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2	KASA	TELE	Santa Fe	18	1018	25	2
4	KOB	NBC	Albuquerque	4	4	4	4
5	KNME	PBS	Albuquerque	5	5	5	5
7	KOAT	ABC	Albuquerque	7	7	7	7
11	KCHF	SonLife	Santa Fe	11	11	11	11
13	KRQE	CBS	Albuquerque	13	13	13	13
13.2	KRQE	FOX	Albuquerque	2	2	2	16
14	KTFQ	UNIM	Albuquerque	14	14	14	14
15	KTEL	MeTV	Albuquerque	3	1015	6	25
19	KWBQ	CW	Santa Fe	6	48	19	19
23	KNAT	TBN	Albuquerque	23	23	-	-
32	KAZQ	IND	Albuquerque	22	32	32	32
36	KTVS	IND	Albuquerque	-	-	-	-
41	KLUZ	UNI	Albuquerque	15	-	41	41
50	KASY	MNT	Albuquerque	12	50	50	50
A&E	Arts & Entertainment			45	199	118	265
AHC	American Heroes Channel			112	359	195	287
AMC	American Movie Classics			65	260	131	254
ANPL	Animal Planet			58	242	184	282
BBCA	BBC America			114	-	135	264
BET	Black Entertainment TV			72	-	124	329
BLOOM	Bloomberg			35	104	203	353
BRAVO	Bravo			44	-	129	237
CMT	Country Music Television			75	336	166	327
CNBC	Consumer News & Business			31	335	208	355
CNN	Cable News Network			33	-	200	202
COM	Comedy Central			48	-	107	249
COOK	The Cooking Channel			122	78	113	232
CSPAN	Cable/Satellite Public Affairs			25	311	210	350
DFC	Discovery Family Channel			130	263	179	294
DISC	Discovery			54	303	182	278
DISN	Disney			60	314	173	291
DISNJR	Disney Junior			127	305	168	289
DISNXD	Disney XD			135	-	174	292
DIY	Do-It-Yourself			121	228	111	230
E!	Entertainment			71	133	114	236
ESPN	Entertainment Sports Network			9	134	140	206
ESPN2	Entertainment Sports Net. 2			8	85	143	209
EWTV	Eternal Word Television			24	340	261	370
FNC	Fox News			34	270	205	360
FOOD	Food Network			69	233	110	231
FREE	Freeform			59	146	180	311
FS1	Fox Sports 1			38	151	150	219
FSNM	Fox Sports New Mexico			10	194	415	686
FX	FX Network			39	214	136	248
FYI	fyi			115	-	119	266
GALA	Galavision			29	158	273	404
GOLF	Golf Channel			36	266	401	218
HALL	Hallmark			66	501	185	312
HBO	Home Box Office			306	272	303	504
HGTV	Home & Garden			68	274	112	229
HIST	History			46	334	120	269
HLN	Headline News			32	112	202	204
ID	Investigation Discovery			111	100	192	285
LIFE	Lifetime			67	102	108	252
LMN	Lifetime Movie Network			119	512	109	253
MAX	Cinemax			322	337	311	516
MSNBC	Microsoft/NBC News			30	-	209	356
MTV	Music Television			73	137	160	331
NBCSN	NBC Sports Network			37	279	159	220
NGEO	National Geographic			52	262	186	276
NGEOW	National Geographic Wild			106	-	190	283
NICK	Nickelodeon			62	-	171	300
NICKJR	Nickelodeon Junior			131	103	169	301
OWN	Oprah Winfrey Network			55	114	189	279
OXY	Oxygen			118	366	127	254
PARMT	Paramount Network			47	300	241	241
REELZ	Reelz Chanel			161	265	299	238
SCIENC	Science			110	520	193	284
SHOW	Showtime			343	-	319	546
SPROUT	Sprout			128	536	-	295
STARZ	Starz			346	542	351	526
STZENC	Starz Encore			151	189	341	536
SYFY	Science Fiction			51	191	122	244
TBS	Turner Broadcasting System			43	360	139	247
TCM	Turner Classic Movies			64	215	132	256
TLC	TLC			57	530	183	280
TMC	The Movie Channel			350	185	329	554
TNT	Tunter Network Television			42	-	138	245
TOON	Cartoon Network			61	281	177	297
TRAVEL	Travel Channel			56	-	196	277
TRUTV	TruTV			40	-	242	246
TVLAN	TV Land			63	187	106	304
USA	USA Network			41	-	105	242
VH1	Video Hits 1			74	224	162	335
VICE	Viceland			116	108	121	271
WE	Women's Entertainment			117	201	128	260
WGN	WGN America			28	-	239	307



Baker Simon Kahn, standing, circa 1900 at the Home Model Bakery.

