

CURRICULUM VITAE AND LIST OF PUBLICATION

Personal Details:

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Date and place of birth: 27/05/1975, Copenhagen, Denmark.

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Regular military service: communication specialist and instructor in the Israeli air-force (12/1993-12/1996).

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Education:

Ph.D.: 2002-2006- PhD. in Clinical-Rehabilitation Psychology from the Department of Psychology (Bar-Ilan University).

Name of advisor: Prof. Aron Weller.

Dissertation title: "Emotion-Regulation in the Flinders' Sensitive-Line and Wistar-Kyoto Animal Models of Depression". Dissertation approved on 28/June/2007.

M.A.: 2002-2004- received as part of the direct Ph.D. program in Clinical-Rehabilitation Psychology from the Department of Psychology (Bar-Ilan University). Received on 19/June/2005 (GPA=A, 90.8 out of 100).

B.A.: 1997-1998- First year psychology studies in the Israeli 'Open-University'. 1998-2001- Undergraduate degree (B.A.) in Psychology and Media Studies from Tel-Aviv University. Received on September 2001 (GPA=A+ in Psychology, 95 out of 100).

Employment History:

2010- present: Senior lecturer. The Department of Behavioral Sciences, Ariel University Center of Samaria.

2008 - 2009: Lecturer ("Physiological Psychology"). The Department of Behavioral Sciences, Ariel University Center of Samaria.

2005 - 2007: Assistant lecturer ("Physiological Psychology") at the Academic College of Tel-Aviv-Yafo (affiliated with Tel-Aviv University).

07/2006 – 07/2010: Clinical-rehabilitation psychology fellow at 'Tel Ha-Shomer' rehabilitation hospital, Sheba Medical Health Center (in the Sub-Acute Neurological Rehabilitation Ward and Memory Clinic)

08/2005 – 07/2010: Post-doctoral Fellow at the 'Cognitive-Emotional Research Institute' in Shalvata Mental-Health Center, Hod-Hasharon (chief: Prof. Yechiel Levkovitz).

2002 - 2004: MEDISIN, College for complementary medicine: Psychology lecturer.
Lectured in the following courses; “group dynamics and psychopathology” and “self-awareness”.

2001: Psychology advisor in the 'MITAM company' (the *MITAM* is an entry examination for graduate psychology studies in Israel).

Professional Activities:

Membership in professional/scientific societies:

02/2007 – 2009: Member of the committee of Clinical-Rehabilitation Psychology interns.

Profession workshops and seminars:

10-11/2007: Good Clinical Practice (GCP) course. Conducted the Shalvata Mental Health Center headed by Moshe Neuman, PhD.

Educational activities:

Courses taught: "Physiological Psychology", "Introduction to Rehabilitation Psychology", "Empirical Seminar for B.A. Students", "Research Techniques in Neuroscience"- B.A. level course- Department of Behavioral Sciences, Ariel University Center of Samaria.

Awards, Citations, Honors, Fellowships:

Honors, Citation Awards:

2007: Young Investigator Award of the Israeli Society for Biological Psychiatry (March, 2007)- Best clinical research paper.

2005: Magna Cum Laude Certification of excellence for M.A studies in Clinical-Rehabilitation Psychology (Bar-Ilan University).

2005: Travel award for the Society of Biological Psychiatry International 60th Annual Convention. Atlanta, Georgia.

2005: NIH Travel Award in the 38th Annual Meeting of the International Society for Developmental Psychobiology. Washington, DC.

2005: Travel award by the Israeli Society for Neuroscience (ISFN) for attending the 35th annual meeting of the Society for Neuroscience convention. Washington, DC.

2004: NIH Travel Award in the 37th Annual Meeting of the International Society for Developmental Psychobiology. Aix-en-Provence, France.

2002: ‘Presidents and Dean Scholarship for excellence in academic studies’ (Bar-Ilan University).

2001: Magna Cum Laude: B.A Communication studies (Tel-Aviv University).

