

CURRICULUM VITA

1. PERSONAL DETAILS

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2. HIGHER EDUCATION

Years	Institute	Degree
2007-2009	School of Occupational Therapy of Hadassah and Faculty of Medicine, Hebrew University	Post Doctorate Study
2002-2007	Department of Occupational Therapy, a joint program of the Faculty of Social Welfare & Health Sciences, University of Haifa and the Technion	PhD Occupational Therapy
1992-1996	School of Occupational Therapy of Hadassah and Faculty of Medicine, Hebrew University	M.Sc. Occupational Therapy
1981-1984	Department of Occupational Therapy, Tel Aviv University	OT Diploma in Occupational Therapy
1975-1978	Department of Psychology, Bar Ilan University	B.A

3. ACADEMIC RANK AND TENURE IN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Dates	Name of Institute & Department	Rank
2015-present	Department of Occupational Therapy, Faculty of Health Professions, Ono Academic College	Senior lecturer
2008-2015	Department of Occupational Therapy, Faculty of Health Professions, Ono Academic College	Lecturer
2005-2009	Department of Special Education, Achva Academic College	Lecturer

4. OFFICES IN COLLEGE ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATION

Ono Academic College - Department of Occupational Therapy

2016-present	Academic Coordinator of Second-year students
2016-present	Education Committee on students issues
2015-present	Head of the research laboratory: "Obesity, Occupation and well-being"
2015-present	Coordinator of the Ultra-orthodox Research Seminar
2015-2016	Coordinator of the Continuing Education
2014-present	Education Committee of Occupational Therapy Studies
2008-present	Coordinator of Pediatric Occupational Therapy Studies and the Pediatric Committee
2004-2008	Founding team of the Occupational Therapy Department

5. SCHOLARLY POSITIONS AND ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE THE COLLEGE

Date	Position
2017-present	Reviewer of the Israeli Journal of Speech & Hearing
2017-present	Member of the Israeli Professional Committee of Occupational Therapy
2015-2016	Member of the World Federation of Occupational Therapists' (WFOT) international review team, that give feedback to the World Health Organization's (WHO)* Interim Report of the Commission on Ending Childhood Obesity *(Geneva, Switzerland)
2015-present	Reviewer of the Research in Developmental Disabilities (RIDD) Journal
2005-present	Reviewer of the Israeli Journal of Occupational Therapy (IJOT)
2007-present	Reviewer of thesis and dissertations
2009- present	Representative of the Israeli Society of Occupational Therapy in the Education Committee of the Israeli Knesset
2009-present	Founding team of a start up project (Handwriting disabilities Consultant)
2003- present	Member of The Occupational Therapy Forum for Learning Disabilities
1990-present	Occupational Therapy private practice
2010-2013	Member of The Israeli Society of Occupational Therapy Committee
2012	Chair of the 19 th Annual Scientific Occupational Conference at Kfar Maccabiah
2010-1012	Member of the Occupational Therapy Forum for the Evaluation and Assessment of Children
2010-2012	Consultant in the development of preparatory worksheets for preschool children
1990-2017	Occupational Therapy private practice

6. ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN SCHOLARLY CONFERENCES

Conference	Place and Date	Title of Presentation
The World Congress on Targeting Metabesity	October, 2017 London, UK	Comparison of Israeli adolescents with and without learning disabilities (LD) on obesity, physical fitness and wellbeing
The 22 nd Annual National Israeli Occupational Therapists Society Conference	September, 2017 Tel-Aviv, Israel	Occupational therapy for children with eating problems in Israel - where are we headed?
The 22 nd Annual National Israeli Occupational Therapists Society Conference	September, 2017 Tel-Aviv, Israel	The relationship between organizational abilities, working memory, inhibitory control and emotional control among ultra-Orthodox children aged 5 to 11.5 years
The 22 nd Annual National Israeli Occupational Therapists Society Conference	September, 2017 Tel-Aviv, Israel	The relationship between obesity, physical fitness and personal well-being among Israeli adolescents aged 12-18 years
DCD 11 Conference	July, 2017 Fremantle Western Australia	The effect of age on obesity and physical fitness among Israeli children and adolescents with and without DCD
Medical Conference Ha Noi Rehabilitation hospital	February, 2017 Ha Noi, Vietnam	Developmental coordination disorder
The Israeli Society for Child Development and Rehabilitation Conference	November, 2016 Jerusalem, Israel	Organizational abilities among children with developmental delays
BIT's 7th Annual World Congress of Neurotalk	May 20-22, 2016 Beijing, China	Gender differences in physical fitness and

