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Report of Activities 2013 - 2015

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A. Research Grants:

1. "Hearts of flesh, not stone: Does encountering the "suffering of the other" influence reconciliation in the Middle East Conflict?" (2013-2018) Prof. Shifra Sagy, BGU, Prof. Arie Nadler, TAU, Prof. Martin Leiner - Jena, Germany FSU, and Prof. Mohammed Daoudi Dajani Wasatia, East Jerusalem. Project supported by the DFG. Foundation (1,800,000 Euro).
2. "Belonging to the outsider and established groupings: Palestinians in various figurations" (2009 - 2015). Prof. Shifra Sagy, BGU, Prof. Gabriela Rosenthal, Gottingen University, Germany, and Prof. Mohammad Dajani Al-Quds University, East Jerusalem. Project supported by the DFG Foundation (725,000 Euro).
3. Evaluation of "Peacemaker" for Peres Center for Peace (2012 – 2015). Dr. Tal Litvak Hirsch, Dr. Orna Braun-Lewensohn, & Prof. Shifra Sagy. Peres Center for Peace. (USD \$9,500).
4. Enhancing community involvement of Bedouin youth by art: An intervention program and evaluation (2011-2013) Prof. Shifra Sagy and Dr. E. Huss. Supported by the Arnow Center for Bedouin Studies and Development. (USD \$5000).

B. Publications:

1. Srour, A., Sagy, S., Mana, A., & Mjally-Knani, S. (2013). Collective narratives as indicators of examining intergroup relations: The case of Muslims and Christians in Israel, *International Journal of Conflict Management*, 24(3), 231-244.

2. Braun-Lewensohn, O. & Sagy, S. (2013). Community resiliency and sense of coherence as protective factors in explaining stress reactions during missiles attacks: Comparing cities and rural communities. *Community Mental Health Journal*, 50(2), 229-234. DOI: 10.1007/s10597-013-9623-5.
3. Braun-Lewensohn, O., Sagy, S., & Al Said, H. (2013). Stress reactions and coping strategies among Bedouin Arab adolescents exposed to demolition of houses. *Stress & Health*, 30(4), 333-342. DOI:10.1002/smi.2519
4. Braun-Lewensohn, O., Sagy, S., Sabato, H., & Galili, R. (2013). Sense of coherence and sense of community as coping resource of religious adolescents before and after the disengagement from the Gaza Strip. *Israeli Journal of Psychiatry*, 50(2), 110-117.
5. Peled, D., Sagy, S., & Braun-Lewensohn, O. (2013). Community perception as coping resource among adolescents living under rocket fire: A salutogenic approach. *Journal of Community Positive Practices*, 4, 681-702.
6. Sagy, S. (2014). Salutogenesis: Notes from the diary of a conflict researcher in the "safe room" during "Operation Cloud Pillar." *Mifgash: Journal of Social-Education Work*, 40, 9-26. (Hebrew).
7. Mana, A., Sagy, S., Srour, S., & Mjally-Knani, S. (2015). On both sides of the fence: Perceptions of collective narratives and identity strategies among Palestinians in Israel and in the West Bank. *Mind and Society*, 14, 57-83.
8. Sagy, S. (2015). Coping, conflict, and culture: The salutogenic approach in the study of resiliency. In D. Adjukovic, S. Kimchi, & M. Lahad (Eds.). *Resiliency: Enhancing coping with crisis and terrorism*. IOS Press and NATO.
9. Sagy, S., Eriksson, M., & Braun-Lewensohn, O. (2015). Salutogenesis: Antonovsky's new paradigm in social and health research. In S. Joseph (Ed.) *Positive Psychology in Practice*. John Wiley & Sons.
10. Kalagy, T. (in press). Values, constraints and maneuvers in an effort to preserve the culture of the enclave: Processes of academic education among Haredi women and Bedouin women in Israel. Chapter in IGI- Global.
11. Mana, A., Sagy, S., & Srour, S. (in press). Community sense of coherence and perceptions of the "other": The case of Palestinian Muslims and Christians in Israel. *Journal of Social Psychology*.

