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Introduction

The Jakobovits Center for Jewish Medical Ethics was established to fulfill the vision of its namesake to become an International Center for the study of Jewish Medical Ethics. In addition to being a local resource for ethical clinical practice. We accomplish this mission by educating the next generation of doctors to be highly moral physicians, encourage ethical clinical practice at our affiliated medical centers and provide resources for the academic study of Jewish Medical Ethics. In order to facilitate a global exchange of ideas in Jewish Medical Ethics, international medical conferences are also sponsored by the Center.

History

Whereas the academic discipline of medical ethics in the West developed only in the middle of the twentieth century, the Jewish tradition has dealt extensively with the issues of medical ethics for millennia. Yet for the first few years of the revival of medical ethics in academia, there was little attention paid in university settings to Jewish medical ethics. The recognized pioneer in the field who presented the age old traditions in modern terminology and format was the late Rabbi Immanuel Jakobovits who published his now classic book Jewish Medical Ethics in 1959. His dream was to develop as well academic centers for Jewish medical ethics in universities, especially in Israel.

In 1985 the Kaplan-Kushlik Foundation under the dynamic leadership of Mendel and Jill Kaplan decided to establish an academic center for study, research and teaching in Jewish Medical Ethics at the Faculty of Health Sciences of Ben-Gurion University in honor of Lord Rabbi Immanuel Jakobovits.

The Center has served as a coordinating body for teaching activities in dozens of courses to students of medicine, nursing, physiotherapy, medical management, and laboratory medicine throughout the Faculty of Health Sciences. The Center has organized international meetings, national workshops, lectures and discussion groups over the years to a variety of audiences. Center staff members are invited lecturers throughout Israel and abroad on various subjects of Jewish medical ethics, and have published widely on a variety of subjects. In addition students and young physicians have been encouraged and supported in furthering their studies in medical ethics

New Developments

In July 2007, Dr. Alan Jotkowitz was named the Director of the Jakobovits Center for Jewish Medical Ethics. Dr. Jotkowitz has written extensively in the field of Medical Ethics, in such prestigious journals as the American Journal of Bioethics, the Journal of the American Geriatric Society and the Journal of Medical Ethics and in addition serves as the Associate Editor of the European Journal of Medicine. Following in the footsteps of Lord Rabbi Jakobovits his primary academic research interest is in demonstrating the relevance of traditional Jewish thinking in medical ethics to modern moral dilemmas. He has major interests in the methodology of Jewish Medical Ethics, defining the ethical principles that form the basis of Jewish Medical Ethics and comparison of these principles to other theological constructs.
The Center has supported the development of new courses in the Faculty of Health Sciences.

1. A course given in Hebrew on Medicine and Jewish Law given by distinguished speakers from all over Israel organized by Asher Waller.
2. A course given in English for students from the Medical School for International Health and Medicine on general principles in Medical Ethics organized by medical students.
3. The establishment of a high level course in Jewish Medical Ethics using Rabbi Jakobovits *Jewish Medical Ethics* as a standard text and concentrating on the respective responses of the two leading twentieth century halakhic decisions in the field, Rabbi Moshe Feinstein and Rabbi Eliezer Waldenberg.
4. The establishment of a monthly faculty wide clinical ethics conference.
5. The establishment of a monthly film series on topics of medical ethics for members of the faculty.

**Future Projects**

1. The development of collaborative programs with Ben-Gurion University's Department of Jewish Thought and other institutions of higher learning in Israel and abroad.
2. The development of a center web site to serve as a resource for study of Jewish Medical Ethics.
3. Increasing the role of clinical ethics at the affiliated hospitals of the Faculty of Health Sciences and playing an active role in the ongoing efforts to establish a Masters degree in Medical Humanities.
4. Developing a faculty wide curriculum in medical ethics.
5. Developing a curriculum in the study of the Holocaust in medical ethics.
6. Developing a faculty wide internet based journal club in medical ethics.
7. Ethical consultations, within the clinical departments.
Lord Rabbi Immanuel Jakobovits

Immanuel Jakobovits, Chief Rabbi of Great Britain, was born in 1921, in Konisberg, Germany, son of Dayan Doctor and Mrs. Julius Jakobovits. In 1936, he came to London as a refugee from Nazi oppression, where he earned a B.A. and a Diploma from Jews College, a Rabbinical Diploma from Yeshivat Etz-Ha'Chaim and a Ph.D. from the University of London, for a thesis on a comparative and historical study of Jewish Medical Ethics. He married Amelie Munk of Paris, herself the daughter of a prominent rabbi, who would support his community work throughout his life and together raised six children.

At the age of 20, he entered the rabbinate, serving several synagogues in London moving to Dublin in 1949 to become the Chief Rabbi of Ireland, succeeding Dr. Herzog, when the latter became Chief Rabbi of Israel. He lived in Ireland for ten years until his call to become the rabbi of one of the most prestigious synagogues in the United States – New York's Fifth Avenue Synagogue. On April 11th 1967, Rabbi Jakobovits was installed as the chief Rabbi of the United Hebrew congregations of the British Commonwealth of Nations, with jurisdiction over congregations in the United Kingdom, Australia and New Zealand.

