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GREETINGS FROM THE CHAIR!

Did you know that August 19th is World Humanitarian Day? This day honors humanitarian workers and recognizes the need for humanitarian assistance worldwide. People who have spent time in conflict zones and refugee camps (like my father) are much more likely to be exposed to TB and suffer from TB disease immediately or later in life. Just one more reason why we need to fight to strengthen our TB programs here and abroad! Before the month is up, set aside 5, 10, or 20 minutes to [take action](#) to help **#EndTB!**

- Cynthia A. Tschampl, PhD, Chair

DC UPDATE

As the FY24 appropriations work got finalized, TB programs got an unexpected cut of 1-2%. This is in the face of being decimated by COVID-19-related diversions and burn out and a double-digit increase in TB cases! Get in touch with your members of Congress and ask them to...

1. Write or speak to the Chair and Ranking member of Appropriations in favor of a minimum of \$225 million for CDC's fiscal year 2025 TB programs as TB cases increased 16% in 2023 and will continue to rise as the full impact of COVID-19 comes to bear.
2. Write a letter to CMS Administrator Brooks-LaSure in support of a ****timely**** National Coverage Determination of LTBI screening and testing. Get more information [here](#).
3. Co-sponsor the **End TB Now Act, H.1776/S.288!** Here's a helpful fact [sheet](#) and a [press release](#) about the End TB Now Act.

Pro Tips: Call the Capitol Switchboard at **1-202-224-3121** and ask for your senator/representative or give your state if you do not know their name. When you are connected to an office, ask for the Health Legislative Assistant. If you leave a voicemail message, include your name, phone number, and email so they can respond to you. If you would like a sample script, or additional details, email us at leadership@stoptbusa.org. Bonus points if you write us at leadership@stoptbusa.org and tell us how your call/email went!!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- [Dr. Bradley Stoner announced as Director of the CDC's Division of STD Prevention](#)
- [Johnson & Johnson Receives Approval from U.S. FDA and European Commission for SIRTURO® \(bedaquiline\)](#)
- ["Tuberculosis & Pollution" – young artists draw attention to lung health in Romania](#)
- [TB Notes Issue 1, 2024](#) (the quarterly newsletter from the Division of Tuberculosis Elimination at the CDC)

EVENTS, CONFERENCES, & COURSES

- [The Union World Conference on Lung Health 2024](#)
- [Public Health Communications Collaborative: Engaging the Media to Amplify Public Health Messaging](#)
- [September 17-19, 2024 | CDC's Tuberculosis \(TB\) Education and Training Network \(ETN\) and TB Program Evaluation Network \(PEN\) Conference](#)
- [Monthly | SEATRAC Seminar Series](#)

TB RESOURCES & REPORTS

- [Notice of CDC Funding Opportunity Announcement](#)
- [National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease \(NIAID\)](#)
- [Opportunities and Challenges Towards Tuberculosis Elimination in the Americas \[video\]](#)
- [Operational Update on Latest Resources From the Global Fund](#)
- [Tuberculosis \(TB\) news, resources and funding for global health researchers](#)
- [The U.S. Government and Global Tuberculosis Effort](#)
- [Tuberculosis - Disease Surveillance Epidemiology Program](#)

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TB IN THE NEWS

TB Articles:

- [Could rodents help in the fight against tuberculosis?](#)
- [QIAGEN welcomes new U.S. guidelines for use of QuantiFERON-TB Gold Plus in detecting tuberculosis infections in children](#)
- [LogOn: New test will be game changer in tuberculosis diagnostics](#)
- [MSU researchers vaccinating animals in the wild to combat TB, infectious diseases](#)
- [Whispers in the wind: New method for diagnosing tuberculosis in children shows promise but faces challenges](#)

TB Incidence Reports:

- [Tuberculosis has broken out in texas prison system](#)
- [Cases of world's deadliest bacterial illness rising in new york](#)
- [Union County student tests positive for tuberculosis](#)
- [Tuberculosis patient in Washington who was arrested for refusing treatment is finally cured](#)
- [Possible tuberculosis exposure at Yellowknife emergency room as N.W.T. declares outbreak](#)

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JOURNAL ARTICLES

- [The Hidden Epidemic of Isoniazid-Resistant Tuberculosis in South Africa](#)
- [Mobile screening for Ukraine's wartime tuberculosis epidemic](#)
- [Discovery of urinary biosignatures for tuberculosis and nontuberculous mycobacteria classification using metabolomics and machine learning](#)
- [Potential of Pan-Tuberculosis Treatment to Drive Emergence of Novel Resistance](#)