2001: Summa Cum Laude: B.A Psychology studies (Tel-Aviv University).

2001: Certification of excellence for fourth year of psychology and communication studies (Tel-Aviv University).

1999: Certification of excellence for second year of psychology studies (Tel-Aviv University).

1998: Certification of excellence for first year psychology studies ('Open University')

Fellowships:

2005: DAAD (Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst) 'Short-Term Research Scholarship' in the Federal Republic of Germany (in collaboration with Prof. Dr. Anna Katharina Braun, Otto von Guericke University in Magdeburg Germany).

Scientific Publications:

Refereed articles:

- Braw, Y., Aviram, S., Bloch, Y., & Levkovitz, Y. (2011). The effect of age on frontal lobe related cognitive functions of unmedicated depressed patients. *Journal of Affective Disorder*, 129(1-3), 342-347.
- Braw, Y., Bloch, Y., Mendelovich, S., Ratzoni, G., Gal, G., Harari, H., Tripto, A., & Levkovitz, Y. (2008). Cognition in Young Schizophrenia Outpatients: Comparison of First-Episode with Multi-Episode Patients. *Schizophrenia Bulletin*, 34(3), 544-554.
- Braw, Y., Bloch, Y., Mendelovich, S., Ratzoni, G., Harari, H., Kron, S. & Levkovitz, Y. (2007). Cognitive Profile During Remission: Euthymic Bipolar Disorder Patients Compared To Schizophrenia Patients. *Clinical Schizophrenia and Related Psychoses*, 1(3), 243-254.
- Braw, Y., Malkesman, O., Dagan, M., Bercovich, A., Lavi-Avnon, Y., Schroeder, M., Overstreet, D. H. & Weller, A. (2006). Anxiety-like Behaviors in Pre-pubertal Rats of the Flinders Sensitive-Line (FSL) and Wistar-Kyoto (WKY) Animal Models of Depression. *Behavioral Brain Research*, 167, 261-269.
- Braw, Y., Malkesman, O., Merlender, A., Bercovich, A., Dagan, M., Overstreet, D. H. & Weller, A. (2008). Withdrawal Emotional-regulation in Infant Rats from Genetic Animal Models of Depression. *Behavioral Brain Research*, 193, 94–100.
- Braw, Y., Malkesman, O., Merlender, A., Bercovich, A., Dagan, M., Maayan, R., Weizman, A. & Weller, A. (2006). Stress Hormones and Emotion-Regulation in Two Genetic Animal Models of Depression. *Psychoneuroendocrinology*, 31, 1105-1116.
- Braw, Y., Malkesman, O., Merlender, A., Dagan, M., Bercovich, A., Lavi-Avnon, Y., & Weller, A. (2009). Divergent Maternal Behavioral Patterns in Two Genetic Animal Models of Depression. *Physiology and Behavior*, 96, 209–217.
- Braw, Y., Sitman, R., Sela, T., Erez, G., Bloch, Y. & Levkovitz Y. (2011). Comparison of Insight among Schizophrenia and Bipolar Disorder Patients in Remission of Affective and Positive Symptoms: Analysis and Critique. *European Psychiatry*. E-published ahead of print.
- Harel, E. V., Zangen, A., Roth, R., Reti, I., Braw, Y. & Levkovitz, H. (2010). H-coil Repetitive Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation for the Treatment of Bipolar Depression: An Add-on, Safety and Feasibility Study. *World Journal of Biological Psychiatry*. [Epub ahead of print]
- Kalman, N., Luria, I., Linder, M., Ratzoni, G., Levkovitz, Y., Braw, Y., Linder, M. & Bloch, Y. (2008). Electroconvulsive Therapy in Adolescents: Patients' Attitudes, Satisfaction and

Informed Consent Procedures. *International Journal of Child and Adolescent Health*, 1(3), 199-205.

