



Jewish Learning Venture™



Whole Community Inclusion Events for Synagogue Professionals & Community Leaders

“Jewish Disability Awareness is essential to create inclusive communities. Whole Community Inclusion empowers congregations to more effectively include and support individuals with special needs and their families through workshops, trainings and consultation.”

Gabrielle Kaplan-Mayer, Director, Whole Community Inclusion



Education Directors Special Interest Group

Join colleagues each month for an interactive webinar on Jewish inclusion issues related to synagogue school education.

Teacher Training

WCI offers teacher training with special needs professionals including behavior management specialists, occupational and speech therapists and others. Contact Gabby Kaplan-Mayer to set up your training. Look for our NEXT class offered with Gratz College in February!

Inclusion Committee Forums

Inclusion leaders and synagogue professionals are invited to our series of in-person workshops addressing systemic synagogue issues. Workshops held at Jewish Learning Venture, 7-9pm.

- 12/8/16 Removing Disability Stigma— Changing Synagogue Culture
- 2/23/17 From Attitude to Infrastructure-- Steps to Synagogue Accessibility
- 5/12/17 Supporting Families Who have Ongoing/Chronic Needs

Questions? Need Additional Support/Resources?
Contact WCI Director Gabrielle Kaplan-Mayer at
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Jewish Special Needs Consortium of Greater Philadelphia

The Special Needs Consortium consists of representatives from local agencies that serve the special needs of our community and come together to share, collaborate, and coordinate resources in the area of disability awareness and inclusion.



Opening The Gates of Torah: Jewish Disability & Awareness Month Shabbat

Participate in a special Shabbat service featuring a speaker on disability inclusion and join in a discussion about Jewish community and disability inclusion over Oneg Shabbat.



Teen Assistant Program (TAP)/Reta Emerson Fellowship

The Teen Assistant Program (TAP) is a Jewish Learning Venture education initiative for training and mentoring selected High School students to assist children with special needs and those experiencing difficulty in congregational classroom settings. Beginning with a week-long intensive training, and continuing monthly through the school year, teens study, learn skills, work in classrooms in their congregations, and reflect with one another about their experiences.

Jewish Disability Awareness and Inclusion Month (JDAIM) Expressive Inclusion Online Art Gallery

The Jewish Special Needs Consortium of Greater Philadelphia invites you to participate in a Visual Expressive Arts Gallery celebrating JDAIM 2017 / 5777. We are inviting children and teens from schools, camps, and youth groups across the Greater Philadelphia area to create a work of visual art.