Anat Zeira is Professor of Social Work at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and the Head of research at the Haruv institute. Prof. Zeira served as the Head of the BSW program from 2004-2008. From 2004-2011 she was a member of the National Registration Committee at the Israeli Ministry of Social Affairs and Social Services; and a member of the Israeli National Council of Social Work. She is also a founding member of the Italian-based International Association of Outcome-Based Evaluation and Research on Family and Children’s Services (iaOBER). Currently she chairs the Committee of Institutions and Degrees of the Israeli National Council of Social Work and she is the Head of the Hebrew University’s Association of the Senior Academic Faculty.

Prof. Zeira has been long committed to research on the evidence-base of social work practice with children at-risk and their families. In this context she conducts collaborative research projects with the Department of Social Services in the Jerusalem Municipality and the Israeli National Bureau of Statistics. Her current research focus on the transition to adulthood of care leavers. She has published widely in professional journals and presented numerous papers at international conferences. Through her studies and publications she emphasizes the importance of systematic monitoring and evaluation by practitioners and its dissemination in the field.

Prof. Anat Zeira has been teaching the joint OU - HUJI/Haruv course since its beginning in 2013 and is thrilled to welcome the 6th cohort.
I grew up in a small city in the center of Israel and served two years of mandatory service in the Israeli Military. I started studying for a B.S.W in the Hebrew university at 2016 in order to become a social worker. At the end of the first year, I was accepted to a consecutively program in order to continue directly to a M.S.W (in the course of policy and management). I spent one year of field work training in a Local Department of Social Services in Jerusalem and another year in a mental health hospital. This academic year I am also working as a teacher's assistant with Prof. Anat Zeira. I also work as a community and youth coordinator in a small community settlement near Jerusalem (Motza Ilit). My job includes leading a youth movement and arranging community activities.

Next year I plan to write a thesis. I would like to study children at-risk with upper class Israeli population. Neglected and abused kids from mid and upper classes in Israel suffer from poor accessibility to welfare services that are traditionally targeted to the poor and financially underprivileged. Because child’s neglect and abuse can occur in all parts of society, I believe that such research could help bring it to public awareness and might lead to a social change. In the future I hope to work part time as a social worker in the field, and part time as a researcher in the field of children at risk.

I believe that social workers should promote social change by combining field work with research. Therefore this course will hopefully help me learn more about the subject from a comparison point of view.
My name is Mor Tayar Raz, I am 27 years old, married and live in Kfar Saba. I served two years of mandatory service in the IDF injured and casualties department. I had professional responsibility for all injured soldiers in our corps. The job included bureaucratic assistance as well as personal conversations.

I started studying my BA in Social Work at the Hebrew university of Jerusalem at 2012. During my studies I have interned in Ein Kerem Hospital and the Juvenile Probation Department. Once I completed my bachelors, I started working at the Ministry of Social Services on a youth department in Rishon Lezion, I worked there 6 months and then started my work at the Israel Prison Service.

Since 2016 I have worked as a social worker at “Ofek”, youth detention center in Israel. My position requires therapeutic sessions with the teens, group therapy, decreasing violence project management and working with juvenile courts.

Nowadays I study my MSW at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem in the “children and family” specialization. In the research track I work on my thesis on “Perceptions of Sexual Offenders of their nuclear family after the offence’s reveal”.

I am interested in multicultural perspective and geographical context. I took part in a similar course last year in South Korea, and I believe that the course will contribute my knowledge for my work and my thesis. I am sure we can learn from each other a lot about cultural relativism, patients’ needs and developing intervention.
Hi, I’m a social worker in Jerusalem and currently studying for my MSW at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. I was born in Cleveland, OH and moved to Israel with my family when I was six years old. Since then I’ve lived with my family in the Jerusalem area, did two years of National Service and completed my BSW at Hebrew U. During my studies, I practiced my fieldwork for a year in a hospital working with elderly patients. The following year I worked in an after school program for children at risk where I was involved in programming with children and families and practiced play therapy with the children.

