

**Department of Psychology
Ben-Gurion University of the Negev**

**"The 1st Sidney J. Blatt Symposium on
Depression Research and Treatment"**

Scientific Committee: Prof. Golan Shahar (Chair), Dr. Sharon-Ziv Beiman,
Dr. Anat Brunstein-Klomek, Prof. Danny Koren.

The symposium will take place on January 6th, between 9:00 a.m. and 2:30
p.m.

in Sonnenfeldt Auditorium, building 72, Marcus University Campus.

There is no charge, but participation requires advance registration.

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The late Sidney J. Blatt, Ph.D., Professor of Psychology and Psychiatry at Yale University, made an incalculable scientific and clinical contribution to the understanding and treatment of depression. Prof. Blatt was also a keen and dependable friend, and champion of Israeli clinical psychology.

Courtesy of David Blatt (Prof. Blatt's son) and the Blatt Family, and with the support of Ben-Gurion University, we are proud to announce the first in a series of symposiums honoring Prof. Blatt's contribution to the field. In each event, a keynote international speaker will be joined by Israeli experts to discuss the state of the science/profession in understanding and treating depression.

Symposium's program:

8:30 – Registration and coffee

9:00 – Opening greetings

David Blatt, on behalf of the Blatt Family.

Prof. Gary Diamond, Chair of the Dept. of Psychology, Ben-Gurion University

Prof. Limor Ahronson, Chair of the Ben-Gurion PREPARE/CARES Stress Center

Prof. David Newman, Dean of the Faculty of the Humanities and Social Sciences.

Prof. Rivka Carmi, President, Ben-Gurion University.

9:30 – Sidney J. Blatt discovers a virus: An exposition.

Golan Shahar, Ph.D., Departments of Psychology (BGU) and Psychiatry (Yale University School of Medicine).

10: 30– Coffee break

11:00 – The Sidney J. Blatt memorial lecture on the psychology of depression and suicidality: "Why Do People Die By Suicide".

Thomas E. Joiner, Ph.D., the Robert O. Lawton Distinguished Professor of Psychology, Florida State University

12:10 - Discussion – Prof. Gary Diamond (BGU)

12: 30- Light lunch

13:00 - Experts panel – Key principles in treating depression

Presenters: Prof. Joshua Lifshitz (BGU), Prof. Eva Gilboa-Shechtman (BIU), Prof. Danny Koren (Haifa U), Dr. Anat Brunstein-klomek (IDC), Dr. Hadar Shalev, (Soroka Medical Center), Dr. Sharon Ziv-Beiman (Tel-Aviv-Jaffa Academic College)

Moderator – Prof. Golan Shahar

Discussion - Distinguished Professor Thomas Joiner

14:30 – Adjournment