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This fourth issue of the journal closes a busy year that was dedicated to upgrade the IJOT in terms of its content and status. We are still in the midst of this process but I would like to take a moment and update our readers on a number of initiatives that are already underway.

- Our journal, together with six other Hebrew periodicals, was selected by the Israeli National Library to participate in the uploading of our content to the JSTOR shared digital library. JSTOR was created in 1995 to help academic and public libraries worldwide provide greater access to academic content. Currently, about 8400 libraries around the world subscribe to JSTOR. All the articles published in the IJOT, from the first one in 1992 to the current issue, are being scanned and uploaded to the JSTOR site. Readers will have free access to articles published up to 5 years ago and IJOT subscribers will have full access to all the articles. When the process will be finalized we will update you on how to gain access to the JSTOR digitized library.
- We initiated a process of translating specific manuscripts selected by the editors' on the basis of their topic and content from Hebrew to English. This will enable readers

who do not speak Hebrew to learn about the research studies and initiatives being addressed by occupational therapists in Israel. The translated article will appear in English in the hard copy format and in Hebrew in the online digitized format.

- We are providing our subscribers with the option of receiving our journal editions online, as opposed to hard copy printed editions, and we are making efforts to find the most practical, accessible and aesthetic design format for this purpose. We hope that the current issue meets with your satisfaction. You are invited to notify us if you prefer to receive a digitized copy, which will then be sent to you via email. In addition, we are also working on a PDF format for individual papers for the convenience of our authors and for the JSTOR website.

We hope that these new advances will serve you, our readers, well, and enhance IJOT's global visibility and status. We urge you to contribute articles that will enrich our journal.

And now to the current issue's content. It opens with an article focusing on the occupational rehabilitation of young adults with mental disabilities, entitled "**Breaking the Cycle of Chronicity among the Youths in the Almog Young**

Adult Psychiatric Unit for the Development of Life Skills and Vocational Rehabilitation". This paper describes a rehabilitation program that combines practical experience, knowledge acquisition and meta - cognitive learning to promote their employment in the community. The program is illustrated through a case study of a young man who completed the intervention.

The second article, **Patients Requiring Mechanical Ventilation – Principles of Occupational Therapy Intervention and Case Study**, raises the issue of the challenges faced by health professionals when treating elderly who need mechanical ventilation. The authors present the complexity of the treatment and the principles of occupational therapy that serve as the basis for interventions that can assist these people return to the community. The principles guiding their treatment are also illustrated in the article through the presentation of a case study.

The next article also relates to intervention among the geriatric population, albeit in relation to those afflicted with cognitive-functional diagnoses. **The Validity of the Kettle Test Among People with Suspected Dementia: A Functional – Cognitive Screening Test** relates to an assessment developed by an occupational therapist, **Dr. Adina Maeir**, of the School of Occupational Therapy in Jerusalem

(Hadassah-Hebrew University). The development of this assessment arose from the author's belief that cognitive evaluation in occupational therapy must have ecological validity and be carried in a functional context, especially for complex skills such as executive functions.

The article in English is actually an article originally written in Hebrew that was chosen to be translated due to the important topic and research that it describes. **Comparison between Static and Dynamic Forms of the Rey Osterrieth Complex Figure Test (ROCF) and Their Impact on the Self-Efficacy of People with Mental Illness in the Community** is an article based on an undergraduate research seminar project that was performed and supervised by the students and staff of the Department of Occupational Therapy at Tel-Aviv University. It describes the use of a dynamic version of the Rey Osterrieth Complex Figure test (ROCF) and discusses the increased efficacy of its use as compared to the static version. The article also appears in Hebrew in the digitized format.

This issue includes all three regular columns. **The Book Review** editor chose to write about a book focusing on the emotional aspects of the child – **"Not born violent: The emotional and social life of small children"**. The book provides a broad perspective on the emotional

and social lives of young children and can assist health professionals and parents.

The Technology and Internet column deals with **Promoting Participation in Music - Adaptations and Technologies**. It focuses on the perspective of participation in music-related occupations rather than on music therapy per se. The reader will find information about the adaptation of musical instruments, the use of electronic software and instruments and adaptations that can assist individuals with disabilities listen to and create music.

The Personal Glimpse Column editor chose to invite **Tamar Paley - Altit** to write a touching and somewhat philosophical column on the feelings and experiences of mental health therapists on the transition between health and illness.

Pleasant reading,

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the editorial staff

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