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Professional Experience

Professor of Economics, Cornell University, S. C. Johnson Graduate School of Management, 2024-
 Professor and Marcy Bogen Chair for Academic Excellence, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Department of
 Economics, 2022-
 Chair, The Public Council for Statistics Israel, 2024-
 Research Associate, NBER, 2017-
 Member, (since 2019) Director of Graduate Studies, and (since 2020) Member of the Academic Committee, Center
 for the Study of Rationality, Hebrew University, 2016-
 Member, The Public Council for Statistics Israel, 2016-2024
 Associate Professor of Economics, Cornell University, Johnson, 2014-2024
 Associate Professor and (since 2016) Marcy Bogen Chair for Academic Excellence, Hebrew University, Department
 of Economics, 2015-2022
 Visiting Research Scholar, Princeton University, School of Public and International Affairs, Center for Health and
 Wellbeing and Kahneman-Treisman Center for Behavioral Science & Public Policy, Fall 2022
 Member, Consensus Committee on Policy-Oriented Assessment of Well-Being in the State of Israel, The Israel
 Academy of Sciences and Humanities, 2017-2021
 Visiting Scholar, Harvard University, Department of Economics, Summer 2019
 Visitor, UC Berkeley, Spring 2019
 Assistant Professor of Economics, Cornell University, Johnson, 2005-2014
 Visiting Researcher, Bank of Israel, Research Department, 2011

Education

Princeton University, Ph.D., Economics, 2005; M.A., Economics, 2002
 Tel Aviv University, B.A., Physics and Philosophy, 1999

Research

Described/Explained

Benjamin, Daniel J., Ori Heffetz, and Michael M. Weinstein. 2023.

The ESG Issues That Matter Most to People.

Harvard Business Review, published online July 18. [[HBR online](#)]

Benjamin, Daniel J., Kristen Cooper, Ori Heffetz, and Miles S. Kimball. 2021.

Measuring the Essence of the Good Life.

International Monetary Fund's Finance & Development Magazine, Winter. [[F&D online](#)]

Published/Forthcoming

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Deferred Acceptance with News Utility.

Management Science, forthcoming. [[NBER](#)] [[SSRN](#)]

- [2] Heffetz, Ori, and Yehonatan Caspi. 2024.

Measuring Self-Reported Well-Being.

In *Handbook of Experimental Methods in the Social Sciences*, edited by Alex Rees-Jones. Edward Elgar, forthcoming. [[SSRN](#)]

