

About the Presenter:

Irit Felsen, PhD is a clinical psychologist specializing in trauma and traumatic loss, with a special focus on Holocaust survivors and their families. Dr. Felsen is an Adjunct Professor at Yeshiva University in NY and is in private practice, and she also serves on a national emergency response team for the delivery of services following critical incidents. Dr. Felsen is a member of the NGO on Mental Health in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations, a member of the National Center for Crisis Management and the American Academy of Experts in Traumatic Stress, and a board member of the Holocaust Council of Greater Metro West, NJ. Dr. Felsen published her research in the American Journal of Psychiatry, the American Journal of Orthopsychiatry, the Journal of Psychotherapy Research, the Journal of Psychoanalysis, Self and Context and in Psychoanalytic Psychology, and has contributed chapters in the "International Handbook of Multigenerational Legacies of Trauma". She is a researcher with the Yale University Trauma Study Group and her work as a principal investigator in a study about Holocaust trauma and psychosis was recently published in a book by Routledge's prestigious *Relational Psychoanalysis* series. Dr. Felsen was Clinical Coordinator of services for Holocaust survivors at the Jewish Family Services of Metrowest in NJ and a NJ State Emergency Psychiatric Services Screener.

Dr. Felsen has a PhD from the University of Hamburg, Germany an MA degree from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, and did her postdoctoral training at Yale University.



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**Trauma, Aging,
and the
Implications for
Treatment**

With

Irit Felsen, Ph.D.



**November 30, 2017
Emergency Service Center**

2 Continuing Education Hours

Trauma, Aging, and the Implications for Treatment

Program Overview:

This presentation will focus on the impact of earlier trauma on the way individuals experience aging, illness, and helplessness as patients, as well as on the way the encounter with trauma victims impacts providers.

The main learning objectives will be to allow providers to understand the interactions between trauma and aging, be aware of the individual variability in responses to trauma, and the often disguised presentation of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) in elderly trauma survivors. The lecture will describe the pervasive reality of dehumanization in modern medical settings, its functional and non-functional causes, and factors that place elderly trauma survivors at an elevated risk for such treatment. Finally, some of the ways to counter these implicit processes will be addressed in order to prevent traumatization and re-traumatization of individuals.



Program Objectives

At the conclusion of this workshop, participants will:

- ◆ Understand the presentation of under-diagnosed post-traumatic reactions in the elderly and how it differs from the presentation in younger trauma survivors
- ◆ Know about the interaction between aging and prior history of trauma
- ◆ Be aware of recent findings from social neuropsychology research regarding the dangers of unintentional dehumanization of individuals, and the elevated risk for such processes in the relationships between elderly trauma survivors and those who treat them
- ◆ Identify simple and pragmatic ways to effectively counter perceptions of certain individuals as “less human”
- ◆ Be familiar with some of the special issues in the family dynamics of survivors, so one is better able to diffuse conflict among family members as well as between family members and treatment providers.



Date:

Thursday, November 30, 2017

Location:

Emergency Services Center
22 Wells Farm Road
Goshen, NY 10924

Time:

10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Cost:

There is no cost to attend.
\$20 for those seeking CE Hours

NYS Continuing Education Hours:

2 Contact Hours
(see back for more information)

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