12. Mana, A., Benheim, S., & Sagy, S. (in press). Salutogenesis and sense of coherence: A review of the literature in the Hebrew language. In Handbook of Salutogenesis. Springer Edition.
13. Daoud, N., Braun-Lewensohn, O., Eriksson, M., & Sagy, S. (in press). Sense of coherence and depressive symptoms among low income Bedouin women in the Negev, Israel. *The Journal of Mental Health*.
14. Sagy, S. & Mana, A. (in press). Towards an interdisciplinary approach: Salutogenesis and intergroup relations. In Handbook of Salutogenesis. Springer Edition.
15. Srour, A., Mana, A., & Sagy, S. (in press). Perceptions of collective narratives among Arab and Jewish adolescents in Israel: A decade of intractable conflict. In K. Sharvit, & E. Halperin (Eds.), A social psychology perspective on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict: Celebrating the legacy of Daniel Bar-Tal (Vol. II). New York, NY: Springer.
16. Telaku, M. & Sagy, S. (in press). Perceptions of Collective Narratives and Acculturation Attitudes: The Case of Serbs and Albanians in Kosovo. In L.G. Feldman, R. Barash, & S. Goda (Eds.). Societies in Transition. The Former Soviet Union and East Central Europe between Conflict and Reconciliation. Germany: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht.
17. Ben David, Y., Hameiri, B., Benheim, S., Leshem, B., Sarid, A., Sternberg, M., Nadler, A., & Sagy, S. (submitted, after corrections) Exploring ourselves within conflict relations: The role of intra-group dialogue in the acknowledgment of collective narratives of self and “other” and willingness towards reconciliation. *Peace and Conflict: Journal of Peace Psychology*.

C. Courses

Encountering the ‘other’ (ESO) project: Encountering the ‘other’ in conflict relationship in the context of the Israeli Palestinian Conflict – a yearlong seminar to experience and explore the encounter with the other in a conflict relationship, in the context of the Israel Palestinian conflict including social identities, power relations in the structures and culture, and collective narratives. (2013-2014 and 2014-2015)

Transitional Justice: A yearlong course about Transitional Justice and its possible adaption for the context of Arab and Jewish communities in the Negev. The course integrates theoretical approaches to the subject of transitional justice with the specific

issues of conflict resolution, reconciliation, justice, and with action research in both Bedouin-Arab and Jewish communities in the South. (2015-2016 – current)

D. Field trips:

March 2014 - Ramle-Lod – ESO group - Narratives from 1948 and today, walking tour of neighborhoods, municipality, visit to Lod Mosque, stories from battle, viewing of video testimonies, visit to Cultural Center.

March 2014 – East Jerusalem – ESO group - Overlooking the separation wall and refugee camps and meeting with refugees from different generations, visit to a camp with Machsom Watch representative, meeting with school principal, visit to Wasatia.

March 2014 – Krakow and Auschwitz, Poland – Research students from Ben Gurion University and Tel Aviv University as part of ESO project – historical sites in Krakow, ghetto and death camp.

March 2015 – Ramle – ESO group – Visit to a mosque, archeological museum, the marketplace and tour around town historical sites. Meeting Abu Tony and his personal story, since 1948. Visit to Open House in Ramle, discussion of then and now in Ramle

March 2015 - Jerusalem – ESO group – Overlook from Mt. Scopus, history of borders of Jerusalem, visit to Kalanswa checkpoint with Machsom Watch representative, Officer from checkpoint, Mayor of Al Aqareb, visit to Sheikh Jarah, meeting with Aryeh King, meeting with Elder from community, meeting with head of Teacher's College, and tour of neighborhood including settlement houses. Visit to Search for Common Ground.

December 2015 – Tel Sheva and Omer – Transitional Justice Course – tour of Tel Sheva and discussion with head of local council, social activist, and local resident, visit to Educational center for children with special needs, tour of Omer, discussion with head of local council and founding resident of town.

E. Conferences organized by the Martin Springer Center

1. The Arab Peace Initiative (still) waits for Israel (May 19, 2015)
2. The Impact of the Occupation on Israeli Society: On the publication of the book by Daniel Bar Tal and Yitzchak Snell (March 10, 2014)
3. To Think Salutogenically: 30 Years of Research, Theory and Practice. Ben Gurion University of the Negev (April, 2013)

