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Personal Details

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Date of Birth: January, 26, 1967, Dimona, Israel

Marital status: Married + 2 Military Service: 1985–1988

Present Institute/Affiliation Address: Interdisciplinary School for Sciences, Health and Society, Department of Communication Disorders, Hadassah Academic College,

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Previous Institute/Affiliation Address: Sapir Academic College,

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Previous Position: Full Professor of Psychology

Chairman, Center for Research in Personality, Life Transitions, and Stressful Life

Events, Sapir Academic College

Web page: http://college.sapir.ac.il/sapir/dept/hrm/katedra/about.htm

Web pages: https://www.sapir.ac.il/content/5977 and

http://besser.socialpsychology.org/

Weebly

Google Scholar

ResearchGate

Wikipedia

ORCHID

Scopus

Education

B.A 1988–1991 B.A, Cum laude

Behavioral Science Department Ben-Gurion University of the Negev,

Israel.

M.A 1992–1995 M.A, Cum laude

Behavioral Science Department Ben-Gurion University of the Negev,

Israel.

Major field of Study: Organizational Psychology

Thesis field of Study-Cognitive Psychology: 'Compensation in

stereoptic stimuli evaluation when observed from an incorrect viewing

orientation.

Advisor: Prof. David Leiser

Ph.D. 1995 – 2000

Field of Study: Vulnerability to Postpartum Depression.

Thesis: 'Self-Criticism and Dependency- A model of mood-shifts

vulnerability in the transition to motherhood'

Advisor: Prof. Beatriz Priel

(2000–2001 – A research fellow at the Department of Behavioural

Sciences Ben Gurion University, Beer-Sheva Israel)

Post–Doc July 2001 – August 2002

Department of Psychology, York University, Toronto, ON, Canada.

Personality and social psychology:

<u>Field of Study-1</u>: Perfectionism as a Personality Vulnerability to

Depression.

Advisor: Prof. Gordon L. Flett

Field of Study-2: The Interpersonal Context of Self-Criticism and

Dependency as a Personality Vulnerability to Depression.

Advisor: Prof. Myriam Mongrain

Academic Position

2002 - 2003	Lecturer/ assistant professor – Sapir Academic College.
2003 - 2006	Senior lecturer – Sapir Academic College.
2006 - 2010	Associate professor – Sapir Academic College.
2009 –	Chairman, Center for Research in Personality, Life Transitions,
	and Stressful Life Events-Sapir Academic College.
2010 –	Full professor – Sapir Academic College
2013 - 2019	Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs
2019 –	Chair Department of Communication Disorders, Hadassah
	Academic College

Professional Training

1994 – 1995	"YEADIM" Institute Ltd.
	Practicum in Organizational Psychology
1996 –	Certified Specialist in Educational Psychology, on behalf of the
	Israel Psychological Association (License no. 4607, 4829).
1996 –	School Psychology Services, Ministry of Education, Dimona,
	Israel, Internship in Applied Developmental Psychology

Professional experience

1990 – 2003	High school psychology teacher.
1990 - 2003	School Counseling
1996 –	Educational Psychology School Psychology Services,
	Ministry of Education, Dimona, Israel.
1995 –	Mental Health Officer, IDF.

Teaching

1996 - 2001	Kay College – Course in Abnormal Psychology. Course
	in Child Behavioral Problems. Course in Psychological
	Testing. Course in Psychological Testing.
1998	Ben Gurion University – SEM (Structural Equation
	Modeling) – Course Assistant
1999 –	Sapir College – The Ecological and System Approach:
	Evaluation and Interventions Strategies in Child
	Consultation.
2001	Introduction to Psychology part I
2000 –	Eilat College – 1. Introduction to Psychology
	2. Abnormal Psychology
	3. Personality Theories and Research
2002 –	Sapir Academic College –
	1. Developmental Psychology
	2. Psychopathology/abnormal-psychology
	3. Human's Development
	4. Personality vulnerability and the interpersonal
	context: Theory and research
	5. Decision making reassignment
	6. Personality Theories
	7. Child Psychopathology
2009 –	8. Introduction to Psychology
	9. Employs' selection
	10. Individual differences/Personality theories
2012-	Ben Gurion University Eilat Campus- research methods
	for MA (Department of Conflict Resolution)
2001 –	Ben Gurion University Eilat Campus- Department of
	Psychology and Department of Social work:
	Introduction to Psychology, Personality Theories, and
	Psychopathology.

2017 – Sapir Academic College –

- 1. Research methods: MA program in Social Work
- 2. Research methods: MA program in Human Resource Management

2019 – Hadassah Academic College

- Research methods: BA program in Communication Disorders
- 2. Seminar: BA program in Communication Disorders
- 3. Personality Theories: Elective for BA programs

Membership in Professional Organizations

- 1. Israeli Psychological Association
- 2. The Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP)—international
- 3. The Society for Social and Clinical Psychology (SCSP)–international
- 4. The Israeli Association for Humor Studies

Professional activities

Editor

2015 – BMC Psychology – http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcpsychol/

Associate Editor

2012 – *Self and Identity* – http://www.tandf.co.uk/journals/pp/15298868.html 2018 – PLOS ONE - http://journals.plos.org/plosone/static/editorial-board

