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Editor

The Rambam Maimonides Medical Journal

**Re: The Few for the Many: The “Immigrant Medical Services (SHAREL)” Organization during the End of the British Mandate and the First Years of Israel (1944-1953)**

Dear Editor,

The attached article, written using the historical method, describes the establishment and development of medical services for Jewish immigrants during the final years of British Mandatory Palestine and the first years of the State of Israel (1944–1953). The paper is unique in that it documents medical services provided to Jewish immigrants during two critical periods for the nascent Israeli healthcare system: between the Second World War and Israel’s War of Independence; and then during the mass Jewish immigration that immediately followed the establishment of the State of Israel. These issues are also relevant today in the context of contemporary patterns of migration and of refugees living in temporary settings in different parts of the world.

The article is not currently under consideration by any other journal. It is based on research I conducted for my doctoral dissertation at Tel Aviv University, but was not included within the final dissertation. This research is therefore presented here for the first time.

I hereby declare as the sole author of the attached article that I have no actual or potential conflict of interest and was self-funded for the purpose of this article. The article was written by me alone and I am wholly responsible for its content. No tables or photographs have been appended to the article, and it does not use any form of artificial intelligence.

I hope you find the article worthy of publication in your esteemed journal.

Sincerely,

Dr. Dorit Weiss

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