

2023 Fall Conference Planning Committee

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Michael H. Keslin is a retired Internal Medicine and Allergy physician who has had a lifelong interest in the Jewish diaspora and what it means to be Jewish. He originally came to New Mexico in 1970 to do an Internal Medicine residency and then returned permanently in 1983. Through the years a number of patients have shared stories with him about their Crypto-Jewish roots.

Michael graduated from UCLA Medical School and did his residency at the University of New Mexico School of Medicine.

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Norma Libman is a journalist and lecturer, with degrees in BS in Education and MA in Literature from Northeastern Illinois University, and who has been researching Crypto-Jewish history and culture for more than 25 years. She has written three award-winning books and is a recent recipient of the New Mexico Jewish Historical Society Hurst Award for her work in the field of Jewish education.

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Linda Goff is currently President of The New Mexico Jewish Historical Society (NMJHS). She received her Ph.D. from Washington University- St. Louis and MA from the University of New Mexico. Her previous professional career included academic administrator/faculty appointments at Georgetown University, Marymount University and Associate Dean at Central College. Linda retired from the U.S. Department of State, European Bureau. She was also a Fulbright Fellowship recipient for Doctoral research in Ecuador.