Editorial Board / Consulting Editor

2004 – Psychology Research Journal (PRJ) – http://www.idrg.org/prj/board.htm August 2005 – Individual Differences Research (IDR) – http://www.idrg.org/idr/board.htm

2007 – *Journal of Social and Clinical Psychology (JSCP)* – http://www.guilford.com/cgi-in/cartscript.cgi?page=pr/jnsc.htm&sec=editorial_board

2011 – International Perspectives in Psychology: Research, Practice and Consultation http://www.apa.org/pubs/journals/ipp/index.aspx 2012 – International Journal of Stress Management http://www.apa.org/pubs/journals/str/index.aspx

2012 – *The Israeli Journal of Humor Research: An International Journal* http://www.israeli-humor-studies.org/122789/Editorial-and-Advisory-board

2012 – Disaster Health

http://www.landesbioscience.com/journals/disasterhealth/editorialboard/

Ad Hoc Editorial Reviewer

- 2002 Personality and Individual Differences
- 2004 Social Behavior and Personality
- 2004 Psychoneuroendocrinology
- 2005 Journal of Social and Clinical Psychology
- 2005 Clinical Psychology & Psychotherapy
- 2005 Depression and Anxiety
- 2006 Israel Journal of Psychiatry
- 2006 Behaviour Research and Therapy
- 2007 Journal of Social and Personal Relationships
- 2007 Personal Relationships
- 2007 Journal of Personality
- 2007 Fertility and Sterility
- 2007 Journal of Happiness Studies
- 2008 Journal of Traumatic Stress
- 2011 Intentional Journal of Stress Management
- 2011 International Journal of Psychology and Counselling

Ad Hoc Grants Reviewer

2007 – Israel Science Foundation (ISF), assistance in reviewing research proposals

Ad Hoc MAs and PhDs Critical Reviewer

2003 – Ad hoc reviewer for master and doctorate theses for several Israeli and abroad universities.

Ad Hoc Member of Promotion Committees

2005 – Ad hoc member of promotion committees for several Israeli colleges and referee of promotion for candidates of several colleges and universities in Israel and abroad.

Research Grants

2005 – 2007 Grant #6524 from the Chief Scientist of the Israeli Ministry of Education. Social skills shortcomings among children with ADHD associate with difficulties in emotional recognition: The proposal and examination of an explanatory model, conducting and evaluating of an intervention program. With Beatriz Priel.

Weinberg, M¹., & Besser, A. Exposure to Terrorism in Israel: Dyadic Examination of Resilience/Psychopathology Effects among Two Hundred Victims and their Spouses. **PSYCHOLOGY BEYOND BORDERS 2013 MISSION AWARDS. 5000\$**

Scientific Publications

Refereed Articles in Scientific Journals (peer reviewed)

- 1. Priel, B., & **Besser**, **A.** (**1999**). Vulnerability to postpartum depressive symptomatology: Dependency, self–criticism, and the moderating role of antenatal attachment. *Journal of Social and Clinical Psychology*, *18*, 240–253. DOI: 10.1002/cpp.597
- Priel, B., & Besser, A. (2000). Dependency and self-criticism among first-time mothers: The roles of global and specific support. *Journal of Social and Clinical Psychology*, 19, pp.437–450.
 DOI: 10.1521/jscp.2000.19.4.437
- 3. Priel, B., & Kantor, B., & **Besser, A.** (2000). Two maternal representations: A study of Israeli adopted children. *Psychoanalytic Psychology*, *17*, 128–145. DOI: 10.1037/0736-9735.17.1.128
- 4. Priel, B., & **Besser**, **A.** (2000). Adult attachment styles, early relationships, antenatal attachment and perceptions of infant temperament: A study of first–time mothers. *Personal Relationship*, 7, 291–310. DOI: 10.1111/j.1475–6811.2000.tb00018.x
- 5. Priel, B., Melamed–Hass, S., **Besser, A.** & Cantor, B. (**2000**). Adjustment among adopted children: The moderating role of maternal self–reflectiveness. *Family Relations*, *49*, 389–396. DOI: 10.1111/j.1741–3729.2000.00389.x
- Priel, B & Besser, A. (2001). Bridging the gap between attachment and object relations' theories: A study of the transition to motherhood. *British Journal of Medical Psychology*, 74, 85–100.
 DOI: 10.1348/000711201160821
- 7. Heisel, J, M., Flett, L. G., & **Besser**, **A.** (2002). Cognitive functioning and geriatric suicide ideation: Testing a mediational model. *American Journal of Geriatric Psychiatry*, *10*, 428–436. DOI: 10.1097/01.JGP.0000218699.27899.f9
- 8. Priel, B & **Besser**, **A.** (2002). Perceptions of early relationships during the transition to motherhood: The mediating role of social support. *Infant Mental Health Journal*, *23*, 343–360. DOI: 10.1002/imhj.10021

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¹ Post-doc student at my center at Sapir in collaboration with Prof. Neria at Colombia University, USA

