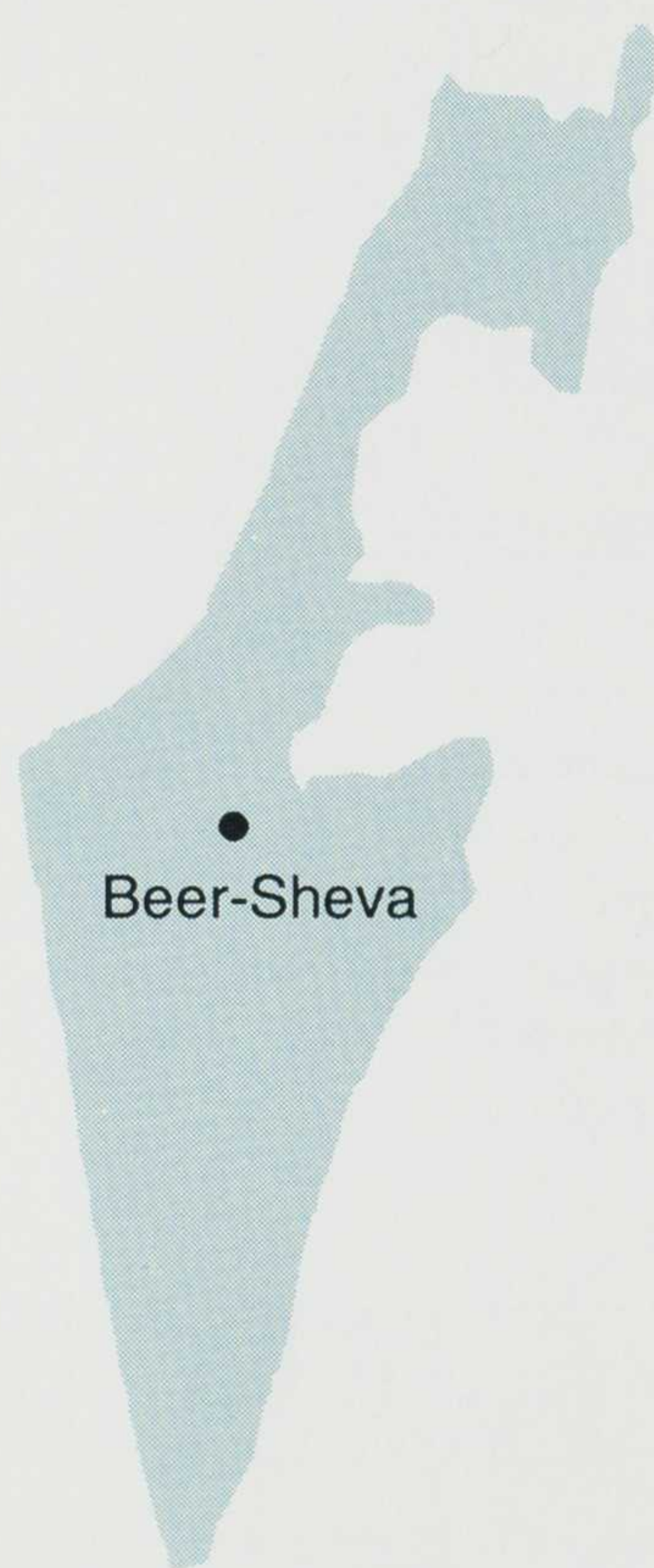


The Negev Desert comprises more than 60% of the land of Israel. Its 400,000 residents include one of the most unusual ethnic mixes in the world — immigrants from North Africa, Ethiopia, India, Europe, North and South America and the republics of the former Soviet Union, along with Bedouin Arabs and Jews born in Israel — all scattered over 6,000 square miles.



The health needs of this widely diverse and dispersed population are not effectively served by traditional means. For that reason an experiment in medical education was launched in Beer-Sheva some 21 years ago with the establishment of Ben-Gurion University's Medical School. This extraordinary institution sought to attain a balance between medical education, medical

science and medical care by emphasizing the human perspective.

The result pioneered a new kind of medical education, designed to train physicians to be sensitive to personal and community needs as well as scientifically enlightened.

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