

“Significant Jewish Figures in Las Cruces, New Mexico in the 20th Century”

This session explores the experiences and contributions of the Druxman Family and Sam Klein to the economic and political life of Southern New Mexico. The Druxmans were businessmen who were active in public life. Sam Klein owned a furniture store and served in many official capacities, including as mayor and city commissioner of Las Cruces.

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