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<u>מרצה</u>:

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## **Elastodynamic metamaterials**

The seminar will be given in English

## <u>להלן תקציר ההרצאה:</u>

Current technology enables the production of composites with tailored microstructure at the nanoscale. The nature of the constituents has also changed, with the development of *active materials* which significantly deform in response to non-mechanical stimuli, and *resilient soft materials* capable of undergoing large strains. When these artificial composites exhibit properties not found in nature, they are termed *metamaterials*.

In this talk, I will first overview how my group contributed to understanding the mechanics of these media, paving the way for materials with enhanced properties and functionalities. Then, I will focus on our recent report of anomalous wave phenomena in elastic composites. Specifically, by revising the problem of in-plane waves in periodic laminates, I will demonstrate that waves impinging on such media may anomalously refract negatively—a phenomenon that can be harnessed for cloaking. I will show that the negative refraction is the hallmark of *exceptional points* in the frequency spectrum, at which two waves coalesce. I will conclude the talk with a glance at our future plans for harnessing counterintuitive phenomena that emerge from exceptional points towards novel applications.

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