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**Senior Lecture**

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**EDUCATION**

- 2018 **Postdoctoral Fellowship**  
The Crimes against Children Research Center; University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH  
Mentor: Prof. David Finkelhor
- 2017 **PhD in Social Work**  
Bar Ilan University, Ramat Gan, Israel  
Dissertation: The mediating effect of sexual motives between narcissism and Attachment orientation and sexual satisfaction and sexual functioning.  
Chair: Prof. Ricky Finzi-Dottan
- 2014 **MA in Social Work**  
Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel  
Thesis: Engagement in policy-practice by Israeli social workers: individual and organizational factors.  
Chair: Prof. Idit Weiss-Gal & Prof. John Gal
- 2011 **BA in Social Work**  
Ariel University, Ariel, Israel

**LICENSE**

Israel social work license nu. 26778 (September 2011)

**FURTHER EDUCATION**

- 2019 **Externship in emotionally focused couple therapy (EFT)**  
The 'new wave In Psychotherapy' Program at Baruch Ivcher School of Psychology, Sheba, Israel. Directed by George Faller and Elana Katz

- 2017 **Sexology Studies: Medical, mental and rehabilitative aspects of human sexuality**  
School for Advanced Studies in Medicine, Tel-Aviv University, Tel-Aviv, Israel  
Directed by Prof. Rafi Cheruti (Head of ISST- Israel Society of Sex Therapy) and Dr. Ronit Aloni
- 2015 **Treating infidelity and discovery of extra marital relationship within marriage**  
The Israeli center for processing change in the individual, family and organization ('Machon Sheinui'), Herzeliya, Israel  
Seminar directed by Dr. Sara Aiwanir, psychotherapist

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2018-2020 **Adjunct lecture, Social work practice**  
School of Social Work, Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv, Israel
- 2018-2020 **Adjunct lecture, Intervention skills in social work**  
School of Social Work, Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv, Israel
- 2018-2019 **Adjunct lecture, Cultural sensitivity and competence in social work**  
School of Social Work, Sapir college, Sderot, Israel
- 2018-2019 **Adjunct lecture, Empirical seminar in sex and sexuality**  
School of Social Work, Sapir college, Sderot, Israel
- 2015-2016 **Adjunct lecture, Family system theory**  
School of Social Work, Ashkelon college, Ashkelon, Israel
- 2015-2016 **Adjunct lecture, Planning and evaluating interventions in the micro and macro level**  
School of Social Work, Sapir college, Sderot, Israel

## CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

- 2019-current **Director**  
Sex and couple therapy unit, Meir Medical Center, Kfar Saba, Israel
- 2014-2017 **Certification as a sex therapist (Internship in sex therapy).**  
Sex and couple therapy unit, Meir Medical Center, Kfar Saba, Israel
- 2012-2014 **Social worker, supervisor and examiner for children living in foster families**  
Shahar organization, Israel
- 2010-2012 **Mental health coordinator and therapist**  
Shavim Organization, Israel

## AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2017-2018	<b>Post-Doctoral Students Fellowships</b> Haruv institute	51,000 USD	5
2017	<b>Wolf Foundation award for excellence</b> The Wolf Foundation	10,000 NIS	
2017	<b>Short Term Scientific Mission (STSM)</b> Middlesex University, London, UK COST; European cooperation in science and technology (Action IS1402)	10,000 NIS	10
2015-2018	<b>Presidential scholarship for excellence</b> Bar Ilan University, Ramat Gan, Israel	48,000 NIS (per year)	
2013-2014	<b>Dean's award for excellence</b> Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel		
2013	<b>Rector's award for excellence</b> Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel	30,000 NIS	
2012	<b>Awarded Summa Cum Laude</b> Ariel University, Ariel, Israel		
2011	<b>Presidential scholarship for excellence</b> Ariel University, Ariel, Israel	2500 NIS	
2010	<b>Presidential scholarship for excellence</b> Ariel University, Ariel, Israel	2500 NIS	

## GRANTS

2020	<b>PI</b> (with Dr. Dana Lassri). The ability to face the covid-19 pandemic crisis: focusing on emotional and intimate wellbeing, risk and resilience factors, and the potential role of childhood trauma.	The Haruv Institute	3,500 USD
2019-2020	<b>PI</b> (with Zohar Spivak-Lavi), No-entry foreign bodies: The mediating role of self-differentiation between attachment theory and Eating disorders and sexual dysfunctions	Internal grant of the Max Stern Yezreel Valley College	14,980 NIS

