



International Researchers Workshop Medicine in the Holocaust and Beyond

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Physician and patient at the
Berson and Bauman Children's
Hospital, Warsaw Ghetto,
Poland, 1942. Courtesy of The
Ghetto Fighters' House Museum
Archives

Wednesday, May 6, 2015, 8:00-17:30

Sir Harry Solomon School of Management, Western Galilee College

Workshop Program

8:00-8:30 **Convening**

8:30-9:00 **Greetings and Opening remarks**

Prof. Jacob Hornik, Vice President and Head, Sir Harry Solomon School of Management, Western Galilee College

Prof. Shaul Shasha, Initiator of the Nahariya Conference on Medicine and the Holocaust, Former Director of the Western Galilee Hospital in Nahariya

Dr. Boaz Cohen, Chair of the Holocaust Studies Program, Western Galilee College

9:00-11:00 **Academic Activity, Research, and Medical Associations Before, During, and After the Holocaust**

Moderator: Prof. Bill Seidelman, MD (Emeritus), Dept. of Family and Community Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto

Jewish medical-academic achievements in Berlin and their demise following the rise of the Nazi regime

Prof. Gideon Eshel, MD, Sackler Faculty of Medicine, Tel Aviv University (Emeritus) & The International Institute for Holocaust Research, Yad Vashem, Israel

The Polish Jewish Medical Association: The source of its growth, activities, and contribution

Prof. Avi Ohry, MD, Director, Division of Rehabilitation Medicine, Reuth Medical Center, Tel Aviv & Sackler Faculty of Medicine, Tel Aviv University, Israel

Response: Prof. Dalia Ofer, Contemporary Jewry and Holocaust Studies (Emerita), Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel

A racial study of Jewish families in Tarnow 1942

Dr. Margit Berner, PhD, Department of Anthropology, Natural History Museum, Vienna, Austria

From the execution chamber to the dissection table: The anatomical exploitation of Nazi victims during and after World War II in Austria

Dr. Herwig Czech, PhD, Documentation Center of Austrian Resistance & Department of Contemporary History, Vienna University, Austria

Response: Prof. Bill Seidelman

11:00-11:15 **Coffee break**

11:15-13:15 **Physicians in the Ghettos and Camps**

Moderator: Prof. Nadav Davidovitch, MD, Department of Health Systems Management, Ben Gurion University of the Negev, Beer Sheva, Israel

The essence of survival: How Jewish doctors survived Auschwitz

Dr. Ross Halpin, PhD, University of Sydney, Australia

Changing circumstances, shifting approaches: Jewish prisoner-physicians in Nazi concentration and forced labor camps

Sari Siegel, PhD, Candidate, University of Southern California, USA

Response: Dr. Etienne Lepicard, MD, PhD, Ashkelon College, Israel

'Remember you are a doctor.' Jewish physicians in the Netherlands 1940-1945

Dr. Hannah van den Ende, MD, PhD, University of Maastricht, The Netherlands

The medical dilemmas of the medical staff in the Warsaw Ghetto

Dr. Miriam Offer, PhD, Western Galilee College, Israel

Response: Prof. Hagit Lavsky (Emerita), The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel

13:20-14:20 **Lunch**

14:20-15:50 **Medicine and the Holocaust: Psychological and Biological Aspects**

Moderator: Prof. Kenneth Collins, MD, Senior Research Fellow at the Centre for the History of Medicine at the University of Glasgow & Visiting Professor in the History of Medicine at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel

"Schluss mit der Rassenschande!" From separation to extermination: The fate of Jewish mentally ill patients in Germany and occupied Poland 1939-42

Dr. Kamila Uzarczyk, PhD, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences in Medicine, Medical University of Wroclaw, Poland

The Trauma Resilience Initiative: Medical aspects of a Generation to Generation study.

Prof. Jacques D. Barth, MD, PhD, University of Southern California, USA & Associate Researcher at NIOD (Institute of War, Holocaust and Genocide Studies), Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Holocaust and epigenetics: Myth or reality?

Dr. Gabriel Mayer, MD, Department of Holocaust Studies, University of Haifa, Israel

Response: Prof. Avi Ohry

15:50-16:00 **Coffee break**

16:00-17:00 **Physicians and Medicine in the Holocaust – Could It Have Been Different?**

Prof. Rael Strous, MD, Beer Yaakov Mental Health Center & Sackler Faculty of Medicine, Tel Aviv University

"Northern Light in White Coats:" The Danish Physicians under the German occupation 1940-1945

Dr. Dan Kaznelson, MD, DMD, PhD, Caesarea, Israel

The medicalization of the Holocaust

Dr. Daniel Nadav, PhD, Tel Aviv University, Israel

Response: Dr. Etienne Lepicard

17:00-17:30 **Research of Nazi Medicine and Jewish Medicine during the Holocaust: Problems and Challenges**

Closing Remarks: Dr. Miriam Offer