

Understanding Youth Suicide: A Meeting of Differing Perspectives

March 25-27, 2008

Ma'aleh Hachamisha Conference Center, Israel

PROGRAM

DAY 1: Tuesday, March 25, 2008

8:30-9:00 **Registration**

9:00-9:30 **Greetings**

- Boaz Lev: Deputy Director, Ministry of Health
- Yemima Goldberg: Chief Psychologist, Ministry of Health, Director of National Suicide Prevention Program
- Eytan Goldberg - "Path of Life"
- Rachel Blumenzon, President, Israel Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Association
- Avi Bleich, President, Israel Psychiatric Association
- Moshe Kotler, Chair, National Committee for National Mental Health

9:30-10:00 **Introduction: Perspectives on Suicide Research and the Israel National Suicide Prevention Program**

Alan Apter, Israel

10:00-11:30 **Epidemiology of Suicidal Behavior**

Chair: Raz Gross, Israel

The Interpretation of Secular Changes in the Youth Suicide

David Shaffer, USA

Epidemiology of Suicide Clusters

Madelyn Gould, USA

11:30-11:45 **Coffee Break**

11:45-13:15 **Genetic and Familial Factors**

Chair: John Mann, USA

Genes, Gene Environment Interaction and Familial Transmission of Suicidal Behavior

Gil Zalsman, Israel

Corticotrophin Releasing Hormone Receptor 1 (CHR1) Gene and Suicidal Behaviour

Danuta Wasserman, Sweden

13:15-14:00 **Lunch**

PARALLEL SESSIONS (English and Hebrew)

14:00-15:30 **Neurobiology (English)**
Chair: Dani Stein, Israel

A Developmental Perspective on the Neurobiology of Suicidal Behavior
John Mann, USA

Understanding Suicidal Brains
Cornelius van Heeringen, Belgium

14:00-15:45 **Suicide in Israel (Hebrew)**
Organized by the Interdepartmental Ministerial Committee for Prevention of Suicide
Chair: Hanna Bar-Joseph

תכנית מניעת התאבדות בצה"ל
גדי לובין

ניסיונות התאבדות של מתבגרים ישראלים - מה אנחנו בעצם יודעים
חנה בר-יוסף

סיכון אבדני בנוער שומר מצוות - הסתכלות רגישת תרבות
בני להמן

15:30-15:45 **Coffee Break**

15:45-16:30 **Neurobiology (continued)**

The Seat of the Divine, Is God Really "Slumbering in the Depth of the Limbic Lobe"?
Herman van Praag, Netherlands

DAY 2: Wednesday, March 26, 2008

- 9:00-9:15 **Greetings and Opening Remarks**
Gil Zalsman, Israel
- 9:15-10:45 **Psychological Approaches to Youth Suicide**
Chairs: Orit Krispin, David Ben Dor, Israel
- A New CBT Approach for Suicidal Adolescents
Barbara Stanley, USA
- Cognitive Behavioral Treatment of Adolescent Suicide Attempters (CBTASA) -
Clinical Case
Anat Brunstein Klomek, Israel
- 10:45-11:00 **Coffee Break**
- 11:00-12:00 **Psychological Approaches to Youth Suicide (continued)**
Chairs: Mirei Danon, Jonathan Sever, Israel
- From Abandonment to Symbiosis: A Developmental Reversal in Suicidal
Adolescents
Israel Orbach, Israel
- 12:00-12:45 **Lunch**
- 12:45-13:45 **Pharmacotherapy**
Chair: Zvi Zemishlany, Israel
- Pharmacotherapy for Suicidal Behavior
David Brent, USA
- 13:45-15:00 **Context and Adolescent Suicide: Family, Culture, and Media Influences**
Chairs: Avi Weizman, Israel; Danuta Wasserman, Sweden
- Building Community Support for Aboriginal Youth: Prevention of Youth Suicide
Attempts and Personal Injury
Rosa Johnny, Warner Adam, Lincoln Heaney, Canada
- Delegitimization of Suicides through Media Reports: The Effect of Similarity
between the Young Reader and the Deceased
Ehud Bodner, Israel
- Religiosity, Coping and Suicidality Among the Religious Zionist Community of
Israel
Michael Band, Israel
- Youth Suicidal Behavior and the Family Perspective
Dorothy Ratnarajah, Australia
- Are Anorexia Nervosa and Suicide Bomber Terrorism Both Forms of Suicide or
Other?
Arnold E. Andersen, USA
- 15:00-15:15 **Coffee Break**
- 15:15-16:15 **Panel Discussion: What are the Critical Elements in the Treatment of Suicidal
Adolescents?**
Moderator: Gil Zalsman
Israel Orbach, Barbara Stanley, David Shaffer, Zvi Zemishlany, Gil Zalsman
- 19:30 **Banquet**

Day 3: Thursday, March 27, 2008

- 9:00-9:15 **Greetings and Opening**
David Brent, USA
- 9:15-10:00 **Postvention**
Chair: Gidon Ratzoni, Israel
- How Can We Help Those Bereaved after Suicide?
Onja Grad, Slovenia
- 10:00-11:15 **Clinical Insights**
Chair: Gal Shoval, Israel, Danuta Wasserman, Sweden
- Finding a Way to 'Get a Life': Attachment and Resilience in Suicidal Adolescents
Robin Everall, Canada
- Emotional Language in the Farewell Letters of Young Suicides
Barbara Gawda, Poland
- Attitudes toward Life and Death in Suicidal and Non-Suicidal Female
Adolescents Hospitalized Because of an Eating Disorder
Daniel Stein, Israel
- Pernicious Non-Adherence in Severely Ill, Life-Threatened Young Adult CF
Patients
Mervyn S. Miller, Israel
- Suicide Patient Observation Chart
Pernilla Larsson, Sweden
- 11:15-11:30 **Coffee Break**
- 11:30-13:45 **Prevention - Specific Prevention Programs**
Chairs: Gadi Lubin, Yuval Bloch, Israel
- Special Suicide Prevention Programs for Youth by Various Old and New Media
Armin Schmidtke, Germany
- Specific Prevention Programs - Screening
David Shaffer, USA
- Telephone Crisis Services ("Hotlines")
Madelyn Gould, USA
- 13:45-14:30 **Lunch**
- 14:30-16:00 **Prevention - National Plans and Next Steps**
Chairs: Moshe Kotler, Ilana Farbstein, Israel
- Evidence Based Medicine and National Planning for Suicide Prevention
John Mann, USA
- National Strategic Approaches to Youth Suicide Prevention: A Critical Analysis
Steve Platt, Scotland
- 16:00 **Closing Remarks - What Have We Learned?**
Alan Apter, Israel