Feasting, Fasting and Eating Disorders

IN THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2018
ATLANTA, GA

5 CE CREDITS
Feasting, Fasting and Eating Disorders in the Jewish Community

The Renfrew Center Foundation is pleased to present a half-day seminar for health and mental health professionals addressing eating disorders within the Jewish community and innovative treatment strategies.

Offering 5 CE Credits

SEMINAR GOALS

• Examine eating disordered behaviors among adult Jewish women.
• Review a clinically relevant screening questionnaire for eating disturbances.
• Expand awareness of Jewish observances and the connection to eating disorders.
• Create innovative strategies for blending Jewish rituals and traditions into treatment.
• Examine strategies to reduce body shaming, negative self-talk and the quest for perfection.
• Explore inner wisdom practices sensitive to all Jewish clients.

AGENDA

7:30 AM – 8:00 AM  REGISTRATION AND BREAKFAST

8:00 AM – 8:15 AM  The Altar of Thinness

Much as the Israelites paid homage to the Golden Calf, today we worship at another altar – the altar of thinness which promises women “salvation” in the form of a thinner body. Using Torah portions and quotes from Jewish leaders, attendees will learn how the wisdom of our sages can be as vital in today’s world as in earlier times.

8:15 AM – 9:30 AM  Overview of Eating Problems in the Jewish Community

Our understanding of serious eating problems begins with a portrait of the American Jewish Community and is expanded with findings from the first community study of adult Jewish women.

Significant clinical issues focus on the following:
• Frequency and complexity of binge eating behaviors;
• Binge eating according to religious observance: Orthodox, Traditional, Secular;
• Self-criticism’s connection to binge eating severity;
• Treatment implications for Jewish clients across the religious spectrum.

9:30 AM – 10:15 AM  Exploring Jewish Observances and their Clinical Implications

This session expands an awareness of Jewish themes and their connections to eating disorders. In addition to case vignettes that highlight Sabbath observances, pressures to marry, use of birth control and fasting practices, traditions such as the Passover Seder will be examined.

10:15 AM – 11:00 AM  Blending Rituals and Traditions into Treatment Processes

An abundance of rituals and traditions within Judaism have the potential to enhance eating disorder prevention and treatment interventions. Professionals will have the opportunity to brainstorm ways to develop time-honored practices into innovative take home strategies.

11:00 AM – 11:15 AM  BREAK

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8:00 AM - 1:15 PM
11:15 AM – 12:15 PM  
**Bringing the Body into Body Image**

For women of all ages, body dissatisfaction has become a way of life. Yet, the pursuit of physical perfection can never take the place of self-respect, self-love and self-compassion. This session will explore the defining components of body image treatment and how to help Jewish clients break the cycle of shame and negative self-talk. Strategies for healing will be taught through experiential activities, demonstration exercises and learning to identify the body’s language.

12:15 PM – 1:15 PM  
**Exploring Inner Wisdom Practices**

During this experiential session, inner wisdom practices appropriate for integrating into traditional treatment approaches are explored. Participants will be introduced to a variety of emerging and innovative practices designed to increase their clients’ resilience and strengthen their recovery.

**ABOUT THE PRESENTERS**

**Adrienne Ressler, LMSW, CEDS, F.iaedp,** is Vice President, Professional Development, The Renfrew Center Foundation, and has served as senior staff for more than 28 years. Fellow and past-President of the Board of Directors of the International Association of Eating Disorders Professionals (iaedp), she presently chairs iaedp’s Senior Advisory Council. Ms. Ressler is the Co-Founder and former Co-Chairperson of the Somatic and Somatically Oriented Therapies Special Interest Group of the Academy for Eating Disorders. In 2016, she was selected as the inaugural recipient of Eating Disorder Hope’s Seal of Excellence award for her “empowering work as a body image specialist” Author of chapters on the use of experiential therapies for eating disorders in three textbooks, her work has also been included in the first Encyclopedia of Body Image and Human Appearance. A frequent contributor to the popular media, she has appeared on the TODAY show and Good Morning America Sunday.

**Marjorie C. Feinson, PhD,** has been a university professor for the past 30 years specializing in women’s mental health. As the Professional Development Specialist for The Renfrew Center Foundation, she conducts educational seminars on a broad spectrum of eating-related issues and is the Editor of Perspectives, The Renfrew Center Foundation’s journal for professionals. She facilitates Inner Wisdom workshops for women in Israel and the U.S. Dr. Feinson directed the first community study of disordered eating and domestic abuse among women in Israel. Publications include ‘Soul Food:’ Emotional Abuse in Childhood & the Complex Role of Food (2010), Disordered Eating & Religious Observance: A Focus on Ultra-Orthodox Jews (2012) and Is Religiosity Associated with Less Child Abuse? A Community Study of Ultra-Orthodox and Secular Jewish Women (2014).

**Sarah Bateman, LCSW,** has been practicing social work for more than 10 years. As The Renfrew Center’s Liaison to the Jewish community, she ensures that individuals with eating disorders in the Jewish community are able to receive culturally sensitive treatment and that their unique religious needs are met. Ms. Bateman has a private practice with offices in New York and New Jersey, provides training for professionals and lectures in schools while working to raise awareness and understanding of eating disorders in the Jewish community.

**SEMINAR VENUE INFORMATION**

Friday, October 26, 2018
The Westin Atlanta Perimeter North
7 Concourse Parkway NE  |  Atlanta, GA 30328
770-395-3900
ABOUT THE RENFREW CENTERS

The Renfrew Center has been the pioneer in the treatment of eating disorders since 1985. As the nation’s first residential eating disorder facility, now with 19 locations throughout the country, Renfrew has helped more than 75,000 adolescent girls and women with eating disorders move towards recovery. Renfrew provides women suffering from anorexia nervosa, bulimia nervosa, binge eating disorder, and related mental health problems with the tools they need to succeed in recovery and in life.

Renfrew’s extensive range of services includes residential, day treatment, intensive outpatient, and outpatient programs. Each treatment level is built upon The Renfrew Center Unified Treatment Model for Eating Disorders®, an evidence-based, emotion-focused therapy that addresses eating disorders and co-morbid symptoms. Within this model, individual and group therapy are enhanced with a diverse array of services to meet patients’ needs. Renfrew accepts most major insurances and is a preferred provider for all levels of treatment.

Please call 1-800-RENFREW or visit www.renfrewcenter.com for more information about The Renfrew Centers.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

The Renfrew Center Foundation is approved by the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education for psychologists. The Renfrew Center Foundation maintains responsibility for this program and its content.

Continuing education credits for social workers have been applied for and are pending approval by the National Association of Social Workers for four continuing education credits.

The Renfrew Center Foundation has been approved by NBCC as an Approved Continuing Education Provider, ACEP No. 5852. Programs that do not qualify for NBCC credit are clearly identified. The Renfrew Center Foundation is solely responsible for all aspects of the programs.

Continuing education credits for registered dietitians are offered pending approval by the Commission on Dietetic Registration.

This activity has been submitted to PSNA for approval to award contact hours. PSNA is accredited as an approver of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center’s Commission on Accreditation.
You may register online at www.renfrewcenter.com or fill out and fax the form below. Please register early as space is limited.

Seminar Cost: $75 • Student Rate: $50*  
Dairy breakfast and snack included.

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Seminar Registration Form  
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The Renfrew Center Foundation
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Or fax registration with credit card information to: ATTN: Melissa Falzarano
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Please call to confirm receipt of fax. No phone registrations are accepted.

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