- [3] Gonczarowski, Yannai, Ori Heffetz, Guy Ishai, and Clayton Thomas. 2024.
Describing Deferred Acceptance and Strategyproofness to Participants: Experimental Analysis.
Proceedings of the 25th ACM Conference on Economics and Computation (EC '24), July (abstract). [\[NBER\]](#)
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From Happiness Data to Economic Conclusions.
Annual Review of Economics, 16:359–391. [\[Journal\]](#) [\[NBER\]](#) [\[SSRN\]](#)
- [5] Dreyfuss, Bnaya, Ori Heffetz, Guy Hoffman, Guy Ishai, and Alap Kshirsagar. 2024.
Additive vs. Subtractive Earning in Shared Human-Robot Work Environments.
Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization, 217:692–704. [\[Journal\]](#) [\[SSRN\]](#)
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Strategyproofness-Exposing Mechanism Descriptions.
Proceedings of the 24th ACM Conference on Economics and Computation (EC '23), July: 782 (abstract).
[\[NBER\]](#) [\[arXiv\]](#) [\[Conference website\]](#) [\[Online Experimental Materials\]](#)
- [7] Dekel, Inbal, Rachel Cummings, Ori Heffetz, and Katrina Ligett. 2023.
The Privacy Elasticity of Behavior: Conceptualization and Application.
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- [8] Benjamin, Daniel J., Jakina Debnam Guzman, Marc Fleurbaey, Ori Heffetz, and Miles S. Kimball. 2023.
What Do Happiness Data Mean? Theory and Survey Evidence.
Journal of the European Economic Association, 21(6):2377–2412. [\[Journal\]](#) [\[NBER\]](#) [\[SSRN\]](#) [\[Web Appendix\]](#)
[\[Individual Responses Appendix\]](#)
- [9] Heffetz, Ori, and Matthew Rabin. 2023.
Estimating Perceptions of the Relative COVID Risk of Different Social-Distancing Behaviors from Respondents' Pairwise Assessments.
Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, 120(7). [\[Journal\]](#) [\[NBER\]](#) [\[SSRN\]](#)
- [10] Heffetz, Ori. 2022.
What will it take to get to acceptable privacy-accuracy combinations?
Harvard Data Science Review, Special Issue 2. [\[Journal\]](#)
- [11] Feldman, Naomi E., and Ori Heffetz. 2022.
A Grant to Every Citizen: Survey Evidence of the Impact of a Direct Government Payment in Israel.
National Tax Journal, 75(2):229–263. [\[Journal\]](#) [\[NBER\]](#) [\[SSRN\]](#)
- [12] Heffetz, Ori, Ted O'Donoghue, and Henry S. Schneider. 2022.
Reminders Work, But for Whom? Evidence from New York City Parking-Ticket Recipients.
American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, 14(4):343–370. [\[Journal\]](#) [\[NBER\]](#) [\[SSRN\]](#) [\[Web Appendix\]](#)
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- [13] Dreyfuss, Bnaya, Ori Heffetz, and Matthew Rabin. 2022.
Expectations-Based Loss Aversion May Help Explain Seemingly Dominated Choices in Strategy-Proof Mechanisms.
American Economic Journal: Microeconomics, 14(4):515–555. [\[Journal\]](#) [\[NBER\]](#) [\[SSRN\]](#)
Video: a 48-minute presentation, Simons Institute Workshop on Information Design and Data Science, Berkeley, October 2, 2019. [\[Watch\]](#)
- [14] Heffetz, Ori. 2021.
Are Reference Points Merely Lagged Beliefs Over Probabilities?
Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization, 181:252–269. [\[NBER\]](#) [\[SSRN\]](#) [\[Web Appendix\]](#)
- [15] Benjamin, Daniel J., Kristen B. Cooper, Ori Heffetz, and Miles S. Kimball. 2019.
Self-Reported Wellbeing Indicators Are a Valuable Complement to Traditional Economic Indicators but Aren't Yet Ready to Compete with Them.
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A Well-Being Snapshot in a Changing World.
American Economic Review Papers and Proceedings, 109:344–349. [[Journal](#)] [[pdf + appendix](#)]
- [17] Kshirsagar, Alap, Bnaya Dreyfuss, Guy Ishai, Ori Heffetz, and Guy Hoffman. 2019.
Monetary-Incentive Competition between Humans and Robots: Experimental Results.
Proceedings of the 14th ACM/IEEE International Conference on Human-Robot Interaction (HRI'19), IEEE, pages 95–103. [[SSRN](#)] [[Supplemental Materials](#)]
- [18] Heffetz, Ori, and Daniel B. Reeves. 2019.
Difficulty to Reach Respondents and Nonresponse Bias: Evidence from Large Government Surveys.
Review of Economics and Statistics, 101(1):176–191. [[Journal](#)] [[NBER](#)] [[SSRN](#)] [[Web Appendix](#)]
- [19] Benjamin, Daniel J., Ori Heffetz, Miles S. Kimball, and Derek Lougee. 2017.
The Relationship Between the Normalized Gradient Addition Mechanism and Quadratic Voting.
Public Choice, 172(1):233–263. [[Journal](#)]
- [20] Benjamin, Daniel J., Kristen B. Cooper, Ori Heffetz, and Miles S. Kimball. 2017.
Challenges in Constructing a Survey-Based Well-Being Index.
American Economic Review Papers and Proceedings, 107(5):81–85. [[Journal](#)] [[NBER](#)] [[SSRN](#)]
- [21] Benjamin, Daniel J., Ori Heffetz, Miles S. Kimball, and Alex Rees-Jones. 2014.
Can Marginal Rates of Substitution Be Inferred From Happiness Data? Evidence from Residency Choices.
American Economic Review, 104(11):3498–3528. [[Journal](#)] [[SSRN](#)] [[Web Appendix](#)] [[Survey Appendix](#)]
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Is the Endowment Effect an Expectations Effect?
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An [older version](#) circulated as "Is the Endowment Effect a Reference Effect?". [[NBER](#)]
- [23] Benjamin, Daniel J., Ori Heffetz, Miles S. Kimball, and Nichole Szembrot. 2014.
Beyond Happiness and Satisfaction: Toward Well-Being Indices Based on Stated Preference.
American Economic Review, 104(9):2698–2735. [[Journal](#)] [[SSRN](#)] [[Web Appendix](#)]
Media: [FT Alphaville](#), my op/ed for [Cornell Enterprise](#), and my piece in Hebrew for [Alaxon](#).
Audio: Simon Tulett interviews Matthew Adler, Ori Heffetz, and Justin Wolfers (28 minutes; October, 2012). [[mp3](#)]
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Privacy and Data-Based Research.
Journal of Economic Perspectives, 28(2):75–98. [[Journal](#)]
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Conclusions Regarding Cross-Group Differences in Happiness Depend on Difficulty of Reaching Respondents.
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Editors' Choice: [Science](#)
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Aggregating Local Preferences to Guide Marginal Policy Adjustments.
American Economic Review Papers and Proceedings, 103(3):605–610. [[Journal](#)] [[SSRN](#)]
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What Do You Think Would Make You Happier? What Do You Think You Would Choose?
American Economic Review, 102(5):2083–2110. [[Journal](#)] [[SSRN](#)]
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Who Sees What? Demographics and the Visibility of Consumer Expenditures.
Journal of Economic Psychology, 33(4):801–818. [\[SSRN\]](#)
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A Test of Conspicuous Consumption: Visibility and Income Elasticities.
Review of Economics and Statistics, 93(4):1101–1117. (Lead article). [\[Journal\]](#) [\[SSRN\]](#)
 An [older version](#) circulated as "Conspicuous Consumption and Expenditure Visibility: Measurement and Application."
 Media: [New York Times](#), Haaretz.
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Preferences for Status: Evidence and Economic Implications.
 In *Handbook of Social Economics, Vol. 1A*, edited by Jess Benhabib, Matthew O. Jackson, and Alberto Bisin, pages 69–91. The Netherlands: North-Holland. [\[SSRN\]](#)
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How Large Are Non-Budget-Constraint Effects of Prices on Demand?
American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, 1(4):170–199. [\[Journal\]](#) [\[SSRN\]](#)
 Media: [New York Times](#), [Psychology Today, Inc.](#), [TheMarker](#), etc.

