

BARBARA S. OKUN

Contact Information:

Dept. Sociology and Anthropology
Demographic Studies
Mt. Scopus Campus
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
91905 Jerusalem
Israel
barbara.okun@mail.huji.ac.il
phone: 972-2-5883335

Higher Education

9/82-6/86 Harvard University
B.A. in Applied Mathematics with honors
9/88-6/90 Princeton University
M.A. in Economics
9/88-8/92 Princeton University
Ph.D. awarded October 1992 in Economics, with a specialty in Demography. Ph.D.
Advisors: Prof. James Trussell, Prof. Sanders Korenman, Prof. Timothy Guinnane
10/92-9/93 The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Lady Davis Postdoctoral Fellow in Population Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences.
Host: Prof. D. Friedlander

Academic Appointments at the Hebrew University

10/93-9/94 Teaching Fellow at the rank of Lecturer, Dept. of Population Studies
Faculty of Social Sciences
10/94-5/98 Lecturer, Dept. of Population Studies
Faculty of Social Sciences
5/98-4/05 Senior Lecturer, Dept. of Population Studies
(Dept. of Sociology and Anthropology from 10/03 onwards,
following merger with Dept. of Population Studies)
4/05- Associate Professor, Dept. of Sociology and Anthropology

External Research Grants

- 10/95-10/98 Israel Science Foundation, "Diffusion of Fertility Control Across and Within Subpopulations of Israel", Barbara S. Okun, (US \$25,000)
- 10/98-10/00 Israel Foundation Trustees, "Changes in Marriage Patterns Among Israeli Jews: 1950s to 1990s", Barbara S. Okun, (US \$25,000)
- 10/00-10/03 Israel Ministry of Science, "Fifty Years of Working Women and the Welfare State in Israel: Changing Interrelationships between Work and Family" Barbara S. Okun, Amalya Oliver and Michael Shalev, (US \$23,333/\$70,000).
- 12/04–11/06 Spencer Foundation, USA, "Educational Stratification of Multiethnics: The Case of Jews in Israel" Barbara S. Okun, (US \$40,000).
- 11/07-10/09 Israel Science Foundation, "Fertility Change among Immigrants to Israel from the Former Soviet Union" Barbara S. Okun, (US \$55,000).
- 10/11-09/13 Israel Science Foundation "Fertility and Religiosity: Jews in Israel" Barbara S. Okun (US \$67,000).
- 12/15-12/18 Israel Ministry of Science, "Work-Family Balance: A Comparison among Jewish and Arab populations in Israel" Barbara S. Okun (200,000 NIS).

Publications

Doctoral Dissertation

“How Much Can Indirect Estimation Techniques Tell Us About Marital Fertility Control?”

Main supervisor: Prof. James Trussell

Degree awarded: 10/92

Chapters in Collections

Korenman, Sanders and **Barbara S. Okun**. 1991. Gender Differences in Cyclical Unemployment. Structural Changes in U.S. Labor Markets: Causes and Consequences. Edited by R. Eberts and E. Groshen. Armonk, NY: M.E. Sharpe.

Okun, Barbara S. 2001. Fertility Control: General Overview. International Encyclopedia of the Social and Behavioral Sciences. Oxford: Elsevier.

Okun, Barbara S. and Michal Sabah. 2010. The Motives for Migration. Immigration and Mental Health. Edited by Leo Sher and Alexander Vilens. New York: Nova Science Publishers.

Dov Friedlander, **Barbara S. Okun**, and Calvin Goldscheider. 2016. Ethno/religious hierarchy in educational achievement and socioeconomic status in Israel: An historical perspective. In Nabil Khattab, Sami Miaari, and Haya Stier (eds.) *Socioeconomic Inequality in Israel: A Theoretical and Empirical Analysis*, Palgrave MacMillan.

Journal Articles

Guinnane, Timothy W., **Barbara S. Okun**, and James Trussell. 1994. What Do We Know About the Timing of Historical Fertility Transitions? Demography 31:1-20.