2020-2023	<b>co-PI</b> , A study of trauma and resiliency among forensic examiners investigating child pornography, with Prof. Kim Mitchell (PI), Prof. Lisa Jones (co-PI), and Prof. David Finkelhor (co-PI).	National Institute of Justice	886,821 USD
2018	<b>co-PI</b> , Developing the Pornography Consumption Motivation Measure (PCMM) (PI, Prof. Omri Gillath, Kansas University).	Sexual Wellness Center	25,000 USD
2016-2018	<b>co-PI</b> , "The quality of healthcare services provided to older adults regarding sexual functioning and sexual satisfaction" (PI, Prof. Liat Ayalon, Bar Ilan University).	The Israel National Institute for Health Policy Research	140,000 NIS

#### PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2019-current	ICEEFT- International Centre for Excellence in Emotionally Focused Therapy
2017-current	Member of the youth committee EFS (European federation of Sexology)
2016-current	Member of the youth committee ISST (Israel Society of Sex Therapy)
August 18-19, 2016	Member of the Scientific Committee of the Transgressing Boundaries and the Intersection of Sexualities in Social Work Conference. University of Applied Sciences and Art Northwestern Switzerland (hosting university), Olten, Switzerland

#### AD-HOC REVIEWER

1. Child Abuse & Neglect
2. Computers in Human Behavior
3. International Journal of Sexual Health
4. Personality and Individual Differences
5. Cyberpsychology: Journal of Psychosocial Research on Cyberspace
6. PlosOne
7. Current Psychology
8. Journal of Sex & Marital Therapy

#### PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

2019	ICEEFT- International Centre for Excellence in Emotionally Focused Therapy
2014- Current	ISST- Israel Society of Sex Therapy
2015-2016	ILSSM- Israel Society of Sexual Medicine

## PUBLICATIONS

### Papers published in Refereed Journals

1. Levkovich, I., **Gewirtz-Meydan, A.**, & Ayalon, L., (2020). Communicating with older adults about sexual issues: How are these issues handled by physicians with and without training in sexual functioning? *Health & Social Care in the Community*. **IF: 2.050, 5YR-IF: 3.544, Ranking 5/44 (Q1)**.
2. **Gewirtz-Meydan, A.** & Lahav, Y. (2020). Childhood sexual abuse and sexual motivations – the role of dissociation. *Journal of Sex Research*. **IF: 3.059, 5YR-IF: 3.544, Ranking 27/130 (Q1)**.
3. **Gewirtz-Meydan, A.** & Lahav, Y. (2020). Sexual functioning and sexual distress among childhood sexual abuse survivors: The role of post-traumatic stress disorder. *Journal of Sexual Medicine*. **IF: 3.649, 5YR-IF: 3.315, Ranking: 14/80 (Q1)**.
4. **Gewirtz-Meydan, A.** & Ofir-Lavee, S. (2020). Addressing sexual dysfunction after childhood sexual abuse: A clinical approach from an attachment perspective. *Journal of Sex & Marital Therapy*.
5. **Gewirtz-Meydan, A.** & Opuda, E. (2020). The impact of CSA on men's sexual function: A systematic review. *Trauma, Violence & Abuse*.
6. **Gewirtz-Meydan, A.** & Finzi-Dottan, R. (2020). Psychological abuse as a mediator between insecure attachment orientations and relationship satisfaction: A dyadic perspective. *Family Relations*. **IF: 1.284, 5YR-IF: 1.284, Ranking: 13/43 (Q2)**.
7. **Gewirtz-Meydan, A.** & Lahav, Y. (2020). Attachment and sexual functioning among child sexual abuse survivors. *Journal of Sexual Medicine*. **IF: 3.649, 5YR-IF: 3.315, Ranking: 14/80 (Q1)**.
8. **Gewirtz-Meydan, A.** (2020). The moderating role of social and parental support between sexual abuse, self-concept and psychopathology in a national representative sample of children. *Children and Youth Services Review*. **IF: 1.68, 5YR-IF: 1.61, Ranking 7/ 43 (Q1)**.
9. **Gewirtz-Meydan, A.**, Levkovich, I., Mock, M., Gur, U., Karkabi, K. & Ayalon, L. (2020). Sex for seniors: How physicians discuss older adult's sexuality. *Israel Journal of Health Policy Research*. **IF: 1.62, 5YR-IF: 1.61, Ranking 78/164 (Q2)**.
10. **Gewirtz-Meydan, A.** & Ayalon, L. (2020). "Shades of grey": Exploring public opinions about later life sexuality. *Canadian Journal on Aging/La Revue canadienne du vieillissement*. **IF: 1.098, 5YR-IF: 1.319, Ranking 27/36 (Q3)**.
11. Ayalon, L., & **Gewirtz-Meydan, A.** (2019). Physicians' moral dilemmas in the age of Viagra. *Men and Masculinities*. **IF: 1.923, 5YR-IF: 2.600, Ranking 35/148 (Q1)**.