Lord Immanuel Jakobovits was involved in a multitude of organizations and institutions in a leadership capacity. In 1981 he was knighted by her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and was renowned for his outstanding erudition and scholarship, particularly in the field of Jewish Medical Ethics. He was the author of "Jewish Medical Ethics", "Medicine and Judaism", "Journal of a Rabbi", and "The Timely and Timeless" as well as numerous scholarly articles on related subjects.
1. **Ethics and Philosophy courses offered by Jakobovits Center**

- **Introduction to Medical Ethics**: Elective course, which fulfills a “medical humanities” requirement for 1st and 2nd year medical students. Includes a 20-hour lecture/discussion unit on medical ethics topics such as euthanasia, abortion, human experimentation, and patient’s rights, Prof. Glick and staff. A large majority of the first year medical students chose this course as its elective.

- **Physician and Society**: Required course for 6th year medical students. Includes a 20-hour lecture/discussion unit on medical ethics topics such as euthanasia, abortion, human experimentation, and patient’s rights, Prof. Glick and staff.

- **Research Ethics**: For Master of Public Health (MPH) students.

- **Jewish Medical Ethics**: For MD students.
2. **Ethics Sessions in Various Medical Teaching Settings**

During the academic year 2013 we were involved in “injection teaching” the following:

**Prof. Glick**

- 1st-year introductory courses: Lectures on medical ethics, physician’s oath, and physician-patient communication.
- Family practice doctors: ethics relevant to their practice.
- Ethics lecture in master’s program in gerontology.
- Ward ethics – introduction to clerkships – 4th year medical students.
- Introduction to anatomy – "Respect for the human cadaver"

**Prof. Clarfield**

- Miscellaneous lectures to medical students on Geriatrics and Medical Ethics.

**Dr. Alan Jotkowitz**

- Miscellaneous seminars on medical ethics to students in International Health and Medicine.
- Ethics case conferences to students in the traditional six year MD program.
- Ethics lectures to pharmacy students.
- Seminars in ethics to graduate students.

3. **Miscellaneous Activities**

- Dr. Alan Jotkowitz was appointed associate editor of the European Journal of Internal Medicine responsible for Medical Ethics and Medical Humanities.
- Hadas Gabizon-David – Introduction to Philosophy (Sapir College).
- Hadas Gabizon-David – Introduction to Ethics (Sapir College).

4. **Professor Glick's Activities outside formal teaching in the faculty included the following lectures:**

- Participated as a member of a committee of the Council for Higher Education on the examination of the field of complementary\alternative medicine.
- Spoke on genetic enhancement at workshop on Genetics and Society at Ben-Gurion University.
- Spoke at Kiryat Gat Community Center on Medical Ethics.
- Spoke at the annual meeting of the Israel Cardiological Society on the ethical issues in cardiology.
- Spoke at the meeting of interns at Meir Hospital on physician-patient relations in the 21st century.
- Spoke on several topics at the summer program for students on Jewish Medical Ethics of the Schlesinger Institute, Jerusalem.
- Spoke on Investigative committees for the General Sick Fund Center for Patient Safety.
- Chaired session at UNESCO meeting on Bioethics Committees in Hospitals.
- Chaired session at International workshop on Medical Education in the 21st Century – New Medical School in the Galilee.
- Spoke at the Rambam Synagogue in Beer-Sheva on Relationships between medical and religious establishments in Israel.
- Participated as a member of scientific advisory committee for Macabi Sick Fund.

5. **Dr. Jotkowitz' activities outside formal activities included the following lectures:**

- Truth telling in a Culturally Diverse World – LIJMC.
- Truth telling to children and their parents – St. Mary's Children's Hospital.
- Euthanasia: are we sliding down the slippery slope? Stonybrook Hospital.
- Euthanasia in children - St. Mary's Children's Hospital.
- Medical Ethics and the Holocaust – Yad-Va'shem Institute.
- Multiculturalism and Medical Ethics – World Medical Conference – Jerusalem, Israel.
- The ethics of end of life care, faculty of health sciences, BGU.
- The ethics of research in children - St. Mary's Children's Hospital
- Ethical issues in the treatment of swine flue St. Mary's Children's Hospital.

6. **Professor Silverman's activities outside formal teaching in the faculty included the following lecture:**

- Jewish Medical Ethics and Reproduction at the Al Adati Synagogue in Beer-Sheva.

7. **Professor Clarfield's activities outside formal teaching in the faculty included the following lecture:**

- "Squaring of the Curve: True or False?" Grand Medical Rounds, Maimonides Hospital, Brooklyn, NY,2007.
- "End -of- life decisions according to the three Abrahamic Monotheistic religions: Judasim, Catholicism and Islam" given at Geriatrics Rounds, Montefiore Hospital, Bronx, Mt Sinai Geriatrics Rounds, and Jewish Home and Hospital for the Aged , 2007.
- "For-profit and not-for-profit nursing homes in Israel. Do they differ with respect to quality of care?" International Longevity Center, New York, 2007.
8. **Beit Midrash:**

- The program of a Beit Midrash for Torah and Science for Health Sciences students cosponsored by the Jakobovits Center, the Blechner Chair and the Gesher organization. The Beit Midrash has continued its significant growth this year on many levels: new students have joined the program; extra learning hours have been added and it additionally initiated new learning programs. New teachers have joined the staff of the Beit Midrash. There are over 200 permanent students participating weekly in the different programs run. The Beit Midrash operates 6 days a week, 4 - 8 hours a day, in 5 different programs, which include 10 diverse learning topics.
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