# Curriculum Vitae – Avi Mendelsohn

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## Current position:

**Senior Lecturer**, Sagol Department of Neurobiology, Faculty of Natural Sciences, University of Haifa, Haifa, 3498838.

2012-2014: **Postdoctoral Fellow**, Departments of Psychiatry and Neuroscience, Friedman

Brain Institute, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, New York, New York

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# **Education**

2005-2010: **Ph.D.** - Weizmann Institute of Science, Department of Neurobiology. Thesis

topic: Long-term episodic memory retrieval: from brain to behavior. Mentor:

Prof. Yadin Dudai.

2002-2005: M.A. - Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv, Israel, Faculty of Social Sciences,

Department of Psychology, Psychobiology. Advisors: Prof. Matti Mintz & Prof.

Talma Hendler.

M.A. degree, February 2005, Outstanding Excellence, Deans Honors.

1998-2002: **B.A.** - Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Beer-Sheva, Israel. B.A. program,

Faculty of Social Sciences, Department of Behavioral Sciences.

### **Research Experience**

2011: Senior Intern, Neuroimaging Consultant for the Department of Neurobiology,

Weizmann Institute of Science.

2005-2010: Weizmann Institute of Science, Department of Neurobiology. Experience in

behavioral and functional Magnetic Resonance Imaging (fMRI) research, design, analysis, programming (Matlab), and advanced statistics. Expertise in learning

and memory, real-time fMRI, brain-computer interface.

2003-2005: Wohl Institute of Advanced Brain Imaging, Sourasky Medical Center, Tel Aviv, Israel. Research Assistant in the field of visual and emotional brain systems.

2000-2002: Department of Genetics, Ben-Gurion University, Faculty of Medicine. Research Assistant in the field of learning and memory.

## **Active Grants**

2015-2018: ISF Individual Research Grant (600,000 NIS) – The impact of motivational learning on episodic memory formation in humans.

2015-2018: ISF New Faculty Equipment Grant (356,000 NIS) – Equipment for neuroimaging of learning and memory in humans.

2017: ISF Institutional Equipment Grant\* (2,200,000 NIS) - Neuroscience in real-life: A multi-measure system for exploring naturalistic human cognition. \*In collaboration with Prof. Shamay-Tsoor and Dr. Gabay.

2018-2010: The National Institute for Psychobiology in Israel\* (~\$50,000) - Exploring the role of feedback timing on acquisition and consolidation of procedural learning in ADHD. \* In collaboration with Dr. Yafit Gabay.

2019-2022: ISF Individual Research Grant (720,000 NIS). The effects of active participation on long-term episodic memory.

#### **Teaching**

- University of Haifa, The neural basis of cognitive neuroscience.
- Rothschild-Weizmann Program for Science Teaching, Introduction to Cognitive Neuroscience.
- Weizmann Institute of Science, Department of Neurobiology, Graduate course lectures and workshops on Functional MRI Methods and Applications.
- **Davidson Institute of Science Education**, Lecture series at the Frontiers of Science The Remembering Brain.
- **Davidson Institute of Science Education**, Young Researchers, Lectures on Introduction to the Brain, and Memory in the Brain.
- Netanya Academic College, Teacher assistant Physiological Psychology.

### **Awards and Honors**

- The Salim and Rachel Benin Foundation Scholarship.
- Deans honors, Tel Aviv University, Faculty of Social Sciences.

- Outstanding Excellence honors, Tel Aviv University.
- Zlotowsky Scholarship for neuroscience research, Ben-Gurion University.

