



Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

# The Jacques Loeb Centre For the History and Philosophy of the Life Sciences

## *Health, Genetics, and Nation Building: The Case of Chaim Sheba*

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Chaim Sheba (1908-1971) a physician, a Zionist, a researcher a military doctor and a health administrator, embodies a fascinating example of the complex and interwoven relations between science, medicine and politics. In my lecture I will refer to some professional milestones in Sheba's biography including the establishment of the Military Corps and the role of military medicine in Israel, the creation of the Ministry of Health and the Tel-Hashomer hospital, and the struggle for a national health system. Special attention will be given to Sheba's involvement in genetic research of the Jews. In this context, I will try to develop the idea/concept of "state as a living laboratory". Through the Sheba case study I wish to explore the relations between health, scientific research, army, and nation/state building in Israel.

June 10th (Monday)

Building 39 (Biology), Room 106 (de Picciotto conference room),  
16:15 to 17:45.

Coffee & refreshments will be available at 16:00

About the Seminars: The Jacques Loeb Centre seminars provide an interdisciplinary forum, in which historians and philosophers of science, as well as scientists, present and discuss new research related to science with a special focus on the life sciences. Case studies and surveys examine the impact of political, socio-economic and personal factors on the conduct of science, the ethics of research, and the causes of progress and setbacks. **Faculty and students from all disciplines are invited!**

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