

Michal Komem *Curriculum Vitae*

Education

1998 – 2006

PH. D Social Work, Tel Aviv university, Israel

Thesis: *Seeking and Receiving Help among Runaway Adolescent Girls*

1986 – 1991

MSW Social Work, Hebrew university, Israel

Thesis: *Adolescent Girls Facing Legal Authority in their Rehabilitation Process*

1983 – 1986

BA Social Work, Hebrew university, Israel

Experience

2016 –

Senior teacher, School of Social Work, Sapir Academic College, Israel

2007 – 2016

Lecturer, School of Social Work, Sapir Academic College, Israel

2016 –

Founder and director, Rotem Center for the advancement of marginalized young women

The Center leads the production and implementation of knowledge and practical wisdom relating to marginalized adolescent girls and young women in Israel.

School of Social Work, Sapir Academic College

2008 – 2016

Founder and director, Mentoring program – Young Women Become Mentors

School of Social Work, Sapir Academic College, Israel

2009 –

Co-initiator, Feminist Forum, Sapir Academic College, Israel

2009 – 2013

Founder and director, Training and Research Center for trauma and resilience

Sapir Academic College, Israel

2006 – 2010

Visiting lecturer, Gender Studies Department, Bar Ilan University, Israel

2003 – 2007

Co-founder and director, Mentoring Program – Girls for Girls
School of Social Work, Tel Aviv university, Israel

1999 – 2008

Senior program manager of youth programs, Ashalim (The Association for planning and development of services for children and youth and their families)
JDC, Jerusalem, Israel

Significant Professional Consultations

2011 -

Preparation of a proposal for the establishment of a short BSW degree for various BA graduates as part of a BSW program, at the President of Sapir Academic College's request, together with Prof. Orit Nuttman-Shwartz.

Professional Work Outside Academia

2015 – 2016

Academic consultant to the National Insurance Foundation department, the Foundation for Special Projects. Literature review and position paper on the topic: Young Women at Risk – Direction for Developing Social Services

2014 – 2015

Academic consultant to the National Insurance Foundation department, the Foundation for Children at Risk. Consultant to the Opportunity Foundation

2013 –

Member of the Governmental Steering Committee for the re-thinking of intervention methods in 'Mesila' - secured institution for adolescent girls
National Inter-Organizational Forum for Services for Young Women at Risk

2012 – 2013

Academic consultant of the Evaluation Research 'Sela' intervention with adolescent girls at risk

2012 – 2013

Member of the Governmental Steering Committee for National Service volunteers with physical disabilities and youth at risk

2011 –

Member and co-founder to the National Inter-Organizational Forum for Services for Young Women at Risk

2011 – 2013

Academic consultant of the ‘To Be an Adolescent Girl’ project, Bat Yam municipality

2011 – 2012

Advisory board member of HaKeren LeYedidut (Israeli Friendship Foundation)

2010 – 2012

Academic consultant to the development of the program ‘Adolescent Girls Volunteer for Society’, Bat Ami (National Service association)

2010 – 2015

Board member, The Women’s Courtyard Association

1980 – 1999

Board member, Social worker in different services for youth; youth probation officer, shelter for runaway and homeless youth, service for adolescent girls at risk

Honors and Awards

2016

Honorary award for a woman who changed the world, the Committee for the Advancement of Women, Israeli Knesset

2009

Recanati-Chais-rashi award for the Social Worker Entrepreneur. The award was given for the developing of the Mentoring Program

2007

Expert lecturer, United Nations Committee on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination and Violence Against the Girl Child. Invited to take part in a conference organized by the Division of Advancement of Women.