- 9. Davis, R.A., Flett, G.L., **Besser, A.** (2002). Validation of a new scale for measuring problematic Internet use: Implications for pre–employment screening. *CyberPsychology and Behavior*, *5*, 331–346. DOI:10.1089/109493102760275581
- 10. Vardy, D., **Besser, A.,** Gesthalter, B., Buskila, D., Biton, A., & Amir, (2002). Reduced quality of life in psoriasis patients: The mediating role of experiences of stigmatization. *British Journal of Dermatology*, *147*, 736–742. DOI: 10.1046/j.1365–2133.2002.04899.x
- 11. **Besser, A.**, Priel, B., & Wiznizer, A. (**2002**). Childbearing depressive symptomatology in high–risk pregnancies: The roles of working models and perceived spouse support. *Personal Relationships*, *9*, 395–413. DOI: 10.1111/1475–6811.00026
- 12. **Besser, A.**, & Priel, B. (**2003a**). Trait vulnerability and coping strategies in the transition to motherhood. *Current–Psychology: –Developmental, Learning, –Personality, –Social, 22, 57–72.* DOI: 10.1007/s12144–003–1013–7
- 13. **Besser, A.,** & Priel, B. (2003b). A multisource approach to self–critical vulnerability to depression: The moderating role of attachment. *Journal of Personality*, 71, 515–555. DOI: 10.1111/1467–6494.7104002
- 14. Flett, L. G., **Besser, A.,** & Davis, R. (**2003c**). Dimensions of perfectionism, unconditional self–acceptance, and depression. *Journal of Rational–Emotive and Cognitive–Behavior Therapy*, *21*, 119–138. DOI: 10.1023/A:1025051431957
- Besser, A. Flett, G. L., & Davis, R. (2003d). Self-criticism, dependency, silencing the self, and loneliness: Testing for mediational model. *Personality and Individual Differences*, 35, 1735–1752. DOI:10.1016/S0191–8869(02)00403–8
- 16. Hewitt, P. L., Flett, G. L., **Besser, A.**, Sherry, S. B., McGee, B.J. (**2003e**). Perfectionism is multidimensional: A reply to Shafran, Cooper, and Fairburn (2002). *Behaviour Research and Therapy*, *41*, 1221–1236. DOI:10.1016/S0005–7967(03)00021–4
- 17. Sherry, S. B., Hewitt, P. L., **Besser, A.,** McGee, B. J., & Flett, G. L. (**2004**). Self–oriented and socially prescribed perfectionism in the Eating Disorder Inventory perfectionism subscale. *International Journal of Eating Disorders*, *35*, 69–79. DOI: 10.1002/eat.10237
- 18. **Besser, A.,** Amir, M., & Barkan, S. (**2004**). Who signs an organ transplant donor card? A study of personality and individual differences in a sample of Israeli university students. *Personality and Individual Differences*, *36*, *1709–1723*. DOI:10.1016/j.paid.2003.07.012
- 19. **Besser, A.** (2004). Self– and best–friend assessments of personality vulnerability and defenses in the prediction of depression. *Social Behavior and Personality*, 32, 559–594. DOI: 10.2224/sbp.2004.32.6.559
- 20. **Besser, A.**, Flett, L. G., & Hewitt, P. L (**2004**). Perfectionism, Cognition, and Affect in Response to Performance Failure vs. Success. *Journal of Rational Emotive Cognitive Behavior Therapy*, 22, 297–324. DOI: 10.1023/B:JORE.0000047313.35872.5c
- 21. Sherry, S. B., Hewitt, P. L., Lee–Baggley, D. L., Flett, G. L., & **Besser**, **A**. (**2004**). Perfectionism and thoughts about having cosmetic surgery performed. *Journal of Applied Biobehavioral Research*, *9*, 244–257. DOI: 10.1111/j.1751–9861.2004.tb00103.x

- 22. Lev–Wiesel, R., Amir, M., & **Besser, A**. (**2005**). Posttraumatic growth among female survivors of childhood abuse in relation to the perpetrator identity. *Journal of Loss & Trauma*, *10*, 7–17. **DOI**: 10.1080/15325020490890606
- Sherry, S. B., Hewitt, P. L., Lee–Baggley, D. L., Flett, G. L., & Besser, A. (2005). Perfectionism and interest in cosmetic surgery. *Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery*, 115, 1806–1807. DOI: 10.1097/01.PRS.0000162170.43575.57
- 24. **Besser, A,** & Priel, B. (**2005**). Interpersonal relatedness and self–definition in late adulthood depression: Personality predispositions, and protective factors. *Social Behavior and Personality*, *33*, 351–382. DOI: 10.2224/sbp.2005.33.4.351
- 25. **Besser, A,** & Priel, B. (2005). The Apple Does Not Fall Far From the Tree: Attachment Styles and Personality Vulnerabilities to Depression in Three Generations of Women. *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin,* 31, 1052–1073. DOI: 10.1177/0146167204274082
- 26. Flett, G. L., **Besser, A.**, & Hewitt. (**2005**). Perfectionism, ego defense styles, and depression: A comparison of self versus informant ratings. *Journal of Personality*, *73*, 1355–1396. DOI: 10.1111/j.1467–6494.2005.00352.x
- 27. Lev–Wiesel, R., **Besser, A.**, & Laish, R. (**2005**). Measuring potency among preschool children: Instruments and intervention. *Child & Adolescent Social Work Journal*, 22, 343–360. DOI: 10.1007/s10560–006–0076–3
- 28. Waniel, A. **Besser, A.**, & Priel, B. (**2006**). Mother and self–representations: Investigating associations with symptomatic behavior and academic competence in middle childhood. *Journal of Personality*, *74*, 223–266. DOI: 10.1111/j.1467.6494.2005.00374.x
- 29. Sherry, S. B., Hewitt, P. L., **Besser, A.,** Flett, G. L., & Klein, C. (**2006**). Machiavellianism, trait perfectionism, and perfectionistic self–presentation. *Personality and Individual Differences*, *40*, 829–839. DOI: 10.1016/j.paid.2005.09.010
- 30. Lev–Wiesel, R., & **Besser**, A. (2006). Male Definitions of Sexual Assault: The Role of the Perpetrator's Gender. *Individual Differences Research*, 4, 46–50.
- 31. **Besser, A.,** & Priel, B. (**2006**). Models of Attachment, Confirmation of Positive Affective Expectations and Satisfaction with Vacation Activities: A Pre–Post Panel Design Study of Leisure. *Personality and Individual Differences*, *41*, 1055–1065. DOI: 10.1016/j.paid.2006.04.011
- 32. ***²Besser, A., & Blatt, S. J. (2007). Identity Consolidation and Internalizing and Externalizing Problem Behaviors in Early Adolescence. *Psychoanalytic Psychology*, 24, 126–149. DOI: 10.1037/0736–9735.24.1.126
- 33. **Besser**, **A.**, Priel, B., Flett, L. G., & Wiznitzer A. (2007). Linear and Nonlinear Models in Vulnerability to Depression: Personality and Postpartum Depression in a High-Risk Population. *Individual Differences Research*, *5*, 1–29.

