

ANNUAL MEETING REPORT:

DR. STANLEY HORDES RECEIVES FIRST DR. ALLAN HURST AWARD

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PAST PRESIDENT, current program chairman, and one of the founders of the NMJHS Dr. Stanley Hordes, received the first Dr. Allan Hurst Award at the NMJHS Annual Meeting on Sunday, April 19, 1998 at Temple Beth Shalom in Santa Fe.

The award was created to honor an individual who has made extraordinary contributions to the community and to New Mexico Jewish history. It was named to honor the memory of Dr. Allan Hurst, a prime mover in the creation of the New Mexico Jewish Historical Society. The award was presented to Dr. Hordes by Leona Hurst, wife of Dr. Allan Hurst and longtime NMJHS board member.

Known nationally and internationally for his work on the secret Jews, or conversos, of New Mexico, Dr.

Hordes has served on the board of the NMJHS since its inception, giving generously of his time to administer the group, nourish its growth and oversee many of its worthwhile programs and conferences. A former state historian, he received his BA from the University of Maryland, his MA from the University of New Mexico, and his Ph.D from Tulane University with a dissertation on "The Crypto-Jewish Community of New Spain, 1620-1642."

In his distinguished career, he has served on numerous national and state boards concerned with history, cultural properties, archaeology and public records. He consults and is called as an expert on issues of vital importance in New Mexico such as land grants and water rights. He lectures frequently and widely to both academic and community audiences on his field of expertise in which he is a pioneer, the secret Jews of Spanish descent in the New

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Stan Hordes accepting the first Dr. Allan Hurst Award, surrounded by, from left to right, Helen Hordes, Leona Hurst and her family, David Hurst, Lynn Hurst, Kathy Iskow, and Stewart Iskow..