Courses taught

Title of course	Year	Type	Level	Institution
Young Women Educate to their Rights - joint research seminar of the departments of social work and law, course involving practice	2016 -	Lecturer	B.A.	Sapir Academic College
Practice seminar- 1st Year	2011 -	Lecturer	B.A.	Sapir Academic College
Research seminar: adolescent girls and feminism	2009 -	Lecturer	B.A.	Sapir Academic College
Practice seminar - 3rd Year: social work and the world of employment and unemployment	2009 -	Lecturer	B.A.	Sapir Academic College
Social work with children and adolescents	2008 -	Lecturer	B.A.	Sapir Academic College
Social work with the individual and the environment	2008 - 2011	Lecturer	B.A.	Sapir Academic College
Feminist perspective on developing services for adolescent girls	2008 - 2010	Visiting Lecture	M.A.	Bar-Ilan University
Group - theory and practice	2008 - 2009	Visiting Lecturer	M.A.	Bar-Ilan University
Social work with adolescent girls	2000 -	Lecturer	B.A.	Sapir Academic College

Research Grants

2017

Marginalized Young Women's Trajectories towards Postsecondary Education: barriers and resources

Research proposal submitted in February 2017 together with Dr. Tehila Rafaeli from the Department of Social Work, Ben Gurion university and Dr. Sigal Openheim-Shahar from the Gender Studies Program, Bar Ilan university and Levinsky College. The research uses mixed empirical and qualitative methodology in an attempt to identify the obstacles standing in the way of young marginalized women from the periphery in their participation in academic and professional studies. The research includes

focus groups,
in depth
interviews

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and a quantitative sample of secular and religious Jewish women and Bedouin women. An answer should be received by the end of 2017.

2012

The Israeli National Institute for health policy research

The Perinatal Culture of Israeli Ethiopians: examining the health utilization and socio-cultural factors associated with birth outcomes. With Ronit Calderon-Margalit (p.i), Becca Feldman, and Yafa Kurtzweil.

150,000 NIS

2011

The Robert H. Arnow Center for Bedouin Studies and Development

Evaluation of the mentoring program, 4500\$

2002

Shahar-Boym grant for Ph.D candidates, School of Social Work, Tel Aviv university

2000

Myers-JDC-Brookdale Institute, Center for Children and Youth

Grant for Ph.D research proposal

Scientific publications

Chapters in books that are not conference proceedings

Breshtling, O., Komem, M., & Pessach, N. (in press). The Politics of Care: critical reflection on social work with pregnant adolescent girls (will be published in a book on critical practices edited by Michal Krumer-Nevo, Idit Weiss-Gal and Roni Strier).

Komem, M., Peled, E. (2017). Does Anybody See Me? The surveilling social gaze on runaway adolescent girls. In E. Lachover, E. Peled, & M. Komem (Eds). *Girlhood bodies: Absent, hidden, present*. (pp.160-181). Magnes: Jerusalem.(In Hebrew).

Peled, E., Lachover, E., & Komem, M. (2017). Girlhood and Bodies in Israel: a critical literature review. In E. Lachover, E. Peled & M. Komem (Eds). *Girlhood bodies: Absent, hidden, present* (pp.11-42).Mednes: Jerusalem. (In Hebrew).

Golan, M., Komem, M., and Kay-Tzadok, A. (2008). To See the Light – To Lighten the Darkness, on the ‘Girls for Girls’ mentoring program. In M. Hovav, H. Mell, and M. Golan (Eds.) *Therapeutic*

Interventions with at Risk Adolescents (pp. 195-218). Tel Aviv: Carmel Publishers. (in Hebrew)

Komem, M., Dolev, T., Golan, M., and Yuval, D. (2005). Adolescent Girls on the Map. In: G. Rahav, Y. Wozner, and M. Wander-Schwartz (Eds.). *Youth in Israel 2004* (pp. 191 -208). Ramat Aviv: Bob Shapell School of Social Work, Tel Aviv university and the Interdisciplinary Center for Policy Study and the Treatment of Children and Youth. (in Hebrew)

Articles in peer-reviewed scholarly journals

Krumer-Nevo, M., Berkowich-Romano, A., & Komem, M. (2015). The Study of Girls in Social Work: major discourses and feminist ideas. *Journal of Social Work* 15(4), 425-446.

