

Annual Conference Set For November 8-9 in Albuquerque

by Stan Hordes



Mark your calendar for November 8-9, when the NMJHS will hold its Sixteenth Annual Conference in Albuquerque.

The theme of the 2003 Conference will be: "Views of Jews: Perceptions of the New Mexico Jewish Community by Others, 1598-2000," and will include lectures by historians, as well as panel discussions featuring representatives from the Anglo, Hispano and Native American gentile community who have interacted with New Mexico Jews over the course of the past several decades.

This year will mark a departure from the normal manner in which the Society has conducted its annual conferences in the past.

In response to suggestions that Shabbat be avoided as a meeting time, the 2003 Conference will begin on Saturday evening, November 8, and will run through Sunday afternoon, November 9. Attendees will want to arrive early, however, as Albuquerque area congregations will be encouraged to incorporate historical themes in sermons and programs during their Friday night and Saturday morning services preceding the Conference. Special hotel room rates will be available from Friday through Sunday. We hope that as many people as possible will take advantage of the opportunity to enjoy the entire weekend's activities.

Further details regarding the 2003 Conference will be announced in the next Newsletter.

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the establishment of the TJC, however, these Jews for the most part either lived spiritually isolated lives, or formed affinity groups.

Over the past several years, however, the TJC has brought these diverse people together as one community. It was successful in obtaining a generous grant from the Levinson

Foundation, creating a physical worship/meeting space, and offering programs ranging from classes in Hebrew, Yiddish, and basic Judaism, a Jewish film festival, musical concerts, to Shabbat and High Holy Day Services. It also played a significant role in the 2002 NMJHS Annual Conference, assisting in the planning process, offering presentations and conducting a tour of Jewish

sites during the course of the meeting.

The Society recognizes that the Taos Jewish Center has tapped a nerve in northern New Mexico, and has served to stimulate a renewed interest in Jewish community, history and culture throughout the region, and thus is deserving of the Dr. Allan Hurst Award.

The New Mexico Jewish Historical Society and the University of New Mexico Present

An Afternoon with Descendants Of Jewish Pioneer Families

Palace of the Governors Community Meeting Room
110 Washington Avenue, Santa Fe, New Mexico

Sunday, June 22, 2003
2:00-4:00 p.m.

Please join us for a discussion of our joint NMJHS and UNM project, video footage of interviews, and a panel discussion with historians and project volunteers. A sampling of the families interviewed for this project, including descendants of the Taicherts, Herzstein/Goldsmiths, and Wertheims, will discuss their stories.

For more information please call the NMJHS office at 505-348-4471 or email to nmjhs@jewishnewmexico.org

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Collecting Books For Book Sale to be held August 30-31 2003

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Appraisals for donations available.

The NMJHS Video History Project is ongoing, and so are its needs. If you would like to contribute to the project please send your monetary gift to:

NMJHS Video History Project
5520 Wyoming Blvd. NE
Albuquerque, NM 87109

If you have any questions about the project please call the office at
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Weil, ca. 1891.