Levkovitz, Y., Harel, E. V., Roth, Y., Braw, Y., Most, D., Katz, L. N., Sheer, A., Gersner, R. and Zangen, A. (2009). Deep Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation over the Prefrontal Cortex: Evaluation of Antidepressant and Cognitive Effects in Depressive Patients. *Brain Stimulation* 2, 188–200.

Levkovitz, Y., Levi, U., Braw, Y. & Cohen H. (2007). Minocycline, a Second-Generation Tetracycline, as a Neuroprotective Agent in an Animal Model of Schizophrenia. *Brain Research*, 18, 154-162.

Levkovitz, Y., Mendlovic, S., Riwkes, S., Braw, Y., Levkovitch-Verbin, H., Gal, G., Fennig, S., Treves, I. & Kron, S. (2010). A Double-blind, Randomized Study of Minocycline for the Treatment of Negative and Cognitive Symptoms in Early-phase Schizophrenia. *Journal of Clinical Psychiatry*, 71(2), 138-149.

Levkovitz, Y., Roth, Y., Harel, E. V., Braw, Y. and Zangen, A. (2007). A Randomized Controlled Feasibility and Safety Study of Deep Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation. *Clinical Neurophysiology*, 118(12), 2730-2744.

Malkesman, O. Braw, Y. Maayan, R., Weizman, A. Overstreet, D.H., Shabat-Simon, M., Kesner, Y., Touati, D., Yadid, G. & Weller, A. (2006). Two Different Putative Genetic Animal Models of Childhood Depression. *Biological Psychiatry*, 59. Pp. 17-23

Malkesman, O., Braw, Y., Ram, E., Maayan, R., Weizman, A., Kinor, N., Yadid, G. & Weller, A. (2008). Dehydroepiandrosterone and Monoamines in the Limbic System of a Genetic Animal Model of Childhood Depression. *European Neuropsychopharmacology*, 18, 255–261.

Malkesman, O., Braw, Y., & Weller, A. (2007). Assessment of Antidepressant and Anxiolytic Properties of NK1 Antagonists and Substance P in Wistar Kyoto Rats. *Physiology & Behavior*, 90(4), 619-625¹.

Malkesman, O., Braw, Y., Zagoory, O., Golan, O., Avnon-Lavi, Y., Schroeder, M., Overstreet, D.H., Yadid, G. & Weller, A. (2005) Reward and Anxiety in Genetic Animal Models of Childhood Depression. *Behavioural Brain Research*, 164, 1-10.

Unrefereed professional articles and publications:

Braw, Y. & Levkovitz, Y. (2008). Cognitive Disturbances in Bipolar Disorder. *Psychiatry Updates and Reviews*, 2, 3-6 [article in Hebrew].

Assistance in statistical data analysis:

Bloch, Y., Grisaru, N., Harel, E. V., Beitler, G., Faivel, N., Ratzoni, G., Stein, D. and Levkovitz, Y. (2008) Repetitive Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation in the Treatment of Depression in Adolescents: An Open Label Study. *Journal of ECT*, 24(2), 156-159.

¹ **Note:** first and second authors contributed equally to the study.

Editorial assistance:

Ravona-Springer, R., Luo, X., Schmeidler, J., Wysocki, M., Lesser, G., Rapp, M., Dahlman, K., Grossman, H., Haroutunian, V. and Beeri, M. S. (in press). Diabetes is Associated with Increased Rate of Cognitive Decline in Questionably Demented Elderly. *Dementia and Geriatric Cognitive Disorders*, in press.

Submitted manuscripts:

Bloch Y., Aviram S., Faibel, N., Govezensky, J., Braw, Y., Ratzoni, G. & Levkovitz, Y. (2010). Cognitive Deficits of Acutely Depressed Adolescents Before and After Significant Clinical Improvement. *Depression and Anxiety*. Submitted.

