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JEWISH MERCHANTS AND THE EVOLUTION OF THE DOWNTOWN BUSINESS DISTRICT, 1880-1950



Mandell-Dreyfuss at 300 W. Central Avenue.
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Jews were major factors in the creation of Albuquerque's Downtown Business District, helped to shape its growth, and were among those turning off the lights in the postwar years. This lecture will analyze their contributions and highlight some of the major figures, such as the Mandells, Weillers, and Weinmans, and their enterprises.

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