

Course number: **1.ג.286.4271**

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Program: Master's degree Public Health, Second semester

Current Dilemmas in Maternal and Child Health

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Course objectives: Setting a reasoned public health policy requires not only knowledge of the health status of the population and its determinants, but also consideration of the social, cultural, economic, political and ethical aspects which relate to the particular issue at hand. Evaluating the evidence for the adoption of any particular policy is considered the basis of sound practice however it is not always simple or even possible. Moreover, it is important to recognize the different and frequently competing values which may come to play when considering a new or change in policy. Students will be expected to identify and analyze the different lenses and values at play when determining health policy. We will use case studies in Maternal and Child Health to illustrate these issues.

Course structure: One to two articles will be assigned weekly as preparatory reading for class and upon which discussion will be based. The articles are available on Moodle. Class is two academic hours, once a week on Thursdays between 8:00-10:00. Attendance is required.

Assignments: The student will choose a contemporary issue in maternal and child health (not one that is discussed in class) and prepare a short (up to 5 page) position paper in which he presents the problem, alternative approaches and his/her policy recommendation. The paper is to be based upon at least 5 articles in peer-reviewed journals as well as independent thought.

Grade:

Class participation	20%
Position paper	80%

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Course content:

No.	Date	Subject	Reading
1		Introduction. What's a dilemma? What are competing values?	
2	09.03.2017	At what price? The use of	David Hemenway, Financial Incentives for

		incentives to improve immunization rates.	Childhood Immunization Source, <i>Journal of Policy Analysis and Management</i> 1995;14(1): 133-139 http://www.jstor.org/stable/3325436 Matthew M. Davis; John D. Lantos, Ethical Considerations in the Public Policy Laboratory, <i>JAMA</i> . 2000;284(1):85-87
3	16.03.2017	Home births: An issue of safety or personal choice?	Snowden JM, Tilden EL, Snyder J, Quigley B, Caughey AB, Cheng YW. Planned out-of-hospital birth and birth outcomes. <i>N Engl J Med</i> 2015; 373: 2642-53. Birthplace in England Collaborative Group .Perinatal and maternal outcomes by planned place of birth for healthy women with low risk pregnancies: the Birthplace in England national prospective cohort study. <i>BMJ</i> 2011;343 חוזר מינהל רפואה 17/2012
4	23.03.2017	How should we frame our nutritional recommendations? Breastfeeding recommendations.	Hoddinott P, Craig LCA, Britten J, et al. A serial qualitative interview study of infant feeding experiences: idealism meets realism. <i>BMJ Open</i> 2012;2:e000504 Fewtrell M, Six months of exclusive breast feeding: how good is the evidence? <i>BMJ</i> 2010; 342:jan13_1 c5955
5	30.03.2017		
	06.04.2017	Pesach vacation	
	13.04.2017	Pesach vacation	
6	20.04.2017	איזה הדרכה יש לכלול בעת האשפוז לאחר הלידה של התינוק?	Schor D, Rethinking Well-Child Care, <i>Pediatrics</i> 2004;114;210-216 Barkin SL1, Scheindlin B, Brown C, Ip E, Finch S, Wasserman RC,. Anticipatory guidance topics: are more better? <i>Ambul Pediatr.</i> 2005 Nov-Dec;5(6):372-6.
7	27.04.2017	מניעת מוות עריסה. האם ההמלצות להשכיב תינוק במיטה משלו מוצדקות?	Blair P, Sidebotham P, Pease A, Fleming P. Bed-Sharing in the Absence of Hazardous Circumstances: Is There a Risk of Sudden Infant Death

			<p>Syndrome? An Analysis from Two Case-Control Studies Conducted in the UK, <i>PLOS ONE</i> 9(9): e107799.</p> <p>Keller MA and Goldberg WA. Co-Sleeping: Help or Hindrance for Young Children's Independence? <i>Infant and Child Development</i> 2004; 13(5), 369-388</p>
8	04.05.2017	BMI score cards in schools:	<p>Kathleen LeBesco (2011): Neoliberalism, public health, and the moral perils of fatness, <i>Critical Public Health</i>, 21:2, 153-164.</p> <p>Jeanine C. Cogan , Joslyn P. Smith & Margo D. Maine (2007): The Risks of a Quick Fix: A Case Against Mandatory Body Mass Index Reporting Laws, <i>Eating Disorders: The Journal of Treatment & Prevention</i>, 16:1, 2-13</p> <p>Joseph W. Thompson and Paula Card-Higginson Arkansas' Experience: Statewide Surveillance and Parental Information on the Child Obesity Epidemic <i>Pediatrics</i> 2009;124;S73</p>
9	11.05.2017	Can something be too safe?	<p>http://www.nytimes.com/2011/07/19/science/19tjerney.html?_r=0</p> <p>Brussoni M., Olsen LL, Pike I and Sleet DA. Risky Play and Children's Safety: Balancing Priorities for Optimal Child Development. <i>J. Environ. Res. Public Health</i> 2012, 9, 3134-3148</p> <p>Sandseter EBH, Children's Risky Play from an Evolutionary Perspective: The Anti-Phobic Effects of Thrilling Experiences. <i>Evolutionary Psychology</i> 2011. 9(2): 257-284</p>
10	18.05.2017	איזה סוג של חינוך/קידום בריאות יש לקדם בבתי ספר?	<p>Blair M and DeBell D, Reconceptualising health services for school-age children in the 21st century <i>Arch Dis Child</i> October 26, 2010</p> <p>Guldbrandsson K And Bremberg S, Two approaches to school health promotion—a focus on health-related behaviours and general competencies, <i>Health Promot. Int.</i> 2006 ; 21(1): 37-44.</p>
11	25.05.2017	חוק חינוך הינם . האם זו מדיניות רצויה?	המאמרים לדיון יוצגו בהמשך

12	08.06.2017	Recommendations for physical activity in the the very young. Is there a negative side?	
13	08.06.2017	The case for/against G6PD screening in newborns	
14	15.06.2017		