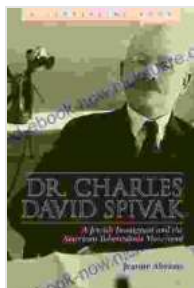


# Jewish Immigrants and the American Tuberculosis Movement



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## A Long and Impactful History

Jewish immigrants played a significant role in the American tuberculosis movement, contributing to the establishment of sanatoriums, dispensaries, and other institutions dedicated to combating the disease. Their efforts helped shape the healthcare landscape in the United States and improved the lives of countless individuals.

Tuberculosis, a bacterial infection that primarily affects the lungs, was a major public health problem in the United States in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The disease was particularly prevalent among immigrants, who often lived in overcrowded and unsanitary conditions. Jewish immigrants, who began arriving in large numbers in the United States in the late 1800s, were disproportionately affected by tuberculosis.

In response to the high rates of tuberculosis among Jewish immigrants, a number of Jewish organizations and individuals became involved in the anti-tuberculosis movement. In 1894, the Hebrew Sheltering and Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS) established the first Jewish tuberculosis sanatorium in the United States, located in Denver, Colorado. The sanatorium provided care for Jewish immigrants who were suffering from tuberculosis, and it also served as a training center for Jewish doctors and nurses.

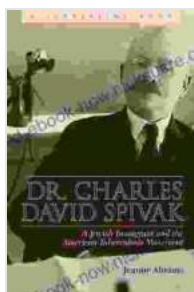
In the early 1900s, a number of other Jewish organizations established tuberculosis sanatoriums and dispensaries. Some of these institutions were located in major cities, such as New York City and Chicago, while others were located in rural areas, such as Saranac Lake, New York. The Jewish Tuberculosis Society of Baltimore, founded in 1904, was one of the most successful Jewish anti-tuberculosis organizations. The JTTSB operated a sanatorium in Reisterstown, Maryland, and it also provided a variety of other services to tuberculosis patients, including medical care, financial assistance, and job training.

The efforts of Jewish immigrants and organizations helped to raise awareness of tuberculosis and to improve the care of tuberculosis patients. The establishment of Jewish sanatoriums and dispensaries provided much-needed medical care to Jewish immigrants who were suffering from tuberculosis, and it also helped to reduce the spread of the disease. In addition, the work of Jewish anti-tuberculosis organizations helped to educate the public about tuberculosis and to promote preventive measures.

The American tuberculosis movement was a complex and multifaceted effort that involved a wide range of individuals and organizations. Jewish immigrants and organizations played a significant role in the movement,

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