

2017 FALL CONFERENCE
The New Mexico Jewish Historical Society
“Making a Difference: 20th Century Jews and Their Legacies”
November 4 & 5, 2017
The Plaza Hotel
230 Plaza Park, Las Vegas, New Mexico



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Join us in Las Vegas for our 32nd Annual Conference, as we return to the historic Plaza Hotel after a seven-year hiatus. This conference will focus on 20th Century Jews and Jewish organizations that have made an impact on the cultural, socio-political, scientific, and economic landscape both in New Mexico and the U.S. Speakers and session leaders include artists, poets, scientists, social activists, and leading New Mexico families, many from the Las Vegas and northern New Mexico area. Optional activities include a pre-Conference Tour of the Montezuma Castle (by pre-registration) and a self-guided Walking Tour of the Historic Plaza area.

As of July 25th, the Fall Conference Program Schedule (subject to change)*

Friday: November 3

Optional Services at “Temple Montefiore” Time 7:00 p.m.
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Saturday: November 4

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| 9:30 am | Tour of Montezuma Castle (Pre-Reg Only) with guide
Self-Guided Walking Tour of Historic Plaza area |
| 10:30/11:00 am | Conference Registration/Packet Pick Up begins |
| 11:45 am – 12:45 pm | Lunch at Plaza Hotel— dairy sandwiches, etc. |
| 1:00 pm | Program Opens
Welcome Remarks: Linda Goff and Harvey Buchalter |

- 1:30 – 2:30 pm **Keynote Speaker—Dr. Gil Ribak**
“Mexicans Are Just Like Every Oriental People:” The Southwest in Sholem Asch’s Yiddish Writing
- 2:30 – 3:15 pm ***Making a Difference: The Northern New Mexico Jewish Communities: The Stories of Los Alamos and Santa Fe***
 David Izraelevitz, Los Alamos and Marian Silver, Santa Fe
- 3:15 – 3:30 pm **Break**
- 3:30ish – 4:15 pm ***Judaism and its Relationship to Art and a Look at Artists of the WPA***
 Justin Ferate
- 4:15 – 5:00 pm ***Wandering Poets: Our Years in the Desert***
 Joan Logghe and Miriam Sagan
- 6:00 - 6:45 pm **Reception and Appetizers; Silent Auction and Raffle**
- 6:45 – 7:30 pm **Dinner Buffet**
 7:30 – 8:30 pm ***The film: “The German Jews of Las Vegas”***
 Aired on New Mexico COLORES, 12/12/1990

Sunday November 5

- 8:00– 8:45 am **Buffet Breakfast**
 9:00 am **Program Begins**
- 9:15 – 10:00 am **Spotlight on the Las Vegas Jewish Community: Their Stories**
- 10:00 – 10:45 am ***Synagogue on the Santa Fe Trail: The Future of Temple Aaron***
 David London, Kathryn Rubin, Randy Rubin and Ron Rubin
- 10:45– 11:00 am **Break**
- 11:00 – 11:45 am ***Fat Man and the Development of a Plutonium Bomb: A Crisis at Los Alamos and the Jews Who Solved It***
 Rabbi Jack Shlachter
- 12:00 pm **Conference Wrap Up and Adjourn**
- 1:30 pm (TBD) **Optional Montefiore Cemetery Visit (LVJC)**