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A JOURNEY HOME

Filmmaker Isaac Artenstein tells family story in 'People of the Crossing: The Jews of El Paso'

BY ADRIAN GOMEZ
JOURNAL ARTS EDITOR

Isaac Artenstein's journey in filmmaking is about telling stories. The director's latest documentary, "People of the Crossing: The Jews of El Paso," is the fifth in a series of films focusing on the Jewish experience along the United States/Mexico border.

"It's been a two-year project in earnest," Artenstein says. "Though it seems like you're always working on the project."

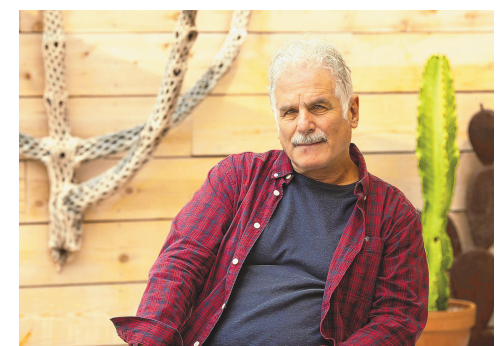
"People of the Crossing: The Jews of El Paso" will air at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 14, on New Mexico PBS, channel 5.1. It will broadcast at 9 p.m. on Friday, Dec.

15, on World, channel. 5.4. It will also be available to stream on the PBS app.

Artenstein says the documentary is a multi-layered portrait of a Jewish community on the Texas border that is told through family stories that take viewers through the culture, customs and history of this important gateway between continents, people and languages.

"We learn from descendants of 19th century Jewish pioneers, current community leaders, artists and historians about the uniqueness of Jewish El Paso, with its multicultural congregations

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Director Isaac Artenstein's latest documentary is "People of the Crossing: The Jews of El Paso."

ON THE COVER: People cross the international border from Juárez to El Paso.



From left, Bernard Schoichet, R.E. McKee, Rabbi Renov, Hymer Rosen, Joseph Aaronson and El Paso Mayor Raymond Telles.

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made up of European, American, Mexican and Middle Eastern Jews," he says. "Their testimonials are richly illustrated with historic photographs, film footage and compelling cinematography from land and air highlighting El Paso's geographic location at the foot of the Franklin Mountains, and by the shores of the Rio Grande."

El Paso was noted for having the largest Jewish community between Houston and San Diego before World War II.

Temple Mount Sinai was founded in 1898 and the B'Nai Zion Synagogue

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in 1900.

Rabbi Joseph Roth, who officiated during the depression with little pay, also worked at El Paso College of Mines – now University of Texas El Paso – as chairman of the philosophy and psychology departments, and Rabbi Floyd Fierman was a noted author and historian of Jewish communities in the



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Rabbi Helm, Steve Schwartz, Patti Soloff, Larry Salzman and others, at the B'Nai Zion in El Paso.

Southwest.

With the introduction of U.S. Immigration quotas in 1924, many Jews landed in Mexican ports. Some settled in Jewish communities there, while others journeyed north to join their families in the U.S. with the help of organizations such as the Jewish Women's Committee headed by Fanny Zablowsky. Rabbi Zielonka of Temple M. Sinai, also worked tirelessly to help Jewish refugees, sometimes meeting them at the docks in the Port of Veracruz, Mexico in the 1920s.

At the end of WWII, El Paso also provided a home and a new life for many Holocaust survivors, as documented at the El Paso Holocaust Museum.

Artenstein says Deborah (Feinberg) Rosen, Hal Marcus, Susan Novick, Jerry Rubin, Peter Svarzbein and others recount the adventure and drama of their families fleeing persecution and economic duress in Europe to

find refuge in a desert oasis where they were welcomed to settle, raise families and contribute to the social, economic and cultural development of El Paso.

The group also recalled how El Paso and Juárez were almost the same city, with great ease in crossing and daily interaction between both communities.

Artenstein enjoyed telling the story of Adolph Schwartz, who opened The Popular Dry Goods Company in 1902, which was very representative of Jewish mercantile history in downtown El Paso.

"Stuart and Lee Schwartz, Adolph's descendants, relate the history of one of the most successful family-owned stores in the Southwest and share stories of Pancho Villa shopping there for uniforms and supplies for his troops during the Mexican Revolution of 1910," he says. "For over 90 years, The Popular served customers from



Mt. Sinai Religious School, circa 1900.



A photo of Mt. Sinai in El Paso.



Kohlberg Bros. Cigar Factory is part of "People of the Crossing" documentary.

both sides of the border, employing many Mexican Americans, and the first to hire African American clerks."

During the process, Artenstein was able to find out a little more about his family history

as well.

"My grandfather had a store in Juárez," he says. "My aunt Lilly flew out to El Paso to give me this great interview. We visited my grandfather's store and it was a real journey home."

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