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CURRICULUM VITAE

Tehila Refaeli, PhD.

Education

- 2012-2015 PhD. Social Work, Bar-Ilan University.
Dissertation: Emerging adulthood among care leavers in Israel: Personal and environmental factors contributing to current situation and well-being of young adults four years after aging out of residential facilities.
Supervisor: Prof. Rami Benbenishty
- 2010-2012 M.S.W Social Work, Bar-Ilan University.
Thesis: Israeli and immigrant women survivors of intimate partner violence: The contribution of personal and environmental characteristics to depression. (Graduating *Cum Laude*)
Supervisors: Dr. Drorit Levi and Prof. Rachel Dekel
- 2005-2008 B.A. Social Work, Bar-Ilan University
(Graduating *Cum Laude*)

Main areas of interest in research

Child welfare;

Children and Youth at risk;

Children leaving care facilities;

Youth in transition to adulthood;

Social policy for families and children

Professional Experience

- 2015-2016 Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the School of Social Work at the Hebrew University. Research projects: 1. Social Security Systems from an International Perspective; 2. A Comparative Perspective on Child Development Accounts and It's Implication for Policy Development in Israel;
Host: Prof. John Gal
- 2014 One semester Postdoctoral Fellowship, Institute for Social Pedagogy and Organization Studies, Hildesheim University, Germany. The fellowship included writing manuscripts, presenting my research in several universities in Germany and the Netherlands, and planning future international

collaborations for research projects.

Host: Prof. Wolfgang Schröer.

- 2010-2015 Research assistant and research team coordinator with Prof. Rami Benbenishty and Prof. Anat Zeira in research projects concerning children, youth, and young adults in situations of risk and distress. The duties include developing research proposals and instruments, conducting qualitative and quantitative interviews, performing qualitative analyses, performing quantitative analyses (Using SPSS, SAS, and Mplus software), and preparing manuscripts for scientific publications. In addition, the role included coordinating collaborative work with researchers from Bar Ilan and the Hebrew University in Israel, and a research team from Hildesheim University in Germany.
- 2009-2010 Parole officer for adult offenders, including individual and group interventions, diagnoses of delinquents, writing diagnoses to the courts including rehabilitation plans and punishment recommendations, and representing the probation service's opinion in court.
- 2008-2009 Social worker and assisted living coordinator for people with mental illness, supervisor of rehabilitation guides, including individual and group interventions and case management duties.

Teaching Experience

- Spring 2016 Child and Adolescent Social Work , School of Social Work, Sapir college.
- 2015-2016 Volunteer Management, School of Social Work, Bar Ilan University.
- 2015-2016 Quantitative research methods and Computer Applications for Academic Works (SPSS), School of Social Work, Ruppin Academic Center.
- 2015 Child Welfare Policy, School of Social Work, Bar Ilan University.
- 2014 Academic Reading and Writing, School of Social Work, Bar Ilan University.
- 2012-2014 Teaching statistics to a group of students from Ethiopia as part of project to support immigrant students, Bar Ilan University.

Social and research activity

- 2016 Member of ELEM's volunteering committee.
- 2012-present Member of INTRAC's PhD researchers group (International Research Network on Transitions and Adulthood from Care).

Scholarships and Fellowships

- 2014 Postdoctoral fellowship at the Institute for Social Work and Organisational Studies, University of Hildesheim (Germany)
- 2014 Excellence scholarship for Doctoral students, Bar-Ilan University
- 2014 Friedman Scholarship for Doctoral students in social work, Bar-Ilan University
- 2014 Excellence scholarship for Doctoral students, Bar-Ilan University
- 2013 Excellence scholarship for Doctoral students, Bar-Ilan University
- 2012 Excellence scholarship for Doctoral students, Bar-Ilan University
- 2011 Excellence scholarship for Master students, Bar-Ilan University
- 2010 Excellence scholarship for Master students, Bar-Ilan University

Submission of Research Proposal – Approved

- 2016 Research Fund, National Insurance Institute: Encouraging child development accounts as a tool for reducing intergenerational poverty: A comparative analysis of programs abroad and policy development processes in Israel (with Co-PI Prof. Michal Grinstein-Weiss, Director of Envolv Center for Health Behavior Change, Washington University in St. Louis).

