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- the Jewish physician as a social type
- the historical factors that shaped the status, function, and impact of Jewish physicians
- the relations between Jews and non-Jews in the practice of medicine
- the intellectual, ethical, and theological dimensions of Jewish medicine
- the role of women and gender in Jewish medical practice

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**SUNDAY | MARCH 1**

1–1:15 p.m.  
**welcome**  
Hava Tirosh-Samuelson, Director of Jewish Studies  
_Arizona State University_

1:15–3:45 p.m.  
**Medicine, Healing and the Interplay of Religion and Science**  
chair: Elliot Dorff | _American Jewish University_

The Jewish Physician in the Premodern Period:  
_God, Science and Medicine_  
Maud Kozodoy | _Posen Library of Jewish Culture and Civilization_

Jewish Mysticism and the Divided Brain Theory:  
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Gary Goldberg | _Medical College of Virginia_

Jews and Infectious Diseases from Antiquity to Modernity:  
_Epidemiological and Sociological Perspectives_  
Michael Kosoy | _KB One Health_

At the Mind’s Limits: The Possibility and Impossibility of Spiritual and Emotional Healing in the Warsaw Ghetto  
Jim Diamond | _University of Waterloo, Canada_

3:45–4 p.m.  
**break**

4–6 p.m.  
**The Jewish Physician as Agent of Socio-Cultural Change**  
chair: Hava Tirosh-Samuelson | _Arizona State University_

Jewish Physicians and Jewish Society in the Scientific Revolution  
Matt Goldish | _The Ohio State University_

Itinerant Jewish Physicians in the Atlantic World:  
_Medicine and Religious Authority_  
Stanley Mirvis | _Arizona State University_

Jewish Physicians, Social Mobility, and Immigration in the 20th Century  
Alan Kraut | _American University_

6–7 p.m.  
**dinner break**

7–8:30 p.m.  
**The Dr. Michael Anbar Memorial Keynote Lecture in Judaism, Science and Medicine**  
chair: Matt Goldish | _The Ohio State University_

**welcome**  
Jeffrey Cohen, Dean of Humanities | _Arizona State University_

**keynote:** As Lofty as Any in the World: Doctors and the American Jewish Imaginary  
Noah Efron | _Bar Ilan University_

**MONDAY | MARCH 2**

8–10 a.m.  
**Medicine, Women, and Gender**  
chair: Stanley Mirvis | _Arizona State University_

Jewish Midwives in the Early Modern Period:  
Religion and Practice  
Jordan Katz | _Columbia University_

Jewish Female Physicians in the Holocaust  
Miriam Offer | _Western Galilee College, Israel_

Wisdom and Compassion: Women as Halakhic Decisors in Medical Ethics  
Alan Jotkowitz | _Ben Gurion University of the Negev_

10–10:15 a.m.  
**break**

10:15 a.m.–12 p.m.  
**Medicine and Jewish Spiritual Healing**  
chair: Joel Ziff | _Private Practice, Massachusetts_

Medicine, Spirituality and the Jewish Physician: Promises and Perils  
Alan Astrow | _New York-Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical College_

Physicians in the Community: The Price of Modern Secularization  
Philip Cohen | _Congregation Beth Israel, Albany, Georgia_

Healing and Spiritual Care: Training Jewish Physicians  
Richard Address | _Jewish Sacred Aging_

12–1 p.m.  
**Roundtable: Being a Jewish Physician**  
moderator: Joel Gereboff | _Arizona State University_

panelists: Ethan Bindelglas, MD  
Judith Engelman, MD  
Alan Singer, MD

1–2 p.m.  
**lunch break**

2 p.m.  
**departure**