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Science Education, The school of Education, Bar Ilan University List of Publications

Refereed Publications

Chapters in Books

- Scherz Z., Spektor-Levy, O., & Eylon, B. (2005). "Scientific Communication": An instructional program for high-order learning skills and its impact on students' performance. In: K. Boersma, M. Goedhart, O. de-Jong & H. Eijkelhof (Eds.), Research and the Quality of Science Education (pp. 231-243). Netherlands: Springer.
- Avargil, S., Spektor-Levy, O., & Zion, M. (2017). Developing Science Education Research Literacy among Secondary in-Service Teachers: An Approach at Bar-Ilan University in Israel. In: A. J. Sickel & S. B. Witzig (Eds.). *Designing and Teaching the Secondary Science Methods Course: An International Perspective*, p. 53-70. Sense Publishers.
- Spektor-Levy, O., Basilio, M., Zachariou, A., & Whitebread, D. (In press). Young children's spontaneous manifestation of self-regulatory abilities and metacognitive knowledge during a play-like task: 'Model Building from Plan'. In: T. Michalski, & C. Shechter, (Eds.). Self-Regulated Learning: Conceptualization, Contribution, and Empirically Based Models for Teaching and Learning. NSSE Yearbook, TC Columbia University.
- Spektor-Levy, O., Plutov, I., Israeli, N., & Perri, N. (In press). Integrating Technology in Preschool Science and Inquiry. In: I. Levin, & D. Tsybulsky (Eds.). *Digital Tools and Solutions for Inquiry-Based STEM Learning*. IGI Global.



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- Nejidat, A., Spektor, O., & Abeliovich, A. (1996). Isolation and characterization of a functional promoter from Nitrosomonas europae. *FEMS Microbiology Letters* 137, 9-12.
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- Zion, M., Spektor-Levy, O., Orchan Y., Shwartz A., Sadeh I., & Kark, S. (2011). Tracking invasive birds: a programme for implementing dynamic open inquiry learning and conservation education. *Journal of Biological Education*, 45 (1), 3-12



- Spektor-Levy, O., & Granot-Gilat, Y. (2012). The impact of learning with laptops in 1:1 classes on the development of learning skills and information literacy among middle school students. *Interdisciplinary Journal of E-Learning and Learning Objects*, 8, 83 96.
- Spektor-Levy, O., Kesner-Baruch, Y. & Mevarech, Z. (2013). Science and scientific curiosity in pre-school The teacher's point of view. *International Journal of Science Education*, *35* (13), 2226-2253.
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- Yifrach, M., Glaubman, R., & Spektor-Levy, O. (2015). Holistic model for the instruction and learning of science and technology for students with learning disabilities in the heterogeneous classroom: Development, design and implementation. Megamot, N(2), 315-354 (Hebrew).
- Berger-Tikochinski, T., Zion, M., & Spektor-Levy, O. (2016). Up and down: Trends in students' perceptions about learning in a 1:1 laptop model A longitudinal study. *Interdisciplinary Journal of e-Skills and Life Long Learning*, *12*, 169-191.
- Spektor-Levy, O., Aloni, O. & Zion, M. (2016). "A place where nobody makes fun of me because I love science" an in-school Mini Science Museum as a meaningful learning environment to its student trustees. *International Journal of Environmental and Science Education*, 11(18), 11033-11059.
- Spektor-Levy, O., & Abramovich, A. (2017). From "Hesitant" to "Environmental Leader": The Influence of a Professional Development Program on The Environmental Citizenship of Preschool Teachers. *EURASIA Journal of*



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- Spektor-Levy, O., & Yifrach, M. If Science Teachers are Positively Inclined Towards Inclusive Education, Why is it So Difficult? *Research in Science Education* (Accepted).

Non-Refereed Publications

Instructional materials

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- Sade, I., Zion, M., & Spektor-Levy, O. (2005). Invasive Species opponents or contributors? A challenge for learning inquiry and biodiversity. *The Journal for the Biology Teachers*, 172, 20-30 (Hebrew).
- Spektor-Levy, O., Scherz Z., & Eylon, B. (2006). Learning how to learn: How the explicit instruction of learning skills in science studies impact students' achievements. *Kriat Beinaim*, 9, 15-21 (Hebrew).
- Peretz, T. & Spektor-Levy, O. (2009). Designing learning environments that promote Mathematic, Scientific, and Technological literacy. *Alon Da-Ga*, 3, 22-29 (Hebrew).
- Kesner-Baruch, Y., & Spektor-Levy, O. (2011). Pre-school science and scientific curiosity: The teachers' point of view. *Alon Da-Ga*, 4, 10-19 (Hebrew).
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- Spektor-Levy, O., Eylon, B., & Scherz, Z. (2000). *Teaching "Scientific Communication" skills Models of Instruction*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Israeli society for educational research (AYALA). 25-26 October. Tel-Aviv University, Tel-Aviv Israel.



