PROGRAM OF SESSIONS IN ENGLISH

Monday, January 11, 2016

08:00  Registration desk opens at the Isrotel King Solomon Hotel

10:00 - 19:00  Pre-Conference Workshop - Plenary  Avshalom Hall

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION
Ruth Malkinson, Israel

TECHNIQUES OF GRIEF THERAPY: CREATIVE PRACTICES FOR COUNSELING THE BEREAVED
Robert Neimeyer, USA

12:30  Light lunch

13:30  Pre-Conference Workshop - Continued

16:00  Coffee break

16:30  Pre-Conference Workshop – Continued

19:00  End of Sessions

Tuesday January 12, 2016

08:00 - 12:30  Pre-Conference Workshop (cont.)  Avshalom Hall

TECHNIQUES OF GRIEF THERAPY: CREATIVE PRACTICES FOR COUNSELING THE BEREAVED (Continued)
Robert Neimeyer, USA

12:30  End of Pre-Conference Workshop
Tuesday January 12, 2016

10:00  Registration for Conference opens

12:30  Light lunch

13:30 - 15:45  Welcome Ceremony - Plenary  King Solomon Hall

OPENING REMARKS

Chairs:  Bennie Leezer, Simon Shimshon Rubin, Israel

Simon Shimshon Rubin, Director, International Center for the Study of Loss, Bereavement and Human Resilience, University of Haifa, Israel.
Arie Mualem, Assistant Director-General, Director Families and commemoration Department, Israel
Bennie Leezer, Co-CEO of Elah, the Center for Mental Coping with Loss, Israel
Shlomo Mor Yossef, Director General of National Insurance Institute of Israel
Iris Florentin, Deputy Director General, Director, The Division of Social and Personal Affairs, Ministry of Social Affairs and Social Services of Israel

OPENING PLENARY LECTURE

Chair:  Simon Shimshon Rubin, Israel

INTERVENING IN MEANING: NEW DIRECTIONS IN GRIEF THERAPY
Robert Neimeyer, USA

15:45  Coffee break and view e-posters
Tuesday January 12, 2016 (Continued)

16:15 - 17:45 Parallel Session I Meeting Room

TREATMENT

Chairs: Eddy Pakes, Canada
Ofri Bar-Nadav, Israel

TWO-TRACK TREATMENT OF TRAUMATIC SPOUSAL LOSS
Ofri Bar-Nadav, Israel

PSYCHIATRIC ASPECTS OF BEREAVEMENT AND TRAUMA; BUILDING RESILIENCE VIA INDIVIDUAL, FAMILY, EMPATHIC GROUPS AND MEDICATION
Eddy Pakes, Canada

ENHANCING EMPATHY THROUGH REFLECTIVE GROUP PRACTICE
Sandra Carolyn Cohen, Australia

MOURNING THROUGH THE BODY
Batya Ruth Monder, USA

SEAM: REPAIRING THE FABRIC OF LIFE AFTER TRAUMATIC LOSS
Phyllis Kosminsky, USA

TO LOSE AN UNBORN CHILD: PTSD, DEPRESSION AND RELATIONSHIP QUALITY FOLLOWING PREGNANCY LOSS
Danny Horesh, Malka Nukrian, Yael Bialik, Israel

17:45 Short break

18:00 - 19:15 Parallel Session II - Workshop Meeting Room

A TRADITIONAL FORMULIC PRACTICE IN PSYCHOTHERAPY:
ON THE (OVERLOOKED) HEALING VIRTUES OF WOMEN’S WAILING IN MOURNING EVENTS
Tova Gamliel, Israel

20:30 Evening Program King Solomon Hall

A performance by Ilana Yahav - "Sand Art"
Wednesday January 13, 2016

08:30 - 10:00  Parallel Session III  Meeting Room

RESEARCH

Chairs:  Irwin Sandler, USA
           Chaya Possick, Israel

REMINISCENCE AND THE HEALTH OF ISRAELI HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS
Norm O'Rourke, Yaacov Bachner, Sara Carmel, Israel

EMBODIED LOSS OF WOMEN CARRIERS OF BRCA MUTATIONS FOLLOWING RISK REDUCING SURGERY
Chaya Possick, Michal Mahat-Shamir, Israel

THE EFFECTS OF THE FAMILY BEREAVEMENT PROGRAM TO REDUCE SUICIDAL BEHAVIOR OF PARENTALLY BEREAVED CHILDREN SIX AND FIFTEEN YEARS LATER
Irwin Sandler, Jenn-Yun Tein, Sharlene Wolchik, Tim Ayers, USA