12. **Gewirtz-Meydan, A.**, Lahav, Y., Walsh, W., & Finkelhor, D. (2019). Psychopathology among adult survivors of child pornography. *Child Abuse & Neglect*. **IF:2.845, 5YR-IF: 3.698, Ranking 3/43 (Q1).**
13. O'Brien, J. E., **Gewirtz-Meydan, A.** & Mitchell, K. J. (2019). Online requests to run away: Prevalence from a nationally representative sample of youth. *International Journal of Child Maltreatment*. **IF:NA**
14. **Gewirtz-Meydan, A.**, & Finkelhor, D. (2019). Sexual abuse and assault in a large national sample of children and adolescents. *Child Maltreatment*. **IF:4.047, 5YR-IF: 4.091, Ranking 3/46 (Q1).**
15. Ayalon, L., **Gewirtz-Meydan, A.**, Levkovich, I., & Karkabi, K. (2019). Older men and women reflect on sexual functioning in later life. *Sexual and Relationship Therapy*. **IF:0.950, 5YR-IF: 1.372, Ranking 100/130 (Q4).**
16. Levkovich, I., **Gewirtz-Meydan, A.**, Karkabi, K. & Ayalon, L., (2019). When sex meets age: Family physicians' perspectives about sexual dysfunction among older men and women: A qualitative study from Israel. *The European Journal of General Practice*. **IF:1.617, 5YR-IF:1.675, Ranking: 78/160 (Q2)**
17. Ayalon, L., **Gewirtz-Meydan, A.**, Levkovich, I., & Karkabi, K. (2018). Older adults' coping strategies with changes in sexual functioning: Results from a qualitative research. *Journal of Sexual Medicine*. **IF:3.649, 5YR-IF: 3.315, Ranking:14/80 (Q1).**
18. **Gewirtz-Meydan, A.** & Ayalon, L. (2018). Why do older adults have sex? Approach and avoidance sexual motives in later life. *Journal of Sex Research*. **IF:3.059, 5YR-IF: 3.544, Ranking 27/130 (Q1).**
19. Ayalon, L., Levkovich, I., **Gewirtz-Meydan, A.**, & Karkabi, K. (2018). A life course perspective on the ways older men and women discuss sexual issues. *Archives of Sexual Behavior*. **IF:3.116, 5YR-IF: 3.485, Ranking 26/130 (Q1).**
20. Weiss-Gal, I., Gal, J., Tayri-Schwartz, T., **Gewirtz-Meydan, A.** & Sommerfeld, D. (2018). Internal, indirect and role contingent: Social workers' policy practice in Israel. *The European Journal of Social Work*. **IF:0.667, 5YR-IF: 0.942, Ranking 36/43 (Q4).**
21. Levkovich, I., **Gewirtz-Meydan, A.**, Karkabi, K. & Ayalon, L. (2018). Views of family physicians on Heterosexual Sexual Function in Older Adults. *BMC Family Practice*. **IF:2.431, 5YR-IF: 2.666, Ranking 48/160 (Q2).**
22. **Gewirtz-Meydan, A.**, Hafford-Letchfield, T., Ayalon, L., Benyamini, Y., Biermann, V., Coffey, A., Jackson, J., Phelan, A., Voß, P., Geiger Zeman, M., Zeman, Z. (2018). How do older people discuss their own sexuality? A systematic review of qualitative research studies. *Culture, Health and Sexuality*. **IF:1.746, 5YR-IF: 2.224, Ranking 20/46 (Q2).**
23. **Gewirtz-Meydan, A.**, Mitchell, K. J. & Rothman, E. (2018). What do kids think about sexting? *Computers in Human Behavior*. **IF:4.306, 5YR-IF: 4.964, Ranking 11/137 (Q1).**



