



PERIODIC UPDATE #18

Period of May 26 – June 7, 2020

ג'-ט"ו סיוון ה'תש"ף

Hope you had a nice Shavuot!

Please send me any updates you would like included in the next Update.

CORONAVIRUS COVID-19/קורונה

Reminders:

- [Opening page](#) has [link](#) to the health declaration necessary for daily entrance to campus, for easy access.
- Urgent updates can be posted on the English Faculty of Medicine [opening page](#).
- Feel free to send me relevant information to post.

RECENT PROMOTIONS/קידומים

Congratulations to Professor Omry Koren on his promotion to full professor! Honorable mention to lab colleagues, Dr. Oren Ziv and students.



MEDICAL SCHOOL APPLICANTS/נרשמים לבי"ס לרפואה

For the first time, applicants to the Azrieli Faculty medical school will be taking personality tests at the Faculty, not at MSR - The Israel Center for Medical Simulation at Tel Hashomer as in the past (the other 4-year medical schools still send their applicants to Tel Hashomer).

FACULTY OF MEDICINE RANKS FIRST IN BIU REMOTE TEACHING/

מקום ראשון בלימוד מרחוק

The Faculty of Medicine was ranked first in remote teaching from among all Bar-Ilan faculties.
Good work!

OPEN HOUSE/בית פתוח

Bar-Ilan University held an online Zoom-based Open House, June 4-5, 2020. The Faculty of Medicine broadcast an intriguing lecture, given by Dr. Moshe Dessau and Dr. Meital Gal-Tanamy, "Survivor in the Season of Corona - Who Will Win Immunity." Q&A session followed.



PHD SEMINARS/סימינריון תואר שלישי

Organized by Dr. Shai Bel. These seminars are part of the tradition of celebrating PhD students' ending this important chapter in their life; participation is obligatory.

- Learning the skills to ameliorate poor health literacy and social determinants of health. A case study of ETGAR, an experience-based course in the clinical years (Doron Sagi, supervised by Prof. Mary Rudolf)
- Deciphering and Restoring Neutrophil Dysfunction in Hemodialysis Patients (Adi Litmanowitz, supervised by Prof. Batia Kastiel and Prof. Kamal Hasan)
- Structural studies of glycoprotein N from tomato spotted wilt virus (TSWV) (Yoav Bahat, supervised by Dr. Moshe Dessau)

WEBSITE: WHAT'S NEW? (MEDICINE.BIU.AC.IL/EN)/אתר הפקולטה

Publications (<https://medicine.biu.ac.il/en/research-news>) פרסומי מחקר

Reminder that publications by Azrieli faculty are generally posted in chronological order based on publication date, per PubMed listings.

- Chaim Putterman: Comprehensive Aptamer-Based Screening Identifies a Spectrum of Urinary Biomarkers of Lupus Nephritis Across Ethnicities (Nat Commun.)
- Chaim Putterman: A Novel Microglia-Specific Transcriptional Signature Correlates With Behavioral Deficits in Neuropsychiatric Lupus (Front Immunol.)
- Chaim Putterman: Cognitive Dysfunction in Autoimmune Rheumatic Diseases (Arthritis Res Ther)
- Karl Skorecki: Childhood Risk Factors for Adulthood Chronic Kidney Disease (Pediatr Nephrol.)
- Awni Youssef: Appetite and Ghrelin Levels in Iron Deficiency Anemia and the Effect of Parenteral Iron Therapy: A Longitudinal Study (PLoS One.)
- Avi Peretz: The Importance of Communication between the Clinical Laboratory and the Clinician: The Key for Proper Medical Care (EuroLabNews)
- Nofar Asulin, Natalia Volinsky, Liza Grosman-Rimon, Erez Kachel, Leonid Sternik, Ehud Raanani, Roman Altshuler, Inbar Ben-Zvi, Nufar Margalit, Shemy Carasso, Izhak Haviv, Offer Amir: Differential microRNAs Expression in Calcified Versus Rheumatic Aortic Valve Disease (J Card Surg.)