Active Participation in Conferences

- Levi, D, & **Refaeli, T.** (June 2011). *Evaluating national service for young people at risk from the perspective of the youth: The contribution of community variables to life satisfaction and perception of the future* (with Benbenishty, R.). Oral presentation at the 14th Spring Conference of the Israeli Center for Third Sector Research: "Between the business concepts to the key concepts", Beer-Sheva, Israel.
- Refaeli, T.** (July 2011). *The characteristics of victims of domestic violence in the entrance to the shelters and in the exit* (With Dekel, R.). Oral presentation in the Symposium: "From field to research and back: What have we learned about victims of domestic violence in the shelters in Israel", Bar Ilan University, Ramat-Gan, Israel.
- Refaeli, T.** (May 2013). *Assessment of programs to promote youth at risk from the perspective of the youth: The example of the evaluation the program "National service for youth at risk"* (with Levy, D. & Benbenishty, R.). Oral presentation at the National conference of doctoral candidates in social work: "Research, practice and social change", the Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel.
- Refaeli, T.** (May 2013). *Turning points to higher education among care leavers*. Oral presentation at the Turning Points Workshop, Hildesheim University, Hildesheim, Germany (with Strahl, B.).
- Refaeli, T.,** Levy, D. & Benbenishty, R. (February 2014). *National service experience as a predictor of intention to volunteer in the future: a comparison between young girls at risk to normative young women*. Poster presentation at Bar-Ilan conference for volunteering: "Volunteering now and in the future", Ramat-Gan, Israel.

- Refaeli, T.** (September 2014). *Longitudinal study among care leavers: Predictors of self-efficacy regarding post-secondary education* (with Benbenishty, R. and Zeira, A.). Oral presentation at the European Scientific Association on Residential and Family Care for Children and Adolescents Conference-EUSARF, Copenhagen, Denmark.
- Strahl, B. & **Refaeli, T.** (September 2014). *Turning points to higher education among care leavers*. Poster presentation at the European Scientific Association on Residential and Family Care for Children and Adolescents Conference-EUSARF, Copenhagen, Denmark.
- Refaeli, T.** (May 2014). **Conference chair** of the 2nd National conference of doctoral candidates in social work: "Research on social work as a lever to personal, professional and social changes", Bar-Ilan University, Ramat-Gan, Israel.
- Refaeli, T.** (November 2014). *Transition from residential care to adulthood in the narratives of care leavers in Israel: The significance of personal resources and support to adjustment*. Oral presentation at the research workshop: "Qualitative research on generational orders, power relations, sexuality and violence", Goethe-University, Frankfurt am Main, Germany.
- Refaeli, T.** (January 2015). *Entrance, exit, and in between: Expectations, women's evaluation of the contribution of shelters and the change experienced during their stay*. Oral presentation in the Symposium: "From the field to research and back: What have we learned from the study in shelters in Israel", Bar-Ilan University, Ramat-Gan, Israel.
- Refaeli, T.** (February 2016). *Immigrant and Israeli-born care leavers in Israel experiencing the transition to adulthood: End of the state's responsibility or abandonment?* Oral presentation at the 7th ESPAnet ISRAEL conference, The Welfare State in Multicultural Societies: Challenges for social policy, University of Haifa, Haifa.
- Refaeli, T.** (March 2016). *Personal and Social Resources Contributing to Functioning and Well-Being among Young People Aging out of Residential Facilities in Israel: A Longitudinal Study* (with Benbenishty, R. and Zeira, A.). Oral presentation at the 6th European Conference for Social Work Research, Lisbon, Portugal.

Invited talk

- Refaeli, T.** (October 2014). *Transitions from residential care to adulthood in the narratives of care leavers in Israel: The significance of personal resources and support*. Centre for Special Needs Education and Youth Care, University of Groningen, Groningen, The Netherlands.

