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EDITORIAL

This year, I have been privileged to be the guest editor of “Korot”. Working together with Professor Kottek, we have decided that the journal should mature into a peer-review one, and hence all papers in this issue have been thus reviewed. Also, we have asked all the authors for English summaries and keywords of their contributions, so as to make their work accessible through the relevant databases.

Following Shifra Shvarts’s pioneering work and efforts, there is a growing interest in the history of medicine and of medical health systems in Israel. A number of young scholars have been exploring this field of research. In this issue of “Korot” we devoted space to the work of some of them. Their backgrounds are various, and some have double training, both in medicine or biology and literature or the history of science. They all study the history of medicine in Israel, from dream to reality. The story they tell is not a simple one: it shows how hygienic and eugenic motives shaped the way people dreamt their future state, and how Zionism and Jewish tradition influenced research and policies. Israel is facing today the same challenges as do other Western countries, with the alienation between biological research and patient care. Yet, Israel is a specific setting, a product of both a short and an ancient history of thinking about medicine.

Within this framework, most of the papers in this issue are devoted to the exploration of one broad theme: Healing Individuals, Healing Society: The Jewish World of Medicine from “Altneuland” to the mid 1990’s.

We could not put together an issue of “Korot” on such a topic without asking for a paper from Professor Raphael Falk, a teacher of several generations of biologists, philosophers of science and historians of science and medicine.

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