NMJHS 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) 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) and Montefiore Cemetery, the oldest Jewish cemetery in New Mexico.

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 10 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:
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Web site: www.nmjhs.org
NEW MEXICO JEWISH HISTORICAL SOCIETY
2010 Conference Preview

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

Friday, October 22
Pre-Conference Activities
El Fidel Restaurant Dinner
(on your own)

Shabbat Service
Old Congregation Montefiore followed
by Oneg Shabbat at Plaza Hotel

Saturday, October 23
Pre-Conference tour of Historic Jewish Las Vegas,
followed by visit to Montezuma Castle and
Congregation Montefiore Cemetery.
Conducted by Marcus Gottschalk, Las Vegas

Conference Opening Lunch

Session I
- “Hispano Contributions to the Santa Fe 
Trade, 1821-1880” -- Susan Calafate Boyle,
National Park Service
- “Las Vegas: Place of Encounter” Laura Gonzales,
New Mexico Highlands University

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

Session III: Panel Discussion
Crypto-Jews in Las Vegas and Northeast New Mexico
Isabelle Medina Sandoval, Santa Fe (Mora)
Orlando Mondragon, Santa Fe (San Luis, Colorado)
Hon. M. Christina Armijo, Albuquerque (Las Vegas)

Reception and Dinner at Plaza Hotel
Concert of Nineteenth-Century Liturgical Music
from Congregation Montefiore

Sunday, October 24

Session IV: Panel Discussion
Legacy of Las Vegas' and 
Northeast New Mexico's Rich Jewish Past
Betty Mac Hartman, Albuquerque
Gerald Meyer, Laramie, Wyoming
Nancy Paxton, Albuquerque
Mortimer Herzstein, San Francisco

Session V: Panel Discussion
Renaissance of the Las Vegas Jewish Community
Diana Presser and Kate Immerman

2010 NMJHS Fall Conference Registration
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

Name(s) ____________________________________________
(please print)

Address ____________________________________________

City __________________ State ______ Zip ______

Phone (daytime) __________________________

Email __________________

Registration fee ______ persons ______ = ______

Pre-conference tour ______ persons ______ = ______

Contribution to offset conference costs ______

Total amount of payment ________________________

☐ Check ☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard

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, you can qualify for the member rate of $110 
per person. Fill out the membership form on the NMJHS 
web site and send it in electronically or print it out and 
submit it with your conference registration form.