

Afterword: Of editors, publishers and a city

“Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labor. But a threefold cord is not quickly broken.” Ecclesiastes 4:9,12

Since the publication of the inaugural issue in 1963, the Israel Journal of Psychiatry has had three editors, three publishers and throughout that period has been based in one city, Jerusalem. The journal was founded by Professor Heinz Zvi Winnik and appeared for the first time in 1963 as the Israel Annals of Psychiatry and Related Disciplines. It was published by the Jerusalem Academic Press, which was situated at 40 Agrippas St., Jerusalem. The journal cost \$6 for the two annual issues, or 10 Israeli Lira. Initially two, then three issues a year, by volume 10 in 1972, it had become a quarterly, albeit at times quite thin. As a comparison, in the journal's first decade, 179 papers were published, while the same number has appeared in the five year period 2005–2009.

The journal did not appear in 1980 owing to “technical difficulties with the publisher” (p.1, Editorial 18:1981), and it reappeared as The Israel Journal of Psychiatry and Related Sciences in 1981 with a new publisher, Israel Science Publishers, and a new joint editor, Professor Eliezer Edelstein. Professor Winnik was nearly 80 and already ill and served as founder and editor until his death in 1982 (Professor Edelstein wrote his obituary in issue 19, pages 183–184). Israel Science Publishers published the journal from 1981 until 1987. From 1988, Gefen Publishing

undertook the journal's publication with Professor Edelstein as editor until 1991 (Professor Edelstein's obituary appears in this volume).

It has been my privilege to serve as the journal's third editor since 1993. During these years the journal has enlarged its format, the envelopes and stamps and triplicate paper copies have been replaced by e-mail submission, while since 2005 all issues have been freely available on-line. The journal has had an impact factor for over a decade, respectable for a non-U.S. local journal, and we hope it will increase. The 22 years of publication with Gefen have included years of economic famine, and the publishers have been a constant support to me in my editorial work, often adding up to 16 pages to produce an interesting and exciting journal.

From 2010 the Israel Journal of Psychiatry will be produced by the publisher of the journals of the Israel Medical Association, Mediafarm in Tel Aviv. The journal and its board takes its leave of Gefen Publishing and its director, Ilan Greenfield, publishers of 22 of the journal's 46 volumes, with a debt of gratitude for a fruitful and enjoyable partnership in Jerusalem.

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