

Dr. Yael Sorek-Benvenisti

Education:

B.A – physical therapy – Tel Aviv University

M.A- gerontology – Haifa University

PhD. – gerontology - Haifa University

Currently I am the chairperson of Technologies of Aging Well (Society of Electrical and Electronic Engineers in Israel), and represent Aging 2.0 Israel (with Mr. Dov Sugarman)

On the past 9 years, I have been a board member of the Israel Gerontological Society, which combines the various disciplines working with the elderly population. The Israel Gerontological Society is a member of the International Organization of Gerontology and operates as a part of the European branch.

On the past 8 years, I have served as a Business and marketing consultant to companies on issues relating to the health, quality of life and leisure pursuits of the elderly and as a mentor for startups and projects dealing with elderly population challenges in several accelerators program in Israel .

Throughout the years, I have organized and served as the chairperson/ lecture in local and international conferences, I was involved in writing a number of policy papers (local and internationals) and worked to promote municipal, national and internationals programs for the welfare of the elders .

For eight years, I managed the health professional system in a chain of nursing and retirement homes- "Association of Israelis of Central European Origin". Also, I was in charge of development and implementation of projects (2004-2012)

Awards and Prizes :

-2010-Certificate of merit from the Wingate Institute for promoting elderly physical activity

-2007-Supervised a project that won the "Glickman Prize for excellence and quality in retirement house"

-2015 – Center for Active Design excellence – Stanford Healthy Neighborhood Discovery Tool

research and scientific article:

Y. Laufer, L. Gattenio, E. Parnas, D. Sinai, Y. Sorek & R. Dickstein (2001). Time-related changes in motor performance of the upper extremity ipsilateral to the side of the lesion in stroke survivors. *Neurorehabilitation and Neural Repair*, 15, 167.

Moran, M. R., Werner, P., Doron, I., HaGani, N., Benvenisti, Y., King, A. C., ... & Egron, S. (2016). Exploring the Objective and Perceived Environmental Attributes of Older Adults' Neighborhood Walking Routes: A Mixed Methods Analysis. *Journal of aging and physical activity*, 1-36.

In process- Age-Based Stigma Held by Elderly persons towards Young Health Professionals Working in the Community -A theoretical and empirical evaluation of a new concept.

In process- Attitudes, enabling factors and barriers in the use of technology in healthcare for older adults. With Myers-JDC-Brookdale Institute and Sheba medical Center