#### **Published articles**

- 1. Golan, H., Levav, T., **Mendelsohn, A.**, & Huleihel, M. (2004). Involvement of tumor necrosis factor alpha in hippocampal development and function. *Cerebral Cortex 14*, 97-105. I.F. 8.285; Average I.F. 7.8. R17/256, Cited 109, Q1, V.
- 2. **Mendelsohn, A.**, Strous, R., Bleich, M., Assaf, Y., & Hendler, T. (2006). Regional Axonal Abnormalities in First Episode Schizophrenia: Evidence Based on High b-value Diffusion Weighted Imaging. *Psychiatry Research: Neuroimaging* 146, 223-9. I.F. 2.47, Average I.F. 3.24, R8/14 (Neuroimaging), Cited 21, Q3, V.
- 3. Siman-Tov, T., **Mendelsohn, A.**, Schonberg, T., Avidan, G., Podlipsky, I., Pessoa, L., Gadoth, N., Ungerleider, L.G., & Hendler, T. (2007). Bihemispheric leftward bias in a visuospatial attention-related network. *The Journal of Neuroscience* 27, 11271-11278. I.F. 5.92, Average I.F. 6.78, R26/256, Q1, Cited 84, V.
- 4. **Mendelsohn, A.\***, Chalamish, Y.\*, Solomonovich, A., & Dudai, Y. (2008). Mesmerizing memories: Brain substrates of episodic memory suppression in posthypnotic amnesia. *Neuron* 57, 159-170. \**Equal contribution*.

  I.F. 13.97, Average I.F. 16.092, R6/256, Cited 58, Q1, V.
  - \*Equal contribution
- Siman-Tov, T., Pago, D., Gadoth, N., Schonberg, T., Mendelsohn, A., Perry, D., & Hendler, T. (2009). Mind your left: Spatial bias in subcortical fear processing. *Journal of Cognitive Neuroscience* 21, 1782-1789.
   I.F. 3.5, Average I.F. 4.1, R9/81 (Experimental Psychology), Q1, Cited 17, V.
- 6. **Mendelsohn, A.**, Furman, O., Navon, I., & Dudai Y. (2009). Subjective vs. documented reality: A case study of long-term real-life autobiographical memory. *Learning & Memory* 16, 142-146. I.F. 2.9, Average I.F. 3.685, R117/256, Q2, Cited 13, V.
- Zaretzky, M., Mendelsohn, A., Mintz, M., & Hendler, T. (2010). In the eye of the beholder: Internally-driven uncertainty of danger circuits recruits the amygdala and dorso-medial prefrontal cortex. *Journal of Cognitive Neuroscience* 22, 2263-2275.
   I.F. 3.559, Average I.F. 4.593, R81/256 (Neurosciences), Q2, R9/85, (Experimental Psychology), O1, Cited – 21, V.
- 8. **Mendelsohn, A.**, Furman, O., & Dudai Y. (2010). Signatures of memory: Brain coactivations during retrieval distinguish correct from incorrect memory. *Frontiers in Behavioral Neuroscience* 4, 1-12.

