The Sexuality, Gender and the Jewish Family conference explores the psychology of sexual orientation and gender identity; sexual identities in conflict; and sexual addiction, while reflecting on the new perspectives, legal tools and challenges to the Jewish family.

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SUNDAY | FEBRUARY 19

noon - 1 p.m. lunch

1-1:15 p.m. welcome
George Justice, Dean of Humanities | Arizona State University
Hava Tirosh-Samuelson, Director, Jewish Studies | Arizona State University

1:15-3:30 p.m. Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity
chair: Rabbi David Teutsch, Ph.D. | Reconstructionist Rabbinical College
The Psychology of Sexual Orientations and Gender Identities
Judith Glassgold, Psy.D. | Princeton University
Religious Strategies for Engaging Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity
Rabbi Steve Greenberg | Director, Eshel; faculty, Shalom Hartman Institute
Sex, Sexuality, and Older Adults
Rabbi Richard Address | Jewish Sacred Aging

3:30-4 p.m. break

4-6:15 p.m. Medicine and Biotechnology: Beyond Sex/Gender Dichotomy
chair: Rabbi Elliot Dorff, Ph.D. | Jewish University of America
Transgender and Jewish Law: Speculations and Conclusion
Rabbi Jeffrey S. Fox, Yeshivat Maharat
Transgender Jews and Community: The Nexus of Halakhah and Ethics
Rabbi Leonard Sharzer, M.D. | The Jewish Theological Seminary
The Genesis of Gender
Joy Ladin, Ph.D. | Yeshiva University

6:15-7 p.m. dinner break

7-8:30 p.m. The Dr. Michael Anbar Memorial Keynote Lecture in Judaism, Science and Medicine
chair: Hava Tirosh-Samuelson, Ph.D. | Arizona State University
Sexuality, Gender and the Jewish Family: A Sociological Overview
Sylvia Barak Fishman, Ph.D. | Brandeis University

MONDAY | FEBRUARY 20

8:30-10 a.m. Sexual Addiction: Diagnosis and Treatment
chair: Michael Schwartz, M.D. | Texas A&M
What Is Sex Addiction: Integrating Neurobiological and Jewish Perspectives
Joel Ziff, Ed.D. | Cambridge College
Sex Addiction Treatment in Orthodox Communities in the United States and in Israel
Brad Salzman, LCSW | Kivun Israel Recovery Center

10-10:15 a.m. break

10:15-11:45 a.m. Sexual Addiction: Diagnosis and Treatment (continued)
Sex Addiction Treatment in a Jewish Residential Recovery Program
Rabbi Mark Borovitz and Harriet Rossetto | Beit T’Shuvah, Los Angeles
Clergy Sex Abuse: Treatment & Healing
Rick Isenberg, M.D. | Psychological Counseling Services, Scottsdale

11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Embodied Affiliation and Queer Desire
dance performance
Jesse Zaritt | Peridance Capezio Center

12:30-1:30 p.m. lunch break

1:30-3:30 p.m. The Jewish Family Reimagined
chair: Joel Ziff, Ed.D. | Cambridge College
New Perspectives, New Legal Tools, New Moral Challenges: Introduction to a New Family Era
Irit Rosenblum, Founder & CEO | New Family Organization, Tel Aviv
Family Values or Valuing Families in the 21st Century?
Madelaine Adelman, Ph.D. | Arizona State University

3:30 p.m. departure