		overweight between children with and without developmental coordination disorder (DCD)
The annual conference of the Speech Therapists in Israel	February, 2016 Jerusalem, Israel	Organizing skills of preschool children in the natural environment: psychometric measures
DCD 11 Conference	July, 2015 Toulouse, France	Gender differences in physical fitness and overweight between children with and without developmental coordination disorder
The 21 th Annual National Israeli Occupational Therapists Society Conference	June, 2015 Jerusalem, Israel	Gender differences in physical fitness and overweight between children with and without developmental coordination disorder
The AOTA 95th Annual Conference & Expo	April, 2015 Nashville, USA	Gender differences in physical fitness and overweight between children with and without developmental coordination disorder
The Israeli Society for Child Development and Rehabilitation Conference "Under one roof"	September 2014 Jerusalem, Israel	Questionnaire for Assessing Preschoolers' Organizational Abilities (QAPOA) in natural environment: Development and establishing reliability and validity
16 th International congress of the World Federation of Occupational Therapists	June 2014 Yokohama, Japan	The relationships between organizational abilities and sensory processing among school aged children

16 th International congress of the World Federation of Occupational Therapists	June 2014 Yokohama, Japan	Participation in Activities and Quality of Life of Children with Developmental Coordination Disorder
16 th International congress of the World Federation of Occupational Therapists	June 2014 Yokohama, Japan	Participation in Physical Activity, Fitness and Risk for Obesity in Children with Developmental Coordination Disorder (DCD): A Cross Cultural Study
ISHLA 2014 – the 50th Annual Meeting of the Israeli Speech Hearing and Language Association	February 2014 Tel-Aviv, Israel	Organizational skills in kindergarten children
Developmental Coordination Disorder International Conference, DCD X	June-July 2013, <u>Ouro Preto</u> , Brazil	Participation in Physical and Leisure Activities and Quality of Life of Children with Developmental Coordination Disorder
Field research at the college of education, Teaching methods and educational tools, Old and new	May 2013, Holon, Israel	The effect of preparatory handwriting training on the quality, speed and motivation for writing among preschool children
AOTA's 93rd Annual Conference & Expo	April 2013, San Diego, California, USA	Participation in Physical Activity, Fitness, and Risk for Obesity in Children with Developmental Coordination Disorder: A Cross Cultural Study
Innovations and Updates of Assessment and Intervention in Writing	September 2012, The Open University, Raanana, Israel	Readiness for handwriting in preschool – Is a change required?
The 6 th Annual Literacy and Language Society Summer Conference	July 2012, Ono Academic College	A comparison between the effects of handwriting training

		and phonological awareness training on the quality, speed and motivation for writing among preschool children
The 19 th Annual National Israeli Occupational Therapists Society Conference	February 2012, Kfar-Maccabiah, Israel	Client Factors Underlying Disorganization Among Children With Developmental Coordination Disorder (DCD)
The 19 th Annual National Israeli Occupational Therapists Society Conference	February 2012, Kfar-Maccabiah, Israel	Participation in Physical Activity, Fitness and Risk for Obesity in Children with Developmental Coordination Disorders (DCD): A Cross Cultural Study
The 19 th Annual National Israeli Occupational Therapists Society Conference	February 2012, Kfar-Maccabiah, Israel	A Comparison Between The Level of Participation in Physical and Leisure Activities and the Quality of Life Among Elementary School Children with and Without Developmental Coordination Disorder
Developmental Coordination Disorder International Conference, DCD IX	June 2011, Lausanne, Switzerland	Participation in Physical Activity, Fitness and Risk for Obesity in Children with Developmental Coordination Disorders (DCD): A Cross Cultural Study
Developmental Coordination Disorder International Conference, DCD IX	June 2011, Lausanne, Switzerland	Client factors underlying disorganization among children diagnosed with Developmental

