



JEWISH DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH

February is Jewish Disabilities Awareness Month (JDAM). To follow is a list of learning opportunities throughout Greater Philadelphia for those seeking information and resources on special needs. For more information, contact: [Gabrielle Kaplan-Mayer](mailto:Gabrielle.Kaplan-Mayer@jewishlearningventure.org) / 215.320.0376

Jewish Learning Venture

- February 10th- Parent Webinar: Sensory Integration in the Home, 12:00 p.m.
Occupational therapist Jaime Bassman provides ideas and resources to support parents of children who need help with sensory processing. Jaime consults with Jewish early childhood, supplementary schools and camps and will also provide strategies for supporting children with sensory issues in celebrating Jewish rituals at home.
Contact Whole Community Inclusion (and jkidphilly Center City) Director Gabby Kaplan-Mayer at gkaplan-mayer@jewishlearningventure.org or 215-320-0376 for webinar access code.
- February 16th - jkidphilly Playdate: Cakes and Miracles, 3:30 p.m., The Little Theater at The Video Library, 7157 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia
Join us for a special reading of the PJ Library book "Cakes and Miracles" about a young boy who doesn't let his blindness stop him from creating beautiful cookies. We will engage families in a discussion about respect for our differences and unique abilities. Children will create a beautiful mask to take home and use for Purim. And of course, we will share snacks together!
- February 19th - Special Needs Consortium, 9:30 a.m., Jewish Learning Venture
The Special Needs Consortium is a group of representatives from local agencies that serve the special needs community, who come together to share, collaborate and coordinate resources in the area of special needs. Please contact Gabby Kaplan-Mayer if you would like to represent your agency or synagogue at the Consortium.
- February 25th - "Defeat Bullying with Social Skills," 3:30 p.m., Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El
A workshop for early childhood teachers with Michael Fogel, licensed board certified art therapist, Contact Ellen Walters for details: ewalters@jewishlearningventure.org

AZAR (Supports for Jewish Learning)

Azar Consultations: Whole Community Inclusion is very excited to introduce "Consultations by Azar" with Jaime Bassman, OTR/L. Jaime will help YOU focus on programmatic supports to inclusion for your school, such as making accommodations to physical space, classroom set-up ,etc and with admin items such as intakes forms and communication with parents of children with special needs. To apply: <http://www.tfaforms.com/307693>



Celebrations!

Celebrations! is a monthly inclusive Shabbat family education program that welcomes all families (membership to Mishkan Shalom not necessary). Experience a sensory-friendly Shabbat service and learning experience that the whole family can enjoy together, while making friends in a supportive community.

- February 22nd, 10 a.m., Mishkan Shalom, 4101 Freeland Ave, Philadelphia

For more information: www.mishkan.org/celebrations

Friendship Circle

JDAM offerings include:

- Sundays: January 27th, February 3rd, 10th, 24th – [Sunday Circle Holiday & Respite Session](#)
- February 5th and 7th – [Friends at Home Meeting](#)
- Wednesdays: February 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th – [Haverford Circle](#)
- February 8th – [Rydal Shabbat Dinner](#)
- February 13th – [Leadership League](#)
- February 17th – [Dad's Night Out](#)

For program times and locations: www.phillyfriendship.org / info@phillyfriendship.org

Communication Imaging

Ongoing individual and group speech and language therapy with particular emphasis on social communication/pragmatic language skills in our offices or your home/school

JDAM special: Call Susan Paul at 610-564-1127 for free phone consultation

Har Zion Temple

March 9th, 10 a.m. – Noon, Har Zion Temple, "Open a Book...Open Your Mind" with Rabbi Charles Sherman. In partnership with the Caring Community, Rabbi Sherman will discuss his new book "The Broken and the Whole - Discovering Joy After Heartbreak - Lessons from a Life of Faith."

Books will be available for signing following this presentation.

Details: <http://www.harziontemple.org>

Jewish Family and Children Services (JFCS)

Inclusive Jewish Learning Service Activity and Community Service with JFCS's Network Group, "Cook for a Friend", Temple Hillel, and "Repair the World"

Sunday, Feb 16th, 11:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Temple Hillel

JFCS's Network Group of special needs adults will join together with Temple students and "Repair the World" for an inclusive experience of learning and community service. There will be a Jewish Learning Service Activity lead by Repair the World followed by an afternoon of cooking. We are partnering with JCC Klein's "Cook for a Friend" program and will be cooking meals for underserved families, which will be delivered to them in their homes.

You must be a registered member in order to attend. If interested, please contact:

Lisa Ney, Iney@jfcspilly.org, 267-256-2269



Judith Creed Homes for Adult Independence (JCHAI)

