

## **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 III 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.

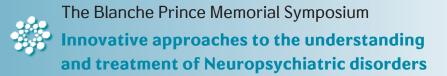
Blanche's family - husband Mort, daughter Judi, son-in-law Benzi Alayoff and grandchildren, Maya, Inbal and Itamar - have decided they can best honor her memory and commemorate her life's work by providing a forum in which new treatments for neuropsychiatric disorders will continue to be disseminated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

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Chairs: Prof. Ronen Segman and Prof. Haim Belmaker



Wednesday, November 21, 2012, 8:30am - 2:30pm The Bible Lands Museum, Jerusalem

## יום עיון לזכר גב׳ בלאנש פרינס גישות חדשניות להבנה וטיפול בהפרעות פסיכיאטריות

The Blanche Prince Memorial Symposium Innovative approaches to the understanding and treatment of neuropsychiatric disorders

	Program: ההרצאות ינתנו בעברית	10:25-11:05	Prof. Daniel Offen: Stem cells for the treatment of Schizophrenia and neurodegenerative disorders <b>פרופ' דניאל אופן:</b> תאי גזע לטיפול בסכיזופרניה ומחלות נוירודגנרטיביות
8:30	Gathering התכנסות	11:05-11:30	Coffee break הפסקת קפה
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 טייטלבאום,	11:30-12:10	Dr. Shmuel Hirschmann: Perception of Consciousness ד"ר שמואל הירשמן: חווית התודעה
9:20-9:25	פרופ׳ שאול הוכשטיין Introduction: Prof. Ronen Segman הקדמה: פרופ׳ רונן סגמן	12:10-12:50	Prof. Yoram Yovell: Applied Neuropsychoanalysis: from the shadow of the object to the pharmacotherapy of suicidality פרופ' יורם יובל: נוירופסיכואנליזה יישומית - מצילו של האוביקט לטיפול תרופתי באובדנות
9:25-9:45	Prof. Haim Belmaker: Why Kids Turn out the Way they Do פרופ' חיים בלמקר: מדוע ילדים יוצאים בסוף כפי שיוצאים	12:50-13:30	Prof. Ariel Darvasi: The genetic basis of Schizophrenia: A decade of search <b>פרופ׳ אריאל דרבסי:</b> הבסיס הגנטי של סכיזופרניה: עשור של חיפושים
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	13:30- 13:45 13:45-14:35	Summary and discussion דברי סיכום ודיון Lunch ארוחת צהריים