Braw, Y., Sitman, R., Cohen, M., Berger, U., Shefet, D., Lev-Ran, S., Segev, A., Bloch, Y., & Levkovitz, Y. (2010). A longitudinal Study of Cognitive Functioning in Schizophrenia: Focus on Stable Patients in Remission of Positive Symptoms. Submitted.

Manuscripts in press:

Lev-Ran S, Segev A, Braw Y, Levkovitz Y (2011). Neurocognitive Functions of Heavy Cannabis using Schizophrenia Patients. *European Psychiatry*. Submitted.

Manuscripts in preparation:

Braw, Y., Erez, G., Sela, T., Harel, E.V., Bloch, Y. & Levkovitz, Y. (unpublished work). Longitudinal Study of Cognitive Functioning Among Bipolar Disorder Patients in Remission.

Lectures and Presentations at meetings and Invited Seminars:**Conference presentations:**

Malkesman, O., Braw, Y., Maayan, R., Yadid, G., Shabat-Simon, M., Kesner Y., Touati, D. & Overstreet, D. (December, 2003). Do we have two different genetic animal models of childhood depression?. *Neural Plasticity, Abstracts of the 12th Annual Meeting of the Israel Society for Neuroscience*. Eilat, Israel, 2003.

Braw, Y., Merlender, A. & Weller, A (2004). Abnormal emotional-regulation of rat pups in the WKY animal model of depression. *Israel Journal of Psychiatry, 41. Supplement- Abstracts of the eighth annual meeting of the Israel Society for Biological Psychiatry & the third meeting of the US-Israel forum for academic psychiatry, Kfar Giladi, March 16-18, 2004.* p. 25.

Malkesman, O., Braw, Y., Maayan, R., Yadid, G., Shabat-Simon, M., Kesner Y., Touati, D. & Overstreet, D. (2004). A different pattern of social play, and basal HPA hormone levels in two different genetic animal models of childhood depression. *Israel Journal of Psychiatry, 41. Supplement- Abstracts of the eighth annual meeting of the Israel Society for Biological Psychiatry & the third meeting of the US-Israel forum for academic psychiatry, Kfar Giladi, March 16-18, 2004.* p. 71.

- Braw, Y., Merlender, A. & Weller, A. (2004). Abnormal emotional-regulation of rat pups in the WKY animal model of depression. *Presentation in the Annual Meeting of the Psychobiology Labs in Israel*. Bar-Ilan University, Israel.
- Braw, Y., Merlender, A., Lavi-Avnon, Y., Malkesman, O. & Weller, A. (2004). Withdrawal-based emotion-regulation strategies in the (WKY) rat model of depression. Paper presented at the 37th Annual Meeting of the International Society for Developmental Psychobiology, Aix-en-Provence, France. *Developmental Psychobiology*, 45, 265 (abstract).
- Malkesman, O., Braw, Y., Maayan, R., Yadid G., Roth-Deri I., Kinor N., Touati-Werner D., Weizman A., Overstreet, H. D. & Weller A. (2004). Hypothalamic beta-endorphin and the HPA axis in two different genetic animal models of childhood depression. *Neural Plasticity, Abstracts of the 13th Annual Meeting of the Israel Society for Neuroscience*. Eilat, Israel, 28-30, 2004.
- Malkesman, O., Braw, B., Maayan, R., Yadid, G., Roth-Deri, I., Kinor, N., Touati-Werner, D., Weizman, A., Overstreet, D. H. & Weller, A. (2005) HPA Hormones, Neuropeptides and Childhood Depression - Two Different Genetic Animal Models of Childhood Depression. *Presentation in the 60th Annual Convention of the Society of Biological Psychiatry*. Atlanta, Georgia.
- Braw, Y., Malkesman, O., Touati-Werner, D., Eisner, D., Maayan, R. & Weller, A. (2005). Hypothalamic-Pituitary-Adrenocortical (HPA) Axis Activity as an Interaction of Heredity and Early Life Stress in Animal Models of Depression (Wistar-Kyoto and Flinder-Sensitive Line). *Presentation in the 60th Annual Convention of the Society of Biological Psychiatry*. Atlanta, Georgia.
- Braw, Y. Malkesman, O. Lavi-Avnon, Y. Schroeder, M. Overstreet, D.H. Maayan, R. & Weller. A. (2005). Emotion-Regulation and Brain Dehydroepiandrosterone in Wistar-Kyoto and Flinders Sensitive-Line Animal Models of Depression. *Presentation in the 38th Annual Meeting of the International Society for Developmental Psychobiology*. Washington, D.C.
- Malkesman, O. Braw, Y. Maayan, R. Weizman, A. Overstreet, D.H. Kinor, N. Weller. A. & Yadid, G. (2005). Potential role of neurosteroids as antidepressants for childhood depression: DHEA & monoamines in the limbic system of two animal models. *Presentation in the 38th Annual Meeting of the International Society for Developmental Psychobiology*. Washington, D.C.
- Braw, Y. Malkesman, O. Lavi-Avnon, Y. Schroeder, M. Overstreet, D.H. Maayan, R. & Weller. A. (2005). Anxiety-Like Behaviors and Brain Dehydroepiandrosterone, in Pre-Pubertal Rats Belonging to Two Animal Models of Depression. *Presentation in the 35th annual meeting of the society for neuroscience*. Washington, D.C.
- Malkesman, O. Braw, Y. Maayan, R. Weizman, A. Overstreet, D.H. Weller. A. Frenk, H. & Yadid, G. (2005). Dehydroepiandrosterone and monoamines in the limbic system of two different genetic animal models of childhood depression. *Presentation in the 35th annual meeting of the society for neuroscience*. Washington, D.C.