		Coordination Disorder (DCD)
<i>The Doctor Prescribed Me a Pill</i> –Adapted Physical Activity as a Tool for Achieving Treatment Goals in Children	June 2011, ALYN Hospital, Jerusalem, Israel	The Relationship Between Obesity, Level of Physical Activity, Fitness and Participation in Structured Activities When Comparing Children With and Without Developmental Coordination Disorder
Advanced Technologies for People with Disabilities	March 2011, Ruppin College, Israel	The Development of a Pen for Treating Dysgraphia in the Learning Environment
The Biannual Israeli Society for Child Development and Rehabilitation Conference	November 2010, Jerusalem, Israel	Participation in Physical Activity, Fitness and Risk for Obesity in Children with Developmental Coordination Disorders (DCD)
Learning Disabilities and More...Focus on Functioning Throughout the Life Span	July 2010, Haifa, Israel	Organization in Everyday life "Time out or out of time" Assessment methods
World Federation of Occupational Therapists (WFOT)	May 2010, Santiago, Chile	Participation in physical activity, fitness and risk for obesity in children with developmental coordination disorders (DCD): a cross cultural study
DCD-VIII Conference	June 2009, Baltimore, Maryland, USA	Children with Disorganization: A unique subgroup of children diagnosed with Developmental Coordination Disorder (DCD)

DCD-VII Conference	February 2007, Melbourne, Australia	Disorganization among school age children with Developmental Coordination Disorder (DCD)
Special Education Conference: Multidimensional Aspects Among Populations with Special needs: Research and Application	November 2007, Bar- Ilan University, Israel	Impaired Human Factors Underlying Disorganization Among Children with Developmental Coordination Disorder (DCD)
The 14 th Israeli Society for Child Development and Rehabilitation Conference	December 2006, Jerusalem, Israel	Disorganization Among Children with Developmental Coordination Disorder (DCD)
The 15 th Annual National Israeli Occupational Therapists Society Conference	2006, Shefayim, Israel	"Where on earth is my notebook?" Profiles of students with Disorganization
The 5 th Associate Degree Conference: The Theory of Structural Cognitive Modifiability and its implementation in the Health Professions	January 2006, Tel Aviv University, Israel	Interdisciplinary Panel Discussion: Analyzing a Case Study of 26 year- old Woman with Learning Disabilities
The 14 th Annual National Israeli Occupational Therapists Society Conference	2005, Jerusalem, Israel	Developing, Establishing Reliability and Validity of the Questionnaire for Assessing Students' Organizational Abilities
Research Fair, University Haifa	2005, University of Haifa, Israel	Questionnaire for evaluating student's organizational abilities: Developmental and basis for reliability and validity

The American Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference	2000, Seattle, USA	Are there universal underlying components to handwriting of different languages?
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7. RESEARCH GRANTS

2017	ISF-Israel Science Foundation Research Proposal: "The relationships between overweight, physical fitness and wellbeing of adolescents with learning disabilities compared to typical adolescents"	Not approved
2014	SRCD Grant for Child Development Research "Organizational abilities of preschoolers in natural environment: developmental, cultural and socioeconomic aspects"	Not approved \$9350
2011	MOFET Institute. Research Proposal: "Training readiness in handwriting – The <i>Traffic Light</i> (RAMZOR) method - and its effect on handwriting quality, speed and motivation for writing among children in kindergarten".	NIS 14,000
2010	The Research Institute of Medical Professions, Ono Academic College. Research Proposal: "The relationship between obesity, Level of physical activity, fitness and participation in structured activities among children with developmental coordination disorder".	NIS 20,000
2009	Post-Doctoral Scholarship, Hebrew University, Jerusalem. Research Proposal: "The relationship between obesity, level of physical activity, fitness and participation in structured activities among children with developmental coordination disorder" .	NIS 9,000
2005	The Research Fund University of Haifa. Research Proposal: "Diagnosing Fifth and Sixth Grade Students with Developmental Coordination Disorder (DCD) and Disorganization: Focus on Clients Factors underlying disorders".	NIS 24,000
2002	The Israeli Occupational Therapists Society. The Mary Eliaba-Mason	NIS 2,000

