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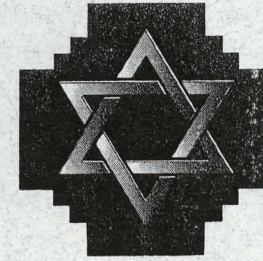
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**The Jewish Difference  
in the Land of Enchantment**

**New Mexico Jewish Historical Society  
19<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference  
November 11 - 12, 2006**

**Albuquerque Hilton  
Albuquerque, New Mexico**

## About the Speakers

### Michael Weinstein

Mikey Weinstein is the founder of the Military Religious Freedom Foundation and author of *With God on Our Side*. In 2005 he filed a federal lawsuit against the Air Force to end illegal evangelizing after learning his cadet son was subject to anti-Semitic taunting at the Air Force Academy. Mikey has become a leader in the national movement to restore the separation of church and state in the military. His actions have led to new guidelines on religious tolerance. A graduate of the Air Force Academy himself, Mikey served ten years in the Air Force and three years as a federal prosecutor under President Reagan. He is an attorney and businessman who lives in Albuquerque.

### Louis Rosen, PhD

Louis Rosen came to Los Alamos during the Manhattan Project and worked on the physics of implosion crucial to the success of the first nuclear device test. In 1960, he became the first director of the Los Alamos Meson Physics Facility.

### Maurice Katz, PhD

Maury Katz recently retired from a long career in research and development in the federal government and the Los Alamos National Laboratory. He was the lay-rabbi of the Los Alamos Jewish Center in the late 1960s and early 1970s.

### Avrum Organick, MD

Doctor-turned-writer Avrum Organick wrote *Blessings* in 1999. It is the story of a young doctor from New York who comes to work at the TB Hospital in Window Rock, marries a Navajo woman, and stays for 40 years. Dr. Organick writes from experience, as he knows first-hand about working in the rural Southwest and the challenges of negotiating cultural differences wherever he goes.

### Frank Hesse, MD

Frank Hesse has been instrumental in strengthening medical services and emergency medicine in New Mexico. He worked with Governor Bruce King, chairing the committee on Rural Health. Dr. Hesse served as a clinical Assistant Professor of Surgery at UNM College of Medicine and is not retired. He currently serves on the State of New Mexico Health Policy Commission.

### Zora Hesse

Zora Hesse served as Democratic National Chairwoman from New Mexico in the 1980s. She has a commitment to community involvement having served on the Environmental Planning Commission in 1997 to develop the West Side Strategic Plan. Along with Dr. Frank Hesse, she participates in Health Action New Mexico, promoting health care in rural areas. She has a wide range of expertise and is the author of the authoritative *Southwest Indian Recipe Book*.

### Michael Sutin

Mike Sutin was president of the Albuquerque Jewish Federation four times; served as first vice-president, campaign chair (including the 1967 Emergency Fund), and general chair State of Israel Bonds from 1967 - 1976. Mike chaired the Mountain States Regional Board of the Anti-Defamation league of B'nai B'rith, 1974 - 1979; served on the Board of Directors and as a cooperating attorney for the New Mexico Civil Liberties Union, 1962 - 1968; served on a number of community boards; and received a number of awards. He and his wife Esther, a prominent artist, moved to Santa Fe in 1986. They have three children and six grandchildren. Mike practices law and has had two books of poetry published and a third seeking a publisher.

### Robert Schwartz

Bob Schwartz is a career crime fighter. He joined the Bernalillo County DA's office in 1978 and within 10 years he was elected as the county district attorney, serving two terms. He then began a media career in which he was the justice correspondent for KOAT-TV, a weekly columnist for the *Albuquerque Tribune* and *Albuquerque Journal*, and the host of his own talk radio show City Talks 1310. He returned to government with the Richardson administration as the governor's crime policy advisor. He currently serves as the chief prosecutor for a variety of state agencies.