Krumer-Nevo, M., & Komem, M. (2013). Intersectionality and Critical Social Work with Girls: theory and practice. *The British Journal of Social Work*, 45(4), 1190-1206

Krumer-Nevo, M., & Komem, M. (2012) Intersectionality: a conceptual framework for feminist social work practice with girls. *Society & Welfare (Hevra verevaha)*32(3) pp 347-374

Berkowich, A., Krumer-Nevo, M., & Komem, M. (2013). Research on Girls in Distress in Israel: a feminist-historical analysis. *Hevra & revaha* 33(1) pp 7-39

Non-refereed professional articles and publications

Komem, M. (2008) Adolescent Girls in Distress: a personal problem or result of social reality? Et Hasade, Ashalim - JDC. (in Hebrew)

Komem, M. (2007). Is It Possible to See Girls? UN Committee on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination and Violence against the Girl Child.

URL: http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/csw51/panel1/Michal%20Komem_20%20Feb.pdf

Komem, M. (2008) Is it possible to see girls? Issues influencing the promotion of policy for the elimination of violence and discrimination against adolescent girls. Hade'a Harovachat, Israel Council on Social Welfare. (in Hebrew)

Membership in organizing committees of scientific conferences

2017

Chair person (with Dr. Tehila Rafaeli), Scientific Committee. Young Adults at Risk: research, policy and practice. Ben Gurion university.

2017

Chair person

(with Dr. Einat

מנובילוג אגן עוליס (היזן נחמג הנלשה אונג זיילג זישכא)

Lachover & Prof Einat Peled), Scientific Committee. Adolescent girls and their body. Sapir Academic College.

2015

Chair person, Scientific Committee. Kennes Sderot Lehevra (Sderot Society conference): Activism with and for young women. Sapir Academic College.

2014

Chair person, Scientific Committee. Kennes Sderot Lehevra (Sderot Society conference): Differentiated services for girls and young women. Sapir Academic College.

2013

Chair person, Scientific Committee. Kennes Sderot Lehevra (Sderot Society conference): Adolescent girls and social rights. Sapir Academic College.

2013

Chair person, Scientific Committee. 3rd Conference of Girls and Girlhood. Bat Yam, in partnership with the Gender Studies programs, Tel Aviv university

2013

Member, Scientific Committee. Trauma, community and social work education, Tel Hai College

2012

Member, Scientific Committee. Adolescent girls in urban spaces. Bat Yam, in partnership with the Gender Studies programs, Tel Aviv university

2012

Member, Scientific Committee. Adolescent Girls: changing glazes conference, Israel, Lafer Center, Hebrew University Jerusalem.

2011

Chair person, Scientific Committee. Kennes Sderot Lehevra (Sderot Society conference): Without a room of your own – adolescent girls and young women's needs for housing in Israel. Sapir Academic College.

2010

Chair person, Scientific Committee. Kennes Sderot Lehevra (Sderot Society conference): Adolescent girls taking about school - warm home or battle field?

2009 - 2010

Member,
Scientific

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Committee. "Coping and Growth" conference, Israel, April 2010

2006

Co-chair person, Scientific Committee. Adolescent Girls: research, policy and practice. Ben Gurion university.

Lectures and Presentations at International Meetings and Invited Seminars

Conference	Date and Place	Title of presentation
Child Maltreatment in Context - The Second International Conference	December 2017 Jerusalem Haruv Institute	'A Girl's Place Is in the Home': a critical analysis of spatial gendered scripts in narratives of runaway girls (with Prof. Einat Peled)
Children on the Edge: cultural dilemmas for family therapists	June 2012 Italy	'Do Not Make a Fuss of it': the use of mixed methods research as a tool to deal with the ethical dilemmas in an intervention program for unplanned pregnancies in girls under the age of 19, with Orit Breshtling
Advancing Research	June 2011	Invited participant – Health and Science in group conflict arenas
Re-imagining Girlhood: communities, identities, self-portrayals	October 2010 Cuny, Coartland, USA	Mentoring - Girls for Girls: an innovative intervention program for adolescent girls who 'have been there'.
Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination and Violence against the Girl Child	January 2007 United Nations	Invited expert lecturer - Is it Possible to See Girls?

