

Second International Conference on

**Understanding Youth Suicide:  
A Meeting of Differing  
Perspectives**

March 25-27, 2008  
Ma'ale HaChamisha Conference Center  
Judean Hills, Israel

First Announcement and Call for Papers



Under the Auspices of:  
Israel Psychiatric Association  
Israel Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Association  
Israel Psychological Association  
Department of Psychology, Tel-Aviv University, Israel  
University of Pittsburgh, USA  
Path of Life Organization for Families Bereaved by Suicide  
and for the Prevention of Suicide



## Dear Colleague,

Suicide and suicidal behaviors have become major public health issues. In addition to being a minute cause of mortality, they are also the most common indication for psychiatric hospitalization in adolescents. Similarly, they constitute a frequent reason for referring adolescents to emergency rooms and are a major portion of the regular work of mental health professionals working with young people.

Israel has always had a rich tradition of academic research in the area of suicide. In 1995 we held a very successful landmark meeting where many new directions of endeavor were delineated. Presently, this academic tradition has begun to take an exciting new practical turn. A confluence of activities combining the vigorous efforts of non-governmental and governmental agencies working together has led to the establishment of a national suicide prevention program that has obtained the blessing of the Minister of Health.

Thus it is timely that we have a new meeting to consolidate our knowledge before launching our new program.

Together with foremost researchers from the US and Europe we hope to bring together the best of Israeli academia and practitioners and formulate the frontiers of knowledge so as to give us direction for the future.

Alan Apter David Brent Gil Zalsman

Chairmen

### Local Committee

Alan Apter, Chair	Schneider Children's Medical Center of Israel
Gil Zalsman, Chair	Geha Mental Health Center
Avshalom Aderet	Path of Life Organization for Suicide Prevention
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David Brent, Chair	Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic
Harvey Kranzler	Albert Einstein College of Medicine
Robert King	Yale Child Study Center
David Shaffer	Columbia University
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### Faculty

**Biology of Suicide**  
Kevin Malone, Ireland  
John Mann, USA  
Gil Zalsman, Israel

**Survivors of Suicide**  
Onja Grad, Slovenia

**Treatment**  
Alan Apter, Israel  
David Brent, USA  
Anat Brunstein Klomek, Israel/USA  
Barbara Stanley, USA

**Prevention**  
Steven Platt, Scotland  
Armin Schmidtke, Germany  
Danuta Wasserman, Sweden

**Epidemiology**  
Madelyn Gould, USA  
David Shaffer, USA

**Psychology/Psychoanalysis**  
Israel Orbach, Israel  
Sam Tyano, Israel

**Religion and Philosophy**  
Herman Van Praag, the Netherlands

CME credit will be available from the Center for Continuing Education in the Health Sciences, University of Pittsburgh, which is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians. CME accreditation has also been applied for from the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME).

## General Information

**Venue:** The conference will take place at the Ma'ale HaChamisha Convention Center outside of Jerusalem.

**Date:** March 25-27, 2008

**Language:** The conference will be conducted in English.

**Abstracts:** Abstracts of 300-500 words should be submitted, preferably by email, by November 30, 2007, to the Secretariat: ISAS International Seminars, email: [conventions@isas.co.il](mailto:conventions@isas.co.il) or POB 34001, Jerusalem 91340, Israel  
Tel: +972-2-6520574, Fax: +972-2-6520558

Preference will be given to presentations that support the conference theme.

Please attach a short CV.

It is understood that this material has not been nor will be presented elsewhere prior to the Conference.

**Exhibition:** A commercial exhibition will take place within the framework of the conference. For further information please contact the Secretariat at [meetings@isas.co.il](mailto:meetings@isas.co.il)

**Advertising and Sponsorship:** Please contact the Secretariat for space in the conference program and/or sponsorship of speakers, sessions and events.

**Certificate of Participation:** Will be supplied to participants upon request.

**Letters of Invitation:** Upon request, the Secretariat will send a personal invitation to participate in the conference. It should be understood that such an invitation is only meant to help visitors raise funds or obtain a visa and does not represent commitment on the part of the organizers to provide financial support.

**Welcoming Reception:** A welcoming reception will be held Monday evening, March 24th at 19:00.

**Gala Banquet:** A festive evening will be held on Wednesday, March 26th at 20:00. The evening will include entertainment and dinner.

### Conference Secretariat:

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**Website:** Check updates on the conference site: [www.isas.co.il/suicide2008](http://www.isas.co.il/suicide2008)

## Registration and Accommodation

**Registration Fee:** The registration fee of \$450 for participants includes participation in all sessions, program, proceedings, lunch and 2 coffee breaks each day, welcoming reception and gala banquet.

