

### The Israeli Steering Committee Members

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**Current Activities:**

- Private practice: "Beyachad"
- Therapist, Instructor to parents and therapists, Coordinator of therapeutic programs according to the DIR<sup>®</sup> model.
- Coordinator and Instructor of a multi-disciplinary therapeutic program using the DIR<sup>®</sup> model at the Beit Shemesh "Sulam" Pre-School program.
- Instructor to therapeutic teams in public and private clinics on communication disorders and the DIR<sup>®</sup> model.

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**Current Activities:**

- Leading a comprehensive training program to incorporate the DIR<sup>®</sup> model at the [Children at Risk](#) foundation in over 15 daycare and preschool programs for children with ASD. The program includes development of a "train the trainer model", building training teams and coaching teachers, psychologists, speech and language therapists, occupational therapists, and other mental health professionals.
- Providing training for multi-disciplinary groups in pre-school programs for children with ASD ("Sulam" and "Alut").
- Consulting schools and pre-school programs at individual, team and system levels.
- Treating children, adolescents and adults, and providing consultation to therapeutic teams. Building and directing home and inclusion programs.



### **Etti Shani**

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#### **Current Activities:**

- Treating communication difficulties of children with Autistic Spectrum Disorder, counseling family members and staff involved in the children's treatment.
- Private and group supervision of professionals working with children with communication disorders.
- Workshops for professionals with multidisciplinary backgrounds seeking certification and specialization in the DIR® approach.

### **Hadas Bar-Zeev**

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#### **Current Activities:**

- Evaluation and treatment of children & consultation to parents according the DIR® model.
- Individual and group supervision for professionals.
- Training of multi-disciplinary teams in "Shaked" special education pre-school program.

### **Maya Kestenbaum**

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"Beyahad" private practice clinic in Qiryat Anavim.

#### **Current Activities:**

- Educational staff and therapist supervisor in "Sulam" special education kindergartens in Jerusalem, in the process of implementing the DIR® model.



- Working as a Speech & Language Pathologist in a parent-child multidisciplinary program for children on the autistic spectrum.
- Providing individual and group supervision to therapists from various disciplines

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**Current Activities:**

- Co-owner and work as an O.T. in "Afik" - a private multidisciplinary clinic in Rehovot.
- Providing therapy for children with ASD and RSPD and consulting their parents and other team members according to the DIR® model.
- Coordinator and Instructor of a DIR program in two pre-school programs for children with ASD, working with educational and therapeutic teams.
- Providing DIR® training for multi-disciplinary groups.

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**Current Activities:**

- Private practice, working with infants, toddlers, and children with various developmental disabilities including ASD. Work includes therapy, supervising parents and therapists, building home programs according to the DIR® model.
- Head of Occupational Therapy at Milman center for Autistic children and their families which provide multidisciplinary parent- child treatments based on the DIR® model. Supervising individual and group therapists from various disciplines in the center.
- Provide group and individual DIR® training and supervision for professionals in various settings in the community.

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**Current Activities:**

- Principal of Elementary school "Lev Tahor", Jerusalem, grades 1-8 for boys with PDD. Entire school program is based on the principles of DIR®. Student I.E.P's are built according to their Individual differences and include their Emotional Developmental Milestones as the basis of their social, emotional and communication goals. Staff receives ongoing in service training.

- Private practice: Includes Speech, Language and Communication Evaluations based on the DIR<sup>®</sup> model. Individualized home and educational programs are built based on the assessments and parents receive Floor Time training.
- Consultant and Supervision for creating individualized programs in Special Education preschools and elementary schools for children with Special needs.
- Individualized programs and staff training for children with Special needs who are integrated in private preschools.
- University level courses for professionals in private programs including “Mercaz Hishtalmuyot Beit Yaakov” in Jerusalem and Bnei Brak.
- Private training seminars in Floor Time and understanding the significance of the DIR<sup>®</sup> approach in all settings for multi-disciplinary professionals and groups at all levels.

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**Current Activities:**

- Coordinator and instructor of a multidisciplinary treatment program for children with communication problems using the DIR<sup>®</sup> approach. Working as a Speech & Language Pathologist in Variety center, Jerusalem.
- Co-ordinator of a treatment program based on the DIR<sup>®</sup> approach and instructor in a preschool program in Kiryat-Sefer.
- Instructor of speech & language pathologists of pre-school programs of the Ministry of Education in Tel-Aviv.
- Instructor of speech & language pathologists of Sulam preschool programs in Beit Shemesh.
- Instructor of inclusion educational teams of children with communication problems in mainstream preschool classes.
- Private practice in Mesilat Zion.