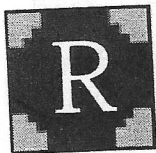


## Annual Membership Meeting To Feature Book Signings, Lecture on Sephardic History

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Rabbi Dennis Sasso, of Congregation Beth-El



*Rabbi Dennis Sasso of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck in Indianapolis, Indiana.*

Zedeck in Indianapolis, will be the featured speaker at the Annual Membership Meeting of the NMJHS, Sunday, June 1, at the Hilton de Santa Fe.

Rabbi Sasso, the only Sephardic Reconstructionist rabbi in the world, will lecture on "Pioneers in the New World: The Earliest Sephardic Jews in the Caribbean and Central America." The afternoon will also include book signings by Rabbi Sandy Sasso, author of several books on teaching spirituality to children, and by Trudi Alexy, whose *The Marrano Legacy* was recently published by the University of New Mexico Press.

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If you have any news or announcements of interest to our membership, please send it to the above address. Thank you.



*Author Trudi Alexy*

Prior to the lecture, the Society will present the Dr. Allan Hurst Award to the Taos Jewish Center. (See related article on right.)

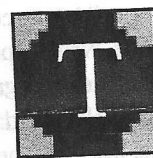
At this year's Membership Meeting, the newly elected officers and board members will be installed. New to the Board this year are Abe Chanin, recently arrived in Albuquerque after a long and distinguished career in journalism and history in Tucson, Dr. Isabelle Medina Sandoval, of Santa Fe, and Deborah Seligman, Nancy Terr, and John Wertheim, all of Albuquerque.

The event will begin at 1:00 p.m., and will include a light dinner following the presentations. Admission is \$10.00 for members, \$15.00 for non-members. Seating is limited, so please send your RSVP, along with a check, as soon as possible to the Society's administrator, Julie Gordon, 5520 Wyoming Blvd., NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109.

**Correction to the last edition of the newsletter.** In the Review of the 15th Annual NMJHS Conference it should have read "Jeanette Wertheim Sparks and Admiral Robert H. Wertheim, brother and sister, natives of Carlsbad, whose family has deep New Mexico roots, spoke about growing up Jewish in the 1930s in the truly isolated town of Carlsbad."

## Dr. Allan Hurst Award Presented to the Taos Jewish Center

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The Sixth annual Dr. Allan Hurst Award will be presented to the Taos Jewish Center at the NMJHS's Membership Meeting in

Santa Fe on June 1.

The award, named in memory of one of the Society's earliest leaders, recognizes the person, persons, or organization who has contributed to New Mexico Jewish history, culture and community for a substantial period of time.

Previous recipients of the award have included historians Dr. Stanley M. Hordes and Dr. Henry Tobias, long-time Santa Fe resident Walter Kahn, and folklorist Melanie LaBorwit, Director of the City Museum of Las Vegas, and former Society President Claire Grossman.

Through presentation of the award, the Society recognizes that the Taos Jewish Center has united the previously disparate segments of the Jewish population of far northern New Mexico into a cohesive community. Like many other similar regions, the Taos area has attracted many Jews from around the country seeking "the good life." Until

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