² Since last promotion

- 34. **Besser, A., &** Priel, B. (2007). Perceived Social Support, Malevolent Maternal Representations, and Older Adults' Depressed Mood. *Journal of Social and Clinical Psychology, 6,* 728–750. DOI: 10.1521/jscp.2007.26.6.728
- 35. **Besser, A.,** & Shackelford, T. K. (2007). Mediation of the Effects of the Big Five Personality Dimensions on Negative Mood and Confirmed Affective Expectations by Perceived Situational Stress: A Quasi–Field Study of Vacationers. *Journal of Personality and Individual Differences*, 42, 1333–1346. DOI: 10.1016/j.paid.2006.10.011
- 36. Shackelford, T. K. & **Besser**, **A.** (2007). Predicting Attitudes toward Homosexuality: Insights from Personality Psychology. *Individual Differences Research*, *5*, 106–114.
- 37. Flett, G. L., **Besser, A.,** Hewitt, P. L., & Davis, R. (**2007**). Perfectionism silencing the self and depression. *Personality and Individual Differences*, 43, 1211–1222. DOI: 10.1016/j.paid.2007.03.012
- 38. Kats–Gold, I, **Besser, A.,** & Priel, B. (**2007**). The Role of Simple Emotion Recognition Skills among School Aged Boys at Risk of ADHD. *Journal of Abnormal Child Psychology*, *35*, 363–379. DOI: 10.1007/s10802–006–9096–x
- 39. Blatt, S. J., **Besser, A.,** & Ford, R. Q. (**2007**). Two Primary Configurations of Psychopathology and Change in Thought Disorder in Long–term, Intensive, Inpatient Treatment of Seriously Disturbed Young Adults. *American Journal of Psychiatry*, *164*, 1561–1567. DOI: 10.1176/appi.ajp.2007.05111853
- 40. Priel, B., **Besser**, **A.**, Waniel, A., & Yonas–Segal, M. (**2007**). Interpersonal and intrapersonal processes in the formation of maternal representations in middle childhood: Review, new findings and future directions. *Israeli Journal of Psychiatry*, *44*, 255–265.
- 41. Waniel, A. **Besser, A.**, & Priel, B. (**2008**). Self– and maternal representations, relatedness patterns, and problem behavior in middle childhood. *Personal Relationships*, *15*, 171–189. DOI: 10.1111/j.1475–6811.2008.00192.x
- 42. **Besser, A.**, Guez, J., & Priel, B. (**2008**). The Associations between Self–Criticism and Dependency and Incidental Learning of Interpersonal and Achievement Words. *Personality and Individual Differences*, 44, 1696–1710. DOI: 10.1016/j.paid.2008.01.017
- 43. **Besser**, **A.** & Priel, B. (2008). Attachment, Depression, and Fear of Death in Older Adults: The Roles of Neediness and Perceived Availability of Social Support. *Personality and Individual Differences*, *44*, 1711–1725. DOI: 10.1016/j.paid.2008.01.016
- 44. **Besser, A.**, Flett, G. L., Hewitt, P. L., & Guez, J. Perfectionism, and cognitions, affect, self–esteem, and physiological reactions in a performance situation (**2008**). *Journal of Rational Emotive Cognitive Behavior Therapy*, *26*, 206–228. DOI: 10.1007/s10942–007–0067–0
- 45. Shackelford, T. K., **Besser, A.,** & Goetz, A. T. (**2008**). Personality, Marital Satisfaction, and Probability of Marital Infidelity. *Individual Differences Research*, *6*, 13–25.

