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Education				
2009 – 2014	PhD in Neuroscience	Princeton Neuroscience Institute, Princeton University		
2007 – 2012	BSc in Creative Computing	International Programmes, University of London		
1999 – 2004	MD	Sackler Faculty of Medicine, Tel Aviv University		
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Grants and Fellowships				
2020 – 2025	R01 Research Project Grant, National Institutes of Health (co-PI)			
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- 2011 **Eldar E**, Morris G, Niv Y. The effects of motivation on response rate: a hidden semi-Markov model analysis of behavioral dynamics. *Journal of Neuroscience Methods* 201, 251–261.
- 2007 **Eldar E**, Ganor O, Admon R, Bleich A, Hendler T. Feeling the real world: limbic response to music depends on related content. *Cerebral Cortex* 17, 2828–2840.

Supervising

Postdoctoral		
2021 – 2023	Aviv Emanuel	
2019 – 2023	Paul B. Sharp	
2019 – 2021	Isaac Fradkin	
Doctoral Since 2021	Boaz Rosenberg	PhD in Psychology

Since 2020	Chaviva Moshavi	PhD in Neuroscience
Since 2019	Alon Erdman	PhD in Psychology
Since 2019	Levi Solomyak	PhD in Cognitive and Brain Sciences
2018 – 2023	Tal Nahari (co-advisor)	PhD in Cognitive and Brain Sciences
2018 – 2023	Maayan Cohen (co-advisor)	PhD in Occupational Therapy
Master		
Since 2023	Danielle Babitz	MSc in Neuroscience
Since 2021	Yuval Shalev	MA in Cognitive and Brain Sciences
2022 – 2024	Yuval Koryto	MA in Psychology
2018 – 2021	Ran Cohen	MA in Cognitive and Brain Sciences
2016 – 2017	Charlotte Roth	MSc in Brain and Mind Sciences
2016 – 2017	Gaëlle Lièvre	MSc in Social Cognition
2015 – 2016	Gyung Jin Bae	MSc in Cognitive and Decision Neuroscience