

2017 NMJHS Annual Report



Mission Statement:

“The New Mexico Jewish Historical Society is a secular organization that promotes greater knowledge and understanding of New Mexico’s diverse Jewish experiences within a broad cultural context.”

Programs:

2016 Fall Conference: The 2016 Fall Conference: “Jewish Identities: Lost, Rediscovered, and Reclaimed” held in Santa Fe, November 11 & 12 drew 125+ attendees not only from throughout the State but also members of Temple Emmanuel, Tucson, AZ. and members and visitors from southern Colorado and Texas. We were also very fortunate to have K-12 teachers and a sponsored student from Temple Beth Shalom, Santa Fe. Our keynote speakers included Visiting Scholars, Dr. Jonathan Israel, Professor Emeritus, School of Advanced Studies at Princeton University and Dr. Frances Levine, President, Missouri History Museum and past Director of the Museum of New Mexico History.

Other Programs: As part of our efforts to reach out to state-wide communities, NMJHS organized, sponsored, or co-sponsored programs in Albuquerque, Santa Fe, and Los Alamos. In addition, NMJHS was the primary organizer of a special program and tour of the “Fractured Faiths” exhibit at the New Mexico Museum of History which brought together approximately 200 participants from Los Alamos, Taos, Las Vegas, Espanola, and Santa Fe.

Membership: 2016 was a banner year for NMJHS membership. For the first time, memberships exceeded 300 and three new Lifetime memberships. Membership dues represent one of two primary revenue sources from NMJHS and help sustain as well as allow us to expand our programs and activities.

New Initiatives and Outreach: Establishing a **Speakers Bureau** has been an NMJHS goal for the last few years. With the assistance of the Jewish Federation of New Mexico and the Historical Society of New Mexico we successfully launched this new initiative. A brochure was designed and printed and distributed not only to 60+ New Mexico County Historical Societies but also 30+ New Mexico civic organizations, non-profits, and religious communities.

To date, two Speakers Bureau event presentations have been made to “*The Tribe*” an Albuquerque-based organization comprised of young non-affiliated Jewish men and women; and to the Lincoln County Historical Society, Carrizozo, N.M.

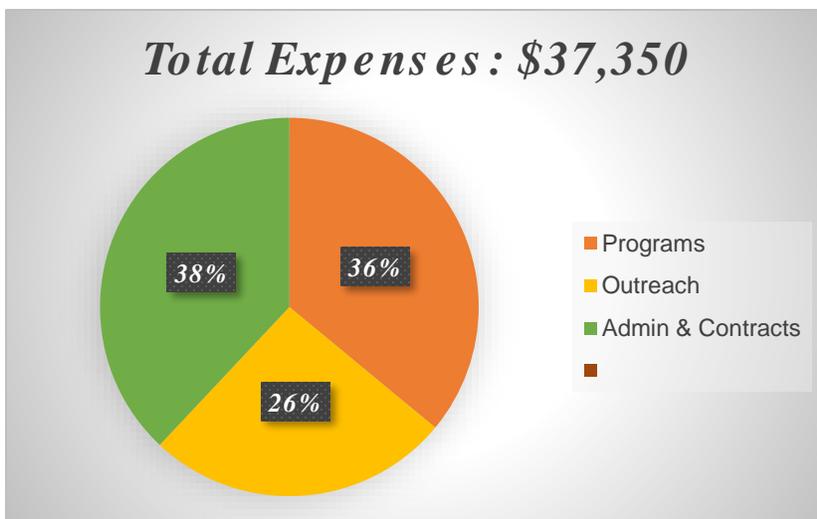
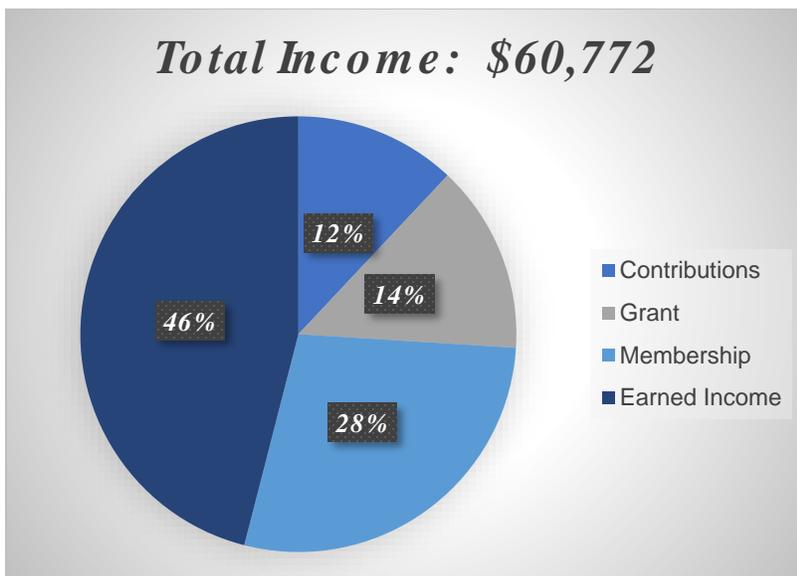
In conjunction with the Speakers Bureau, NMJHS expanded its distribution of *Legacy*, our quarterly Newsletter, to include the above state and county historical societies and organizations.

NMJHS also participated in the **2016 National History Day** program sponsored by the New Mexico Humanities Council. NMJHS presented two awards to merit worthy students in recognition of their research topics/projects, one to Middle and one to High School students respectively.

Grants: The Jewish Federation of New Mexico generously awarded NMJHS an annual allocation in general support of the organization as well as the Speakers Bureau;

The Albert and Ethel Herzstein Foundation, Houston, Texas, provided a one-time grant in support of the 2017 Fall Conference, NMJHS special programs and operations.

Finances:



*Expenses are close but not exact amounts because we are only just now able to track Admin expenditures in appropriate categories. Thus the Admin amount is too high and the Programs and Outreach/Membership categories too small. These will be accurate for 2017. Income categories are correct.

NMJHS is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. NMJHS is a beneficiary of the Jewish Federation of New Mexico