- Alexander Aizenshtein, Erez Kachel, Grosman Rimom Liza, Basem Hijazi, Arnon Blum: Effects of Preoperative WBC Count on Post-CABG Surgery Clinical Outcome (South Med J.)
- Wisam Sbeit , Anas Kadah, Amir Mari, Tawfik Khoury: Pancreatobiliary Manifestations of Nonalcoholic Fatty Liver Disease: A Retrospective Case-Control Multicenter Study (Eur J Gastroenterol Hepatol.)
- Keren Agay-Shay: There's No Place Like Home? The Psychological, Physiological, and Cognitive Effects of Short Visits to Outdoor Urban Environments Compared to Staying in the Indoor Home Environment, a Field Experiment on Women From Two Ethnic Groups (Environ Res.)
- Gadi Lending, Avi Benov, Elon Glassberg: Cognitive and Physical Performance Are Well Preserved Following Standard Blood Donation: A Noninferiority, Randomized Clinical Trial (Transfusion.)
- Avi Benov, Elon Glassberg: Early Experience With Transfusing Low Titer Group O Whole Blood in the Pre-Hospital Setting in Israel (Transfusion.)
- Avi Benov: Pausing Cancer Screening During the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2 pandemic: Should We Revisit the Recommendations? (Eur J Cancer)
- Michael V Joachim, Yasmine Ghantous, Suleiman Zaaroura, Kutaiba Alkeesh, Tameem Zoabi, Imad Abu El-Na'aj: Does Fasting During Ramadan Increase the Risk of the Development of Sialadenitis? (BMC Oral Health.)
- Michael Blank: Targeted Regulation of Nuclear Lamins by Ubiquitin and Ubiquitin-Like Modifiers (Cells.)
- Bshara Mansour, Adib Habib, Hussein Shamaly, Zahi Abou Nassar, Ahlam Abu Ahmad: Temporal Caterpillar Sign in a Case of Infantile Hypertrophic Pyloric Stenosis (Pediatr Int.)
- Alon Yulevich: Delayed Diagnosis of Pediatric Appendicitis During the COVID-19 Pandemic (Acta Paediatr.)
- Gershon Volpin: Indications and Interventions of Damage Control Orthopedic Surgeries: An Expert Opinion Survey (Eur J Trauma Emerg Surg.)
- Elon Glassberg, Avi Benov: Mass-surveillance Technologies to Fight Coronavirus Spread: The Case of Israel (Nat. Med)
- Omry Koren: Attributes of Physical Activity and Gut Microbiome in Adults: A Systematic Review (Int J Sports Med.)
- Netta R Blondheim Shraga, Dafna Perry, Itzhak Haviv: Identification of Tumor Antigens in the HLA Peptidome of Patient-Derived Xenograft Tumors in Mouse (Mol Cell Proteomics.)

Faculty News (<https://medicine.biu.ac.il/en/faculty-news>) חדשות הפקולטה

- Certificates of Appreciation Awarded to Clinical Instructors, Baruch Padeh Medical Center in Poria, June 4, 2020, [here](#)
- Certificates of Appreciation Awarded to Clinical Instructors, Ziv Medical Center in Safed, June 3, 2020, [here](#)



- Dr. Ayelet Shai Becomes Member of the National Council for Prevention, Diagnosis & Treatment of Cancer, [here](#)
- It's a Joint Effort: Academia, HMOs, Community, and Donors Fighting the Coronavirus, [here](#)
- Ministry of Health Ranks Ziv Medical Center First in Prevention of Infectious Diseases, [here](#)
- New Book! Active Education for Future Doctors (Nomy Dickman and Barbara Schuster, Eds.), [here](#)



Picture Gallery (<https://medicine.biu.ac.il/en/album/>) גלריית תמונות

The following picture albums were added to the site:

- Clinical Instructors Awarded Certificates, Baruch Padeh Medical Center in Poria, via Zoom (June 2020), [here](#)
- Clinical Instructors Awarded Certificates, Ziv Medical Center, via Zoom (June 2020), [here](#)

ALL PERIODIC UPDATES ARE NOW ONLINE/הניוזלטר באתר

Need/want to check something that happened at the Faculty in the recent past? Check out old Periodic Reports, [here](#).

CANCELLATIONS/ביטולים

Unfortunately, the following lectures were cancelled due to the Coronavirus:

- Prof. Amnon Hoffman (HUJI)
- Dr. Yael Litvak (HUJI): Mechanisms of Pathogen Expansion in the Gut
- Dr. Noam Stern-Ginossar (WIS)

COMING UP/בקרוב

- Azrieli Faculty Certificates of Appreciation ceremony
- White Coat Ceremony
- Nazareth Clinical Instructors Certificate of Appreciation ceremony
- And more!

