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Dr. Sarit Menahem-Carmi is a senior researcher at The Aaron Institute for Economic Policy, Interdisciplinary Center Herzliya (IDC). Sarit holds BSc (Magna cum laude) and MSc in Environmental Economics and Management from the Hebrew University and a PhD in Economics from the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.

Her research expertise is the Israeli economy mainly focusing on the aspects of pension systems, capital markets, and labor productivity. Her dissertation examined the impact of financial media on provident fund consumers and its contribution to efficient credit allocation. At The Aaron Institute Sarit specialize in the field of labor productivity and regulation policy. Her research projects include a macroeconomic analysis identifying the growth barriers to increased labor productivity, analysis of regulation and bureaucracy in Israel and their effects on competition and productivity, and various papers concerning the COVID-19 crisis. Sarit also Coordinated, on behalf of the Institute, the activity of the Committee for Economic Advancement of the Services and Retail Sectors in Israel, which was established in 2019 by the Ministry of Economy and authored the committee's final report (submitted to the Minister of Economy on July 2021).

Sarit is also the Academic Director of The Center for Pension, Insurance and Economic Psychology, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev. Pension related research projects examined the application of the Compulsory Pension Law for wage-earners in 2008 with respect to the predicted replacement rate for the current workforce and cross-country comparisons of pension systems (first and second pillar). Prior to her current position she worked as a Researcher at the Shores Institute for Socioeconomic Research; and taught "Securities and Financial Instruments" course for third year Environmental Economics majors in the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. During the years 2007-2013 she worked for the "The Marker", Haaretz Group's business newspaper, ultimately as the editor of the capital markets section.