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EDUCATION:

- 2019-present **Stockholm University & Interdisciplinary Center Herzliya**
 Doctoral Candidate – Psychology
 Advisors: Pehr Granqvist, Ph.D., & Mario Mikulincer, Ph.D.
- 2018 **Interdisciplinary Center Herzliya**
 M.A. – Clinical Psychology – Adult Track
Magna cum Laude
 Thesis: “Broaden-and-build cycles of attachment security in therapy: Antecedents, consequences, and trajectory of therapeutic exploration”
 Advisors: Ety Berant, Ph.D., & Mario Mikulincer, Ph.D.
- 2014 **Yeshiva University**
 B.A. – Psychology,
Summa cum Laude
 Jay and Jeannie Schottenstein Honors Program
 Honors thesis: “Group entry, approach and avoidance, and adjustment: Exploring a domineering group entry style”
 Advisor: Jenny Isaacs, Ph.D.
 APSSC Reviewer, Campus Representative (2011-2014)
 Studies Abroad: Hebrew University of Jerusalem (2013-14)
 Rabbinic Orientation

ACADEMIC POSITIONS:

- 2019-present Graduate Researcher, Attachment Research Group, Stockholm University
- 2019-present Graduate Researcher, Maytiv Center for the Study and Application of Positive Psychology, IDC Herzliya
- 2018-present Research Fellow, JPSYCH - Research on Jewish Spirituality/Religion and Mental Health
- 2016-2018 Graduate Researcher, Clinic of the Baruch Ivcher School of Psychology, IDC Herzliya
- 2016-2017 Research Assistant, Psychology of Intergroup Conflict and Reconciliation Lab, IDC Herzliya

2013-2016	Research Assistant, Department of Psychiatry, Hadassah University Medical Center
2012-2015	Lab Manager, Social Power and Development Lab, Department of Psychology, Yeshiva University
2014-2015	Research Assistant, Center for Medical Decision Making, Ono Academic College
2013-2014	Research Assistant, METIV – Herzog Israel Center for the Treatment of Psychotrauma
2011-2013	Project Manager and Research Assistant, Lab of Spirituality & Health, Yeshiva University
2011	Research Assistant, Clinical Psychology Department (Haim Omer & Michelle Slone), Tel Aviv University

GRANTS & AWARDS:

2016-2018	Master's Degree Scholarship for New Immigrants, Absorption Ministry, Israel, (₪20,000 per year for 2 years)
2014-2016	Louis A. Tuvin Scholarship for Advanced Jewish Studies, Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary of Yeshiva University, (\$8,000 per year for 2 years)
2010-2014	Dean's Scholar, Yeshiva University, (\$20,000 per year for 4 years)
2010-2014	Wilf Family Scholar, Yeshiva University, (\$10,000 per year for 4 years)
2013	Psi Chi Undergraduate Research Grant (\$5,000)
2013	Dean Samuel L. Sar Memorial Award for Excellence in Bible Studies, Yeshiva University
2012-2013	Provost Research Scholarship (research in social development; positive psychology in education and spirituality in psychotherapy), Yeshiva University, (\$5,000 per year for 2 years)
2011	Henry Kressel Research Scholarship Finalist (for research in positive psychology in education) (\$7,500)

PUBLICATIONS:

- Pirutinsky, S., Cherniak, A. D., & Rosmarin, D. H. (In press). Implicit and explicit attitudes toward God and life satisfaction. *Psychology of Religion and Spirituality*.
- Mendelson, Y., Bachar, E., Cherniak, A., & Cooper-Kazaz, R. (2018). Can living in the shadow of terror leave no marks? Long-term effects of traumatic environments of varying intensity. *Israeli Journal of Psychiatry and Related Sciences*, 54(2), 9-15.

- Schnall, E., Schiffman, M., Cherniak, A. (2014). Virtues that transcend: Analyzing the roots of positive psychology in Judaic texts and tradition. In C. Kim-Prieto (Ed.), *Positive Psychology of Religion and Spirituality across Cultures* (pp. 21-45). New York: Springer.
- Cherniak, A. (2013). Investigating Group Entry's Link to Conduct and Status in School Peer Groups. *Undergraduate Research Abstracts*, 6, 70-71.
- Omer, H., Barkan, O., Sagi, Y., Herbsman, H., Cherniak, A., Schorr-Sapir, I., & Amiel, I. (2012). *Parent-training in non-violent resistance: Fostering the involvement of fathers, relatives, friends, and school personnel*. Unpublished manuscript, Department of Psychology, Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv, Israel.
- Cherniak, A. (2011). Under the microscope: Babylonian Rabbinic approach to issues of public image. *YUTorah*. <http://goo.gl/gMU2E>.

