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THE NUECES COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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NCHS Membership Year: September 2015 to August 2016

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Please Select Membership Category:

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With this Enrollment Form to:**

Nueces County Historical Society
Attn: Sue Ryland
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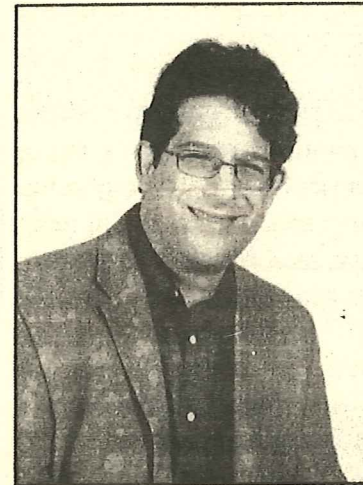
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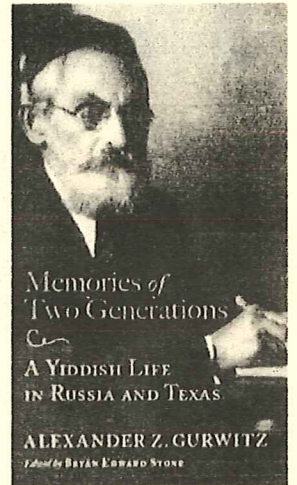
"A Yiddish Life in Russia and Texas"

Speaker: Dr. Bryan E. Stone

Tuesday March 1, 2016 7PM at First Presbyterian Church



In 1910, at the age of fifty-one, Alexander Ziskind Gurwitz made the bold decision to emigrate with his wife and four children from southeastern Ukraine in Tsarist Russia to begin a new life in Texas. In 1935, in his seventies, Gurwitz composed a retrospective autobiography, *Memories of Two Generations*, that recounts his personal story both of the rich history of the lost Jewish world of Eastern Europe and of the rambunctious development of frontier Jewish communities in the United States.



Gurwitz's account of his arrival in Texas forms a cornerstone record of the Galveston Immigration Movement; this memoir represents the only complete narrative of that migration from an immigrant's point of view. Gurwitz's descriptions about the development of a thriving Orthodox community in San Antonio provide a unique primary source about a facet of American Jewish life that is not widely known.

Dr. Stone edited those memoirs into a book due out in May, translated from Gurwitz Yiddish into English by Rabbi Amram Prero. Stone is Professor of History, Del Mar College. His earlier volume, *The Chosen Folks: Jews on the Frontiers of Texas*, won the Southern Jewish History Society's Book Prize for 2011.

The Nueces County Historical Society meets the first Tuesday of the months of September through April each year with a wide-range of programs and presentations focused on the rich local history of Nueces County and the surrounding area. Monthly presentations are held at 7:00 pm at the First Presbyterian Church, located at 430 S. Carancahua St. in Corpus Christi, adjacent to the YMCA. An Annual Local History Awards Banquet is held in May. For more information, please call the Society President, Dan Garza at (361) 779-7571.

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Come celebrate Texas Independence Day
with a

TOAST to TEXAS

Wednesday
March 2, 2016

1:30 PM
at the

Nueces County Courthouse
901 Leopard
Corpus Christi, Texas
March 2, 1836

Texas Independence Declared

Hosted by Clara Driscoll Chapter DRT,
Nueces County Historical Commission,
and Nueces County Historical Society

THE NUECES COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Cordially invite you to the 2016
DANIEL E. KILGORE
LOCAL HISTORY AWARDS BANQUET
Tuesday May 3rd, 2016

GUEST SPEAKER:

Gregg Dimmick, author

Sea of Mud: The Retreat of the Mexican Army after
San Jacinto, An Archeological Investigation
7:00 P.M.-Dinner

**Emerald Beach Hotel 1102 S. Shoreline, Corpus
Christi, Texas**
TICKETS: \$35 per person

Please contact K. Howden to confirm attendance:
361-986-1268 Jhowdenc@aol.com

NUECES COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY BULLETIN

NCH Society and Commission members are
preparing a display honoring Jim Stever for the
historical display in the courthouse. Jim Stever
(right) is photographed by his wife Barbara in
front of his TEXPEX Grand Award exhibit on
Texas Republic postal rates.



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Updated to Feb. 15, 2016

Banquet Ticket Order Form Prepaid Ticket Deadline: April 21, 2016

Menu

Please Select Entree Desired

Roast Prime Rib of Beef

Slow roasted for 4 hours
Topped with Au Jus & served with
creamy Horseradish Sauce

Chicken Parmesan

Herb Breadcrumbs Crusted Chicken
Breast Topped with a Zesty Marinara
Sauce and a Mozzarella & Parmesan
Cheese Blend

Dessert

Choice of Apple Pie with Brandy Butter
Sauce or Chocolate Tuxedo Mousse
Cake

Warm Rolls, Iced Tea, Coffee, Decaf
Roasted New Potatoes
Tossed Green Salad with House Dressing

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**Nueces County Historical Society
Kilgore Awards Banquet
P.O. Box 60003
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Please select
Your Choice

My Name _____ Prime Rib - Chicken
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Bulletin deadline for April 5 program: March 21, 2016