- I.F. 3.39, Average I.F. 3.498, R6/51 (Behavioral Sciences), Q1, R89/256 (Neurosciences), Q2, Cited 16, V.
- 9. Furman, O., **Mendelsohn, A.**, & Dudai, Y. (2012). The episodic engram transformed: Time reduces retrieval-related brain activity but correlates it better with accuracy. *Learning & Memory* 19, 575-587.
  - I.F. 2.9, Average I.F. 3.685, R117/256, Q2, Cited 24, V.
- 10. Pine, A., **Mendelsohn, A.**, & Dudai Y. (2014). Unconscious learning of likes and dislikes is persistent, resilient, and reconsolidates. *Frontiers in Psychology* doi: 10.3389/fpsyg.2014.01051. I.F. 2.74, Average I.F. 2.88, R29/129, Q1, Cited 3, V.
- 11. Collins, K.A., **Mendelsohn, A.**, Cain, C.K., & Schiller, D. (2014). Taking action in the face of threat: neural synchronization predicts adaptive coping. *The Journal of Neuroscience* 34, 14733-14738.
  - I.F. 5.92, Average I.F. 6.78, R26/256, Q1, Cited 19, V.
- 12. **Mendelsohn, A.**, Pine, A., & Schiller, D. (2014). Between thoughts and actions: Motivationally salient cues invigorate motor imagery in the human brain. *Neuron* 81, 207-217. I.F. 13.97, Average I.F. 16.092, R6/256, Q1, Cited 13, V.
- Cohen, O., Druon, S., Lengagne, S., Mendelsohn, A., Malach, R., Abderrahmane, K., & Friedman,
   D. fMRI-based robotic embodiment: Controlling a humanoid robot by thought using real-time fMRI. PRESENCE: Teleoperators and Virtual Environments 23, 229-241.
   I.F. 0.789, Average I.F. 1.315, R17/22 (Compter Science, Cybernetics), Q4, Cited 11.
- \*Yacoby, A., Dudai, Y., & Mendelsohn, A. (2015). Metamemory ratings predict long-term changes in reactivated episodic memories. Frontiers in Behavioral Neuroscience 9, 20. Doi: 10.3389/fnbeh.2015.00020.
   I.F. 3.39, Average I.F. 3.498, R6/51 (Behavioral Sciences), Q1, R89/256 (Neurosciences), Q2, 1 citation, V.
- 15. \*Tavares, R.M., **Mendelsohn, A.**, Grossman, Y., Willimas, C.H., Shapiro, M., Trope, Y., & Schiller, D. (2015). A map for social navigation in the human brain. *Neuron* 87, 231-243. I.F. 13.97, Average I.F. 16.092, R6/256, Cited 67, Q1, V.
- 16. \*Zhang, Z., **Mendelsohn, A.**, Manson, K.F., Schiller, D., & Levy I. (2015). Dissociating Value Representation and Inhibition of Inappropriate Affective Response during Reversal Learning in the Ventromedial Prefrontal Cortex. *eNeuro* 4;2(6). doi: 10.1523/ENEURO.0072-15.2015.
- \*Pine, A., Sadeh, N., Ben-Yakov, A., **Dudai, Y**\*. & **Mendelsohn, A.**\* (2018). Knowledge acquisition is governed by striatal prediction errors. *Nature Communications* 9:1673. doi: 10.1038/s41467-018-03992-5.
  I.F. 12.35, Average I.F. 13.69, R3/64 (Multidisciplinary), cited 5, Q1, V.
  \*Equal senior authors
- 18. \*Gilboa, A., Sheynbaum, R.S. & **Mendelsohn, A.** (2018). Autobiographical memory: from experiences to brain representation. *Neuropsychologia* 110:1-6. (*Special Issue Editorial*).

- I.F. 2.88, Average I.F. 3.32, R19/51, Q2, 1 citation, V.
- 19. \*Rotem-Turchinski, N., Ramaty, A. & **Mendelsohn, A.** (2018). The opportunity to choose enhances long-term episodic memory. *Memory* 26:1-10. I.F. 1.87, Average I.F. 2.02, R43/85, Q3, 1 citation, V.
- 20. \*Shneyer, A. & **Mendelsohn, A.** (2018). Previously rewarding environments enhance incidental memory formation. *Learning & Memory* 25:569-573 (*Journal Cover*). I.F. 2.67, Average I.F. 3.54, R153/261, Q3, 0 citations, V.
- 21. \*Gabay. Y., Shahbari-Khateb, E. & **Mendelsohn, A.** (2018). Feedback timing modulates probabilistic learning in adults with ADHD. *Scientific Reports* 8:15524. doi: 10.1038/s41598-018-33551-3.
  - I.F. 4.12, Average I.F. 4.6, R12/64, Q1, 0 citations, V.
- 22. \*Shamay-Tsoory, S.G. & **Mendelsohn, A.** (2019). Real-life neuroscience: an ecological approach to brain and behavior research. *Perspectives in Psychological Science* 14:841-859. I.F. 8.19, Average I.F. 10.57, R5/137 (Psychology, Multidisciplinary), Q1, 0 citations, V.