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This issue includes a variety of articles on topics that reflect the work of occupational therapists.

*This issue opens with a report on a preliminary study that examined the reliability and validity of a new functional assessment developed by Prof. Joan P. Togli in a healthy adult Israeli population: **Establishing the Reliability and Validity of the Weekly Calendar Planning Assessment in a Healthy Population in Israel**. Following this we present an article on a unique topic: **Professional Development among Self-Employed Occupational Therapists**. The article describes the enabling and disabling factors that influence the professional development of self-employed therapists.*



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*The final Hebrew language article discusses **Occupational Therapy in the Field of Mental Health Rehabilitation - Processes of Learning and Growing**. It describes the role of occupational therapists in mental health practice in Israel following the passage of the Mental Health Community Rehabilitation Law in Israel.*

*The English language article examined the quality of school life of children with learning disabilities and compared it to that of children without learning disabilities: **Quality of School Life of Elementary School Students with Learning Disabilities**.*

*The **Personal Glimpse** column presents the unique story of a woman with attention and concentration difficulties who was treated as an adult in occupational therapy. The **Technology** Column provides useful information regarding adapting assistive devices and their funding through the Health Department. The **Book Review** column presents a review of the book: "The Parental Experience: Relationships, Coping and Development", which describes the parenting experience from a variety of different perspectives.*

On a personal note, since this is the last issue that I am involved with in my role as editor in chief, I would like to thank the entire editorial board (whose names can be found on the covers of the journal) without whom the publication of this journal would not be possible. I would also like to thank the occupational therapists who founded the IJOT and all those who took on the role of editor in chief for the past 20 years. This journal is a resource for learning about the unique work performed by occupational therapists and it has been my pleasure to have been involved as editor in chief. Furthermore, a special thanks is due to all the authors who contributed to the IJOT and who

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have provided occupational therapists with a glimpse into the widespread activities and achievements of our profession.

*Last but certainly not least, I would like to thank the next editor in chief **Dr. Asnat Bar-Haim Erez** from the Ono Academic Collage, Israel, and to wish her the best of luck.*

Pleasant reading,

Rachel Kizony - on behalf of the editorial staff

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