For the past year and a half I’ve been working as a social worker through the Jerusalem municipality welfare system. I work with clients with disabilities and am a case manager for about 260 families. My day to day work includes assisting my clients and their families through difficult times of discovering a disability, along with involvement in day to day moments and challenges in their life. We work together to find education, after-school, housing and employment programs that best fit their abilities and needs.

I’m very excited about this opportunity to view social work from a different cultural and policy-based perspective and learn about all your careers. I’m sure we all have much to benefit from each other's knowledge and experiences. Looking forward to meeting you soon.
Hi Everyone, My name is Danyel Lhiyani and I am excited to have been given the opportunity to be part of the Haruv Institute’s Program. I live in Jerusalem with my husband Noam. We met at Ben Gurion University as undergraduates – I was studying social work and he was part of a program with the Israeli Defense Forces, studying electrical engineering. We moved to Jerusalem, the city where I was born and raised, to begin my studies for the Master’s Program in Social Work at Hebrew University.

Last year I worked with elementary age school children in an afterschool program. They were from difficult homes and had social and learning issues. I enjoyed the work, though the part that was most significant for me was the parenting guidance group that I led. In general, I hope to deepen my knowledge in family dynamics and specialize in this area.

I am looking forward to the opportunity to study about child welfare, learn about interventions with children, be exposed to the cultural differences and the policies of agencies in the United States, and of course the added bonus of meeting new colleagues.
I was born and raised in Nes-Ztiona, a small city in the center of Israel. In 2006 I served two years of national service, working with children at-risk. In 2011 I finished my BSW in the "Academic Ashkelon college". During my studies my field work practice was in "Or shalom", an organization that takes care of children at risk. After finishing my studies, I started working as a social worker at the social services, working with families and women who are victims of violence. After that, I worked for 4 years at a boarding school for at-risk girls from France.

Today I'm in my second year of my Master's degree in "Clinical Social Work", at the Hebrew University. The subject of my research course is: "The politics of childhood- from a critical perspective". Participating in this course makes me have a more critical point of view with comparison to other countries in the world, and of the norms I used to see as right.

My work today is with women from disadvantaged families. I accompany their employment process. The women's treatment includes a Systemic therapy, which uses a "Holistic vision". I meet their families and their kids. Many of these kids are at risk. I believe helping these women makes a change in their life, it will influence their family and give the children a good role-model.

I believe participating in the course in Tulsa, with students from different countries and from different cultures will help me expand my perspective and my point of view. I'm very interested in hearing different policies, legislation, intervention and treatment. It will help me develop a richer "tool box" that will give me more flexibility in my work with different kinds of families, and will help me offer a creative intervention method.
Shalom (hello) everyone. My name is Eden. I live in Retamim- a village in the Negev desert of Israel. It's a beautiful place, very peaceful and quiet. My husband (Netanel) and I are parents to Be’eri (8.5) Yoge (6) and Maayan (9 months).

This year I started my M.S.W at the Hebrew university in Jerusalem and I truly love it!

As an Educational counselor in ECE (Early childcare education) centers I also work in Multipurpose Day care centers for kids.

A year and a half ago I was an Hebrew teacher at Tucson Hebrew Academy. We were an emissary family from the country in Tucson for two years and we loved it. Arizona is so beautiful and now I can't wait to enjoy Oklahoma.

I believe in connections between people overseas for all purpose!

I'm looking forward to meet all of you soon

All the best!
Hi To All!

My name is Aderet Weinberger. I am currently pursuing a MSW at Hebrew University. Previously I studied social science and music at Bar-Ilan University. I have worked for JRCC- Jerusalem's rape crisis center and as a counselor in woman rehab for the last couple of years. Last year I was placed for my field work in the youth outreach program, It was a new and meaningful experience for me and I have become interested in treating younger ages since then. Last year, I took part in the international course given by ‘Haruv’ and enjoyed it very much and learned a tremendous amount about the different approaches to child welfare in different countries and coulters. I am excited for another opportunity to take part in a course that allows me to learn from world renowned experts in the field of child welfare and to be able to broaden horizons.
My name is Einav Yaso. I was born in Ethiopia and moved together with my family to Israel when I was 3 years old.

