

The “Jewish Healing through the Ages: Theories and Practices” conference explores:

- 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

The Judaism, Science & Medicine Group (JSMG), is an international organization of natural and social scientists, philosophers, historians, physicians, rabbis, theologians and educators acting to promote and facilitate a close relationship between Jewish religion, cultures and values and the sciences for mutual benefit. The organization seeks to increase the knowledge and appreciation of the sciences, Judaism and their interrelation and to offer a forum to reflect and deliberate on the implications of scientific advances from Jewish perspectives. Working across denominational lines, the organization will disseminate its mission in academic and non-academic venues using a variety of media.

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SUNDAY | MARCH 1

- 1–1:15 p.m. **welcome**
Hava Tirosch-Samuelsan, 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: Religion, Neuroscience, and Understanding**
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 Tirosch-Samuelsan | *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 Bindleglass, MD
Judith Engelman, MD
Alan Singer, MD
- 1–2 p.m. **lunch break**
- 2 p.m. **departure**
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