

Jacob Israelashvili - Short description

Humans made it to the moon, but sometimes we still find it hard to reach out and understand the person standing next to us. To bridge this gap, my research examines the empathic processes that antecedent understanding and caring for others, building on my background in Psychology and Mathematics (B.A.).

I completed my PhD in Social Psychology at Tel Aviv University with Prof. Rachel Karniol, then spent three years as a postdoctoral researcher at the University of Amsterdam working with Prof. Agneta Fischer and Prof. Disa Sauter as part of the Social Psychology Department. Currently, I work with Dr. Anat Perry at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem as part of the Social Cognitive Neuroscience Lab and teach at the Bar-Ilan University School of Education.

In my studies, I developed the idea of empathy as a result of shared experiences. My goal is to understand the strength as well as the weakness of shared experiences in the emergence of empathy, with an eye toward developing interventions that help people to care more and understand better.