Lectures and Presentations at Israeli Meetings and Invited



Seminars

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Conference	Date and Place	Title of presentation
Social Workers' Convention	November 2017 Tel Aviv	Can We Grow Up Here?
Youth at Risk Conference: policy and practice analysis	October 2017 Beer sheva	Ethical Dilemmas in Quantitative Research with Young at Risk Women
The Beer Sheva Conference for the Welfare of Children	October 2016 Beer sheva	Immigrant Adolescent Girls in Israel: gender and context
Tel Aviv Conference for the 25th November day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women	November 2016 Tel aviv	Exceptional Mental Strength: the process of telling your violence experience among young women from the southern periphery in Israel
Annual Meeting of the Israeli Association of Group Psychotherapy	February 2012 Ramat efal	About the Adolescent Girl within Me - workshop and presentation with Prof. Orit Nuttman-Shwartz
Gender Studies Annual Conference	April 2011 Bar Ilan university	Conceptions of Motherhood among Adolescent Girls who 'Have Been There': a feminist perspective, with Hagit Sinai-Glazer and Helly Buzhish-Sason
We Will Ask the Girl: about silence, screaming and talking	2010 Bat-Yam	Who Is an Adolescent Girl? Four answers and three feminisms
From Vulnerability to Effective Coping in Emergency situations	2010 Tel Hay	When Inner Trauma Corresponds with Traumatic Reality: sharing the experience of adolescent girls from the south of Israel
Coping and Growth	2010 Ben Gurion University	Meetings Under Fire among Israeli Young Women from the South of Israel - Bedouin and Jews
Women, Gender and Periphery	2009 Sapir Academic College	Reconstructing 'Girls at Risk'
Israeli Conference for Qualitative Research	2008 Ben Gurion University	You and Me Will Change the World: participatory action research with adolescent girls in 'warm homes', with Michal Krumer-Nevo and Rely Katzav
Adolescent Girls: research, policy and practice	2006 Ben Gurion University	Co-chair with Prof. Michal Krumer-Nevo
Youth in a Changing World - Interdisciplinary Center for policy study and treatment of children and youth	2005 Tel Aviv University and Elem	Seeking and Receiving Help among Runaway Adolescent Girls

Present Academic Activities

מנובמבר 2017 עד יולי 2018

2017 -

Working with at Risk Youth in the Negev Unrecognized Bedouin Villages: the Finjan Centers as example Research in collaboration with Dr. Yochai Nadan from the Baerwald School of Social Work at the Hebrew university and Elem – Youth in distress. Five group interviews took place with the Finjan Center's workers. The data gathering stage is complete and in the coming months data will be analyzed, a report will be written in Hebrew and articles published in scientific journals. The research obtained approval from the ethics committee of the School of Social Work at the Hebrew university

2017 – (continued)

The Singularity of Marginalized Young Women's Experience in the Process of Training to Mentorship: research combining artistic tools

In collaboration with Dr. Tehila Rafaeli and Prof. Efrat Huss, department of Social Work, Ben Gurion university. Currently working on research proposal. Will be presented for approval to the ethics committee at the School of Social Work in the Sapir Academic College.

The Advantages of Flexible Scholarship in Post Graduate Studies Success for Youth Without Family Backup: the case of the L. Scholarships

Research in collaboration with Dr. Menny Malka, School of Social Work, Sapir Academic College and with Dr. Tehila Rafaeli, department of Social Work, Ben Gurion university. The research combines qualitative and quantitative approaches. Waiting for approval by the ethics committee at the School of Social Work, Sapir Academic College.

2016 -

Young Women Index: describing the life situation of young women in the southern periphery of Israel Research in collaboration with Dr. Tehila Rafaeli, department of Social Work, Ben Gurion university and Roni Eyal-Lubling

2014 - 2016

Girlhood Bodies: absent, hidden, present

Research in collaboration with Dr Einat Lachover, Sapir Academic College and Prof. Einat Peled, School of Social Work, Tel-Aviv university.

2013



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Israeli Ethiopians: examining the health utilization and socio-cultural factors associated with birth outcomes

Research in collaboration with Dr. Ronit Calderon Margalit (P.I), Becca Feldman and Yaffa Kurtzweil.

150,000 NIS received from the Israeli National Institute for health policy research.

