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I am the director of the International Clinic of Cognitive Development of the Feuerstein Institute in Jerusalem.

Walter Solomon is the father of a married, successful son who as a young child was diagnosed with childhood autism. Walter is author of *AUTISM and UNDERSTANDING: The Waldon Approach to Child Development*, 2012, and is a practitioner and trainer of the Waldon Approach.

Walter has been a valued member of the International Clinic for the past two years. He brought the Waldon Approach to our department to help augment the Feuerstein approach for lower functioning children. The Waldon movement-to-understanding approach has become an integral part of our development program, especially for children of all ages who do not yet have the necessary mental, functional, language and communicational prerequisites for the more independent Structural Cognitive Modifiability approach of Professor Reuven Feuerstein.

Walter is an inspirational Waldon practitioner responsible for enriching the lives of many children and their families. A growing number of our parents are taking his Waldon based ideas, in addition to Feuerstein Theory and Strategies, home and are giving their children daily 'Waldon Lessons' in South Africa, the USA, Italy, the UK and France.

Walter has been offering Waldon training to our Feuerstein therapists and teachers, three of whom have also become certified Waldon Practitioners.

I am pleased to know that Walter plans to continue his work with our children and with our teachers and therapists, and most importantly with the parents of special needs children so that they can continue to advance their child's development when they return to their home countries.

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