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I would like to begin this editorial by thanking Ms. Sarit Rabinowicz and Ms. Liora Peleg, who edited the specialextended issue that is dedicated to the memory of Dr. Nurit Weinblatt and focuses on the area of geriatrics. This issue includes a wide variety of articles and helps illuminate occupational therapy practice in this field. Thank you for your efforts, your willingness to contribute and for the professional and special outcome.



Rachel Kizony

This issue opens with an article that, despite the fact that it focuses on a single area of occupational therapy, actually deals with a subject that crosses several professional areas: **The Use of the Canadian Occupational Performance Measure as an Outcome Measure in a Hand Therapy Clinic.** The findings of this article highlight once more the importance of client-centered intervention and the use of the COPM in all areas of occupational therapy practice.

Following this, the findings of a study on **The Relationship between Ergonomic Knowledge and the Implementation of Ergonomic Principles** within the Learning Environment among Students are presented. This study raises a discussion regarding the gap that exists between ergonomic knowledge and implementation of ergonomic principles, and emphasizes the importance of involving the client in the decision making process during intervention.

The English language article reflects the change that has occurred over the past decade in occupational therapy research, and the transition to examining the effectiveness of various treatment approaches and the establishment of evidence-based practices. The article is entitled, **Use of the Dynamic** *Interactional Model for Handwriting Intervention in Children: Explanatory Case Study.* The study presents a comparison between the effectiveness of a combined treatment approach to intervention via a single approach for 4 children with handwriting difficulties.

The **Technology and Internet** column focuses on Safe driving for People with Special Needs and is a sign of appreciation for the activities of the late Toby Koren, who was a pioneer of this field in Israel. The **Personal Glimpse** column deals with one of the issues that is relevant to

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Transition from Theory to the Clinic: From a granddaughter to a care-giver; from a student to an occupational therapist.

The **Book Review** column presents a review of the book "The Texture of Life: Purposeful Activities in the Context of Occupation". This book discusses the basic concepts of the profession and relates them to clinical practice.

Finally, this issue includes an **Index** of the articles, columns and authors, which reflects the works found in the volumes published in the Israeli Journal of Occupational Therapy from 2009-2010.

I will end by announcing two upcoming special issues and a call for articles to be submitted for inclusion within them (details can be found on the website of the Israeli Society of Occupational Therapy):

- 1. August 2011- a special issue on the Model of Human Occupation developed by Dr. Kielhofner who passed away in 2010.
- 2. November 2011 a special issue on "Play Across the Life Span" with Dr. Eleanor Schneider and Ms. Amiya Waldman Levi as guest editors.

Pleasant reading, **Rachel Kizony - on behalf of the editorial staff** racheli.kizony@gmail.com

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