- JCHAI Café PRESENTS:
Express yourself! A multi-media story-telling course for youth 18-28 with intellectual disabilities, autism, and traumatic brain injuries. This unique program involves creative self-expression, computer skill development, social skill development, and increased self-confidence in a fun-filled, comfortable setting.
Every Tuesday afternoon from February 11th—March 25th, 3:30—5:30 pm, JCHAI @ Federation Hall, Bryn Mawr, PA.
Information/Registration: Candy Wiater, LCSW AT 267-275-6207 OR Beth Rosenwasser, PhD AT 610-667-7875
- Exceptional Adult Artists, in collaboration with Main Line Arts Center. For young adults 18-28 with intellectual disabilities, this class offers the opportunity to create clay vessels and explore the basics of jewelry making. 3 Fridays: Jan. 31-Feb. 14, 2-4 pm. 3 Fridays: Feb. 21-March 7, 2-4 pm, 2:00- 4:00 pm with optional meet up for brown bag lunch first 12:30 at JCHAI, JCHAI @Federation Hall, Bryn Mawr, PA and Main Line Arts Center in Haverford, PA. Travel from JCHAI to/from art class provided. Travel home to classes available for additional fee. May order out for lunch if preferred.
Information/Registration: Candy Wiater, LCSW AT 267-275-6207 OR Beth Rosenwasser, PhD AT 610-667-7875.
- JCHAI Transitions PRESENTS:
Creating Meaningful Lives, a speaker series for parents & professionals geared toward transitions planning for young adults (18-28) with intellectual disabilities, autism and traumatic brain injuries. Program includes Candy Wiater, LCSW and JCHAI Café Program Director on Learning Life's Lessons through social activities, Stacy Levitan, Esq on Waiver Funding and JCHAI parent and a professional, Jerrel Ruttenberg on Financial Planning. No charge. Refreshments served! Sunday, March 2, 2014, 10-11:30am, JCHAI @ Federation Hall, Bryn Mawr, PA
Contact: Beth Rosenwasser, PhD 610-667-7875

Mitzvah Menses

Mitzvah Menses is our social and social action group for young adults (approx. 18-30) who have special needs. Join us for dinner, havdalah and a mitzvah activity.

- February 15th, 6 p.m., Mishkan Shalom

Contact Rabbi Michelle Greenfield for more info: rabbimichelle@gmail.com.

Ohev Shalom Bucks County

- February 9th, 9:15am The Inclusion B'Kavod Committee presents a morning with Dr. Dan Gottlieb. In celebration of Jewish Disabilities Awareness Month, the Inclusion B'Kavod Committee will welcome Dr. Daniel Gottlieb, family therapist, author and well known host of the mental health call-in show, "Voices in the Family," heard locally on WHY 90.9FM. Dr. Gottlieb's perspective on how he has faced his own individual and family challenges in life makes his lessons most especially personal and thought provoking.

For registration info:

<http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs110/1101798406493/archive/1115945764003.html>



Old York Road Temple-Beth Am

February 28th, 7:30 pm, 4th Annual "Disability Awareness and Inclusion Shabbat", an inspirational and joyous service where individuals and families affected with special needs are specifically recognized and honored. The celebration coincides with a special Shabbat known as Shabbat Shekalim, when we read the Torah portion that describes a census of the Jews after the Exodus whereby every individual - no matter how rich or how poor- was to be counted by contributing an equal share (i.e., ½ a shekel) to unify Israel and strengthen the Jewish People as a whole. Beth Am's "Disability Awareness and Inclusion Shabbat" will also involve a 'census' or sorts, where the rich, varied and equally valued abilities of ALL of congregants and community members are celebrated. In keeping with the important message of Shabbat Shekalim, we ask that you contribute to the unity and strength of our beautifully diverse Jewish community by 'contributing a ½ shekel' and attending this special evening. Come and be counted!

If you or a guest requires specific accommodations, please call the office at 215-886-8000. For more information: oyrtbetham.org

Orot

Thursday, January 30th, 7 p.m., Temple Beth Hillel Beth El, Coslov Auditorium, 1001 Remington Road, Wynnewood, PA 19096. Join OROT, the special education initiative in the Philadelphia Jewish day schools, for dessert and discussion on how we can create a personalized learning environment for your child

For more information please call Marisa Cohen at 267.767.5277 or email mcohen@orotkids.org

Ramah Day Camp

- Sunday, Feb. 23rd, 1 pm, Ramah Day Camp offers a special Parent Workshop led by Susan Paul, M.A., CCC/SLP, Communication Imaging, LLC: Motivating the Mouth: Facilitating Positive Interactions in the Family, and at Camp, and in the Community. Our workshop will focus on practical strategies for all parents, such as positive parenting techniques and speech, language, and social communication techniques. Susan Paul, M.A., CCC/SLP of Communication Imaging, provides therapy, supports, and consultation, as a part of Ramah Day Camp's inclusion program (spaul@communicationimaging.com). Childcare will be provided. For more information, contact Sue Ansul, Director, Susana@ramahpoconos.org, 215-885-8556.
- Sunday, February 23rd, 2014, 2 - 4pm, 7601 Old York Road, Elkins Park, PA 19027, Ramah Day Camp Open House. Prospective camper families join us to learn more about the benefits of a Ramah Day Camp experience and hear more about our inclusion program for campers with special needs. Creative, fun activities for your children. For more information contact: Sue Ansul, Director, 215-885-8556, Susana@ramahpoconos.org, www.ramahdaycamp.org.



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Robinson Law Firm

February 25th, 10am and 7 pm, The Sweet Trading Company, 733 Montgomery Ave, Narberth, PA 19072, Special Needs Trust Planning Seminar. Chocolate and Coffee will be served (and wine at the night time one)

RSVP: 267.225.3529, ex 2.

Temple Shalom in Broomall

- February 2nd- We will present a special program for our Sunday School students. A representative from the Israel Guide Dog Center for the blind will show a dvd and speak about their program. Our students will be made aware of the amazing service provided to individuals by guide dogs, service dogs, and therapy dogs. Additionally, we will have a presenter, who, along with her service dog will share her story with our students and show pictures of her previous service dogs.
- February 21st - Shabbat program. Several members will speak about their experience being provided special accommodations at Temple Shalom. Additionally, a parent of a special needs student in our school will speak about her experience. That evening the Rabbi's sermon will be available in print form. There will also be a sign language interpreter available.
- For more information contact: 610.356.5165 / info@temple-shalom.org