

# The Polio Vaccination Campaign of Summer 2013 in Israel – Critical Assessments

July 13, 2015

The Sonia Kossoy Conference Room (room 307),  
The Buchmann Faculty of Law, Tel Aviv University

## 9:30-10:00 | Opening and Greetings

**Greetings:** Prof. Shai Lavi, The Buchmann Faculty of Law and Director of the Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics at Tel Aviv University

*On the OPV campaign as a test case for vaccination policy in Israel*

Prof. Nadav Davidovitch and Prof. Jonathan Gershoni  
Organizers of the *Vaccination Policy in Israel Research Group* at the Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics, Tel Aviv University

## 10:00-11:45 | Epidemiological and Social Economic Perspectives

Chair: Prof. Jonathan Gershoni, The George S. Wise Faculty of Life Sciences, Tel Aviv University

*Causality assessment of serious neurologic adverse events following bOPV national vaccination campaign in Israel*

Prof. Eli Somekh, The Israeli Ministry of Health

Commentator: Prof. Nadav Davidovitch, Department of Health Systems Management, Ben Gurion University

*What it means to be inoculated? The case of polio inoculation program in Israel*

Dr. Aviad Tur Sinai, Ben Gurion University

Commentator: Prof. Orna Baron Epel, School of Public Health, University of Haifa

11:45-13:00 Lunch Break

## 13:00-14:30 | Legal Perspectives

Chair: Prof. Orly Lobel, School of Law, University of San Diego

*Is it legally and morally justified to impose vaccination according to Israeli law?*

Adv. Shelly Kamin Friedman, Ben Gurion University

Commentator: Prof. Yechiel M. Barilan, The Sackler Faculty of Medicine, Tel Aviv University

*The right for autonomy, the duty of disclosure and public health considerations – The 2013 polio crisis in Israel as a case study*

Dr. Nili Karako Eyal, Haim Stricks School of Law, College of Management

Commentator: Prof. Michal Alberstein, The Faculty of Law, Bar Ilan University

14:30-15:00 Coffee Break

## 15:00-16:30 | Philosophical and Ethical Dimensions

Chair: Prof. Shai Lavi, The Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics, Tel Aviv University

*Moral Custodians*

Dr Yuval Eylon, Department of History, Philosophy and Judaic Studies, The Open University

Commentator: Dr. Shlomo Cohen, Department of Philosophy, Ben Gurion University

*On altruism, solidarity and vaccination policy: the case of the OPV campaign in Israel 2013*

Dr. Anat Rosenthal, Department of Health Systems Management, Ben Gurion University

Commentator: Prof. Michael Yudell, School of Public Health, Drexel University

16:30-16:45 Coffee Break

## 16:45-17:30 | The Social Media

Chair: Dr. Hagai Boas, The Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics, Tel Aviv University

*Knowledge deficit or public engagement? Conceptualizing polio vaccination debates on Facebook*

Daniela Orr and Prof. Ayelet Baram Tsabar, The Technion, Israel Institute of Technology

Commentator: Dr. Keren Landsman, Carmel Medical Center, Haifa