

TWO SPECIAL AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS IN FEBRUARY

Two mid-February afternoons found approximately forty participants learning about the *PowerUp WHAT WORKS* (www.powerupwhatworks.org) website and project in special workshops conducted by Dr. Judith Zorfass. In the workshops, which took place in Rehovot and Jerusalem, participants experienced ways to make maximal use of the free resources available on *PowerUp WHAT WORKS* in order to strengthen their teaching of English for students with diverse abilities and needs. They explored instructional strategies with a focus on reading comprehension (e.g., summarizing,) vocabulary (e.g., using context clues,) and the writing process (e.g., prewriting, drafting, and revising,) and saw how a variety of technology tools can further enhance teaching and learning. ETAI was fortunate to host Judith Zorfass, Ed.D., who is currently a senior advisor to the *PowerUp What Works* Project, funded by the U.S. Department of Education. From 1986-2014, she directed over 25 federally-funded projects at the nationally-recognized organization, *Education Development Center*. Her work focused specifically on literacy development, special education, and technology implementation. She has conducted research studies, developed curriculum, created software, designed and conducted online courses, designed websites, and conducted professional development. Judith was visiting Israel for the month of February and volunteering at Shutaf in Jerusalem. Judith thoroughly enjoyed conducting the workshops and getting to know ETAI. All workshop participants were delighted to have taken part in such a worthwhile event. Judith hopes to have the opportunity to contribute to ETAI when she returns to Israel in the future.

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