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Curriculum Vitae

1. Personal Data

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2. Education Certificates and Degrees

<u>Education</u>	<u>Institute</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Year</u>
First Degree	Bar-Ilan University	Jewish History/Informal Education	1984
Second Degree	University of Haifa	Jewish History, specializing in Holocaust Studies	1998
Third Degree	Bar-Ilan University	Jewish History	2010

3. **Title of doctoral thesis:** The Medical Services in the Warsaw Ghetto during the Holocaust: Its Organization and its Medical and Ethical Challenges in Historical Context.

Supervisors: Prof. Dan Michman, Head, The International Institute for Holocaust Research & Incumbent of the John Najmann Chair of Holocaust Studies, Yad Vashem.

4. Academic Ranks (Last 5 years)

<u>Rank</u>	<u>% Position</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Institute</u>
Senior Lecturer	66.67%	2010-current	Western Galilee College

5. Research Grants (Last 5 years)

<u>From-To</u>	<u>Funding Agency</u>	<u>Title of Research</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2013	Egit Grants for Holocaust and Jewish Resistance Literature -Toronto, Canada	Hebrew publication of my book: White Coats Inside the Ghetto: Jewish Medicine in Poland during the Holocaust	
2013-2014	Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture – New York, N.Y.		
2015	Claims Conference	English publication of my book: White Coats Inside the Ghetto: Jewish Medicine in Poland during the Holocaust	NIS 50,000
2017	Received from the Azrieli Foundation via a project that I initiated as Co-Chair	<i>The Second International Conference on Medicine in the Holocaust and Beyond</i> , Western Galilee, Israel, 7-11 May 2017	50,000\$
2017	Fellowship:Scholar-in-Residence, Brandeis University	Brandeis University Research topic: Women at the Frontier of the Jewish Medical Services in the Ghettos	6000\$

6. Scientific Areas of Specialization

Jewish medicine during the interwar period and especially during the Holocaust.
 Daily life in the Jewish ghettos under the Nazi regime – multidisciplinary.
 methodological aspects from scientific, organizational, and ethical fields.
 Jewish medical activity in the ghettos in general.

Medicine and physicians in the Shavli Ghetto, Lithuania and the Warsaw Ghetto, Poland.

Examination of Jewish medicine under the Nazi regime in broad historical context of developmental trends in the modern era – secularization processes, development of modern nation state, public health, etc.

Comparative research – Jewish medicine in the Holocaust versus other cases of genocide, development of historiography of Nazi medicine and Jewish medicine. Ethical issues confronting medical staff under extreme conditions such as ghettos and camps.

7. **Academic Profile**

My unique research sheds light on Jewish medical activity during the Holocaust, in ghettos and camps, and other places under the Nazi regime. I expose previously unknown documents written during the Holocaust by physicians, nurses, and others. My research shows that the Jews, as persecuted victims, independently created medical systems based on modern medical conceptions, unprecedented under extreme, genocide conditions. The documentation left by the medical staff, which I use in my research, contributes much food for thought regarding the central process undergone by the Jewish society during the interwar period, and during and after WWII.

8. **Recent Publications**

Offer, M. (2012). Ethical Dilemmas in the Work of Doctors and Nurses in the Warsaw Ghetto. *Polin: Studies in Polish Jewry*, 25, 467-492.

Offer, M. (2016). Harro Jenss, Peter Reinicke, Hrsg. 2014. Der Arzt Hermann Strauß 1868–1944: Autobiographische Notizen und Aufzeichnungen aus dem Ghetto Theresienstadt. Berlin: Hentrich & Hentrich. *Social History of Medicine* 29(4), 853-855.

Offer, M., Herzog, R., Pasher, Y., & Ohry, A. (2017). Medicine and Urology in the First Half of the 20th Century in Eretz-Israel and in the Shadow of the Holocaust. In: D.Schultheiss & F. H. Moll (Eds.), *Urology under the Swastika* (227-253). Leuven, Belgium: Davidsfonds.

Offer, M. (2018). Jewish Medical Ethics During the Holocaust - The Unwritten Ethical Code. *Wiener klinische Wochenschrift, The Central European Journal of Medicine*, 130, pp. 172-176.

Offer, M. (2018). Coping with the Impossible: The Developmental Roots of the Jewish Medical System in the Ghettos. In M. Moskalewicz, F. Dross, & U. Caumanns (eds.). *Jewish Medicine Healthcare in Central Eastern Europe. Shared Identities, Entangled Histories*, Springer, pp.261-277

Offer, M. (2018\2019). Jewish Medical Activity in the Ghettos under the Nazi Regime: Characteristics and Broad Historical Context. *Polin: Studies in Polish Jewry*, 33 (forthcoming).

Offer, M. (2019). White Coats Inside the Ghetto: Jewish Medicine in Poland during the Holocaust. Jerusalem: Yad Vashem. 595 pages. [English Edition in advanced process].

Offer, M. (2020). Introduction: Jewish Women Medical Practitioners in Europe Before, During and After the Holocaust. *Nashim: A Journal of Jewish Women's Studies & Gender Issues*, (36), 10-21. doi:10.2979/nashim.36.1.02

Schwartzman, J. and Offer, M. (2020). The Fate of the Jewish Medical Staff of the Medical Institutes in the City of Stavropol during the Holocaust. *Harefuah – the Israel Medical Association Journal*, 159(4), April 2020, pp. 273–277. (Hebrew).

Offer, M. (2021). Jewish Medical Activity in the Ghettos under the Nazi Regime: Characteristics and Broad Historical Context. *Polin: Studies in Polish Jewry*, 33.pp.494-516

Offer, M. (forthcoming 2021). The Medical Services in the Warsaw Ghetto: A Summary – and Thoughts on the Challenges of Research. In S. Reis & M. Offer, (guest eds.) (2021), *KOROT: The Israel Journal of the History of Medicine and Science* No. 26. Education and Ethics in the Shadow of the History of Medicine during the Holocaust. Jerusalem: The Hebrew University Magnes Press.

Books and Journals (as editor)

Offer, M., (Consulting Ed.) (Spring 2020), *NASHIM: A Journal of Jewish Women's Studies & Gender Issues*. Jewish Women Medical Practitioners in Europe – Before, During and After the Holocaust. No. 36, Bloomington: Indiana University Press.

Offer, M., & Shlomai, A. (Eds.). (1990). *I Am Asking My Brother, Youth Tours in Poland*, Training materials for the guide. The Ministry of Education - Division of Youth and Hedva Eibeshitz Institute for Holocaust Research. 123 pages. [Hebrew]

Hildebrandt, S., Offer, M., & Grodin, M. (eds.), (2021). *Recognizing the Past in the Present: New Studies on Medicine Before, During and After the Holocaust*. New York, Oxford: Berghahn.

Reis, S. & Offer, M. (guest eds.) (forthcoming 2021), KOROT: *The Israel Journal of the History of Medicine and Science* No. 26. Education and Ethics in the Shadow of the History of Medicine during the Holocaust. Jerusalem: The Hebrew University Magnes Press.

Michman, D., Offer, M., Czech, H., & Weindling, P., (eds.), (in process). *The Challenges of Jewish Medicine During and After the Holocaust*. Jerusalem: Yad Vashem.

Books (as author)

Offer, M. (2020). *White Coats In the Ghetto: Jewish Medicine in Poland during the Holocaust*. Jerusalem: Yad Vashem. 704 pages.

Offer, M. (2015). *White Coats Inside the Ghetto: A Look at the History of Jewish Medicine during the Holocaust*. Jerusalem: Yad Vashem. 595 pages. [Hebrew].