Publications

Peer reviewed journals

- Levy, D., Benbenishty, R., & **Refaeli, T.** (2012). Life satisfaction and positive perceptions of the future among youth at-risk participating in Civic-National Service in Israel. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 34, 2012-2017 (Citations: ISI-2; IF=1.43; Q1 Social work, 10/40).
- Refaeli, T.**, Benbenishty, R., & Eliel-Gev, M. (2013). Youth aging out of residential care in Israel: Readiness for independent living and need for help. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 35, 1601-1607 (Citations: ISI-NA, Google Scholar-2; IF=1.43; Q1 Social work, 10/40).
- Refaeli, T.**, & Strahl, B. (2014). Turning point processes to higher education among care leavers. *Social Work & Society*, 12 (1) (Citations: ISI-NA, Google Scholar-1; IF=NA).
- Melkman, E., **Refaeli, T.**, Bibi, B., & Benbenishty, R., (Accepted). Readiness for independent living among youth on the verge of leaving juvenile correctional facilities. *International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology* (Citations: ISI-NA, IF=1.24; Q2 Criminology & Penology, 24/55).
- Refaeli, T.**, Mangold, M., Köngeter, S., & Zeira, A. (Accepted). Continuity and discontinuity in the transition from care to adulthood. *British Journal of Social Work* (Citations: ISI-NA, IF=1.80; Q1 Social work, 8/40).
- Refaeli, T.**, Levy, D., Ben-Port, A., Dekel, R. & Itzhaky, H. (Accepted). Personal and environmental predictors of depression among victims of intimate partner violence: Comparison of immigrant and Israeli-born women. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence* (Citations: ISI-NA, IF=1.21; Q2 Criminology & Penology, 18/55).
- Melkman, E., **Refaeli, T.** & Benbenishty, R. (Accepted). An empirical test of a model of academic expectations among youth in residential care. *Children and Youth Services Review* (Citations: ISI-NA, IF=1.43; Q1 Social work, 10/40).

Chapter in edited book

- Keller, S., Strahl, B., **Refaeli, T.**, & Zhao, C. (2016). Researching care leavers in an ethical manner in Switzerland, Germany, Israel and China. In P. Mendes & P. Snow (eds.), *Young people transitioning from care: International research, policy and practice* (pp. 241-261). London: Palgrave Macmillan publication.

Under review

- Refaeli, T.** (Submitted- American Journal of Orthopsychiatry). *Narratives of Care Leavers: What Promotes Resilience in Transitions to Independent Lives?*
- Benbenishty, R., **Refaeli, T.**, & Levy, D. (Submitted- International Journal of Social Welfare). *Effects of Civic-National Service on self-esteem, life satisfaction, and positive future perception in youth at risk in Israel.*
- Zeira, A., Tuval- Mashiach, R., Meir, G., Levy, D., **Rafaeli, T.** & Benbenishty, R., (Submitted- *VOLUNTAS*). *Alumni of National Civic Service: Comparing the experience of at-risk and traditional volunteers.*

Research Reports

- Benbenishty, R., Levy, D., & **Rafaeli, T.** (2011). *Assessment of national service for young people at risk from the perspective of the youth*. Ramat Gan: Bar Ilan University (Hebrew).
- Zeira, A., Benbenishty, R., & **Rafaeli, T.** (2012). *Vulnerable youth in transition to adulthood: needs, services and policies*. Jerusalem: Hebrew University (Hebrew).
- Benbenishty, R., Zeira, A., Melkman, E. & **Rafaeli, T.** (2014). *School climate, expectations, educational plans and needs of adolescents in Israeli youth villages*. Ramat Gan: Bar Ilan University (Hebrew).
- Benbenishty, R., Zeira, A., Melkman, E. & **Rafaeli, T.** (2014). *School climate, expectations, educational plans and needs of adolescents in juvenile correctional facilities*. Ramat Gan: Bar Ilan University (Hebrew).
- Zeira, A., Benbenishty, R., Tuval- Mashiach, Levy, D., **Rafaeli, T.** & Polak-Verdiger, N. (2014). *Civic-national service for young people at risk: The Participants' point of view*. Jerusalem: Hebrew University (Hebrew).
- Itzhaki, H., Dekel, R., Ben-Port, A., **Rafaeli, T.** & Liberman, G. (2014). *Follow-up study among immigrant female victims of domestic violence from Ethiopia and the former Soviet Union: Upon entrance to the shelter and before leaving*. Ramat Gan: Bar Ilan University (Hebrew).

In preparation

Manuscripts for Peer reviewed journals

- Rafaeli, T.**, Levy, D. & Benbenishty, R. (In preparation). *National service experience as a predictor of intention to volunteer in the future: A comparison between young women at risk to normative young women*.
- Schröer, W., López-López, M. & **Rafaeli, T.** (In preparation). *Kinship care policy in four countries: An international comparison*.
- Rafaeli, T.** & Andersen, S. (In preparation). *Transitions in the life stories of disadvantaged young women: The different challenges in the narratives from Germany and Israel*.
- Benbenishty, R., Lopez, V., Astor, R. A., & **Rafaeli, T.** (In preparation). *School Violence in an international perspective: Comparing Israel and Chile*.