Research Grant.

Research Proposal: "Diagnosing fifth and sixth grade students with Developmental Coordination Disorder (DCD) and Disorganization: focus on Clients Factors underlying disorders".

8. TEACHING

A. Courses taught in recent years:

Title	Year	Type
Introduction to Child Development	2009-present	Lecture+ practical training
Pediatric Occupational Therapy	2009-present	Lecture+ practical training
Problem Based Learning	2010-present	Seminar
Assessment and Intervention in Pediatric Occupational Therapy	2010-present	Lecture+ practical training
Research Seminar	2010-present	Seminar
Israel Center of Medical Simulation (MSR)	2010-present	Seminar
Special Education in Writing	2005-2009	Seminar

B. Supervision of graduates students

Student's Name	Title of Thesis	Degree	Year
Shani Raz-Silbiger	Participation in Activities and Quality of Life of Children with Developmental Coordination Disorder	M.Sc	2013

9. PUBLICATIONS

A. Ph.D. DISSERTATION

Title of the Doctoral Dissertation:

Diagnosing Fifth and Sixth Grade Students with Developmental Coordination Disorder (DCD) and Disorganization: Focus on Clients Factors underlying disorders

Supervisors:

Professor Naomi Josman – Haifa University

Professor Emanuel Tirosh - Technion Israel

Year: 2007

B. ARTICLES IN REFFEREED JOURNALS

1. Tubul-Lavy, G & **Lifshitz, N.** (in press). Questionnaire for Assessing Preschoolers' Organizational Abilities (QAPOA) in their Natural Environments: Development and Establishment of Validity and Reliability. *Child Developmental Research*.
2. Aharon, T., Menachem- Eitan, T., Kalingel-Levi, M. Kamil, M., Kander, M., Kurant, E., ... **Lifshitz, N.** (2017). The Relationship between Organizational Abilities and Sensory Processing among Preschoolers. *Israeli Journal of Occupational Therapy (IJOT)*, 26(1), H28-H43 (Hebrew).
3. Tubul-Lavy, G & **Lifshitz, N.** (2016). Organizational abilities among kindergarten children: comparison between children with developmental delay and typical children. *Speech & Hearing*, 35, 57-70 (Hebrew).
4. **Lifshitz, N.**, & Har-Zvi, S. (2015). A Comparison Between Students Who Receive and Who Do Not Receive Writing Readiness Interventions on Handwriting Quality, Speed and Positive Reactions. *Early Childhood Education Journal*, 43(1), 47-55. doi 10.1007/s10643-013-0629-y
5. Raz-Silbiger, S, **Lifshitz, N.**, Katz , N., Steinhart, S., Cermak, S.A., & Weintraub, N. (2015). Motor skills, participation in leisure activities and quality of life in children with Developmental Coordination Disorders: Temporal aspects. *Research in Developmental Disabilities*, 38, 171-180.
doi.org/10.1016/j.ridd.2014.12.012

6. Cermak, S.A., Katz , N., Weintraub, N., Steinhart, S., Raz-Silbiger, S., Munoz, M., & **Lifshitz, N.** (2015). Participation in physical activity, fitness, and risk for obesity in children with developmental coordination disorder: A cross-cultural study. *Occupational Therapy International*. Advance online publication. [doi:10.1002/oti.1393](https://doi.org/10.1002/oti.1393)

