Dr. Ruth K. Westheimer
Endowed Scholarship for Psychology

In honor of receiving an honorary doctorate from Ben-Gurion University of the Negev (BGU) in May 2020, Dr. Ruth K. Westheimer is spearheading a $100,000 fund to support students studying psychology at BGU.

Dr. Ruth is a psychosexual therapist who pioneered speaking frankly about sexual matters in the 1980s. Throughout her career, she has maintained her commitment to the Jewish people and Israel.

She lost her entire family in the Holocaust. At 17, she went to Palestine where she fought for independence as a sniper in the Haganah. She later moved to Paris where she studied psychology at the Sorbonne. In 1956, she immigrated to the United States and received a master’s in sociology from the New School for Social Research as well as a doctorate in education from Columbia University’s Teacher’s College.

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