Health and Zionism

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3. Cleaning work in new immigrant camp, Israel 1950. Notice in the middle of the image a milk powder box provided by one of the international welfare organizations created in Israel during this period. Courtesy of the Israel Defense Forces Archives.
5. “A glass of milk a day.” Milk being distributed to new immigrant children by a soldier. Milk was mainly provided by UNICEF. The IDF took an active part in helping organize camp life. Courtesy of the Israel Defense Forces Archives.
7. “From ship to hospitalization.” Ambulances awaiting ill immigrants. Ten percent of immigrants needed immediate hospitalization upon arrival to Israel. Courtesy the Central Zionist Archives, Jerusalem.
8. Dusting a new immigrant with DDT upon arrival to Israel was recommended and supported by UNICEF and WHO in order to prevent the spread of contagious diseases. Courtesy of the Israel Defense Forces Archives.
11. David Ben Gurion, Israel’s first prime minister, and Dr. Haim Doron, then director of Kupat Holim, the Negev region. Dr. Doron, a new immigrant himself, had come to Israel in 1953. Courtesy of Professor Doron’s private collection and the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Arrane Central Library, David Tuviahu Archives.
12. Moshe Soroka, treasurer of Kupat Holim (middle), and David Tuviahu, then the mayor of Beer Sheva (right) looking for an appropriate location to build the Central Hospital of the Negev. Background: old buildings of the city of Beer Sheva. Courtesy of Professor Doron’s private collection and the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Arrane Central Library, David Tuviahu Archives.
13. Mobile clinic serving the Bedouins community in the Negev area, 1950s. The mobile clinic was donated by the Jewish Society for Humane Service. Courtesy of Professor Doron’s private collection and the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Arrane Central Library, David Tuviahu Archives.
Children in front of the new Central Hospital for the Negev, opened 1960. Today the Soroka University Medical Center. Courtesy of Professor Doron’s private collection and the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Arrane Central Library, David Tuviyahu Archives.

19–20. Health certificate of a new immigrant to Israel, Anna Jasinska. Medical checkups were conducted as part of the pre-immigration procedure. The certificate stated the following: bone structure = normal; chest and lungs = normal; heart and blood pressure = 108/85; abdomen = normal; hernia = none; pregnancy = none; ears = normal; eyes = myopic (shortsighted); nervous system = normal; urine = normal; radiological test = normal; venereal disease = negative. The health certificate is signed by a doctor in Warsaw and dated April 28, 1950. Courtesy of Maya Finger (Jasinska’s daughter) private collection, Omer, Israel.