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## International Conference **Jewish Medicine during the Holocaust:** Up-To-Date Research and Challenges for the Future

**March 27–28, 2023**

Western Galilee College, Akko, Israel

### Monday, March 27, 2023

16:00–16:30

#### Reception and Greetings

**Prof. Nissim Ben David**, President, Western Galilee College,

**Dr. Haim Sperber**, Chair, Multidisciplinary Studies Department, Western Galilee College

**Dr. Boaz Cohen**, Head, Holocaust Studies Program, Western Galilee College

**Dr. Miriam Offer**, The Center of the Study of Jewish Medicine during the Holocaust, Western Galilee College

16:30–18:00

**First Session: Jewish Hospitals Under Nazi Occupation**

**Chair:** Prof. Natalia Aleksium

Prof. Paul Weindling & Dr. Michał Adam Palacz, Oxford Brookes University, UK

**German military pathologists and Jewish hospitals in Warsaw and Lublin**

Prof. Avi Ohry, Faculty of Medicine, Tel Aviv University, Karin Ohry, MA, Israel & Dr. Łukasz Krzyżanowski, University of Warsaw, Poland & University of Ottawa, Canada

**Typhus epidemic at the Jewish hospital for infectious diseases in occupied Radom, Poland, conducted by Dr. David Wajnapel (physician) and Anna Herschthal (bacteriologist), September 1941**

Dr. Hannah van den Ende-Vunsh, MD, PhD, Holland

**Jacques Lobstein (1883–1945): Hospital Director and Captain of a Sinking Ship**

18:00–18:30

**Launch of the Prof. Shaul Shasha Grant to Advance Research, Documentation, and Memorialization of Jewish Medicine during the Holocaust**

Dr. Dafna Shasha, Dr. Hadas Shasha-Lavsky, and the Shasha family

18:30–19:30

**Dinner at Western Galilee College Visit to Ghetto Fighters House**

19:30–19:45

**Introduction to Ghetto Fighters House**

Mr. Yigal Cohen, Director

19:45–21:00

Tour of **The Warsaw Ghetto Fights Back** exhibition to mark the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Jewish uprising in the Warsaw Ghetto

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## Tuesday, March 28, 2023

### Departure from Hotel

08:45

**Arrival & Coffee**

09:00

**Opening Remarks**

Dr. Alex Altshuler, Ministry of Science & Technology

Dr. Zehava Tanne, Board of Directors, the Environmental Services Company

Dr. Miriam Offer: The Study of Jewish Medicine during the Holocaust – Characteristics and Challenges

09:30–11:00

**Second Session: Physicians and Medicine in Ghettos and camps: Belarus, Lithuania, Transnistria**

**Chair:** Prof. Paul Weindling

Dr. Naomi Menuhin, Independent Researcher, Israel

**The health care system in Volkowisk between the two world wars and during the Holocaust**

Rami Neudorfer, PhD candidate, Tel Aviv University, Israel &

Dr. Orit Neudorfer, MD, Tel Aviv, Israel

**Mutual effects between work and sickness in the ghetto – reviewed 80 years on**

Dr. Olga Stefan, History researcher, art curator, and filmmaker, University A.I. Cuza, Iasi, Romania

**Doctors in Lager: A look at resistance through medicine in the case of Vapniarka**

11:00-11:20

**Presentation of research findings, Ministry of Science & Technology grant:**

**Medicine, Morbidity, and Childhood During and After the Holocaust:  
A Multidisciplinary Study of the Holocaust and Its Relevance to the 21st Century**

Dr. Miriam Offer, Dr. Hadas Shasha-Lavsky, & Dr. Boaz Cohen

11:20-11:30

**Break**

11:30-13:00

**Third Session: Physicians and Medicine in the Partisans and in Hideouts**

**Chair:** Dr. Yaron Pasher

Prof. Natalia Aleksion, The Harry Rich Professor of Holocaust Studies at the University of Florida, Gainesville, USA

**Medical and self-care in hiding**

Dr. Viktoriya Sukovata, Professor at the Kharkiv National Karazin University,

**Ukraine Jewish doctor Albert Tsessarsky and his notebook about the creation of "Partisan Medicine."**

Dr. Daniela Ozacky Stern, Western Galilee College, Israel

**Medicine and resistance behind enemy lines: The case of the Jewish partisans**

13:00-13:50

**Lunch**

13:50-15:20

**Fourth Session: Jewish Physicians in Extermination Camps , Centers of Deportation and Insights from the Perspective of Holocaust Survivors**

**Chair:** Dr. Tamir Hod

Prof. Therkel Straede, Prof. of Contemporary History, Denmark

**Jewish physicians from Norway as prisoners of Auschwitz**

Dr. Kenneth Collins, University of Glasgow, Scotland & Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel

**The life, ill health, and death of a Treblinka survivor**

Jacques D. Barth MD, PhD, Emeritus Professor of Cardiology, California, USA & Dr. Mariajudille van Beurden Cahn, Historian, the Descendants of the Shoah, Holland.

**Medical Doctors in the Hollandsche Schouwburg Deportation Centre, 1941-1943 in Amsterdam, the Netherlands**

15:20-15:30

**Break**

15:30 - 17:00

**Fifth Session: Populations with Special Needs and Their Fate: Deaf Jews, Children in the Berlin Jewish Hospital, Suicide among Medical Staff**

**Chair:** Prof. Avi Ohry

Anke Kalkbrenner, PhD candidate, Selma Stern Center for Jewish Studies, Germany

**Childcare at the Jewish Hospital of Berlin, 1942-1945**

Shulamit Rosinsky, MA, University of Haifa, Israel

**The sound of silence: The untold story of the Jewish Deaf in Germany and Poland on the eve of, during, and after the Holocaust**

Dr. Bojan Đokić, Independent Historian, Belgrade, Serbia

**Suicides of Yugoslav Jewish health workers during the Second World War**

17:00-17:15

**Closing remarks**

**Targets and the Future of Jewish Medicine During the Holocaust**

Dr. Miriam Offer & Dr. Boaz Cohen