to: NMJHS

Send this form with payment to:

NMJHS Conference, **Attn:** Judy Weinstein

5520 Wyoming Blvd NE, Suite B

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