

ZIONISM IN A WHITE COAT

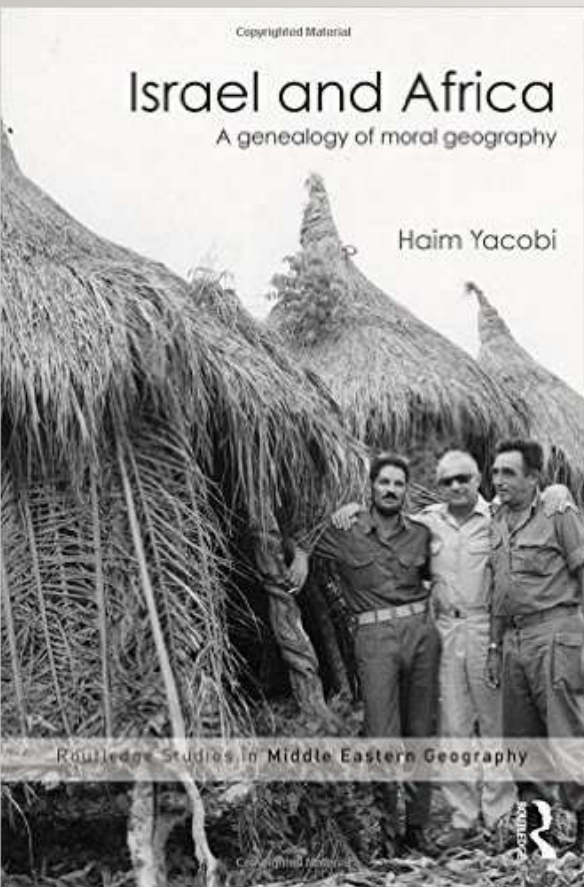
ISRAEL MEDICAL INTERVENTIONS IN AFRICA

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- *'We went on the road envisioning Zionism in a white coat in black Africa...we regarded it as a mission, as a calling.'*



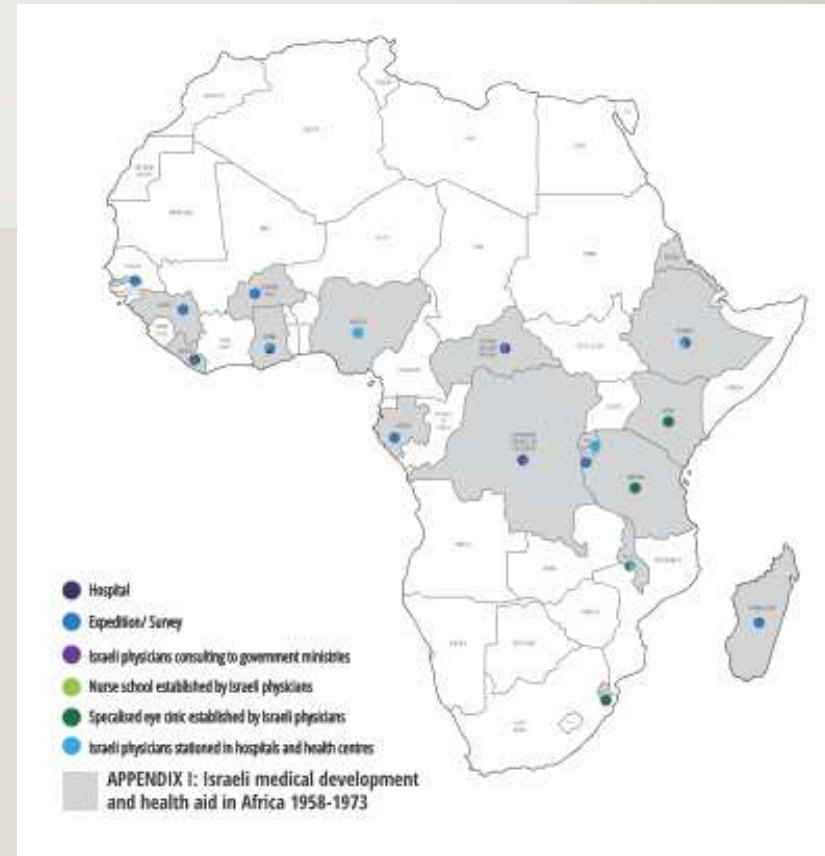
MEDICAL INTERVENTIONS IN AFRICA:

TECHNOPOLITICS AND GEOCULTURE

1. Networks of medical technopolitics that connects knowledge, technology and personnel between Africa and Israel.
2. The intervention embedded in a geocultural discourse in which Africa was dislocated in Israel's geopolitical imagination. Africa's dislocation was also part of a wider epistemological system oriented "inward" toward Jewish Bodies from Africa.

TECHNOPOLITICS

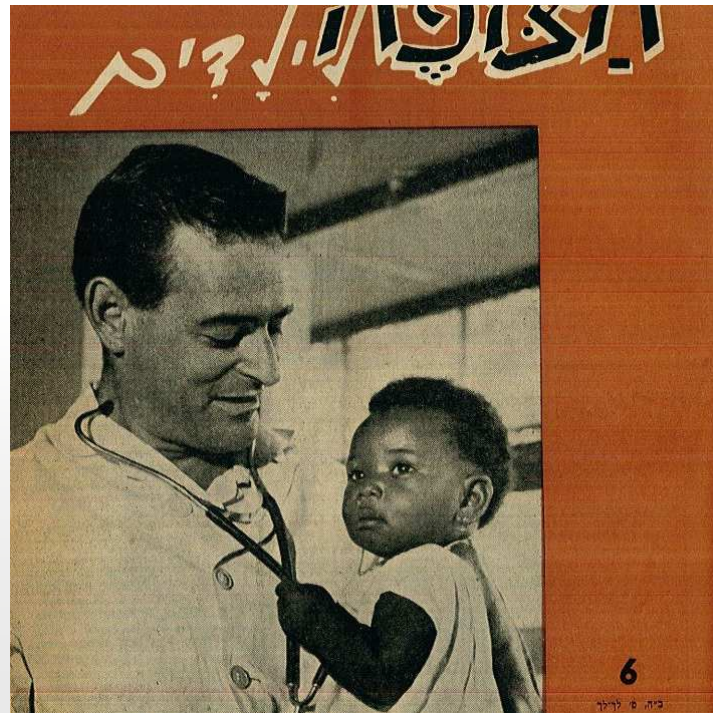
- "We see our contribution to the developing countries in upgrading the human level and preparing [the population] for a better life." Itiel Amichay, an Israeli colonel representing Israel in Abidjan.



GEO-CULTURE

From a medical perspective, Africa is a virgin territory. Doctors from excellent universities, can only be found in the [continent's] southern part, where an 'apartheid' war has been waged for years.

Something that resembles modern medicine also exists in the countries that lies to the shores of the Mediterranean, where European ruled until recently ... in regards to medicine and hygiene, all the rest of this vast territory is immersed in deep ignorance.





LAKHISH REGION ISRAEL

CONCLUSION

1. Technopolitical calculations shaped health programs affirming in the process colonial imaginations of Africa as a geopolitical other.
2. The networks of medical intervention between Israel and African states connected knowledge, technology and personnel that loom in the material practices, actual spaces and real politics that shape the contested geopolitics within Israel itself.