24. **Gewirtz-Meydan, A., Walsh, W. A., Wolak, J. & Finkelhor, D. (2018).** The complex experience of child pornography survivors. *Child Abuse & Neglect*. **IF:2.845, 5YR-IF: 3.698, Ranking 3/43 (Q1).**
25. **Gewirtz-Meydan, A., Even-Zohar, A. & Werner, S. (2018).** Examining the attitudes and knowledge of undergraduate social work and nursing students. *Canadian Journal on Aging/La Revue canadienne du vieillissement*. **IF:1.098, 5YR-IF: 1.319, Ranking 27/36 (Q3).**
26. Even-Zohar, A., **Gewirtz-Meydan, A.** & Werner, S. (2018). Ageism, attitudes, and knowledge of nursing and social work students towards sexuality in later life. *Gerontology* (in Hebrew).
27. **Gewirtz-Meydan, A., Levkovich, I., Mock, M., Gur, U. & Ayalon, L. (2018).** Promoting a discussion on sexuality in later life: Lessons from sexologist physicians. *Sexual and Relationship Therapy*. **IF:0.950, 5YR-IF: 1.372, Ranking 100/130 (Q4).**
28. **Gewirtz-Meydan, A., Even-Zohar, A. & Fisch, B. T. (2017).** Attitudes and knowledge of social work students towards sexuality in later life. *Social Work Education*. **Not indexed in Thomson Reuters.**
29. **Gewirtz-Meydan, A. & Finzi-Dottan, R. (2017).** Narcissism and relationship satisfaction from a dyadic perspective: The mediating role of psychological aggression. *Marriage & Family Review*. **(Last indexed in Thomson Reuters at 2002: IF: 0.410, 5YR-IF: NA. Ranking 21/33 (Q3).**
30. **Gewirtz-Meydan, A. & Even-Zohar, A. (2017).** Retraining programmes in social work: career considerations, factors influencing the decision to study social work and professional preferences among students. *The European Journal of Social Work*. **IF:0.667, 5YR-IF: 0.942, Ranking 36/43 (Q4).**
31. Ayalon, L. & **Gewirtz-Meydan, A. (2017).** Senior, mature or cougar: A content analysis of dating sites for older adults. *Computers in Human Behavior*. **IF:4.306, 5YR-IF: 4.964, Ranking 11/137 (Q1).**
32. **Gewirtz-Meydan, A. & Ayalon, L. (2017).** Forever young: Visual representation of age and gender in older adults' online dating sites. *Journal of Women & Aging*. 1-19. **IF:0.946, 5YR-IF: 1.106, Ranking 31/42 (Q3).**
33. **Gewirtz-Meydan, A. & Finzi-Dottan, R. (2017).** Sexual satisfaction among couples: The role of attachment orientation and sexual motives. *Journal of Sex Research*. **IF:3.059, 5YR-IF: 3.544, Ranking 27/130 (Q1).**
34. **Gewirtz-Meydan, A. (2017).** Why do narcissistic individuals engage in sex? Exploring sexual motives as a mediator for sexual satisfaction and function. *Personality and Individual Differences*, 105, 7-13. **IF:1.997, 5YR-IF: 2.419, Ranking 24/63 (Q2).**
35. **Gewirtz-Meydan, A. & Ayalon, L. (2017).** Physicians' response to sexual dysfunction in younger vs. older adults. *International Journal of Geriatric Psychiatry* 32(12), 1476–1483. **IF:3.141, 5YR-IF: 3.349, Ranking: 56/146 (Q2).**

36. **Gewirtz-Meydan, A.**, Gal, J. & Weiss-Gal, I. (2016). Social workers' policy practice in non-profit human service organizations in Israel. *British Journal of Social Work*. 1-19. **IF:1.569, 5YR-IF: 1.950, Ranking 9/43 (Q1).**
37. Even-Zohar, A. & **Gewirtz-Meydan, A.** (2015). Considerations for choosing social work profession and professional preferences of retraining program students in Israel. *Social Security*, 97, 121-161. (In Hebrew).