MILITARY TRAUMA AND RESOURCE LOSS IN BEDOUIN MEMBERS OF THE ISRAELI DEFENSE FORCE
Ortal Slobodin, Yael Caspi, Israel

THE RIGHT TO MOURN OF PEOPLE WITH DEMENTIA ATTENDING ADULT DAY CARE
Rakel Berenbaum, Chariklia Tziraki, Jiska Cohen-Mansfield, Israel

10:00  Coffee break and view e-posters

10:30 - 11:30  Plenary Lecture  Bat Sheva Hall

Chairs:  Eti Ablin, Israel
           Ronit Shalev, Israel

WHEN LIVING HURTS: THE USE OF IMAGINATION IN IMPOSSIBLE SITUATIONS
Mooli Lahad, Israel
Wednesday January 13, 2016 (Continued)

11:30 - 12:30  Plenary Lecture  Bat Sheva Hall

Chairs:  Eti Ablin, Israel
         Ronit Shalev, Israel

TRAMATOMIC LOSS IN THE NEWS AND IN THE HEARTS AND MINDS OF THE PUBLIC
Ruth Malkinson, Simon Shimshon Rubin, Eliezer Witztum, Israel

12:30  Light lunch

13:30 - 15:00  Parallel Session IV - Workshop  Meeting Room

TWO PROGRAMS TO PROMOTE RESILIENCE OF BEREAVED PARENTS
Irwin N. Sandler, Robin Goodman, USA

15:00  Coffee break and view e-posters

15:30 - 17:00  Parallel Session V  Meeting Room

CULTURE AND RELIGION

Chairs:  Thomas Geldmacher, Austria
         Hamutal Bar-Yosef, Israel

THE POLITICS OF GRIEF – MAKING LOSS AN ISSUE
Thomas Geldmacher, Daniela Musiol, Austria

LIVING IN MANDATORY PALESTINE: PERSONAL NARRATIVES OF THE GALILEE
FROM THE 1940S TO 1967
Roberta Rubin Greene, Shira Hantman, USA

MEMORY, TRAUMA, AND THE FUNCTIONS OF REMINISCENCE AMONG
HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS
Norm O’Rourke, Sara Carmel, Yaacov Bachner, Israel

THE PROCESS OF OVERCOMING TRAUMAS
Hamutal Bar-Yosef, Israel

WEAVING BIBLICAL TEXTS AND PERSONAL POEMS - A JEWISH SPIRITUAL HEALING
GROUP FOR WIDOWS
Lessa Roskin, Israel

17:00  Short break
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“AM I NORMAL OR MENTALLY ILL?”: MOVING ON WITH THE BEREAVEMENT EXPERIENCE
Amy Chow, SAR China

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THE EXPERIENCE OF LOSING A GRANDCHILD AND MEANING IN LIFE AFTER THE LOSS
Kobi Tourgeman, Israel

EARLY ATTACHMENT TRAUMA: IMPACT ON ADULT GRIEF AND IMPLICATIONS FOR TREATMENT
Phyllis Kosminsky, USA

WALKING THE GRIEF JOURNEY WITH SENIOR SIBLINGS
Deborah Deeter, Canada

IF YOU WRITE MY STORY: HELPING CHILDREN IN GRIEF
Gil Reich, Israel

SAY YES TO LIFE IN SPITE OF...
LOGOTHERAPY AS A FUNDAMENT TO MENTAL RESILIENCE IN FACE OF HOSTILITY AND DEATH
Gideon Millul, Israel
Thursday, 14 January, 2016 (Continued)

**08:00 - 09:45**  Parallel Session - Workshop  Angelina

RESPONDING TO GRIEF: BUILDING RESILIENCE - THE SEVEN SPIRITUAL STEPS  
Sherri Mandell, Israel

09:45  Coffee break and view e-posters

**10:30 - 12:15**  Closing Ceremony - Plenary  King Solomon Hall

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Chair:  Ilan Sharif, Israel

Ruth Malkinson, Israel  
Colin Parkes, UK  
Gila Silverman on behalf of Prof Phyllis Silverman, USA

CLOSING PLENARY LECTURE

Chair:  Ruth Malkinson, Israel

LOOKING BACK AND LOOKING FORWARD  
Colin Parkes, UK

CLOSING REMARKS  
Simon Shimshon Rubin, Israel

12:15  Conclusion of the conference