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Prof. Liat Ayalon is Professor of Social Work at Bar Ilan University. She completed her training in clinical psychology at the Illinois Institute of Technology and her pre- and post- doctoral training at the University of California, San Francisco. While in the U.S., her training was supported by various organizations, including the American Psychological Association, the National Science Foundation, the National Institute of Mental Health, and the Health Resources and Services Administration of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. She has over 90 publications in leading international journals. Her research broadly encompasses three main areas: ageism; the integration of mental health in primary care; and the intersection between formal and informal care of older adults. Her research has received international recognition. She is the recipient of several international awards, most recently from the University of Michigan (Andrews Fellow), the American Geriatrics Society and the International College of Geriatrics and Psychoneuropharmacology. Her work has been funded by various competitive grant funding institutions, including the Israel Science Foundation, the German-Israeli Foundation and the Ministry of Health. She is also the chair of a COST Action on ageism, funded by the EU under Horizon 2020. She often serves as an ad-hoc reviewer for prestigious journals and funding organizations. She is highly dedicated to mentoring the next generation of researchers. She has published with many of her students and counsels them on the scientific and practical aspects of building an academic career. She served as the academic chair of the bi-annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of Israel in 2013 and currently serves on the academic board of the upcoming conference of the European Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies to be held in Jerusalem in 2015. She also serves as a consultant to Israel's national program for suicide prevention, and she volunteers her time as a lecturer in her areas of research in various informal settings.

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