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# NMJHS Conference Schedule

Saturday, November 11, 2006

Noon - 1 p.m. **Registration**

1:00 -1:45 **Featured Speaker**

Michael L. Weinstein

"Speaking Out and Making a Difference in Military Policy"

1:45 - 3:15

**Medicine and Science, panel session**

Noel H. Pugach, PhD, University of New Mexico, moderator

Maurice J. Katz, PhD, and Louis Rosen, PhD

"The Los Alamos Experience in Wartime and After:  
Some Portraits of People Who Made It Happen"

Avrum Organick, MD

"Jewish Physicians at Fort Defiance: The Fight for a Cure for  
Tuberculosis, 1954 - 2006"

Frank Hesse, MD

"Significant Contributions of Jews to Medical Practice in  
New Mexico Since 1950"

3:30 - 5:00

**Law and Politics, panel session**

Durwood Ball, PhD, University of New Mexico, moderator

Zora Hesse

"A View of Jewish Involvement in New Mexico Politics  
Since World War II"

Michael Sutin

"Tobias, Civil Rights, Radicals, and King Tiger – Law and  
Politics from the 1960s on"

Robert Schwartz

"Law and Order"

Saturday, November 11, 2006 (continued)

6:30 p.m.

**Dinner and Keynote Speaker**

David Cargo, former Governor of New Mexico

"Influential Jews in New Mexico Politics"



Sunday, November 12, 2006

9:30 a.m.

**Opening remarks, Harold Melnick, NMJHS president**

9:45 - 11:15

**The Artist at Work, panel session**

Naomi Sandweiss, literacy consultant, moderator

Harvey Buchalter

"The Jewish Artist at Work"

Diana Bryer

"Jewish Expression in Art"

David Steinberg, *Albuquerque Journal* arts editor

"Arts in the Community"

11:30

**Brunch, Announcements, and Awards**

Alan Hurst Award

Raffle winners

Upcoming events

## Speakers (continued)

### David Cargo, Keynote Speaker

David Cargo served as Governor of New Mexico between 1967 and 1971, after representing Albuquerque in the House of Representatives from 1963 to 1967. As Governor, Cargo started the film commission, establishing ties to Hollywood and even appeared in several films. During his first campaign he was known as Lonesome Dave. After living a while in Oregon, he returned to New Mexico in 1985 and is an attorney in Albuquerque. Governor Cargo is the longest tenured member of the Temple Albert Brotherhood and keeps in touch with movers and shakers in the state.

### Harvey Buchalter

Albuquerque resident Harvey Buchalter has been a wood and stone sculptor for over three decades. His fine Judaica can be seen in the lobby of the Albuquerque Jewish Community Center, on the bimah of Congregation B'nai Israel, and in numerous private collections. His fluid representational and abstract work has been sold in galleries throughout the southwest. He has served as religious school director and president of B'nai Israel and has taught Yiddish there as well as at the University of New Mexico.

### Diana Bryer

Diana Bryer paints the people and rich history of northern New Mexico from her studio in the Española Valley. Born in Los Angeles, she attended Chouinard Art School and the Art Center College of Design. She moved to New Mexico in 1977 and settled in northern New Mexico where the customs reflect centuries of Spanish settlements. Diana is intrigued by the influence of the Jewish settlers in New Mexico whose ancestors fled the Spanish Inquisition. She beautifully expresses many themes of the Sephardic Jews in her art.

### David Steinberg

David Steinberg came to New Mexico in the early 1970s. He was a teacher in Costa Rica in the early 1960s and then became a newspaper reporter in Florida. He served as a reporter with the Associated Press in its New Orleans bureau, was the New Mexico correspondent for the *New York Times* and *Time* magazine, and reported for the *Albuquerque Journal* where he now serves as arts editor. Since 1995 he has served as a member of the advisory committee of the *New Mexico Jewish Link* and, with his wife Kim, on the board of Solomon Schechter Day School. David is loyal Yankees fan.

## Mission Statement

The mission of the New Mexico Jewish Historical Society is to promote greater understanding and knowledge of New Mexico's Jewish history. The Society's programs examine the state's Jewish heritage in all its diversity and strive to present this heritage within a broad cultural context. The Society is a secular organization that solicits the membership and participation of all interested people, regardless of religious affiliation. The New Mexico Jewish Historical Society is a non-profit organization.

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