

Curriculum Vitae

EDUCATION

- 1988 - B.A. Psychology, Queens College, CUNY, USA
- 1992 - M.S.E. Counseling Education. Queens College, CUNY, USA
- 2009 - Group facilitator to sexual health education in special education, Argaman Institute, Israeli Board of Education, Israel
- 2011 - Sex Therapy, School of Social Work Continuing Education, Bar Ilan University, Israel
- 2016 - present – PhD Student at Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania, Faculty of Psychology and Education Sciences

PROFESSIONAL COURSES

- Guided Imagery in Physical-Mental Therapy, conducted by the Israeli Center of Physical-Mental Therapy; managed & moderated by Dr. Nimrod Sheinmann
- Individual- and Group coaching within the educational system; teachers' and students' reinforcement program
- Supervision Counselor, Beit Berl College, on behalf of the Israeli Ministry of Education

EXPERIENCE

- 9/12-present **School Counselor**, "Reut" School for ASD pupils, Petah Tikva.

- 9/12-present **Nationwide Instructor in the field of Sexual Health Education in Special Education, Department of Special Education, Israeli Ministry of Education.**
In charge of nationwide teaching programs concerning the subject of sexual health education in the special education. Organizing nationwide conferences and lectures.

- 2011-present **Lecturer & Head of advanced study programs to pre-service teachers and teams of Special Education teachers**, Tel Aviv Region & Central Region on the subject of Sex Education within

populations with developmental disabilities. (at Beit Berl and Levinsky educational Colleges).

- 2012 **Sex Therapist in a specialization & training period in the "Lehud Ubeyahad" (Separately and Together), at "Nitzan", Rehovot.**
Therapy encounters with graduates of rehabilitated population.
- 2012 Acquaintance, evaluation, and setup of therapy programs, as well as individual therapy, at "Aviv", Bat Yam; Guide to hostel- and protected home staffs.
- 2012 **Workshop leader on sexuality education within an ASD class, "Lady Davis" high school, Tel Aviv.**
- 1996-2011 Workshop leader on sexuality education to youth groups, "Ma'as" (youth with developmental disabilities), Ramat Gan.
- Lecturer on sexuality education to populations with special needs; meetings parents in numerous schools.
- Nationwide Instructor in the field of sex education, as part of Special education, "Shefi" program, Israeli Ministry of Education.
- School Counselor at "Venezuela-Kalisher" Special Education school, Tel Aviv: 6 to 21 year old pupils with complex disorders, whose functioning suffers from medium to severe retardation. Systemic work, in conducting educational, emotional procedures of treatment with pupils, parents, and staff, with emphasis on working with the pupils' families on both individual- and group- levels. All that in considering changes in needs, diverse ages and development. In 2010-2011, instructor on social aspects of sex education to a core group of "Matya" counselors in Tel Aviv; Supervision Counselor to a new consultant within the educational system, on behalf of "Shefi", Israeli Ministry of Education.
- 1993-1995
- 1990-1993 **School Counselor, Shoham Elementary School.** Active participant in introductory processes of a new school, and in the course of action in the fields of organization and counseling in the school system. Leader of program on life skills and preventive programs in various areas.
- 1986-1990 **Leader of workshops** on prevention of misuse of drugs, on behalf of the Tel Aviv City Council's Youth Department.
Leader of both youth and teaching staffs in various high schools in Tel Aviv.
- School Counselor in an elementary school in New York.**
Systemic consultant in multiple fields.

Therapist, ASPECTS, Family Treatment Center, New York: Family Treatment program & prevention of usage of alcohol and drugs, on behalf of the New York City Board of Education.

Specialization in the treatment of individuals, groups, and families: creating, evaluating, and introducing treatment programs & continuous tracking of the treated, and directing them within the community.

Counseling to individuals, groups and families of various social, economic and cultural backgrounds in schools supervised by the New York City Board of Education.

Aide to the Consul for Communication at the Israeli Consulate in New York: direct communication with both the press and television networks in the US; consultant to representatives of the Israeli press; liaison between both local and US national press and Israeli representatives throughout the United States; conducting communications on the occasion of formal visits in the US of Israeli Prime Ministers and Foreign Ministers.

Service in IDF – Navy Intelligence Researcher

Languages: Hebrew and English - mother tongue level.

Recommendations will be provided upon request

List of Conference Participation

Gerchenovitch, Y. & Rusu, A.S. (2018). Components of Sexual Health Programs for SE Students and Pre-service Teachers: A Systematic Literature Review. Fifth edition of the Education, Reflection, Development 2017, 8-9th of July, Cluj-Napoca, Romania.

Gerchenovitch, Y. & Rusu, A.S. (2019). Sexual Health Training Program for SE Pre-Service Teachers: Assessment Tools Preparations. Sixth edition of the Education, Reflection, Development 2018, 6-7th of July, Cluj-Napoca, Romania.

Gerchenovitch, Y. (March, 2018). “Discussing Sexuality Topics with Parents of Children in Special Needs Education. Internet Academic Portal for Parents and Children with Special Needs. (In Hebrew) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eYbR56NRjh0&t=15s>

Gerchenovitch, Y. (Dec 9-14, 2018). Transforming Disabilities and Inclusive Education. International Conference of Ministers of Education. Israeli Foreign Ministry, Tel Aviv.

Gerchenovitch, Y. (January, 2017). The Importance of Discussing SHE Topics with Parents of Children with Special Needs. National Conference, SE Sector and Counselling Service. Kibbutzim College, Tel Aviv.

Gerchenovitch, Y. (February, 2018). Developing School Sexuality Education Programs, for Interventions in SE Schools. National Conference, SE Sector and Counselling Service. Kibbutzim College, Tel Aviv.

Gerchenovitch, Y. (January, 2019). Coping Skills for Staff dealing with Inappropriate Conduct and Behavior amongst Children with Special Needs. Levinsky College, Tel Aviv.