- 46. **Besser**, **A.**, Vliegen, N., Luyten, P., & Blatt, S. J. (**2008**). Vulnerability to postpartum depression from a psychodynamic perspective: Systematic empirical base commentary on issues raised by Blum (2007). *Psychoanalytic Psychology*, *25*, 392–410.
- 47. Sherry, S. B., Law, A., Hewitt, P. L., Flett, G. L., & **Besser**, **A.** (2008). Social support as a mediator of the relationship between perfectionism and depression: A preliminary test of the Social Disconnection Model. *Personality and Individual Differences*, 45, 339–344. DOI: 10.1016/j.paid.2008.05.001
- 48. **Besser**, A., Flett, L. G., Guez, J., & Hewitt, P. L. (**2008**). Perfectionism, Mood, and Memory for Positive, Negative, and Perfectionistic Content. *Individual Differences Research*, 6, 211–244.
- 49. Flett, L. G., Endler, N.S., & **Besser, A.** (2009). Separation Anxiety, Perceived Controllability, and Homesickness. *Journal of Applied Social Psychology*, *39*, *265*–282. DOI: 10.1111/j.1559–1816.2008.00438.x
- 50. **Besser, A.**, Priel, B. (**2009**). Emotional Responses to a Romantic Partner's Imaginary Rejection: The Roles of Attachment Anxiety, Covert Narcissism, and Self–Evaluation. *Journal of Personality*, 77, 287–325. DOI: 10.1111/j.1467–6494.2008.00546.x
- 51. Manashko, S., **Besser, A.,** & Priel, B. (**2009**). Maltreated Children's Representations of Mother and Additional Caregiver: A Longitudinal Study. *Journal of Personality*, 77. DOI: 10.1111/j.1467–6494.2008.00558.x
- 52. **Besser, A.**, Neria, Y. (**2009**). PTSD Symptoms, Satisfaction with Life and Prejudicial Attitudes towards the Adversary among Israelis Exposed to Ongoing Terrorist Attacks. *Journal of Traumatic Stress*, 22, 268–275. DOI: 10.1002/jts.20420
- 53. **Besser, A.**, Neria, Y., & Haynes, M. (2009). Adult Attachment, Perceived Stress, and PTSD among Civilians Continuously Exposed to Terrorism in Southern Israel. *Personality and Individual Differences*, 47, 851–857. DOI: 10.1016/j.paid.2009.07.003
- 54. **Besser, A.**, & Priel, B. (**2010**). Personality vulnerability, low social support, and maladaptive cognitive emotion regulation under ongoing exposure to terrorist attacks. *Journal of Social and Clinical Psychology*, 29,166–201. DOI: 10.1521/jscp.2010.29.2.166
- 55. **Besser, A.**, Flett, L. G., & Hewitt, P. L. (**2010**). Perfectionistic Self–Presentation and Trait Perfectionism in Social Problem–Solving Ability and Depressive Symptoms. *Journal of Applied Social Psychology*, *40*, 2123–2156. DOI: 10.1111/j.1559–1816.2010.00653.x
- 56. Vliegen, N., Luyten, P., **Besser, A.,** Casalin, S., Kempke, S., & Tang, E. (2010). Stability and Change in Levels of Depression and Personality: A Follow–Up Study of Postpartum Depressed Mothers Hospitalized in a Mother–Infant Unit. *Journal of Nervous and Mental Disease*, 198, 45–51. DOI: 10.1097/NMD.0b013e3181c8aa57
- 57. **Besser**, **A.**, & Neria, Y. (**2010**). The Effects of Insecure Attachment Orientations and Perceived Social Support on Posttraumatic Stress and Depressive Symptoms Among Civilians Exposed to the 2009 Israel–Gaza War: A Follow–up Cross–Lagged Panel Design Study. *Journal of Research in Personality*, *44*, 335–341. DOI: 10.1016/j.jrp.2010.03.004