There is a reduced fee of \$350 for presenters (one per paper).

Fees are valid until January 31, 2008, after which there will be an additional surcharge of \$50.

**Accompanying Persons Fee** (\$160) includes the welcoming reception, opening ceremony, daylong tour of Jerusalem and the gala banquet.

Fee does not include attendance in program sessions.

### Accommodations:

	Prices (per room)	
	Single	Double
Ma'ale HaChamisha Hotel	\$85	\$98

Price includes a full Israeli breakfast and 15% service charge. Reservations must be made by February 15, 2008 and be accompanied by a deposit of one night's charge.

## Tours

### Tour #1: Caesarea, Haifa & Acre

Sunday, March 23

Depart Jerusalem and travel via Tel Aviv, Israel's first modern city built on sand dunes. Continue north through the orange groves of Sharon to Netanya. Follow the coastal road through the greenery of Hadera to King Herod's ancient Roman port city of Caesarea. Tour the ancient port, Hippodrome and Crusader buildings and experience the museum and film that take you back 2000 years. Pass Zichron Yaakov and hear about the vineyards and city that Baron Rothschild built nearly 100 years ago. Tour Haifa, pass the Carmel Mountains, Stella Maris and Bahai Gardens and exit Haifa north towards Acre. Break for lunch (not included). Visit Crusader sites and UNESCO Heritage site of the underground city. Tour ancient port city, the marketplace and, time permitting, the citadel prison where the British jailed Israel's pre-state fighters. Return to hotel.

Price \$99

### Tour #2: Jerusalem

Monday, March 24

Depart hotel, hear story of Palmach fighters' battles to save Jerusalem. Pass by the churches of Ein Kerem and the Yad Vashem Memorial to the six million Holocaust victims. Pass Mt. Herzl and the Knesset and tour Israel's new Supreme Court building. After lunch (not included) visit the Old City of Jerusalem and tour by foot Mt. Zion, King David's Tomb, the Room of the Last-Supper, Dormition Church, Zion Gate, and three Old City Quarters - Armenian, Jewish and Christian. Visit the Cardo - the reconstructed main street of Byzantine Jerusalem from the 6th century - the Western Wall, Via Dolorosa, Church of the Tomb, and exit the Old City via Jaffa Gate to the bus. Return to hotel.

Price \$60

### Tour #3: Nazareth, Tiberias & Capernaum

Wednesday, March 26

Highlights: Nazareth (Church of the Annunciation and the Church of Saint Joseph), the ruins at Capernaum, Tabgha and the Church of the Multiplication of the Loaves and the Fishes, Tiberias and the Baptismal site on the Jordan River (Yardenit). Lunch not included.

Price \$95

### Tour #4: Masada & Dead Sea

Friday, March 28

Descend through the beautiful scenery of the Judean Desert to the lowest point on Earth - the Dead Sea. Drive along the sea, pass by Qumran where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found and continue to Masada - the ancient fortress built by Herod the Great in the 1st Century B.C.E. - which was the last Jewish stronghold during the revolt against the Romans. Ascend Masada by cable car, take in the magnificent views in all directions and tour the fascinating excavations.

Bring water, hat, walking shoes, bathing suit & towel (there will be time for a dip in the Dead Sea). Lunch not included.

Price \$99

## Conference Registration Form Suicide2008

Please send to: ISAS International Seminars  
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Email: register@isas.co.il

- Please add my name to the conference mailing list.
- I intend to submit an abstract and participate.
- I am interested in exhibiting/advertising. Please send more information.
- I wish to register for the conference.

Surname .....

First Name ..... Title .....

Place of Work .....

Mailing Address (Street) .....

City ..... Postal Code ..... Country .....

Telephone ..... Fax ..... Email .....

Please book a  single room  double room\* at the Ma'ale HaChamisha Hotel

check-in date.....check-out date.....number of nights.....

I will share my room with\* .....

\*It is the sole responsibility of the participant to find a roommate. In the absence of a roommate single occupancy price will be charged.

Please reserve seats on the following tours:

- #1 Caesarea, Haifa, Acre \_\_\_seat(s)
- #2: Jerusalem \_\_\_seat(s)
- #3: Nazareth, Tiberias, Capernaum \_\_\_seat(s)
- #4: Masada, Dead Sea \_\_\_seat(s)

Please itemize payments:

Registration Fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Tours \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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