

Bio: Natalie Yona, M.A.

Natalie Yona, M.A., is a Speech-Language Therapist (SLT) with over 15 years of extensive experience in pediatric and adult communication disorders, with specialization in neurological rehabilitation, early childhood development, fluency, and voice disorders. She currently holds the position of Head of the Speech-Language Therapy Department at Cognishine, where she leads the development and integration of innovative digital tools designed to support cognitive and linguistic rehabilitation across hospitals, clinics, and community care settings. Her work emphasizes the creation of clinically grounded, accessible solutions that empower therapists and significantly enhance patient outcomes across age groups and medical conditions.

In addition to her role at Cognishine, Ms. Yona operates a well-established private practice, delivering personalized, evidence-based interventions for both children and adults. Her practice focuses on addressing complex challenges related to communication, speech, swallowing, and voice, always guided by the latest research and best practices to ensure the highest standard of care.

Previously, Ms. Yona served as Regional SLT for the Central District at Meuhedet Health Services, where she played a pivotal role in expanding clinical services, leading multidisciplinary teams, and pioneering innovative home-based rehabilitation programs. She was instrumental in improving service availability, training new therapists, overseeing quality control, and preparing the district for ministry-level health inspections. Her leadership extended to Maccabi Health Services, where she delivered specialized home-based therapy for patients with progressive neurological conditions, including Parkinson's disease, ALS, stroke, and dementia, working closely within multidisciplinary teams to achieve optimal rehabilitation outcomes.

Ms. Yona also served as Head of the SLT Team in the Geriatric Rehabilitation Department at Sheba Medical Center, where she managed clinical operations, supervised the professional development of junior staff, and provided advanced care for adults with acquired neurological conditions such as aphasia, dysarthria, apraxia, and dysphagia. Her deep commitment to innovation, clinical excellence, and interprofessional collaboration has positioned her as a leader in the field.

Ms. Yona is passionate about improving the quality of life for individuals affected by communication challenges and to fostering innovation and leadership within the broader healthcare landscape.