Working Papers

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Assessing Nonresponse Bias in Macro Indicators by Combining Para-, Administrative, and Survey Data.
[\[NBER\]](#) [\[SSRN\]](#)
- [33] Benjamin, Daniel J., Kristen B. Cooper, Ori Heffetz, Miles S. Kimball, and Jiannan Zhou. September 2023.
Adjusting for Scale-Use Heterogeneity in Self-Reported Well-Being. [\[NBER\]](#) [\[SSRN\]](#)
- [34] Heffetz, Ori, Ted O'Donoghue, and Henry S. Schneider. January 2023.
A Note on the Identification of Present Bias and Forgetting from Task-Completion Data. [\[pdf\]](#)
- [35] Heffetz, Ori, and Guy Ishai. October 2021.
Which Beliefs? Behavior-Predictive Beliefs are Inconsistent with Information-Based Beliefs: Evidence from COVID-19. [\[NBER\]](#) [\[SSRN\]](#) [\[Web Appendix\]](#) [\[Paper & Web Appendix\]](#)
- [36] Heffetz, Ori, and Daniel B. Reeves. December 2020.
Measuring Unemployment in Crisis: Effects of COVID-19 on Potential Biases in the CPS. [\[NBER\]](#) [\[SSRN\]](#)
- [37] Heffetz, Ori. September 2018.
Expenditure Visibility and Consumer Behavior: New Evidence. [\[NBER\]](#) [\[SSRN\]](#)
 Media: A 3-minute live [TV interview](#) on conspicuous Halloween spending, Bloomberg Market “The Close” with Scarlet Fu (October 25, 2019)

Book Review

Heffetz, Ori. 2014.
Review of *Beyond GDP*, by Marc Fleurbaey and Didier Blanchet.
Economica, 81: 788–789. [\[pdf\]](#)

Additional Long-Term Projects

“Fairness, Entitlements and Expectations in the Market.”
 “Signaling by Doing: Cultural Visibility of Economic Activities in the Bolivian Amazon.”
 “Symbolic Consumption in Economics.”

Textbook

Frank, Robert H., Ben S. Bernanke, Kate Antonovics, and Ori Heffetz. 2016. **Principles of Economics/Microeconomics/Macroeconomics** (9/e, 2024, McGraw-Hill) [[McGraw-Hill](#)], and **Principles of Economics/Microeconomics/Macroeconomics: A Streamlined Approach** (4/e, 2021, McGraw-Hill). [[McGraw-Hill](#)] [[Amazon](#)]

Published Lecture

“Beliefs, Expectations, and Behavior in the Time of Corona.” 2020. *Israel Economic Review*, 18(1): 47–58.
Lecture given on June 14, 2020, in the Israel Economic Association’s 36th Annual Meeting.