- 58. Neria, Y., **Besser, A.**, Kipper, D., & Westphal. M. (**2010**). A Longitudinal Study of Posttraumatic Stress Disorder, Depression and Generalized Anxiety Disorder in Civilians Exposed to War Trauma. *Journal of Traumatic Stress*, *23*, 322–330. DOI: 10.1002/jts.20522
- 59. **Besser, A.** & Zeigler–Hill, **V.** (**2010**). The Influence of Pathological Narcissism on Emotional and Motivational Responses to Negative Events: The Roles of Visibility and Concern About Humiliation. *Journal of Research in Personality*, 44, 520–534. DOI: 10.1016/j.jrp.2010.06.006
- 60. **Besser, A.**, & Priel, B. (**2010**). Grandiose Narcissism versus Vulnerable Narcissism in Threatening Situations: Emotional Reactions to Achievement Failure and Interpersonal Rejection. *Journal of Social and Clinical Psychology*, *29*, 874–902. DOI: 10.1521/jscp.2010.29.8.874
- 61. Campos, C.R., **Besser, A.,** & Blatt, S. J. (**2010**). The Mediating Role of Self–Criticism and Dependency in the Association Between Perceptions of Maternal Caring and Depressive Symptoms. *Depression and Anxiety*, 27, 1149–1157. DOI: 10.1002/da.20763
- 62. **Besser, A.**, & Priel, B. (2011). Dependency, Self–Criticism and Negative Affective Responses Following Imaginary Rejection and Failure Threats: Meaning–Making Processes as Moderators or Mediators. *Psychiatry: Interpersonal and Biological Processes*, 74, 33–42. DOI: 10.1521/psyc.2011.74.1.31
- 63. Zeigler–Hill, V., **Besser, A.** (2011). Humor Style Mediates the Association Between Pathological Narcissism and Self–Esteem. *Personality and Individual Differences*, 50, 1196–1201. DOI: 10.1016/j.paid.2011.02.006
- 64. Hewitt, P. L., Blasberg, J. S., Flett, G. L., **Besser, A.,** Sherry, S. B., Caelian, C., Papsdorf, M., Cassels, T. G., & Birch, S. (**2011**). Perfectionistic self–presentation in children and adolescents: Development and validation of the Perfectionistic Self–Presentation Scale—Junior Form. *Psychological Assessment*, *23*, 125–142. DOI: 10.1037/a0021147
- 65. Campos, C.R., **Besser, A.,** & Blatt, S. J. (**2011**). The relationships between defenses and experiences of depression: An exploratory study *Psychoanalytic Psychology*, 28, 196–208. DOI: 10.1037/a0022420
- 66. **Besser, A., &** Zeigler–Hill, V. (**2011**). Pathological Forms of Narcissism and Perceived Stress during the Transition to the University: The Mediating Role of Humor Styles. *International Journal of Stress Management*, *18*, 197-221. DOI: 10.1037/a0024826
- 67. **Besser, A.,** Luyten, P., & Blatt, S. J. (**2011**). Do Humor Styles Mediate or Moderate the Relationship Between Self–Criticism and Neediness, and Depressive Symptoms? *Journal of Nervous and Mental Disease*, 10, 757-764. DOI: 10.1097/NMD.0b013e31822fc9a8
- 68. Levin, P. A., Albert, L., **Besser, A.,** Smithe, D., Zelenski, A., Rosenkranz, S., et al. (**2011**). Secondary Traumatic Stress in Attorneys and Their Administrative Support Staff Working with Trauma-Exposed Clients. *Journal of Nervous and Mental Disease*, *199*, 946-955. DOI: 10.1097/NMD.0b013e3182392c26
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- 24. Law, A., Sherry, S. B., Hewitt, P. L., Flett, G. L., **Besser, A.**, Hall, P. A., & Klein, C. (**2004**, June). Perfectionism, difficulty in accepting the past, and depression. Poster session, Canadian Psychological Association 2004 Convention, St. John's, Newfoundland, Canada.
- 25. Law, A., Sherry, S. B., Hewitt, P. L., **Besser, A**., Flett, G. L., Klein, C., & Chorney, D. (**2004**, June). Perfectionism, self–esteem, and depression. Poster session, Canadian Psychological Association 2004 Convention, St. John's, Newfoundland, Canada.
- 26. Besser, A., & Priel, B. Depression Among Older–Adults: The Roles of Dependency, Self–Criticism and Self–Efficacy (2004 August). Poster session presented at the American Psychological Association 2003 112th Annual APA Convention, Hawaii, USA.
- 27. Amari, E., Sherry, S. B., Hewitt, P. L., **Besser, A.**, Flett, G. L., & Lee–Baggley, D. L. (**2005**, April). Dependent perfectionism, reassurance seeking, and depressive symptoms. Poster session presented at the 85th Annual Convention of the Western Psychological Association, Portland, OR, U.S.A.

- 28. **Besser, A.**, & Blatt, S. J. (2006, August). Identity Consolidation and Internalizing and Externalizing Problem Behaviors in Early Adolescence. Poster presented at the 114th Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, New Orleans, LA, USA.
- 29. Flett, G.L., Cheng, W., Hewitt, P.L., & **Besser**, A. (2006, May). Perfectionism, Anxiety, and Anxiety Sensitivity in Adolescents. 18th Annual Convention Association for Psychological Science (APS), New–York, USA.
- 30. Flett, G.L., **Besser, A.,** Hewitt, P.L., Sherry, S. B., Berk, L., & Filardo, E. (**2006**, May). Personality Vulnerability Factors, Reassurance Seeking, and Postpartum Depression. 18th Annual Convention Association for Psychological Science (APS), New-York, USA.
- 31. **Besser, A.,** & Blatt, S. J. (**2006**, August). Identity Consolidation and Internalizing and Externalizing Problem Behaviors in Early Adolescence. Poster presented at the 114th annual convention of the American Psychological Association 2006, New Orleans.
- 32. **** Flett, G.L., Hewitt, P.L., Sturman, E.D., & **Besser, A.** (2007, August). Trait perfectionism and perfectionistic self–presentation in shame and depression. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology Association, San Francisco, California.
- 33. Flett, G.L., **Besser, A.**, & Hewitt, P.L. (November, **2007**). Perfectionism, Attachment Anxiety, Attachment Avoidance, and Depression in Pregnant Women. The Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies 41st Annual Convention, Philadelphia.
- 34. **Besser, A.,** & Priel, B. Emotional Responses to a Romantic Partner's Imaginary Rejection: The Roles of Attachment Anxiety, Covert Narcissism, and Self–Evaluation. (**July, 2008**) ISPAR, Greece.
- 35. Flett, G.L., Hewitt, P.L. & **Besser**, **A.** (August **2008**). Perfectionism and Perfectionistic Self–Presentation in Postpartum Depression. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology Association, Boston.
- 36. Flett, G.L., Hewitt, P.L. & **Besser**, **A.** (August **2008**). Personality Vulnerability Factors and Parenting Self–Efficacy in New Parents. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology Association, Boston.
- 37. Eitam, B., Neria, Y., Besser, A., Scholer, A., A., Salomon, Z., Higgins, E. T., (May 2009). When Safety Concerns Fail Us: Motivation and Posttraumatic Stress Disorder. Poster to be presented at the Annual Convention of the Association for Psychological Science. San–Fransisco, California.
- 38. **Besser, A.** Adults attachment, perceived stress and PTSD among civilians continually exposed to terrorism in southern Israel. Paper to be presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology Association, Toronto. (August **2009**).
- 39. Flett, G. L., **Besser, A.**, Hewitt, P. L., Wright, K., Sherry, S. B., & Fowers, A. F.Trait Perfectionism, Perfectionistic Self–Presentation, Attachment Styles, and Depression. Paper to be presented at the

