



BLANCHE PRINCE

1926-2002

Blanche Prince's lifetime commitment was to diminishing the suffering of those afflicted with mental illness, to improving their access to treatment and to enhancing public understanding and acceptance of their disorders. Born in Philadelphia in 1926, she graduated Radcliffe College with a Bachelor of Arts (magna cum laude) and followed that with an MSW in Psychiatric Social Work from Columbia University.

She collaborated with psychiatrists at UCLA's Neuropsychiatric Institute, unraveling how psychotropic drugs affect behavior and she later conducted group therapy at the Southern California Counseling Center. In 1988, Blanche was elected President of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill of the Washington, DC Chapter. She was also active on the Boards of the Children's Brain Research Clinic, the Mental Health Planning and Advisory Council, and the Center for Handicapped Individuals in Washington.

Blanche was also a steadfast friend of Israel, and a tireless advocate for mental health research here. She and her brother Harry Stern began supporting studies at Herzog Hospital in Jerusalem. In the 1980s, she extended that support to research into schizophrenia and bipolar disorder at the Beersheba Mental Health Center and Ben-Gurion University. From the 1990s, she was closely and generously associated with the National Institute for Psychobiology in Israel (NIPI), on whose Board of Trustees she served as an active member. She also chaired the Board of Directors of the Harry Stern National Center for Research & Treatment of Alzheimer's Disease & Related Disorders.

With the Alayoff family, Blanche and her husband, Dr. Morton Prince, created the Chaim and Regina Rabinowitz Memorial Fellowship Endowment at the Hebrew University. In 1991, CAMERA named her and Mort as Emet Award laureates.

Following Blanche's passing in 2002, the Blanche Prince & Harry Stern Memorial Fund at the University of Pennsylvania's Schizophrenia Research Center was set up by her family to promote research into this devastating illness, and to fund an annual Memorial Symposium on affective disorders.

Blanche will be remembered as a key catalyst to the rapid growth of mental health research in Israel. She successfully brought together the right individuals and information, as well as helping many Israeli investigators toward funded research.

Blanche's family - husband Mort, daughter Judi, son-in-law Benzi Alayoff and grandchildren, Maya, Inbal and Itamar - have decided they can best honor her memory and commemorate her life's work by providing a forum in which new treatments for neuropsychiatric disorders will continue to be disseminated and by awarding prizes in Blanche's name to posters on cognitive neuropsychiatry, to be selected at the coming ISFN.

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The Blanche Prince Memorial Symposium

**Innovative approaches to the understanding
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Chairs: Prof. Ronen Segman and Prof. Haim Belmaker

Wednesday, November 21, 2012, 8:30am - 2:30pm

The Bible Lands Museum, Jerusalem

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Program:

ההרצאות יתנו בעברית

- 8:30** Gathering התכנסות
- 9:00-9:20** Opening Remarks: Prof. Haim Belmaker
Judi Prince Alayoff, In memory of Blanche Prince,
Dr. Alex Teitelbaum, Prof. Shaul Hochstein
דברי ברכה: **פרופ' חיים בלמקר, ג'ודי פרינס עלאיוף, ד"ר אלכס טייטלבוים, פרופ' שאול הוכשטיין**
- 9:20-9:25** Introduction: Prof. Ronen Segman
הקדמה: **פרופ' רונן סגמן**
- 9:25-9:45** Prof. Haim Belmaker: Why Kids Turn out the Way they Do
פרופ' חיים בלמקר: מדוע ילדים יוצאים בסוף כפי שיוצאים
- 9:45-10:25** Prof Ariel Knafo and Tal-Chen Rabinowitch:
Heritability and non-shared environmental influences on
children's temperament: Evidence from twin research
פרופ' אריאל כנפו וטל-חן רבינוביץ: השפעות תורשה והסביבה הלא-משותפת
על טמפרמנט בילדות: ממצאי מחקר תאומים

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- 10:25-11:05** Prof. Daniel Offen: Stem cells for the treatment of
Schizophrenia and neurodegenerative disorders
פרופ' דניאל אופן: תאי גזע לטיפול בסכיזופרניה ומחלות נוירודגנרטיביות
- 11:05-11:30** Coffee break הפסקת קפה
- 11:30-12:10** Dr. Shmuel Hirschmann: Perception of Consciousness
ד"ר שמואל הירשמן: חווית התודעה
- 12:10-12:50** Prof. Yoram Yovell: Applied Neuropsychanalysis: from the
shadow of the object to the pharmacotherapy of suicidality
פרופ' יורם יובל: נוירופסיכואנליזה יישומית - מצילו של האוביקט לטיפול
תרופתי באובדנות
- 12:50-13:30** Prof. Ariel Darvasi: The genetic basis of Schizophrenia: A
decade of search
פרופ' אריאל דרבסי: הבסיס הגנטי של סכיזופרניה: עשור של חיפושים
- 13:30-13:45** Summary and discussion דברי סיכום ודיון
- 13:45-14:35** Lunch ארוחת צהריים