F. Presentations:

- Kalagy, T. (2013, May). *Changing trends of the academic status of religious women in Israel*. Bar Ilan University, Ramat Gan.
- Kalagy, T. (2013, May). *Between incitement and appeasement – Changing attitudes to ultra-Orthodox society in face of increasing academisation in the last decade*. The Annual Conference of Political Science, The Hebrew University, Jerusalem.
- Kalagy, T. (2013, June). *Snapshot of the educational status of Bedouin women of the Negev*. Efrata College, Jerusalem.
- Srour, A. & Sagy, S. (2013, July). *Perceptions of collective narratives as a tool in measuring intergroup relations: Comparison of three conflicts*. Presented at the International Society of Political Psychology Annual Meeting, Herzilia.
- Sagy, S. (2014, January 5-6). *Coping, conflict, and culture*. Invited lecture presented at NATO Meeting, Tel Hai College, Tel Hai, Israel.
- Ben David, Y. & Sternberg, M. (2014, July 4-7). *Encountering the suffering of the other in a conflict: An invitation to internal dialogue within ourselves in conflicted relations*. Presented at the International Society of Political Psychology Annual Meeting, Rome, Italy.
- Leshem, B. (2014, July 4-7). *Perceptions of honor and dignity as potential facilitators in advancing willingness to reconcile between groups*. Presented at the International Society of Political Psychology Annual Meeting, Rome, Italy.
- Sarid, A. & Benheim, S. (2014, July 4-7). *Perceptions of collective narratives and willingness to reconcile*. Presented at the International Society of Political Psychology Annual Meeting, Rome, Italy.
- Ben David, Y. & Sternberg, M. (2014, November 16-17). *Encountering the suffering of the other in a conflict: an invitation to internal dialogue within ourselves in conflicted relations*. Presented at the International Conference at the Minerva Center for Human Rights, Faculty of Law, Tel-Aviv University, Tel Aviv.

Sarid, A. (2014, November 16-17). *Perceptions of collective narratives and willingness to reconcile*. Presented at the International Conference at the Minerva Center for Human Rights, Faculty of Law, Tel-Aviv University, Tel Aviv.

Ben David, Y. & Sternberg, M. (2015, January 12-14). *Encountering the suffering of the other in a conflict: an invitation to internal dialogue within ourselves in conflicted relations*. Presented at International Conference: Bridging Theory and Practice of Creative Conflict Engagement, Bar Ilan University, Ramat Gan.

Sarid, A., Benheim, S., & Srour, A. (2015, January 7-8). *Perceptions of collective narratives – results from quantitative research*. Presented at the Intercultural Inclusion in Education Systems and in Society: “Not in My Back Yard (NIMBY)”, Oranim, Israel: a joint initiative of a consortium of three colleges: Beit-Berl College, Oranim College and Rhode Island College (USA).

Sarid, A. & Benheim, S. (2015, January 12-14). *Perceptions of collective narratives and willingness to reconcile*. Presented at International Conference: Bridging Theory and Practice of Creative Conflict Engagement, Bar Ilan University, Tel Aviv.

Srour, A. (2015, January 19-20). *Sense of community coherence among Palestinian Christians and its relation to openness towards the “other.”* Presented at Palestinian Christian Identities in Israel: New Trends of Research, Jerusalem.

Kalagy, T. (2015, February 24-25). *The perception of collective narratives of my community and that of the “other”: The case of Ultra-Orthodox and National Religious*. The 46 Annual conference of the Israeli Sociology Society, Kinneret College, Tzemach.

Srour, A. (2015, February 24-25). *Sense of community coherence and its relationship to collective narratives and the perceptions of in and out groups: A comparative study of conflicts in a variety of social contexts*. Presented at the 46th Conference of The Israeli Sociologist Association, Kinneret College, Tzemach.

Sagy, S. (2015, March). *Coping, conflict, and culture: The salutogenic approach in research among adolescents*. Invited lecture at the Department of Psychology, University of Zurich, Switzerland.

Sagy, S. (2015, April 24). *Can we empathize with the suffering of our enemy? A small step in the long way towards reconciliation*. Invited lecture presented at the Congress in memory of Victor Frankl, Bad Worishofen, Germany.

Kalagy, T & Srour, A. (2015, May). *Collective narratives of religious minority groups in Israel: ultra-Orthodox and National Religious*. The Annual Conference of the Israeli Political Science, Ashkelon Academic College, Ashkelon.

Kalagy, T. (2015, July). *Opinions and perceptions of adolescents from different religious movements towards war and peace during a violent confrontation and their connection with anxiety reactions*. 36th Annual Conference of the Stress and Anxiety Research Society (STAR), Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv.