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- annual meeting of the American Psychology Association, Toronto. (August **2009**).
- 40. Nepon, T. B., Flett, G. L., **Besser, A.,** & Hewitt, P. L. (June **2009**). *Perfectionistic Self–Presentation and Perfectionism Cognitions in Silencing the Self.* Paper to be presented at the Annual Convention of the Canadian Psychological Association, Montréal, Québec.
- 41. **Besser, A.,** & Priel, B. (July **2010**). Dependency, Self–Criticism and Negative Affective Responses Following Imaginary Rejection and Failure Threats: Meaning–Making Processes as Moderators or Mediators. the 3rd International Congress on Interpersonal Acceptance and Rejection to be held in Padua, Italy.
- 42. Flett, L.G., Hewitt, P. L., & **Besser**, **A.** (May 30, **2010**). *Trait Perfectionism and Perfectionistic Self–Presentation in Postpartum Depression*. APS.
- 43. **Besser, A.,** & Neria, Y. Predictors of Psychopathology among Civilians Exposed to 2009 Israel Gaza War. The XL Congress of the European Association of Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies (EABCT), October 7–10, 2010, Milan Italy.
- 44. Neria, Y., **Besser, A.,** & Westphal. M. (November 3–7, **2010**). Mental Health Consequences of Exposure to War–Trauma: Longitudinal Relations between Perceived Social Support, Attachment Orientations, and Initial Emotional Responses. International Society for Traumatic Stress meeting. Symposium: Interpersonal/Social Processes in Trauma Adaptation: Theoretical Approaches Montreal, Canada.
- 45. **Besser, A.**, & Luyten, P. Always Look on the Bright Side of Life? Adult Attachment and the Interpersonal Regulation of Stress: The Mediating Role of Humor Styles. Presentation at ISSID, July **2011**. London.
- Weinberg, M, **Besser**, A., & Neria, Y. "Self–Esteem Mediates the Association Between Dispositional Optimism and Anxiety Among Israeli Civilians Exposed to Missile Attacks" at the 2013 Annual Scientific Meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology (**2013**-ISPP).
- 47. Besser, A., Zeigler-Hill, V., Pincus, A. L., & Neria, Y. "Narcissists Under Fire: A Study of Israeli Civilians Exposed to Missile Attacks" at the 2013 Annual Scientific Meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology (2013-ISPP).
- 48. Besser, A., Weinberg, M., Zeigler-Hill, V., Pincus, A. L. Great Expectations Lead to Great Disappointments: Narcissism and Confirmation of Positive Affective Expectations for a Vacation. International Convention of Psychological Science (ICPS), 12-14 March 2015, Amsterdam.
- 49. Weinberg, M., **Besser, A.,** Ataria, Y., Neria, Y. Survivor-spousal dissociation and PTSD: Personal and dyad relationships of trauma survivors, spouses' dissociation, and PTSD. The 36th Annual Conference of the Stress and Anxiety Research Society (STAR), Tel Aviv, Israel, June 30-July 2, 2015.
- 50. Shultz JM, Helpman L, Araya R, Espinel Z, Verdeli H, Neria Y, Chaskel R, **Besser A**, Hernandez LJ, Gomez A. **Trauma/Loss**