I currently live in Jerusalem and have been studying at the Hebrew University since 2016, in the Master’s degree in clinical social work. I studied for my bachelor’s degree in Ariel University in social sciences. I worked a number of years in institutions that helped families with members which are fighting addictions. The goal of my work was to provide the families tools to understand what the causes that force a person into addiction and how to help them fight addiction. From this job, I gained a yearn for social work.

Today, I work in a program for youth at risk, in order to provide them the abilities to find employment and studies.

I find that working with people is a big mission and I am happy for the opportunity to be part of the growth and development of people.

I am very excited to meet new people and learn of other cultures and I am waiting to start the course in Tulsa.

I see the field of children at risk as an interesting one. I am interested to learn about the main tools for professionals to help children to develop and grow in a healthier manner. I’m waiting to meet you and study together.
I grew up in Haifa and served two years as a war room commander in the Israeli Military. After traveling in New Zealand and East Asia I started my BA in Psychology and Criminology in Ariel University. During my BA studies I volunteered as a research assistant, in the field of DBT therapy in patients with BPD at the Shalvata Mental Health Center and also in the youth ward in ‘Tirat Hacarmel’ Mental Health Center. Later, I was a research assistant at “The Notrim” mental health clinic. The following year I started working as an assistant in the youth ward in ‘Shalvata’ mental health center for two years. In this job I was responsible for planning and assisting patients with administrative tasks.

In 2018 I started MSW program for holders of degrees in other fields, the general-integrative track for outstanding students at the Hebrew University. I spent my first year's field work at Day Care Eating Disorders and Hematology Department at the Hadassah Medical Center. This year I practice at the Haruv Children's Campus “MA’AVARIM” unit (a department in the Community Services, where I am taking part in the Parent-Child Visitation Centers – a protective professional framework where parent child meetings take place under supervision, in situations of conflict in the family, separation, divorce or violence and risk. In addition to that, I’m working in The ‘Haruv’ Institute as a Research Assistant and as a teaching assistant at the School of Social Work and Social Welfare at the Hebrew University.

I would be happy to represent the vast knowledge I have acquired in Israel, both in working with patients and in my studies at the Hebrew University, specifically with regard to the population of children at risk.
Hi! My name is Hila and I'm a student in the Schwartz Program – MA in Early Childhood Studies at the Hebrew university of Jerusalem.

I'm married and have 5 amazing children. We live in Retamim, a small community in south Israel.

I've been a social worker since 2005. I started my career working with children at risk in foster families. My job included counseling the family- mainly the parents and therapy sessions with the child that was taken out of his/her home. After that I specialized at the youth law.

The main thing we engage in this profession is protection of minors who have been affected by violence, neglect, sexual abuse or any another abuse by those who were supposed to protect them. the job included encounters with the police the court system which makes the job interesting and more professional.

Today I tutor social workers at The Central School for Training Social Services Workers in Tel Aviv. My meetings with so many professionals make me feel that my choice to work with people is wonderful and important.

I'm curious and excited to acquire new knowledge about method theories and therapeutic frameworks from other countries. I believe that the professional encounters will make us better social workers and our mutual learning will bring all of us to open our eyes and minds to other effective models.
My name is Gal Bilgorai, and I am very happy to participate in this course at the Haruv Institute.

I am a student in a Master’s program in social work at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. I have completed my B.A. in social work in Ben Gurion University in the Negev.

I live in a Moshav called Kefar Bilu, where I grew up.

In my work as a social worker, I worked at an institution for people with mental disabilities for two years, and also at a special program for empowering teenage girls at-risk.

Alongside my profession, I also work as a musician, and sing in a few bands. In the recent years I have been combining both fields and I am teaching music in a boarding school for youth at risk.

I am looking forward to take part in this program introduced by the Haruv institute and the University of Tulsa. I am certain it will be an exciting and inspiring experience.