



Covenant of Care: Newark Beth Israel and the Jewish Hospital in America (Hardback)

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Rutgers University Press, United States, 2006. Hardback. Book Condition: New. New.. 231 x 157 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. Where were you born? Were you born at the Beth? Many thousands of Americans - Jewish and non-Jewish - were born at a hospital bearing the Star of David and named Beth Israel, Mount Sinai, or Montefiore. In the United States, health care has been bound closely to the religious impulse, as is the case for Newark Beth Israel Hospital, a distinguished modern medical institution in New Jersey whose history opens a window on American health care, the immigrant experience, and urban life. Alan M. and Deborah A. Kraut tell the story of this important institution, illuminating the broader history of voluntary nonprofit hospitals created under religious auspices initially to serve poor immigrant communities. Like so many Jewish hospitals in the early half of the twentieth century, the Beth cared not only for its own community's poor and underprivileged, a responsibility grounded in the Jewish traditions of tzedakah (justice) and tikkun olam (to heal the world), but for all Newarkers. Since it first opened its doors in 1902, the Beth has been an engine...



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