- **during Forced Migration and Psychological Symptom Elevations** (Poster). Presented at: International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies (ISTSS), 31st Annual Meeting, "Back to Basics: Integrating Clinical and Scientific Knowledge to Advance the Field of Trauma." New Orleans Marriott, New Orleans, LA, 5 November 2015.
- 51. **Besser, A.,** Morag, J., Zeigler-Hill, V., & Campbell, W. K. THE DARK TRIAD AND SEXUAL HARASSMENT PROCLIVITY. Presented at the Psychological Applications Conference and Trends 2016 (InPACT 2016), Portugal.
- 52. **Besser, A.,** Weinberg, M., Zeigler-Hill, V., Ataria, Y., and Neria, Y. Benign Humor and Trauma-Related Psychopathology Among Survivors of Terror Attacks and Their Spouses The 6th International Congress on Interpersonal Acceptance and Rejection will be held in Madrid, Spain from June 7th through 10th, 2016.
- 53. Shultz JM, Verdeli H, Neria, Y, Helpman L, Araya R, Espinel Z, **Besser, A**, Andrade AC, Gomez A, Hernandez LJ, Chaskel R.OSITA: Outreach, Screening, and Intervention for Trauma for Internally Displaced Women Residing in Bogotá, Colombia. Presented at: GMH University Seminar, Global Mental Health Program, Columbia University, New York NY, 7 March 2016.
- 54. Shultz JM, Espinel Z, Chaskel R, Araya R, Verdeli H, Neria Y, Helpman L, **Besser A**, Alhomaizi D, Cheng B, Gomez A, Hernandez LJ, Gesteira C, Salazar AS. Desplazamiento Forzado en Mujeres en Bogotá: Proyecto OSITA. Presented at: VI Congreso Medicina y Salud Mental de la Mujer "Nuevas áreas del Conocimiento: Innovación e Investigación", Universidad CES, Medellín, Colombia, 23 April 2016.
- 55. Shultz JM, Espinel Z, Araya R, Verdeli H, Neria Y, Helpman L, **Besser A,** Gomez A, Hernadez LJ, Chaskel R. Forced Displacement in Colombia: Trauma, Loss, and Psychopathology. Presented at: American Public Health Association: APHA 2016 Annual Meeting & Expo, Denver, CO, 31 October 2016.
- Molnar, D. S., Flett, G. L., Hewitt, P. L., & **Besser**, **A.** (2016, May). Socially prescribed perfectionism and guilt in new mothers: A longitudinal investigation. Paper presented in session "The Costs and Consequences of Perfectionism AcrossLife Contexts: A Multidimensional Analysis, 29th annual meeting of the Association for Psychological Science, Boston.
- 57. Unger-Aviram, E., Zeigler-Hill, V., Barina, M., & **Besser**, A. Narcissists as Satisfied and Productive Team Members: The Moderating Role of Goal Orientation. The 23th IAMB Conference will be held in New Orleans, LA, USA on January 18-20, 2017.
- 58. **Besser, A.,** Zeigler-Hill, V., & Marcus, D., K. The Roles of Personality Features and Perceived Threat in the Attitudes of Israelis Toward Peace with the Palestinians. The second biennial International Convention of Psychological Science (ICPS), 23-25 March 2017, Vienne, Austria.

- 59. **Besser, A.,** Zeigler-Hill, V., & Unger-Aviram., E. The Moderating Role of Team Level Goal Orientations on the Narcissism-Outcome Relationship in Self-Managed Teams. The 17th International Conference on Social Dilemmas, Taormina, June 20-23, 2017, Sicily
- 60. Zeigler-Hill, V., **Besser, A.,** Cronin, S., & Vrabel, J. K. Pathological personality traits and utilitarian moral judgments. European Conference on Personality 2018. University of Zadar. Juley, 17-21, 2018.
- 61. Zeigler-Hill, V., Besser, Y., & Besser, A., The Consequences of Stuttering for Romantic Desirability. 16th European Congress of Psychology. Moscow. July, 2-6, 2019.

Invited Keynote Addresses

- 1. Moderation and Mediation in Psychological Research: Distinction, Hypothesis and Theoretical Implications. Department of Psychology, York University, Toronto, ON, Canada, October 2001.
- 2. Self-criticism and dependency in the context of the transition to motherhood and the postpartum period: Model validation in a four longitudinal studies. Department of Psychology, York University, Toronto, ON, Canada, November 2001.
- 3. Personality factors in vacation. Department of Management and Truism, Ben Gurion University of the Negev, Beer–Sheva Israel, May, 2006.
- 4. Jury member PhD at the University of Leuven Belgium and invited talk on Object representations in older adults support and depression. Department of Psychology. Luven University Belgium, December 2007.
- 5. Invited talk on Personality vulnerability factors in PPD. Psychology Colloquium at the School of Psychology, the Interdisciplinary Center in Herzlia, February 2008.
- 6. Invited Symposium on Psychological Aspects of Prolonged and Direct Exposure to Terror: New Empirical Findings. The Psychological Aftermaths of Terror Attacks Theoretical and Therapeutic Perspectives at the School of Psychology, the Interdisciplinary Center in Herzlia, September 13–15 2009.

- 7. Neria, Y. & Besser, A. (June 2010) Civilians Exposed to Ongoing Rocket Attacks between 2000–2008: The Role of Trauma Exposure, Personality and Interpersonal Resources in Posttraumatic Stress Disorder. Tel–Chie College Convention: "From Helplessness to Active Coping: First Responders' Emergency & Disasters Mental Health Interventions."
- 8. Jury member PhD at the University of Leuven Belgium, Department of Psychology. Luven University Belgium, April 2014.
- 9. Personality vulnerability and resilience in exposure to terror Hadassah Hospital April, 2017.

Service to Community

1990 – Volunteering for public lectures on "good–enough" parenting, forums, community groups, support groups for parent and children of special needs, communal–psychological prevention in local community, and emergency interventions.

2018 - Chairman of Dimona's Theater's association.

2022 - Member of the 14th Council for Higher Education

Service at Sapir Academic College

- 2002 During the years served as a Member, Judge and currently as the General. Prosecutor of the board for students' discipline.
- 2010 2013 Member of the board of the appointment/promotion committee.
- 2010 2011 Member of the board of the research and "sabbatical" committee.
- 2010 2013 Chairmen of the ethic committee board.
- 2013 Chairmen of the school board of the appointment/promotion committee.
- 2013 Chairmen of the school board of the teaching excellence committee.
- 2013- Chairmen of the school board of the research and "sabbatical" committee.
- 2013 Chairmen of the school board of the teaching committee.

Service at Hadassah Academic College

2019 – Chairmen of the ethic committee board (IRB).