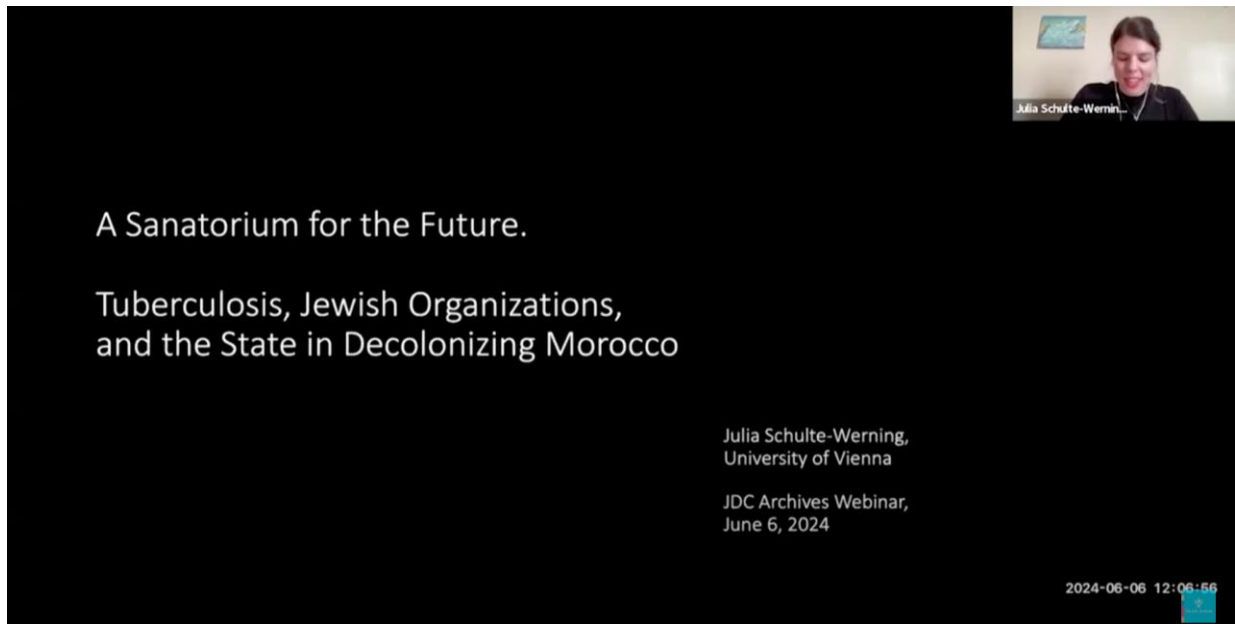
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TB BOOKSHELF

“A Sanatorium for the Future: Tuberculosis, Jewish Organizations, and the State in Decolonizing Morocco.” a Webinar by Julia Schulte-Werning.

Hosted by: JDC

Run time: Approximately 53 minutes



A Sanatorium for the Future.

Tuberculosis, Jewish Organizations,
and the State in Decolonizing Morocco

Julia Schulte-Werning,
University of Vienna

JDC Archives Webinar,
June 6, 2024

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The work examined in this month's column, a webinar on Morocco's Ben Ahmed Sanatorium, is different not just due to the medium. Julia Schulte-Werning is reporting on research in progress, revealing not only her findings but the thinking behind her presentation—analogue to how those invested in TB treatment and eradication must continually ask, “How do we best communicate TB related matter, and to whom for maximum efficacy?”

Besides exploring the logistical and financial issues in building, supplying, and staffing the sanatorium—a joint project of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Community (JDC) and the Oeuvre de Secours aux Enfants (OSE)—throughout the webinar, Schulte-Werning focuses on critical questions of trust and cooperation. After all, since the sanatorium project began, the government changed from pre-WWII French Colonial control, to a nominally Vichy-controlled regime (the sultan Sidi Mohammed Ben Youssef did not actively oppose the Germans, but worked to protect Jews from the worst of Nazi initiatives), to interim allied-control (as Morocco was liberated well before VE-Day), to yet another French Colonial regime (where renewed French investment in TB treatment was designed to quell domestic dissatisfaction), and finally, to Moroccan self-rule. Examining how the JDC—an international organization

based in America—and the OSE adapted, serves as a reminder of just how important institutions—in all meanings of the word—are to reach successful treatment.

Beyond issues of construction, funding, management, and training there were questions such as would the patients come (even with the installation of a kosher kitchen)? And whose treatment would get priority given limited resources? After all, in the immediate post-shoah period, Moroccan Jews gained importance among worldwide Jewry as a “population reservoir” but Morocco is a predominantly Muslim country, and the war stemming from the foundation of modern Israel was inflaming Jewish-Muslim relations worldwide.

There are other present-day parallels: just as many TB patients suffer from comorbidities including HIV and diabetes, Morocco's doctors were occupied with the “three T's”, trachoma, tinea, and tuberculosis: the first two they thought they could eradicate (which happened with trachoma) while tuberculosis provided an entirely different set of challenges in part to TB patients being prone to reinfection in their crowded living conditions. High-level decision-making is a matter of resources and results, and the definition of results was highly fluid (“desirable”, “essential,” and simply “good”). So fluid in fact, that discussing her process and future plans, Schulte-Werning says that even to her trained historian's eye, her biggest surprise was the extent to which “things are far more complicated than ever imagined.”

Schulte-Werning's plans to continue her research, but in the meantime, TB Wire readers can find many more tuberculosis-related photos and documents all through the publicly accessible JDC archives at <https://search.archives.jdc.org/>.

- David Moskowitz, Stop TB USA Media Work Group Chair

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