Sagy, S. (2015, September 20). *How does our sense of national coherence influence our openness/acceptance of the "other": Before and after Tzuk Eitan*. Presented at Conference: Racism excludes Democracy – Learning from History, Stopping the Present, Seminar HaKibbutzim, Ramat Gan.

G. Graduate students:

Post Doc

- Mana, A. (2010-2013). Intergroup relations: Palestinian Muslims and Christians.
- Kalagy, T. (2013- 2015). Identity strategies and community sense of coherence: The case of ultra-Orthodox and national-religious communities in Israel.
- Yaacov Roitman (2014-2015). Perceptions of collective narratives and acculturation attitudes among immigrants in Israel
- Somech, L. (2013- 2015). Perceptions of collective narratives and community sense of coherence: The case of ultra-Orthodox and national-religious communities in Israel.
- Leshem, B. (2013-2015).
- Idan, O. (2015- present).

Phd.

- Galili, R. (2013). Adolescents` reactions to a stress situation: Before and after the evacuation of Gush Katif settlements.
- Edelman, A. (2014). Sense of coherence as mediator between long term exposure to missile attacks and stress reactions
- Peled, D. (2014). Coping with rocket fire: The community as a buffering factor in reducing emotional distress.
- Golub-Stern, A. (2015). (Kreitman Fellowship). Resilience in the Israeli context: What "drives" bus drivers who have experienced terror attacks? (With Prof. D. Bar-On, Prof Y. Tubin).
- Heller, S. (2015). Academic achievements and attitudes towards higher education among orthodox women.
- Sagy-Nir, A. (2015). Coping with a community stress situation: Analysis of life stories of Sinai evacuees.

- Sayed, H. (2015). Bedouin adolescents' coping resources and strategies with stress situation: The case of home demolition.
- Srour, A. (2015). Sense of community coherence, collective narrative perceptions and openness to the "other" group: The case of Muslim-Christian relationships in Israel.
- Mjally-Knani, S. (submitted). Muslim-Christian relationships in Israel: The moderating role of SES and education levels
- Agbaria H. (current). Behavioral intentions and attitudes towards driving: A comparative study among young drivers, Jews and Arabs in Israel.
- Katz, Z. (current). Collective narratives as an indication to intergroup relations: The case of Haredi Ultra-orthodox and National religious communities in Israel.
- Sarid, A. (current). Sense of national coherence as a barrier to reconciliation: Israeli students before and after the Gaza War.
- Sternberg, M. (current). Jewish Israeli students encounter Palestinian conflict related narratives.
- Telaku, M. (current). Community sense of coherence and openness toward the "other" in intergroup relations: The case of Serbs and Albanians in Kosovo.
- Yassin R. (current). Community sense of coherence: Religious beliefs and emotional reactions to stress among three minority groups during the natural disaster of the forest fire on the Carmel.

MA-theses

- Higazi, I. (2013). "Beyond the fence": Identity and collective narratives among Israeli Palestinian students at a West Bank university
- Alatawna, I. (2014). Perceptions of collective narratives of Palestinians: The case of '48 Arabs and '67 Arabs (with Dr. S. Abu Kaf)
- Arbiv, R. (2015). Community sense of coherence and openness to the other: A comparison of three streams in the ultra-orthodox community
- Ben Atar, O. (2015). Community sense of coherence, and openness to the "other" among religious groups in Israel: Ethnicity as a moderator variable
- Benheim, S. (2015). Perceptions of collective narratives, values, and conflict resolution: Attitudes among Jewish Israeli youth (with Dr. O. Braun-Lewensohn and Dr. T. Litvak Hirsch)

- Gross, N. (2015). The relationship between community sense of coherence, religiosity, and identity strategies among two minority religious groups in Israel: Ultra-Orthodox and National religious
- Kaufman, M. (2015). The relationship between community sense of coherence and identity strategies: Gender differences among ultra-Orthodox Jews (with Dr. T. Kalagy)
- Meir, T. (2015): The relationship between community and personal sense of coherence and perceptions of collective narratives among two minority groups in Israel: Ultra-Orthodox and National religious (with Dr. T. Kalagy)
- Risemberg, M. (in preparation). Attitudes towards the Israeli-Palestinian conflict: Comparing National religious and Ultra-Orthodox Jews
- Sternberg, M. (2015). Nobody ever told us: Action research on an encounter of Jewish Israeli students with Palestinian conflict narratives (with Dr. T. Litvak Hirsch)