This year's conference will explore the intersection of science and spirituality within the realms of psychology and psychotherapy, with an emphasis on Judaism but also a comparative look at that intermingling in Christianity and less well-defined searches for meaning and transcendence. Participants include psychologists, psychiatrists, clergy, as well as humanities and religion scholars. Topics span centuries and range from considerations of problems of mentai well-being in Rabbinic texts through the contemporary "positive psychology" movement and the findings of neuroscience.

This is the 10th annual meeting of the Judaism, Science & Medicine Group, an international organization of natural and social scientists, philosophers, historians, physicians, rabbis, theologians and educators acting to promote and facilitate a close relationship between Jewish religion, cultures and values and the sciences for the mutual benefit of both. The organization seeks to increase the knowledge and appreciation of the sciences, Judaism and their interrelation and to offer a forum to reflect and deliberate on the implications of scientific advances from Jewish perspectives. Working across denominational lines, the organization will disseminate its mission in academic and non-academic venues using a variety of media.





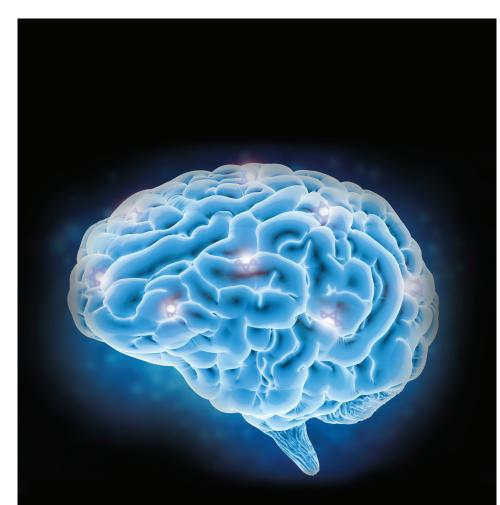
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SUNDAY | FEBRUARY 18 AT&T Executive Education and Conference Center | 1900 University Avenue, Austin

noon -1 p.m.	lunch	8-10
1-1:15 p.m.	welcome Robert Abzug, Founding Director, Schusterman Center for Jewish Studies Hava Tirosh-Samuelson, Director, Arizona State Univeristy Jewish Studies	
1:15-3:30 p.m.	Mental Health in the Sources of Judaism: Premodern Paradigms chair: Hava Tirosh-Samuelson   <i>Arizona State University</i>	
	Madness, Responsibility and Risk in Rabbinic Law Jonathan Schofer   <i>University of Texas at Austin</i>	
	Mental Anguish in Rabbinic Narratives: Life, Death and Emotional Distress Joel Gereboff   <i>Arizona State University</i>	10-10 10:11 12:1
	Jacob's Melancholia: A Case Study of Maimonides on Mental Health Jim Diamond   <i>University of Waterloo, Canada</i>	
3:30-4 p.m.	break	
4-6 p.m.	Neuroscience, Technology and the Future of Mental Health chair: Michael Schwartz   Texas A & M	
	Suffering Precipitated by Mind-Body Dualism: Toward New Integrative Solutions Gary Goldberg   Virginia Commonwealth University	12:1 1:15
	Mind-Body Integration in Jewish Thought and Laws Regarding Visiting the Sick Elliot Dorff   American Jewish University	
6-7:30 p.m.	dinner break	
7:30-9 p.m.	The Dr. Michael Anbar Memorial Keynote Lecture in Judaism, Science and Medicine chair: Elliot Dorff   American Jewish University Religion and Psychology/Psychiatry: Just Friends or Something Deeper?	
	Rabbi Abraham Havivi, M.D.   University of California, Los Angeles	3:30

MONDAY | FEBRUARY 19 Liberal Arts Building (CLA) | 116 Inner Campus Drive, Austin

8-10 a.m.	Jews, Judaism and Therapeutic Approaches chair: Robert Abzug   University of Texas at Austin
	Trust in God and Anxiety: An Empirical Approach David Rosmarin   Harvard University
	Religiosity and Mental Health: New Research Tzvi Steven Pirutinsky   <i>Touro College</i>
	Happier? The History of Cultural Movement that Aspired to Transform America Dan Horowitz   <i>Smith College</i>
10-10:15 a.m.	break
10:15 a.m 12:15 p.m.	Mental Health Care and the Secularization of Religion: Jewish and Christian Approaches
	chair: William Cutter   Hebrew Union College
	The American Road to Pastoral Psychology Robert Abzug   University of Texas at Austin
	The Therapeutic Experience of the Spiritual or Existential Crisis Jessica Grogan   <i>Austin, Texas</i>
	<b>Spirituality in Family Therapy: Jewish and Christian Perspectives</b> David Trimble   <i>Boston University</i>
12:15-1:15 p.m.	lunch break
1:15-3:15 p.m.	Judaism and the Spiritual Life: Pathologies and Challenges chair: Joel Gereboff   Arizona State Universty
	Jewish Law and Mental Illness Jason Weiner   Cedar Sinai Medical Center, Los Angeles
	Mental Health and Jewish Values from the Ground Up: Jewish Textual Tradition Meets the Practice of a Synagogue Caring Community William Cutter   Hebrew Union College, Los Angeles
	Jewish Spirituality: A Path toward Mental Health Joel Ziff   Cambridge College
3:30 p.m.	departure