

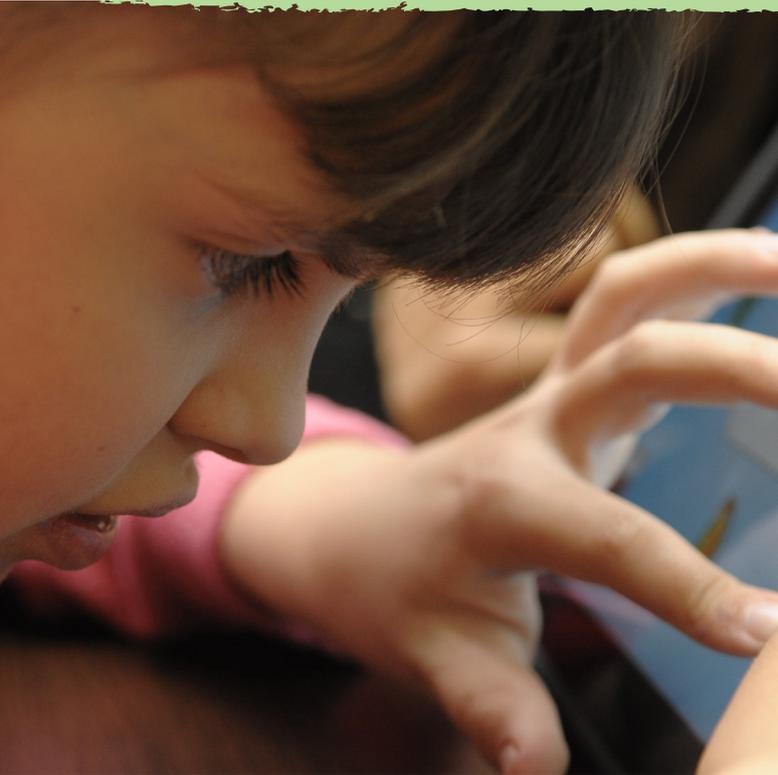


**Beit Issie Shapiro**

Changing the lives of people with disabilities

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**at Beit Issie Shapiro!**



# Technology Consulting Center

For the promotion of inclusion, independence and high quality of life for people with disabilities

Over the past several years we have been witness to the rapid development of technology and its ability to make a difference in the lives of people with disabilities.

We have found that touch-screen devices are truly able to open up a whole new world to people with disabilities, empowering them, giving them a voice, improving their motor and cognitive skills and providing them with a sense of capability and control with a greater level of independence than ever before.

Based on the knowledge and experience that we have gained at Beit Issie Shapiro in the use of technology - starting with computers and then moving to tablets (particularly iPads) – as tools for people with disabilities, we established the Technology Consulting Center.

## Our Vision

Our vision is to promote inclusion and independence and enhance quality of life of people with disabilities through the use of technology.

## Who We Are

The Center is staffed by professionals from different disciplines: occupational and speech therapists, educational technology specialists, and more who are experts at integrating technology into different environments.

## What We Do

- Provide professional solutions for the use and integration of technology among children and adults with disabilities, through consultation, guidance and training for professionals and families.
- R&D: develop field-proven solutions supported by research and evaluation, best practices and tools for successful implementation.
- Share knowledge and promote the field in Israel and around the world.
- “Market Education” - increase awareness of the need to develop accessible apps, and provide consultation to developers.



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## Our Approach

In line with the holistic approach of Beit Issie Shapiro, the Technology Consulting Center works in a multi-disciplinary way with a broad view towards developing models and work methods of the highest standard.

The solutions developed at the Center are based on field-proven methods and knowledge that have been developed from the bottom-up, based on the daily work of the therapeutic and educational staff and the needs in our different frameworks.

Our work model is based on collaboration among the staff, close relationships with the families, and on finding the optimal fit between technology and the user's needs, interests, abilities and goals of his/her treatment or learning.

The services provided at the Center are suitable for people of all ages.

## Our Services

### Consultation and Guidance for Families:

- Intake meeting with parents
- Assessment of the client
- Adjusting accessibility features and accessories
- Training on apps and work methods
- Written summary and recommendations
- Follow-up meetings and continued guidance and treatment (available online as well)

### Consulting and Training for Frameworks:

- Needs assessment - identification and mapping of needs
- Suggested training program for optimal implementation
- Provision of tools and methods for successful implementation in the kindergarten, school, hostel, etc.
- Familiarization with accessibility options and accessories
- How to build a personalized program with appropriate apps and accessories
- Familiarization with a range of activities and apps for different purposes (communication, education, games, etc.)
- Follow-up meetings and ongoing support (available online as well)

## Our Uniqueness

- We come from the field – providing solutions that work
- Thinking outside the box – a variety of creative uses going beyond AAC
- R&D – ongoing research, assessment, and evaluation
- Strategic partnerships in Israel and abroad
- Leader in the field of disabilities
- Special Consultant to the UN on disabilities



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