Okun, Barbara S. 1994. Cohort Parity Analysis: An Exposition. Historical Methods 27:53-59.

Okun, Barbara S. 1994. Evaluating Methods for Detecting Fertility Control: Coale and Trussell's Model and Cohort Parity Analysis. Population Studies 48:193-222.

Friedlander, Dov and **Barbara S. Okun**. 1995. Pretransition Marital Fertility in England: Was There Deliberate Control? Journal of Family History 20:139-158.

Okun, Barbara S. 1995. Distinguishing Stopping Behavior from Spacing Behavior With Indirect Methods. Historical Methods 28:85-96.

Friedlander, Dov and **Barbara S. Okun**. 1996. Features of the Fertility Transition in England and Wales: Analysis of Change. Health Transition Review. Supplement to Vol. 6:1-18.

Okun, Barbara S. 1996. Sex Preferences, Family Planning, and Fertility: An Israeli Subpopulation in Transition. Journal of Marriage and the Family 58:469-475.

Okun, Barbara S., James Trussell, and Barbara Vaughan. 1996. Using Fertility Surveys to Evaluate an Indirect Method for Detecting Fertility Control: A Study of Cohort Parity Analysis. Population Studies. 50:161-171.

Okun, Barbara S. 1997. Innovation and Adaptation in Fertility Transition: Jewish Immigrants to Israel from Muslim North Africa and the Middle East. Population Studies: 51(3):317-335.

Okun, Barbara S. 1997. Family Planning in the Jewish Population of Israel: Correlates of Withdrawal Use. Studies in Family Planning: 28(3):215-227.

Friedlander, Dov, **Barbara S. Okun** and Sharon Segal. 1999. Demographic Transition Then and Now: Processes, Perspectives and Analyses. Journal of Family History 24: (4) 493-533.

- Okun, Barbara S.** 2000. Religiosity and Contraceptive Method Choice: The Jewish Population of Israel. European Journal of Population 16: (2) 109-132.
- Okun, Barbara S.** and Shoshana Einhorn. 2000. Contraceptive Use Among Married Jews in Israel: Trends and Differentials. Social Security. (In Hebrew).
- Okun, Barbara S.** 2001. The Effects of Ethnicity and Educational Attainment on Jewish Marriage Patterns: Changes in Israel, 1957-1995. Population Studies 55 (1): 49-64.
- Friedlander, Dov, **Barbara S. Okun**, Zvi Eisenbach, and Lilach Lion Elmakias. 2002. Immigration, Social Change and Assimilation: Educational Attainment among Birth Cohorts of Jewish Ethnic Groups in Israel, 1925-29 to 1965-69. Population Studies 56(2):135-150.
- Gshur, Binyamin and **Barbara S. Okun**. 2003. Generational Effects on Marriage Patterns: Jewish Immigrants and their Descendants in Israel. Journal of Marriage and Family 65(2): 287-301.
- Okun, Barbara S.** 2004. Insight into Ethnic Flux: Marriage Patterns among Jews of Mixed Ancestry in Israel. Demography 41(1):173-187.
- Okun, Barbara S.** and Dov Friedlander. 2005. Educational Stratification among Arabs and Jews in Israel: Historical Disadvantage, Discrimination and Opportunity. Population Studies 59(2):163-180.
- Okun, Barbara S.**, Amalya L. Oliver, and Orna Khait-Marely. 2007. The Public Sector, Family Structure and Labor Market Behavior: Jewish Mothers in Israel. Work and Occupations. 34(2):174-204.
- Friedlander, Dov and **Barbara S. Okun**. 2007. Demographic Processes in England and Wales, 1851-1911: Data and Model Estimates. Local Population Studies 79:81-89.
- Okun, Barbara S.** and Orna Khait-Marely. 2008. Demographic Behaviour of Adults of Mixed Ethnic Ancestry: Jews in Israel. Ethnic and Racial Studies: 31(8):1357-1380.
- Okun, Barbara S.** and Amalya L. Oliver. 2009. The relationship between paid work and family structure: Changes over time among Jewish women in Israel. Israeli Sociology: 307-338. (In Hebrew).
- Dov Friedlander and **Barbara S. Okun**. 2009. Reflections on societal change, adjustments and responses. Journal of Family History 34(2):224-237.
- Okun, Barbara S.** and Orna Khait-Marely. 2010. The Impact of Inter-marriage on Ethnic Stratification: Jews in Israel. Research in Social Stratification and Mobility 28(4):375-394
- Okun, Barbara S.** and Shlomit Kagya. 2012. Fertility Change among post-1989 Immigrants to Israel from the Former Soviet Union. International Migration Review 46(4):792-827.
- Okun, Barbara S.** 2013. Fertility and Family Behavior in Israel: Diversity, Change and Stability. Demographic Research 28:457-504.
- Okun, Barbara S.** Forthcoming. Insights into unexpectedly high fertility: Secular, native-born Jews in Israel. Population Studies.

