

**Ben Gurion University of the Negev, Ministry of Social Affairs and
Aleh-Negev Rehabilitation Village
World Down Syndrome Day
March 24, 2008
Goldman Auditorium, Faculty of Health Sciences, Ben Gurion
University of the Negev, Beer-Sheva**

PROGRAM

08:30-09:00 Greetings

Introduction and moderator: Lecturer Mohammed Morad, Department of Family Medicine

Greetings by

- **Professor Rivka Carmi, President, Ben Gurion University of the Negev**
- **Professor Shaul Sofer, Dean, Faculty of Health Sciences**
- **Director Chai Aminadav, Division for Mental Retardation, Ministry of Social Affairs**
- **Retired general Doron Almog, chair, Aleh-Negev Rehabilitation Village**
- **Yehiel Tavivi, Yated Beer-Sheva**

09:00-10:00

Session I: Epilepsia and Down Syndrome

Moderator: Lecturer Gideon Vardi, Down Syndrome Clinic South

Presentations

- **Senior lecturer Zamir Shorer: Epilepsy and children with Down syndrome**
- **Lecturer Menachem (Moni) Benifla: Epilepsy and medical treatment**
- **Lecturere Galit Greenberg: Educational aspects of epilepsy**

10:00-11:00

Session II: Behavioral and mental health aspects

Moderator: Lecturer Mohammed Morad, Department of Family Medicine

Presentations

- **Martin Cohen and Yael Tal: Family aspects of special needs children**
- **Department of Family Medicine: Dealing with the family and child with Down syndrome**
- **Psychologist Ibrahim Abu Jaffer: Behavioral aspects**

11:00-11:20

Break

11:20-12:00

Session III: Sensory-motor and feeding aspects

Moderator: Professor Joav Merrick, Ministry of Social Affairs

Presentations

- **Speech pathologist Frida Korenbrot: Feeding aspects of Down syndrome**
- **Dentist Ilan Feldberg: Sensory-motor aspects**

12:00-13:00

Social program

Light lunch

13:00-14:40

Session IV: Aging and Down syndrome

Moderator: Professor Sara Carmel, Center for Multidisciplinary Research in Aging

Presentations

- **Lecturer Rafik Masalha: Cognitive damage in aging**
- **Director Nili Bendor: Residential care and aging**
- **Psychiatrist Mike Stawski: Mental health aspects of Down syndrome**

World Down Syndrome Day at the Faculty of Health Sciences

This day celebrated around the world to focus on Down Syndrome has been arranged in collaboration with the following partners:

**Division for Mental Retardation, Ministry of Social Affairs, Jerusalem
Faculty of Health Sciences, Ben Guron University of the Negev**

- **Center for Multidisciplinary Research in Aging**
- **Primary Care Unit, Division of Community Health**

**National Institute of Child Health and Human Development
Soroka University Medical Center**

- **Zusman Child Development Center**

Clalit Health Services, South region

- **Service for persons with disability, Region South**

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