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Judith Trachtenberg is an adjunct professor currently teaching at Silberman School of Social Work at Hunter College. Having taught there and at other New York area schools for the past 15 years, she has developed and taught courses in BSW and MSW programs on the exploration of power, privilege and oppression as they relate to social work practice, administration and leadership, care coordination, and social change as practiced in all social work methods. Prior to teaching (and learning through it), Judith worked in Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, Hospital for Joint Diseases and was director of social work at New York Cornell Medical Center. At the latter (after it merged into New York Presbyterian Medical Center) she moved from social work to the Department of Human Resources as Director of Organizational Management and Leadership. In that position, she led a staff composed of nurse educators and organizational change professionals creating programs for a wide range of staff and their work issues. During her career, Judith has presented throughout the US and internationally on topics related to healthcare and social work. She has been an active, long term member of the Society for Social Work Leadership in Health Care, working on numerous projects and committees and serving as national president in the 1990's. She has been honored to receive the Ida M Canon and Hyman J Weiner awards of the SSWLHC. Judith was one of the initial faculty of the Leadership Institute and remains a strong believer that all social workers are and must be leaders (and, at times, followers) within their organizations and communities.