- Spektor-Levy, O., Simon, D., & Rozen, G. (2001). Acquisition and development of inquiry skills and learning skills integrated into the subject "Science and Technology" throughout the three years of Junior High School. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the national teachers' center for "Science and Technology in Junior High School", 17 December. The Weizmann Institute, Rehovot, Israel.
- Bueno, G. & Spektor-Levy, O. (2001). *A Multidimensional conflict An invitation to inquiry*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the national teachers' center for "Science and Technology in Junior High School", 17 of December. The Weizmann Institute, Rechovot, Israel.
- Spektor-Levy, O., Scherz, Z., & Eylon, B. (2002). *The "Scientific Communication"* program: How do science teachers implement a modular program of learning skills acquisition? Paper presented at the 2nd International Conference on Science Education, 11-13 November, Nicosia, Cyprus.
- Spektor-Levy, O., Eylon, B., & Scherz, Z. (2003). *Teaching higher order learning* skills Does it make a difference? Paper presented at the 10th EARLI Conference, 26-30 August, Padova, Italy.
- Spektor-Levy, O., Scherz, Z., & Eylon, B. (2003). "Scientific Communication": A program for explicit instruction of high order learning skills. Paper presented at the 5th ESERA Conference. 19-23 August, Noordwijkerhout, The Netherlands.
- Spektor-Levy, O., Interator, R., & Sharir, T. (2005). *Mediated learning and CAL in pre-school*. Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Israel Association for Computers and Education. 28-29 March, Tel-Aviv.
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- Spektor-Levy, O., Scherz, Z., Eylon, B., & Johnson, S. (2006). *Learning skills for Science*. Workshop at the ASE Annual Meeting, University of Reading, Reading, UK.
- Spektor-Levy, O., Scherz, Z., Eylon, B., & Johnson, S. (2007). Learning skills for Science – Learning Tasks. LSS 1st Conference, 3, January. School of Education University of Birmingham, UK.
- Yifrach, M., Spektor-Levy, O. & Glaubman, R. (2007). Science teaching in the Inclusive Classroom: A Research-Based Holistic Multi-Faceted Teaching Model. Paper presented at the 7th ESERA Conference. 21-25 August, Malmö University, Malmö, Sweden.
- Scherz, Z., Spektor-Levy, O., Maning, A., Johnson, S., Eylon, B., & Osborne, J. (2007). *The Learning Skills for Science (LSS) Programme a Research-Based Model for Professional Development and Scaling-up Dissemination*. Paper presented at the 7th ESERA Conference. 21-25 August, Malmö University, Malmö, Sweden.
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- Spektor-Levy, O., Menashe, K., Gazit, M. & Raviv, D. (2009). Science Classes with 1:1 Laptops and Virtual Learning Campus as a Routine: Diverse Methods of Instruction and Development of Scientific and Information Literacy among Students. Paper presented at the 8th ESERA Conference. 31 August-4 September, Istanbul, Turkey.
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- Doron, E. & Spektor-Levy, O. (2010). *Why should I have a Blog?* Paper presented at the 7th Annual MEITAL National Conference: New Directions in E-Learning in Higher Education. Open University, Israel.
- Spektor-Levy. O., Yifrach. M., & Gonda-Keren. Y. (2010). The World of Science and Technology: Instructional environment and a unique website to support the development of scientific literacy in the heterogeneous classroom. Paper presented at the Israeli SCRIPT conference, 4-5 July, Haifa University, Israel.
- Yifrach. M., Spektor-Levy. O., Glaubman. R., & Glaubman. H. (2010). *In-Service training for science and technology instruction in inclusive classrooms: workshop combined with computer communication*. A poster presented at the 1st International Conference on Education and New Learning Technologies. 6-8 July, Barcelona, Spain.
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- Spektor-Levy. O., & Aabramovitch, A. (2013). From "Hesitant" to "Environmental Leader" –The Influence of a Professional Development Course on Environmental Citizenship of Pre-School Teachers. Paper presented at the Annual Conference for Science & Environment, 7-9 October, Rehovot, Israel.
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