

# Towards Dynamic Teaching: Speaking of Communities

## Monday, April 15th, 2019 Kfar Silver

## **Conference Fees**

#### **ETAI** members

Pre-register – 50 NIS Students and Seniors – 40 NIS At the door – 80 NIS

#### **Non-members**

Pre-register – 80 NIS Students and Seniors –70 NIS At the Door – 120 NIS

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- \* Light lunch included <u>only</u> for those who pre-register
- \* Kashrut supervision –
  Ashkelon Rabbinate

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9:00 – 9:45	Registration and Browsing
9:45 - 10:00	Opening and Greetings
10:00 - 10:45	Plenary Session I
10:45 - 11:00	Break
11:00 – 11:45	Parallel Sessions I
11:45 – 12:15	Break & Browsing
12:15 - 13:00	Parallel sessions II
13:00 - 13:45	Light Dairy Lunch * *
13:45 – 14:15	Commercial presentation: "Speak2Go"
14:25 – 15:25	Closing Plenary
15:25 – 15.30	Closing Remarks

#### **10:00 – 10:45** Opening Plenary:

#### Lindsey Shapiro-Steinberg - Learning Vocabulary in Communities: The Negotiation of Meaning

There is ample research to support the idea that when the meaning of a subject learned is negotiated in a community of learners, they assume a stronger ownership of the material and learning is enhanced. This talk will discuss how vocabulary knowledge can be expanded and developed when the class works as a community to negotiate its meaning.

10:45 - 11:00 Break

#### 11:00 - 11:45 Parallel Sessions I

#### Bridget Schvarcz - Linguistic Landscape: Taking Language Learning Outside the Classroom

How can we use language in public spaces for educational purposes? Join us to discuss teaching English through signage in the environment around us, such as on billboards, airport signs, supermarket products, and many more. Leave with a handful of lesson plans and plenty of inspiration to create your own!

#### **Howie Gordon - Learn in Tune**

Come and participate in an innovative and practical workshop developed by the National English Inspectorate to expand on the teaching of vocabulary and reading through songs. We will explore different digital tools to add enjoyment and enrichment.

#### **Bruria Greenboim - Teaching Beyond the Meitzav**

High stakes tests impact our teaching. Learn how to leverage this to an empowering and worthy teaching experience for both teacher and students. Getting them ready, for much more than the test!

#### 11:45 – 12:15 Break and Browsing (Book Exhibition)

#### 12:15 - 13:00 Parallel Sessions II

#### Jane Cohen and Jennifer Hoyzman - Speaking Leads to Vocabulary Acquisition and Vice Versa

As EFL teachers we provide extensive input, constant practice and a focus on productive skills - output. Yet so many of our students are still literally 'speechless' during speaking tasks. In this workshop, we'll experience engaging speaking tasks that incorporate Bands I - III vocabulary items, and will get our students producing.

#### Kara Aharon - Teacher, Can We Dance Fortnite?

"Brush your teeth" is standard elementary vocabulary, but do you floss in class? Learning English is so much fun. Kids do it all the time. All we have to do is help them use their knowledge to communicate. And if you behave, I'll put on Just Dance.

#### **Lisa Marti Graber - Unlock the Creativity in Your Students**

Ken Robinson said, "... we don't grow into creativity, we grow out of it. Or rather, we get educated out of it." In this workshop I will help you to begin to think of meaningful, manageable and measurable activities using drama and more to develop creativity in your students. While we may not be able to change the system entirely, we can as Gandhi said, "Be the change that you wish to see in the world."

#### 13:00 - 13:45 Light Dairy Lunch (Ashkelon Rabbinate) included only for those who have pre-registered

#### 13:45 – 14:15 Commercial presentation – Speak2Go:

Speak2Go is an end-to-end teaching solution that embeds English textbook content into interactive speaking lessons, enabling English teachers, educators, and publishers to create speech practice lessons designed specifically to support classroom learning. Speak2Go's lessons are embedded in a fun mobile app and offer practice in the areas of pronunciation, speaking in full sentences, listening and responding, and holding a conversation.

#### 14:25 - 15:25 Closing Plenary:

#### Elias Farah - How Debate and Model UN Promote English Language Skills

This year, the Ministry of Education has stressed the importance of teaching vocabulary and promoting speaking in English. This talk will explain why English teachers should use debate and Model UN to expand the students' lexical knowledge and advance their oral proficiency. The talk will further focus on how teachers can take advantage of this tool in their English classroom.

#### 15.25 - 15.30 Closing remarks

### We wish you an enjoyable and fruitful conference!

**Conference Conveners:** 

Ella Ben Emanuel & Mitzi Geffen

## **Getting There**

There is a bus stop at the entrance to the village, and the train station is directly across the highway adjacent to the shopping center. There is a pedestrian bridge to Kfar Silver as well as a traffic light at the intersection.





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