

## **Jews and Medicine**

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Professor Hilit Surowitz, SAS - Religion/Jewish Studies

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Miller Hall Room 116

College Ave Campus

**Will Count Towards SAS-Jewish Studies Major**

**Will Count Towards SAS-Jewish Studies Minor**

This course will thematically explore the engagement of Jews with medicine, public health, and bioethics. Over the course of the semester we will look at the ways that Jews imagined health, illness, and the body, as well as the way that non-Jews imagined the Jewish body and health. Of particular interest are those moments and places where ideas of Jewishness, and Judaism are relevant to the question of medicine, conceptualizations of health and wellness, nutrition, and the idea of the Jewish body.

Some of the topics to be explored are Jewish folk medicine, Jewish involvement in tenement reform, race science, and Jewish responses to bioethics questions such as abortion and euthanasia. This course will be writing intensive. In addition to submitting final draft of your essays, you will submit multiple drafts for feedback. In order to facilitate improved writing skills part of the course will be devoted to peer review, and discussion about how to best communicate complex ideas in writing.