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EDITORIAL

This issue of *Korot* reached its final stages before publication during the aftermath of the horrific events of Simchat Torah 5784. As the final proof reading and the various technical aspects of the Journal were being carried out, we were faced with sirens, rockets intercepted and rockets landing as all the time more information became available about the carnage wrought by Hamas in the Gaza border communities as well as the concern about the fate of more than two hundred hostages, soldiers and civilians, Israelis and foreign nationals. As we go to press the war continues and we still await the return of the remaining hostages and the military defeat of Hamas.

As Jews we have faced existential threats in the past. Over the past few years Boaz Cohen and Miriam Offer of the Western Galilee Academic College in Akko have been able to organize a series of conferences on medicine and the Shoah bringing together leading academics from Israel, Europe and North America. This enables them to present their research findings or completed work in a suitable forum. The latest International Conference with the subtitle of Up-to-Date Research and Challenges for the Future was held in March 2023 and featured papers on medicine in the ghettos, medicine and the partisans and the fate of deaf Jews and hospitalized Jewish children in Berlin. In this issue we include the functioning of diagnostic laboratory services in Warsaw, Vilnius and Lviv as well as a study of doctors at a detention center in Amsterdam from where Jews were deported to Westerbork. This study, by Maria van Beurden Cahn and Jacques D. Barth, tells incidentally the wartime story of Barth's father. Finally, Etienne Lepicard reports on the findings of the Lancet Commission on Medicine and the Shoah, following meetings in Vienna and Berlin at the beginning of November 2023.

The Covid era is now being covered in historical texts and we print reviews of two books, one by Jeremy Brown which covers the

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story of plagues in the Jewish world, and the other by the celebrated historian Sir Simon Schama which looks at the personalities behind the search to contain the great plagues of the past. This gives Schama the opportunity for a lengthy look at the career of Waldemar Haffkine and his work in containing cholera and bubonic plague in India. One benefit of the Covid era has been to hold meetings and *Korot* editorial meetings quickly reverted to ZOOM during the turmoil of the Hamas atrocities and our worry about the fate of the hostages.

We continue to include biographies of important Jewish physicians – on this occasion Montague David Eder, a pioneering psychoanalyst in London and a Zionist leader in the first years of the British Mandate for Palestine, and the story of Maurice Pappworth, who almost single-handedly rid the profession of unethical medical experiments after World War II.

This issue contains just three articles in the Hebrew section, papers of outstanding interest. We would be happy to receive more Hebrew submissions to maintain the bilingual character of our journal.

As ever, I am grateful for the advice and support of my predecessor Samuel Kottek as well as the contribution of Helena Paavilainen in the production of the journal. We are gratified with the continuing interest in our publication and are happy to receive completed submissions but also consider suggestions for articles as they develop.

Kenneth Collins
Editor
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