Submitted Works and Works in Progress

Okun, Barbara S. Religiosity and Fertility: Jews in Israel. Revise and resubmit to European Journal of Population.

Manor, Avital and **Okun, Barbara S.** Cohabitation among Secular Jews in Israel: How Educational and Employment Characteristics are Related to the Living Arrangements of Young Adults. Revise and resubmit to Demographic Research.

Okun, Barbara S. Ideal Family Size among Immigrants to Israel from the Former Soviet Union: An Examination of the Socialization Hypothesis. In progress.

Okun, Barbara S. Cohort Fertility Decline and Educational Attainment: Muslim Women in Israel. In progress.

Okun, Barbara S. The End of Ethnic Differences in Family Size? Second generation Mizrahim and Ashkenazim in Israel. In progress.

Conference Papers and Presentations

Okun, Barbara S. How Much Can Indirect Estimation Techniques Tell Us About Marital Fertility Control? Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the Population Association of America in Denver, CO. April, 1992.

Guinnane, Timothy, Barbara S. Okun, and James Trussell. How Much Do We Know About the Timing of Historical Fertility Transitions? Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the Population Association of America in Cincinnati, OH. April 1993.

Okun, Barbara S. Evaluating Methods for Detecting Fertility Control: Coale and Trussell's Model and Cohort Parity Analysis. Paper presented at the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population in Montreal. August 1993.

Okun, Barbara S. Distinguishing Stopping from Spacing With Age at Last Birth and McDonald's Decomposition. Poster presented at the Annual Meetings of the Population Association of America in Miami. May 1994.

Okun, Barbara S., James Trussell, and Barbara Vaughan. Using Fertility Surveys to Evaluate Indirect Methods for Detecting Fertility Control. Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the Population Association of America in Miami. May 1994.

Friedlander, Dov and Barbara S. Okun. Pretransition Marital Fertility Variation Over Time: Was There Deliberate Control in England? Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the Population Association of America in San Francisco. March 1995.

Okun, Barbara S. Ethnic Diversity and Change in Sex Preference for Children: Israel's Asian and African Population. Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the Population Association of America in San Francisco. March 1995.

Friedlander, Dov and Barbara S. Okun. Features of the Fertility Transition in England and Wales. Paper presented at the John C. Caldwell Seminar on The Continuing Demographic Transition in Canberra Australia. August 1995.

Okun, Barbara S. Innovation and Adaptation in Fertility Transition: Jewish Immigrants to Israel from Muslim North Africa and the Middle East. Poster presented at the Annual Meetings of the Population Association of America in New Orleans. May 1996.

Okun, Barbara S. Contraceptive Practices and Correlates of Method Choice in the Jewish population of Israel. Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the Population Association of America in Washington, D.C. March 1997.

Okun, Barbara S. Mate Selection: Ascribed vs. Achieved Characteristics. Paper presented at the International Institute of Sociology Conference in Tel Aviv, Israel. July 1999.

Okun, Barbara S. Recent Marriage Patterns Among Jewish Israelis. Paper presented at the Association for Israel Studies Conference in Tel Aviv, Israel. June 2000.

