

MEET OUR AMBASSADORS



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Field of Research:

Psychology of Religion; Social Psychology; Minorities in Israel; Cross-cultural research

SHORT BIO

I was born and raised in the Druze village of Peki'in, where I graduated from high school. Subsequently, I pursued psychology studies at the University of Haifa, earning both my bachelor's and master's degrees. For nearly a decade, I worked as an educational psychologist with the Haifa Municipality. Recently, I earned a dual doctoral degree at the School of Psychological Sciences at the University of Haifa and the Study of Religions at Åbo Akademi University (Finland). I serve as a teaching fellow in the Department of Multidisciplinary Studies and lead a research team at the Haifa Laboratory for Religious Studies, focusing on the intersection of religion and gender within the Druze community.

My doctoral research explores the contemporary religiosity of young adult Muslim and Druze university students in Israel. The data collected has contributed to several publications, with some findings warranting further investigation. I am particularly interested in how intercultural encounters shape the relationships between Arab and Jewish communities. In my free time, I enjoy reading, writing, and running. One of my aspirations is to visit refugee camps worldwide and provide psychological support to the children there.

FUNDRAISING NEEDS

Being a minority, I have learned that **empathy** and **understanding** are key to a stronger society. The University of Haifa, with its rich cultural diversity, is an ideal place to advance intercultural dialogue. I aim to establish a **Center for Multiculturalism** here. This center would be a **research hub** and advocate for social initiatives, promoting understanding, respect, and freedom of expression while fostering common goals among diverse individuals.

Research would focus on the psychological dynamics of intercultural encounters, emphasizing practical applications for tangible change. Socially, the center would organize courses and workshops to bring students from different backgrounds together. These initiatives would promote **cultural exchange**, dispel **stereotypes**, and facilitate **collaborative projects** around shared objectives, creating a truly multicultural environment within and beyond the university.