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EDITORIAL

In 2027, we will mark the 75th anniversary of our journal, *Korot*, and in our next issue we will reflect on our journal's history. Initially, issues were published by the Harry Friedenwald Chair of the History of Medicine at the Hebrew University and the M. Glazier Institute of Medical History, Jerusalem. These first publications were distributed by Magnes Press but supported by the American Physicians Fellowship for Medicine in Israel. From Volume 10 (1993–1994), it has been published by the Magnes Press of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. The transitional issue carried the hopes of the Editor, Samuel Kottek, now the Emeritus Editor, that publishing with Magnes Press would be enhanced by their experience and craftsmanship. Indeed, the fine cover that marked the beginning of this new era remains a powerful identifying feature of the journal.

Volume 10 was dedicated “In Memoriam” to the memory of the journal's former editor Professor Joshua Leibowitz, who, together with David Margalith, had set high academic standards for *Korot*. Professor Leibowitz passed away on the 10th of July 1993 at the age of 98 years, and the new Editor, Prof. Samuel Kottek, who had worked closely with Professor Leibowitz for many years, was keen to have collegiate governance. Consequently, an Editorial Board was established, which included Dr. Fred Rosner ז”ל, already recognised in the field as an expert in Jewish medical ethics and the medical writings of the Rambam. A full obituary for Fred Rosner, for long a welcome supporter of *Korot*, appears in this issue.

Volume 9 (11–12) contained 162 pages in English and 119 pages in Hebrew. Volume 10 had 182 pages in English but just 65 in Hebrew. Over the years, the balance between the two languages has, in general, favoured English, though continuing to carry a significant amount of original material in Hebrew. As *Korot* has achieved an international readership, interest in its English content has become an increasingly important feature.

EDITORIAL

We are delighted to welcome Dr. Daniella Zaidman-Mauer to our Editorial Team. Daniella has just been awarded a PhD from the University of Amsterdam for a thesis in English entitled “Plague and Piety: Yiddish Medical Literature in Early Modern Europe.” In keeping with Dutch university regulations, the thesis is produced in book form and covers the reactions to the plague in Yiddish remedy literature in Western Europe between 1680 and 1800. Her article “A Remedy Against the Quartan Fever in the Yiddish Remedy Book of Zevi Hirsch ben Yerachmiel Chotsch, *Sgules U'Refues* (Amsterdam, 1703)” appeared in the last issue of *Korot* (Volume 27 [2023–2024]: 81–105).

Spyros Retsas has noted how medical history has always attracted medical practitioners who, sometimes upon retirement from clinical work, seek to understand the practice and evolution of their craft in the recent and distant past.¹ He describes physicians as medical historians. He calls members of the other group academic historians of medicine who have a background in the humanities. Thus, they view and research the history of medicine from a different perspective. He notes that it is rare that researchers of the history of medicine combine humanities with a medical background. I count myself fortunate to belong to this group. Finally, Retsas argues for a fruitful collaboration between medical historians and historians of medicine in recording our turbulent times, and we in *Korot* are happy to take his advice.

As we move towards our 75th anniversary, we hope to reach out to a growing number of new readers and contributors. This will involve an online presence, which will make contact with future readers and contributors easier.

Kenneth Collins

Editor

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1 S. Retsas, “Medical Historians and Historians of Medicine: Time for a Truce,” *Hellenic Journal of Nuclear Medicine* 25, 1 (2022): 2–4.