### Book chapters

1. **Gewirtz-Meydan, A.**, Hafford-Letchfield, T., Benyamini, Y., Phelan, A., Jackson, J. & Ayalon, L. (2018). *Ageism and Sexuality*. In L. Ayalon & C. Tesch-Roemer (Eds.) The Handbook of Ageism. Springer Publishing.

### PRESENTATIONS

- Adams, K., Gillath, O., & **Gewirtz-Meydan, A.** (2019, February). Pornography Consumption Motives Measure (PCMM). Poster presented at the annual conference of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Portland, OR, USA.
- Adams, K., Gillath, O., & **Gewirtz-Meydan, A.** (2019, March). Pornography Consumption Motives Measure (PCMM). Talk presented at the annual Gender & Sexuality in Kansas Conference at Wichita State University, Wichita, KS, USA.
- Gewirtz-Meydan, A.** (2018, November). Feminism and sexuality. Rotem sex therapy clinic, Jerusalem.
- Gewirtz-Meydan, A.** (2018, October). Survivors of child exploitation imagery. The World Health Summit, Berlin, Germany.
- Gewirtz-Meydan, A.**, Walsh, W. A., Wolak, J., & Finkelhor, D. (2018, July). The complex experience of child pornography survivors. International Family Violence and Child Victimization Research Conference, Portsmouth, New Hampshire, USA.
- Gewirtz-Meydan, A.** (2018, May). Child sexual abuse in a national representative sample. Haruv postdoctoral workshop, Tulsa, Oklahoma, USA.
- Levkovich, I., **Gewirtz-Meydan, A.**, Karkabi, K., & Ayalon, L. (2018, May). Views of family physicians on sexuality in old age. The 23rd WONCA Europe Conference, Kraków, Poland.
- Gewirtz-Meydan, A.** & Ayalon, L. (2018, February). Physicians' response to sexual dysfunction in younger vs. older adults. The Israel Gerontological Society, Tel-Aviv, Israel.
- Levkovich, I., **Gewirtz-Meydan, A.**, Karkabi, K., & Ayalon, L. (2018, February). "I don't hear about it, because I don't ask": Views of family physicians on sexuality in old age. The Israel Gerontological Society, Tel-Aviv, Israel.



- Gewirtz-Meydan, A.**, Walsh, W. A., Wolak, J., & Finkelhor, D. (2017, December). Overview and research on child pornography survivors. Haruv postdoctoral workshop, Oxford, England.
- Gewirtz-Meydan, A.**, Even-Zohar, A. & Fisch, B. T. (2016, August). Attitudes and Knowledge of Social Work Students towards Older Adult's Sexuality. Sexuality and Social work conference: Transgressing Boundaries and the Intersection of Sexualities in Social Work, Olten, Switzerland.
- Gewirtz-Meydan, A.**, Hafford-Letchfield, T., Benyamini, Y., Phelan, A., Jackson, J. & Ayalon, L. (2016, June). Ageism and Sexuality. COST action- European Perspectives On Ageism Meeting: Ageism from a Multi-National, Interdisciplinary Perspective, Tel Aviv, Israel.
- Gewirtz-Meydan, A.** & Ayalon, L. (2016, May). PDE5i as a "cure all" for older adults: An indicator of ageist practices among physicians. The 13th Congress of the European Federation of Sexology, Dubrovnik, Croatia.
- Gewirtz-Meydan, A.**, Gal, J. & Weiss-Gal, I. (2016, March). Social workers' policy practice in non-profit human service organizations in Israel. Oral presentation, within the symposium: Political social work: Social workers' praxis for social change (chair: Gewirtz-Meydan, A. & Tayri-Schwartz, T. M.) ECSWR 6<sup>th</sup> conference, Lisbon, Portugal.
- Even-Zohar, A. & **Gewirtz-Meydan, A.** (2015, April). Considerations for choosing social work profession and professional preferences of retraining program students in Israel. Oral presentation, ECSWR 5<sup>th</sup> conference, Ljubljana, Slovenia.