- Braw, Y., Malkesman, O., Lavi-Avnon, Y., Schroeder, M., Overstreet, D. H., Maayan R. and Weller, A. (2005). Flinder's Sensitive-Line and Wistar-Kyoto pre-pubertal rats: Putative evidence for differential levels of anxiety and its relation to brain Dehydroepiandrosterone. *Neural Plasticity, Abstracts of the 14th Annual Meeting of the Israel Society for Neuroscience*. Eilat, Israel, S13, 2005.
- Malkesman, O., Braw, Y., Maayan R., Weizman, A., Overstreet, D. H., Kinor, N., Yadid, G. and Weller, A. (2005). DHEA and monoamines in the limbic system of different animal models of childhood depression. *Neural Plasticity, Abstracts of the 14th Annual Meeting of the Israel Society for Neuroscience*. Eilat, Israel, S44, 2005.
- Braw, Y., Barcai-Goodman, L., and Levkovitz, Y. (2006). Cognitive Impairments in Schizophrenia Patients as revealed by the Cambridge Neuropsychological Test Automated Battery (CANTAB). *Israel Journal of Psychiatry, 42 Supplement- Abstracts of the tenth annual meeting of the Israel Society for Biological Psychiatry, Hagoshrim, March 21-23, 2006*. p. 9.
- Zangen, A., Roth, Y., Harel, E., V., Braw, Y. and Levkovitz, Y. (2006). Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation of deep brain regions using the H-Coil: Safety, cognitive and mood effects. *Israel Journal of Psychiatry, 42 Supplement- Abstracts of the tenth annual meeting of the Israel Society for Biological Psychiatry, Hagoshrim, March 21-23, 2006*. p. 24.
- Weller, A., Braw, Y., Maayan, R., & Avi Weizman (2007) Effects of Early-Life Stress in Animal Models of Depression. *Presentation at the annual meeting of the Israel Society for Physiology and Pharmacology, September 20th, 2007*.
- Braw, Y., Margalit, D., Natovich, R., Rapoport, S. and Agranov, E. (2007). Preliminary Findings of Depression and Illness-awareness Among Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Patients. *Presentation at the 58th meeting of the Israeli Society for Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine, November 28-29, 2007*.
- Braw, Y., Bloch, Yuval., Aviram, S., Harel, E., & Levkovitz, Y. (2007). Cognitive life cycle in depression: Comparison of patients across three time points. *Israel Journal of Psychiatry, 44. Supplement- Abstracts of the 12th annual meeting of the Israel Society for Biological Psychiatry, Kfar Giladi, March 27-29, 2008*. p. 1.
- Harel E.V., Faivel N, Aviram S, Braw Y, Ratzoni G, Levkovitz Y. & Bloch Y. (2007). Possible effect of right dorsolateral pre-frontal rTMS on attention in adult patients suffering from ADHD. *Israel Journal of Psychiatry, 44. Supplement- Abstracts of the 12th annual meeting of the Israel Society for Biological Psychiatry, Kfar Giladi, March 11-13, 2008*. p. 23.
- Levkovitz Y., Mendlovich S., Braw Y. and Kron S.A double blind randomized study of minocycline for the treatment of negative and cognitive symptoms in early-phase schizophrenia. *Israel Journal of Psychiatry, 44. Supplement- Abstracts of the 12th annual*