Editorial Position

Editorial board, *Social Choice and Welfare*, 2014-

Awards

Dean’s Outstanding Teaching Award, Hebrew University, 2024
Star Teaching Award, Johnson, Cornell University, 2023
Star Award for Teaching Excellence, Johnson, Cornell University, 2021
Clifford H. Whitcomb Faculty Fellowship, Johnson, Cornell University, 2016
Stephen Russell Distinguished Teaching Award, Johnson, Cornell University, 2015
Half Century Faculty Research Fellowship, Johnson, Cornell University, 2013-2014

Grants

Binational Science Foundation (BSF), NSF-BSF Grant (PI, NIS 1.2M, ~\$320K), 2024-2029
“Mechanism Design for All”
National Institutes on Aging / National Institutes of Health, R01 Grant (PI, ~\$3M), 2021-2025
“Measuring Well-Being and Its Multidimensional Determinants Across Individuals & the Life Course”
Israel Science Foundation (ISF) Grant # 2968/21 (PI, NIS 555K, ~\$170K), 2021-2024
Cornell Center for Social Sciences’ Grant Competition (PI), 2020
NIA/NIH, R01 Grant (co-PI, ~\$2M), 2016-2021
“Using Subjective Well-Being Data to Monitor Changes in Health and Well-Being”
ISF Grant # 1680/16 (PI, NIS 510K, ~\$130K), 2016-2019
ISF, I-CORE (NIS 777K, ~\$200K), 2015-2020
Cornell Institute for the Social Sciences (ISS) Small Grant Competition Award (co-PI), 2010
National Science Foundation (NSF) Grant # 0963999 (co-PI), 2010-2012
“The effects of roads on indigenous people’s well-being and use of natural resources: A natural experiment in lowland Bolivia”
Cornell ISS Theme Project Faculty Fellow, 2009-2012
“Judgment, Decision Making, and Social Behavior”
Cornell ISS Small Grant Competition Award (co-PI), 2007

Refereeing

American Economic J: Applied Economics, *American Economic J: Economic Policy*, *American Economic J: Microeconomics*, *American Economic Review* (Excellence in Refereeing Award, 2012, 2017), *American Economic Review: Insights*, *Econometrica*, *Economic Inquiry*, *Economic J*, *Economic Letters*, *European Economic Review*, *J of Development Economics*, *J of Economic Behavior & Organization*, *J of Economic Growth*, *J of Economic Psychology*, *J of Finance*, *J of Labor Economics*, *J of Personality and Social Psychology*, *J of Political Economy*, *J of Political Economy Microeconomics*, *J of Public Economics*, *J of the European Economic Association*, *J of the Royal Statistical Society*, *Israel Economic Review*, *Israel Science Foundation*, *Management Science*, *National Science Foundation*, *Nature Human Behaviour*, *Oxford Economic Papers*, *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, *Psychological Science*, *Quarterly J of Economics*, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, *Review of Economic Studies*, *Scandinavian J of Economics*, *Science*

Talks

2025 (including planned): Stockholm School of Economics

2024: AEA Annual Meeting, Hebrew U, Bar-Ilan U, London School of Economics, SIGecom Winter Meeting, Behavioral Economics Annual Meeting (BEAM), Lifestyle Discrimination and Inequality Workshop (LIFEDISQ, Copenhagen), Paamonim Jerusalem, 8th Solomon Lew Conference on Behavioral Economics (Tel Aviv), Communicating Clearly to Market Participants Workshop (Stony Brook), TUM HUJI Workshop on AI in Food Systems (Heilbronn), Tel Aviv U

2023: UNDP/HDRO, Normative Economics and Economic Policy seminar series, UNESCO MOST Forum, Ben Gurion U, Hebrew U (2023 Academic Marathon), Stanford Institute for Theoretical Economics (SITE) 2023 Experimental Economics, SITE 2023 Market Design, WZB Berlin Matching Workshop, SigmaCamp [**Workshop participation**, by invitation: NBER Data Privacy Protection and the Conduct of Applied Research (Cambridge, MA)]

2022: ADSC Summer Meeting (Stowe), Conference on Behavioral Mechanism/Incentive Design (London School of Economics), 6th Collier Conference on Behavioral Economics (Tel Aviv), FAIR Midway Conference (Sommarøy), Israel Economic Association (IEA) Annual Meeting, PPE Society Annual Meeting (New Orleans), Symposium on the Future of GDP (Dubai), Princeton (Econ, CHW, SPIA), UPenn (Econ, Wharton) [**Workshop participation**, by invitation: Dartmouth Economics and Philosophy Workshop, Fertility Preferences Conference (UT Austin), NBER Fall Market Design Working Group Meeting (Stanford GSB)]