7. **Lifshitz, N.**, Raz-Silbiger, S., Weintraub, N., Steinhart, S., Cermak, S.A., Katz , N. (2014). Physical fitness and overweight in Israeli children with and without developmental coordination disorder: Gender differences. *Research in Developmental Disabilities*, 35, 2773-2780.
doi.org/10.1016/j.ridd.2014.07.020

8. **Lifshitz, N.**, Josman, N. & Tirosh, E. (2014). Disorganization as related to *discoordination and attention deficit*. *Journal of Child Neurology*, 29(1). 66-70

9. **Lifshitz, N.**, Josman, N. & Tirosh, E. (2013). Validating the Questionnaire for Assessing Students' Organizing Abilities (QASOA). *The Israeli Journal of Occupational Therapy (IJOT)*. 22(3) E53-E70.

10. Kats-Otsar, N. & **Lifshitz, N.** (2012). Professional development among self-employed occupational therapists. *Israeli Journal of Occupational Therapy (IJOT)*, 21(2) H89-H99. (Hebrew)

11. Parush, S., **Lifshitz, N.**, Yochman, A., & Weintraub, N. (2010). Relationships between handwriting components and underlying perceptual-motor functions among students during copying and dictation tasks. *OTJR: Occupation, Participation and Health*, 30(1), 39-48.

12. Weintraub, N., Rosenblum, S., Lahav, O., Erez, N., Traub-Bar-Ilan, R.,

- Lifshitz, N.**, et al. (2007). Occupational therapy for individuals with learning disabilities throughout the life span: position paper. *Israeli Journal of Occupational Therapy (IJOT)*, 16(3) H131-H135. (Hebrew)
13. **Lifshitz, N.**, & Josman, N. (2006). Development of a Questionnaire for Assessing the, Student's Organizational Abilities: Establishing Reliability and Validity. *Israeli Journal of Occupational Therapy (IJOT)*, 15(1), H5-H29. (Hebrew)
14. **Lifshitz, N.** (1994). Comparison between the Classical Approach and the Dynamic Approach in Reference to Cognitive Modifiability and Social Adaptation of the Retarded Child. *Israeli Journal of Occupational Therapy (IJOT)*, 3(1) H43- H52. (Hebrew)

C. OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Lifshitz, N.** & Tubul-Lavy, G. (2015). Questionnaire for Assessing Preschoolers' Organizational Abilities (QAPOA) – Manual.
- Lifshitz, N.** (2015). Born to Learn. *ONO Magazine*, 98-99.
- Weintraub, N., Lahav, O., **Lifshitz, N.**, Rosenblum, S., Oren, S., Erez, N. et al. (2009). Information booklet. *Dealing with a Learning Disability? Occupational Therapy Is at Your Service*. Occupational Therapy Forum for Learning Disabilities.
- Har-Zvi, S., & **Lifshitz, N.** (2014). A Writing Readiness Interventions. *Hed Hagan*, 32-37.

D. IN PREPARATION

- Lifshitz, N.** & Tubul- Lavy, G. (2017).The relationship between organizational abilities and other executive functions among preschoolers.

15. DEVELOPING ASSESSMENT TOOLS

Assessment Tool	Year
Questionnaire for Assessing Preschoolers' Organizational Abilities (QAPOA) in natural environment	2017 (Arabic Version)
	2011 (Hebrew Version)
Questionnaire for Assessing Preschoolers' Organizational Abilities (QAPOA) in natural environment	
Questionnaire for Assessing Students' Organizational Abilities (QASOA)	2002 (Hebrew Version)
	2013 (English Version)
Collaboration in the Development and restandardisation of the Movement MABC-2	2007
Brief Assessment Tool for Handwriting (BATH)	1999 (Hebrew Version)
	2005 (English Version)
Consultant in the development of Handwriting Assessment for Middle-School (HAMS)	2001
Consultant in the development of The Hebrew Handwriting Evaluation (HHE)	1996