



Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

The Jacques Loeb Centre For the History and Philosophy of the Life Sciences

Female Geneticists in Israel – A Historical Outlook

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I will present the story of four prominent female scientists who carried out genetic research during the first decades of the State of Israel: *Naomi Feinbrun-Dothan*; *Elisabeth Goldschmidt*, *Bracha Ramot* and *Bat-Sheva Bonne-Tamir*. Both, hematologist Ramot and botanist Feinbrun-Dothan, are Israel Prize laureates; they were awarded the state's most prestigious prize in 2001 and 1991, respectively. I will present the challenges these pioneering women faced and demonstrate how different those obstacles were to those encountered by their male colleagues. I shall analyze the particular difficulties and various ways in which these three scientists coped in a competitive and demanding environment with a definitively masculine ethos.

March 18th (Monday)

Building 39 (Biology), Room 106 (de Picciotto conference room),
16:15 to 17:45.

Coffee & refreshments will be available at 16:00

About the Seminars: The Jacques Loeb Centre seminars provide an interdisciplinary forum, in which historians and philosophers of science, as well as scientists, present and discuss new research related to science with a special focus on the life sciences. Case studies and surveys examine the impact of political, socio-economic and personal factors on the conduct of science, the ethics of research, and the causes of progress and setbacks. **Faculty and students from all disciplines are invited!**

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