meeting of the Israel Society for Biological Psychiatry, Kfar Giladi, March 11-13, 2008. p. 9.

- Braw Y., Bloch Y., Aviram S., Harel E.V. and Levkovitz Y. Cognition in depressed patients: assessment at young and late adulthood. *Israel Journal of Psychiatry, 44. Supplement- Abstracts of the 12th annual meeting of the Israel Society for Biological Psychiatry, Kfar Giladi, March 11-13, 2008. p. 34.*
- Braw Y., Bloch Y., Aviram S., Harel E.V. and Levkovitz Y. Cognitive performance of depressed patients at young and late adulthood. *The 8th Research Fair of the Sackler Faculty of Medicine. Tel-Aviv University, April, 10, 2008. p. S-14.*
- Braw, Y., Shai, A., Bloch, Y. and Levkovitz, Y. The effect of age on the executive functioning of unmedicated depressed patients. *Abstracts of the 14th annual meeting of the Israel Society for Biological Psychiatry, Hagoshrim, March 9-11, 2010. p. 8.*
- Lev-Ran, S., Segev, A., Braw, Y. and Levkovitz, Y. Neurocognitive effects of chronic cannabis use among schizophrenic patients. *Abstracts of the 14th annual meeting of the Israel Society for Biological Psychiatry, Hagoshrim, March 9-11, 2010. p. 30.*
- Braw, Y., Sitman, R., Cohen, C., Berger, U., Shefet, D., Lev-Ran, S., Segev, A., Bloch, Y., Levkovitz, Y. A longitudinal Study of cognitive functioning in schizophrenia: Focus on stable patients in remission of positive symptoms. *Abstracts of the 14th annual meeting of the Israel Society for Biological Psychiatry, Hagoshrim, March 9-11, 2010. p. 8.*
- Erez G., Braw Y., Sela T. and Levkovitz Y. Gender differences in insight among bipolar disorder patients. *Abstracts of the 14th annual meeting of the Israel Society for Biological Psychiatry, Hagoshrim, March 9-11, 2010. p. 14.*
- Benzio A., Braw, Y. and Levkovitz, Y. Functioning of Schizophrenia Patients in Full, Positive and Negative Symptomatic Remission. *Abstracts of the 15th annual meeting of the Israel Society for Biological Psychiatry, Hagoshrim, March 29-31, 2011.*
- Sitman R., Braw Y., Erez G., Sela T., Bloch Y. and Levkovitz Y. Comparison of Insight among Schizophrenia and Bipolar Disorder Patients in Remission of Affective and Positive Symptoms: Analysis and Critique. *Abstracts of the 15th annual meeting of the Israel Society for Biological Psychiatry, Hagoshrim, March 29-31, 2011.*

Conference lectures:

- Braw, Y. (January, 2004). Emotional-regulation of rat pups in animal models of depression. *Lecture in 'Young researchers conference in brain research', 'Ein-Gedi', Israel.*
- Braw, Y. (June, 2004). Reliance on withdrawal emotional-regulation strategies in the WKY animal model of depression. *Lecture in the 37th Annual Meeting of the International Society for Developmental Psychobiology. Aix-en-Provence, France.*
- Braw, Y., Malkesman, O., Maayan, R., Touati-Werner, D. and Weller A. (2004). Effects of early life experience on corticosterone secretion in two animal models of depression (Wistar-

- Kyoto and Flinder-Sensitive Line rats). *Neural Plasticity, Abstracts of the 13th Annual Meeting of the Israel Society for Neuroscience*. Eilat, Israel, 28-30, 2004.
- Braw, Y. (February, 2005). Childhood depression and stress reactivity as an interaction of heredity and early life stress: two different genetic animal models of childhood depression (part A). *Lecture in 'Young researchers conference in brain research', "Ein-Gedi", Israel*.
- Braw Y., Malkesman O., Touati-Werner D., Eisner, D., Maayan R. and Weller A. (March, 2005). Effects of heredity and mild chronic stress on Corticosterone and ACTH in two animal models of depression. Abstracts of the 9th annual meeting of the Israel Society for Biological Psychiatry, Hagoshrim, Israel. *Israel Journal of Psychiatry*, 41.
- Malkesman, O., Braw, Y., Maayan R., Yadid, G., Roth-Deri, I., Kinor, N., Overstreet, D.H., and Weller, A. (2005, March). HPA axis Reactivity, Beta-Endorphin and Childhood Depression - Two different genetic animal models of childhood depression. *Abstracts of the 9th annual meeting of the Israel Society for Biological Psychiatry*, Hagoshrim, Israel. *Israel Journal of Psychiatry*, 41.
- Braw Y., Malkesman O., Merlender, A., Dagan, M., Bercovich, A., Touati-Werner D., Eisner, D., Maayan R. and Weller A. (2005, May). Attachment behaviors and Hypothalamic-Pituitary-Adrenocortical Axis Activity in Animal Models of Depression. *Presentation in the Annual Meeting of the Psychobiology Labs in Israel*. Haifa University, Israel.
- Braw, Y., Malkesman, O., Dagan, M., Bercovich, A., Lavi-Avnon, Y., Schroeder, M., and Weller, A. (2005, December). The use of behavioral analyses in researching emotional-regulation and maternal behavior in animal models of depression. *Presentation in the first Annual Conference on Measuring Behavior, approaches and methods for analysis of behavioral processes*. Bar-Ilan University, Israel.
- Braw, Y., and Levkovitz, Y. (2007). Cognition in Remission: Cognitive Profile of Euthymic Bipolar Disorder patients Compared to Schizophrenia Patients in Remission. *Presentation in the Annual Conference in Memory of Dr. Alon Nechmad, Shalvata Mental-Health Center, Hod-Hasharon, Israel. January, 31, 2007*.
- Braw, Y., Sidi, T., Riwkes, S. and Levkovitz, Y. (2007). Cognition in Remission: Cognitive Profile of Euthymic Bipolar Disorder patients Compared to Schizophrenia Patients in Remission. *Israel Journal of Psychiatry*, 44. Supplement- Abstracts of the 11th annual meeting of the Israel Society for Biological Psychiatry, Kfar Giladi, March 27-29, 2007. p. 1.
- Conference session chair:**
- Merav Cohen and Levkovitz, Y. (2008). Emotional and Cognitive abilities in various point track among Schizophrenia patients. *Presentation in the Annual Conference in Memory of Dr. Alon Nechmad, Shalvata Mental-Health Center, Hod-Hasharon, Israel. June, 4, 2008*.
- Social influences in psychiatry. *Annual Conference in Memory of Dr. Alon Nechmad, Shalvata Mental-Health Center, Hod-Hasharon, Israel. January, 13, 2010*.