Okun, Barbara S. Marriage Patterns Among Jews of Mixed Ancestry in Israel: The Fading Centrality of Ethnicity? Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the Population Association of America in Washington, D.C. March 2001.

Okun, Barbara S. Discussant in the session on Economic History at the Annual Meetings of the Israel Society of Economics, Shfayim, Israel. May 2001.

Okun, Barbara S. Recent Marriage Patterns Among Jewish Israelis: 1957-1995. Paper presented at the World Conference of Jewish Studies, Jerusalem, Israel. August 2001.

Okun, Barbara S and Dov Friedlander. Trends and Differentials in Educational Attainment among Ethnic Minorities: Arabs in Israel. Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the Population Association of America, Minneapolis, MN. May 2003.

Okun, Barbara S, Amalya L. Oliver and Orna Khait-Marely. The Public Sector, Family Structure and Labor Market Behavior: Jewish Mothers in Israel. Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the Israel Sociological Society, Beer-sheva, Israel. February 2004.

Goldstein, Joshua and Barbara S. Okun. Intermarriage and Social Distance in Multiracial America: Results from the 2000 Census. Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the Population Association of America, Boston, MA. April 2004.

Okun, Barbara S. and Orna Khait-Marely. 2006. The Impact of Intermarriage on Ethnic and Racial Stratification. Presented at the Center for Demography and Ecology, University of Wisconsin-Madison, April 2006.

Okun, Barbara S. and Orna Khait-Marely. 2007. Socioeconomic and Demographic Characteristics of Multiethnics: Jews in Israel. Paper presented at the Association for Israel Studies Annual Conference, Ra'anana, Israel, June 2007.

Okun, Barbara S. and Shlomit Kagya. 2010. Fertility of Immigrants from the FSU to Israel. Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the Israel Sociology Society, Acco, Israel, February 2010.

Okun, Barbara S. and Shlomit Kagya. 2010. Escalators of Life: Fertility of Immigrants from the FSU to Israel. Paper presented at the RC-28 Meeting on Social Stratification, Haifa, Israel, May 2010.

Okun, Barbara S. and Shlomit Kagya. 2010. Fertility of Immigrants from the FSU to Israel. Paper presented at the European Population Conference, Vienna, Austria, September 2010.

Dov Friedlander, Barbara S. Okun, Eliahu Ben-Moshe, and Ahmad Hliehel. 2010. Stalls, Resistance and Classic Patterns in Demographic Transition: Variations among Major Population Groups in Israel. Paper to be presented at the 2010 Quetelet Seminar, November 2010, Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium.

Okun, Barbara S. and Shlomit Kagya. 2011. Fertility and Religiosity: Jews in Israel. Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the Israel Sociology Society, Tel-Aviv-Yaffo, Israel, February 2011.

Okun, Barbara S. 2012. Family Demography of Secular Jews in Israel: An Incipient Second Demographic Transition? Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the Israel Sociology Society, Tel-Aviv-Yaffo, Israel, February 2012.

Okun, Barbara S. 2012. Family Demography of Secular Jews in Israel: An Incipient Second Demographic Transition? Paper presented at the European Population Conference, Stockholm, Sweden, June 2012.

Okun, Barbara S. 2013. Fertility and Family Behavior in Israel: Diversity, Stability and Change. Paper presented at the Israel Sociological Society Meetings, Netanya, February 2013.

Okun, Barbara S. 2014. Fertility and Religiosity: Jews in Israel. Poster presented at the Annual Meetings of the Population Association of America, Boston, April, 2014.

Okun, Barbara S. 2015. Early Family Formation, Final Parity, and Ideal Family Size among Immigrants from the Former Soviet Union. Paper presented at the Israel Sociological Society Meetings, Kinneret College, February 2015.

Okun, Barbara S. 2016. Cohort Fertility Decline and Educational Attainment: Muslim Women in Israel. Paper to be presented at the Second Annual Human Fertility Database Symposium, Berlin, June 2016.