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY:

- Cherniak, A. D., Rosmarin, D. H., & Pirutinsky, S. (2019, December). *The Lord is my Shepherd, do I need social support?* Oral Presentation at the International Congress in Spirituality and Psychiatry Global Meeting in Spirituality and Mental Health. Jerusalem, Israel.
- Cherniak, A. D., Berant, E., & Mikulincer, M. (2019, May). *Therapeutic sharing as an attachment-based exploratory behavior: Attachment-related strategies influence structure, emotional tone, and spontaneity of client speech*. Poster presented at the Association for Psychological Science Annual Convention. Washington, D.C., USA.
- Cherniak, A. D., Pirutinsky, S., & Rosmarin, D. H. (2019, March). *A dual process model of attitudes toward God: Life satisfaction and authentic spirituality*. Poster presented at International Convention of Psychological Science. Paris, France.
- Mendelson, Y., Cherniak, A., & Bachar, E. (2016, May). *Long-term effects on adolescents of various types of traumatic threat and perceived parental behavior*. Poster presented at the APS Annual Convention. Chicago, IL.
- Cherniak, A., & Isaacs, J. (2015, May). *Assessing group entry as antecedent and consequence of various elements of adjustment and extending group entry research to adolescent peer groups in school*. Poster presented at the APS Annual Convention. New York, NY.
- Cherniak, A., Krinsky, S., Rosenberg, M., Novick, R., & Isaacs, J. (2014, March). *Knowledge is power - Adolescent recognition of bullying impacts bullying attitudes and behavior*. Poster presented at Society for Research on Adolescence Biennial Meeting. Austin, TX.
- Cherniak, A. (2013, May). *Group Entry, Social Status, and Conduct in School Peer Groups*. Yeshiva University Honors Lecture Series. New York, NY.
- Schnall, E., Schiffman, M., Cherniak, A. (2013, May). *Effect of religion and spirituality on subjective well-being across religions*. Symposium presented at APS Annual Convention. Washington, DC.
- Schnall, E., Cherniak, A., Eichenbaum, B. (2013, March). *Learning self-acceptance from stories of Jewish tradition*. Paper presented at Eastern Psychological Association's Annual Meeting. New York, NY.

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE:

2018-present	Clinical Psychology Resident, Mayanei Hayeshua Medical Center, Psychiatric Ward and Mental Health Clinic, Bnei Brak
2017-2018	Clinical Psychology Intern and Case Manager, Mayanei Hayeshua Medical Center, Psychiatric Ward and Mental Health Clinic, Bnei Brak
2016-2017	Clinical Psychology Intern, Clinic of the Baruch Ivcher School of Psychology, IDC Herzliya, Herzliya
2014-2016	Big Brother, Sanhedria Children's Home, Jerusalem
2015	Assistant Rabbi, United Orthodox Synagogues, Houston, TX
2013-2014	Counselor, Hadassah Ein Kerem, Psychiatric Ward, Jerusalem
2012-2013	Counselor, Self Help Community Services - Nazi Victim Services, New York, NY
2011	Counselor, Mesila: Aid & Information Center for Migrant Workers and Refugees, Tel Aviv

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

- Research and Academic Writing Consultant, Private practice, 2017-Present.
 - Teaching Assistant, IDC Herzliya, 2016-18: Departmental Seminar; Honors Research Seminar – Parents, Children, and Social Values; Developmental Psychology.
 - Teaching Assistant, Yeshiva University, 2011-13: Psychobiology; Honors Research Seminar – Psychology of Religion; Statistics Tutor.
 - Teacher at various yeshivot in Israel.
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REVIEWING EXPERIENCE:

APSSC competitions and publications

Psi Chi Journal

Yeshiva University's *Undergraduate Research Abstracts*

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:

American Psychological Association

Association for Psychological Science

Eastern Psychological Association

Israeli Psychological Association

Psi Chi: International Honor Society in Psychology

Society for the Psychology of Religion and Spirituality

Society for Research on Adolescence