This class surveys how food kosher law and cuisines from around the world have sustained the Jewish people for more than 3,000 years. It does so by exploring the many foods associated with Jews, as well as how kosher rules influenced the foods used in religious rituals and in daily home consumption. It will range widely over time and space, following the movement of Jews and changes in their foods from the ancient Middle East to modern America. It will include discussion of iconic Jewish foods such as falafels and bagels, the special forms of meat and wine that kosher law required and the surprising acceptance by Jews of non-Jewish cuisines such as Chinese food. *This course is cross-listed with JWST 327 and counts toward the Jewish Studies minor and satisfies the University’s multi-cultural requirement.*