2021: 5th Collier Conference on Behavioral Economics (Tel Aviv), Bar Ilan U, Hebrew U, Tel Aviv U (Collier), U of Colorado Boulder (CFDM Lab), U of Haifa

2020: AEA Annual Meeting, Econometric Society NA Winter Meeting, Israel Economic Association (IEA) Annual Meeting, *JOLE* Conference in Honor of Alan Krueger, IDC, Hebrew U, London School of Economics, Paris School of Economics, Penn State (Smeal), Purdue, U of Toronto

2019: AEA Annual Meeting, BEAM, Behavioral Workshop (Universidad de los Andes, Chile), Cornell, Harvard Data Science Initiative 2019 Conference, Institute for Future Studies (Stockholm), Israel Ministry of Finance, Measuring Individual Well-Being Workshop (Brussels), Stockholm Region Workshop on Economics & Philosophy, UC Berkeley, UCB Simons Institute Information Design and Data Science Workshop, UCSB, Utah (Eccles)

2008-2018: AEA Annual Meeting (2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2017), ALCADECA (2016, keynote), Aspen Conference on Economic Decisionmaking, Bank of Israel, Bar Ilan U, BEAM (2012, 2015), Ben Gurion U, Chicago Booth, Claremont Graduate U, Cornell, Dartmouth, Duke (Law School), Economics of Happiness and Well Being Conference (Utah, 2018), ESA Tucson (2009), FMSH (Paris), Harvard, Hebrew U, Israel Central Bureau of Statistics, IDC Herzliya, Israel Ministry of Finance, IZA, Max Planck Institute, NBER SI (2012, 2013), Norwegian School of Economics, OECD (Paris), Paris School of Economics, Princeton (Econ, WWS, UCHV), RAND, Stanford, SITE (Summer Workshop 2009, 2010, 2012, 2014, 2015, 2017), SUNY Buffalo, Technion, Tel Aviv U, THEEM, U of Alicante, UC Berkeley, UCLA (Econ, Anderson), UCSD Rady, U of Pittsburgh, USC (CESR, LABEL, Marshall), U of Warwick, U of Zurich, WEAI, Wharton

Teaching

At Johnson

NBA 5240/5255, NBAE 5240, NBAY 5240: *Macroeconomics and International Trade / Global Macroeconomic News & Events* (second-year MBA elective, 2005-, EMBA elective, 2011-2018 and core, 2020-, CornellTech elective, 2016-2019)

NCCB 5020/5021: *Economics and Industry Analysis / Global Macroeconomics* (Boardroom EMBA, 2005-)

NBA 5920: *Experience in International Management: Israel* (MBA elective, 2011-2019, 2022-)

NBAE 5980: *Global Business Study: Israel* (EMBA elective, 2019)

Other

Modeling and Measuring Social Phenomena (organizer, graduate-level course, Society of Fellows, Center for the Study of Rationality, Hebrew University, 2024-)

Macroeconomics A (second-year undergraduate, Department of Economics, Hebrew University, 2015-)

Workshop in Behavioral Economics (graduate-level course, Hebrew University, 2015-)

Happiness Measures in Economics: Selected Topics (graduate-level mini-course, Eitan Berglas School of Economics, Tel Aviv University, 2013)

Conference Organization/Scientific Committee

Program committee (PC) member,

26th ACM Conference on Economics and Computation (EC'25; Stanford, July 2025)

Scientific committee (and session organizer),

40th Annual Meeting of the Israel Economic Association (IEA; Reichman University, June 2024)

Behavioral Economics I & II, 39th Annual Meeting of the IEA (Tel Aviv University, June 2023)

Co-founder and co-organizer,

Behavioral-Economic-Theory Workshop and Symposium (UC Santa Barbara, August 2024)

NBER Conference on the [Measurement and Tracking of Subjective Well-Being for Aging Research](#) (Cambridge, MA, July 2018)

Conference on the [Meaning of Consumption](#) (Cornell, August 2008)

Consulting/Advisory

Israel Prime Minister's Office (on COVID-19 household behavior, economic policy, etc; 2020-2024)

Just Capital (on constructing an index that ranks justness of public companies; 2014-2015, 2018-)

Data for Decisions (on developing a survey-based measure of overall health and well-being; 2020)

Bank of Israel, Research Department (on self-reported well-being measurement and use in economics; 2011)

Legal mediation expert (on consumer behavior; 2020, 2022)

Expert witness (on survey methodology; 2023-2024)

Languages

Hebrew (native), English (fluent), Spanish (rusty)