

# **The New Jersey Institute for Training in Psychoanalysis**

## **#S205 - Psychopathology II**

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### **COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

Built on the foundation constructed earlier in Psychopathology 1, this course will combine a developmental model with our understanding of the origin and predicted route that various kinds of psychopathologies take.

### **ABOUT THE INSTRUCTOR:**

**Linda O. Sofer, LCSW** is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, in full time private practice in Jersey City and Teaneck, NJ. She began her Social Work career with a BSW from Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Jerusalem, Israel, in 1977. She worked as a social worker in Israel for several years in the rehabilitation division of the social welfare system. In 1990 she received her MSW from Rutgers University. Prior to her work in private practice, she worked in the public sector as an outpatient psychotherapist and as a school social worker. She has taught at The New Jersey Institute for Training in Psychoanalysis (NJI) for the past three years and is currently an advanced candidate in the adult psychoanalytic program.

### **COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

- Explore different psychoanalytical approaches to psychopathology
- Show the clinical manifestations and applications of theory to practice
- Analyze the nature versus nurture dichotomy in psychopathology
- Examine pathologies associated with trauma, dissociation and sadomasochistic dynamics.

Target audience: Suitable for social workers, licensed professional counselors and other mental health professionals

