https://elileka.github.io/

Education		
2018 – 2020	Postdoc. Advisor: Dr. Johannes Söding	Quantitative & Computational
	<u>Focus</u> : methods and tools development for eukaryotic metagenomic analysis	Biology, MPIBPC
2013 – 2017	Ph.D. Advisors: Prof. Tal Pupko and Prof. Itay Mayrose	Faculty of Life Sciences, TAU
	<u>Dissertation</u> : Statistical Techniques in Molecular Evolution: Improving in-silico	
	Sequence Simulations & Detecting Genotype-Phenotype Associations	
2012 – 2014	M.Sc in Theoretical and Mathematical Biology (direct Ph.D track)	Faculty of Life Sciences, TAU
	Grade average: 98	
2008 – 2011	B.Sc in Computer Science. Grade average: 90 (magna cum laude)	Faculty of Exact Sciences, TAU
2005 – 2008	B.Sc in Biology. Grade average: 90	Faculty of Life Sciences, TAU

Publications

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- Kim W, Mirdita M, Levy Karin E, Gilchrist CL, Schweke H, Söding J, Levy E and Steinegger M. Rapid and Sensitive Protein Complex Alignment with Foldseek-Multimer. BioRxiv. 2024. DOI: 10.1101/2024.04.14.589414
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- Mirdita M, Steinegger M, Breitwieser F, Söding J⁺, & Levy Karin E⁺. Fast and sensitive taxonomic assignment to metagenomic contigs. Bioinformatics. 2021. 18:3029-3031.
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- Halabi K, Levy Karin E*, Guéguen L, & Mayrose I*. TraitRELAX A codon model for associating phenotypic traits with altered 14 selective patterns of sequence evolution. Systematic Biology. 2021; 3:608–622.
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- Mushegian A, Levy Karin E, & Pupko T. Sequence analysis of malacoherpesvirus proteins: pan-herpesvirus capsid module 10 and replication enzymes with an ancient connection to "Megavirales". Virology. 2018; 513:114-128.
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- Levy Karin E*, Shkedy D*, Ashkenazy H, Cartwright R, & Pupko T. Inferring rates and length-distributions of indels using approximate Bayesian computation. *Genome Biology and Evolution*. 2017; 9:1280-1294.
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Hebrew	Native
English	Fluent, TOEFL score 116/120 (equivalent to CEFR C2)
Danish	Fluent, PD3 score 12/12 (equivalent to CEFR B2); self-taught
German	Advanced; self-taught
C/C++	>3 years' experience; see for example https://github.com/soedinglab/metaeuk
R	>5 years' experience; mainly for plotting and statistical analysis
Python	1 year's experience
Perl	>5 years' experience

Awards and Scholarships

Awards and Scholarships		
2018 – 2020	FEBS long-term postdoctoral fellowship	Federation of European Biochemical Societies
2018	EMBO long-term non-stipendiary postdoctoral fellowship	European Molecular Biology Organization
2017	Ernst Mayr award for best talk	Society of Systematic Biologists
2017	Travel scholarship	Society for Molecular Biology & Evolution
2017	Travel scholarship	Constantiner Institute
2016	Travel scholarship	Manna Center, TAU
2015	Award for excellent achievements in teaching	Faculty of Life Sciences, TAU
2015	Dan David Prize for Ph.D students, <i>Future – Bioinformatics</i> category	Dan David Foundation
2015	Excellent Research Student Prize for the academic year 2014-2015	Edmond J. Safra Center, TAU
2014	Walter M. Fitch award finalist for Ph.D and post-doctoral students	Society for Molecular Biology & Evolution
2014 – 2017 2013	Ph.D fellowship Award for excellent achievements in teaching, research and studies	Edmond J. Safra Center TAU graduate school

Posters and Oral Presentations (international meetings)

<u>Levy Karin E</u>, Mirdita M, & Soeding J. MetaEuk – sensitive, high-throughput gene discovery and annotation for large-scale eukaryotic metagenomics. Microbiome COSI. *ISMB/ECCB*. July 21-25, 2019, Basel, Switzerland.

talk

<u>Levy Karin E</u>, Wicke S, Pupko T, & Mayrose I. An integrated model of phenotypic trait changes and site-specific sequence evolution. Mayr symposium. *Evolution*. June 23-27, 2017, Portland, Oregon, USA.

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<u>Levy Karin E*</u>, Rabin A*, Ashkenazy H, Shkedy D, Avram O, Cartwright R, & Pupko T. Inferring indel parameters using poster a simulation-based approach. *SMBE*. July 12-16, 2015, Vienna, Austria.

<u>Levy Karin E</u>, Susko E, & Pupko T. Alignment errors strongly impact likelihood-based tests for comparing topologies. talk Fitch symposium. *SMBE*. June 8-12, 2014, San Juan, Puerto Rico, USA.

Student supervision

Vladyslav	The EukBook project: Large-scale search for novel eukaryotic proteins from	M.Sc thesis Oct19 – Apr20
Dembrovskyi	public sequencing data	W.Sc triesis Oct19 – Apr 20

Teaching Experience

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2013 – 2015	Introductory course in Math for Biology students (8888-42002)	Kahanoff Foundation,
	I developed and taught a course aiming to better prepare new Biology	Faculty of Life Sciences,
	undergrads for the first year of their studies.	TAU
2012 – 2016	Perl Programming for Biology (0455-3065)	Faculty of Life Sciences,
(fall semesters)	I was responsible for the entire course for which I received an award from	TAU
	the Tel-Aviv University Graduate school.	
Oct 2010 – Jun	Computer Science for middle school students	Bialik Rogozin School, Tel-
2011	As part of my B.Sc in Computer Science, I developed lesson plans and taught	Aviv
	for a year on a weekly basis	

Academic Experience

2015, 2016	Visiting scholar at the Molecular Evolution institute, Heinrich-Heine-Universität, Düsseldorf, Germany
2016	Visiting scholar at the IEB, Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität, Münster, Germany

Referee Service (for scientific journals)

Journal of Molecular Biology & Evolution	01.2019, 03.2020
Journal of Molecular Evolution	06.2016, 12.2017, 06.2018
Journal of Microbial Genomics	02.2016
Journal of BMC Evolutionary Biology	06.2015, 09.2016, 01.2018
Journal of Bioinformatics	04.2015

Employment

2023 – present	Independent scientific consultant	ELKMO
2011 – 2012	Computational genomics scientist	Evogene Ltd.
Nov 2007 – Mar 2008	Molecular biology researcher	Prof. Gil Segal's lab, Faculty of Life Sciences TAU
2005 – 2006	Business intelligence researcher	Adkit Ltd.

Non-Academic Activity

2022-2024	Authored a children's book	<u>בך שמעה הלטאה</u>
2011 – 2015	Volunteer at the open clinic	Physicians for Human Rights
2014 – 2015	Volunteer private tutor for math	
Feb 2014 – Jul 2014	Volunteer computers instructor	Migrant Worker & Refugee Community Education Center (CEC)
Oct 2013 – Jan 2014	Volunteer Hebrew teacher	CEC