



Resources

Jewish Community Inclusion

Books

Christensen, Shelly. **Jewish Community Guide to Inclusion of People with Disabilities**. Available at www.inclusioninnovations.com

Eidelman, Steven, ed. **A Guide to Funding Disabilities and Special Needs**. Jewish Funders Network. <http://www.jfunders.org/disabilityguide>

Gaventa, William. **Jewish Perspectives on Theology and the Human Experience of Disability**. Available at <http://www.amazon.com/Jewish-Perspectives-Theology-Experience-Disability/dp/078903445X>

Levin, Jeff and Prince, Michele. **Judaism and Health: A Handbook of Practical, Professional and Scholarly Resources**. Jewish Lights. <http://www.jewishlights.com/page/product/978-1-58023-714-7>

Pinsky, Mark I. **Amazing Gifts: Stories of Faith, Disability and Inclusion**. Alban Institute. <http://www.alban.org/amazinggifts.aspx>

Simon, Sara Rubinow, Forrest, Linda & Fishman, Ellen, eds. **V'khol Banayikh: Jewish Education for All**, eds. Available at http://www.torahaura.com/item_Jewish_Educations_for_All.aspx

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Jewish Disability Awareness and Inclusion Month (JDAIM) The mission of Jewish Disability Awareness and Inclusion Month is to unite Jewish communities worldwide to raise awareness and champion the rights of all Jews to be included and to participate in all aspects of Jewish life like anyone else. www.JDAIM.org for the JDAIM Guide.

Hineinu. *Hineinu: Jewish Community for People of All Abilities*, the latest initiative in its goal of bringing full Inclusion in Jewish life to those with disabilities. *Hineinu* ("We are here") is the first-ever formal combination of human rights and disability professionals from each of the religious streams, sharing resources, support and direction in order to increase disability Inclusion in our synagogues for people of all abilities. Each organization worked together to create the Hineinu Guide which can be found on the respective websites.

Chabad Ruderman Chabad Inclusion Initiative The Ruderman-Chabad Inclusion Initiative (RCII) is dedicated to building on the philosophy and mission of Chabad Lubavitch by providing Chabad communities around the globe the education and resources they need to advance inclusion of people with disabilities. RCII engages Chabad's network of human and educational resources to create a Culture of Inclusion so that all Jews feel welcomed, supported, and valued throughout their entire lifecycle. www.rcii.org.

Inclusion Innovations supports faith communities to fulfill the commitment to provide meaningful participation and inclusion of people with disabilities and their families
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Jewish Reconstructionist Communities. JRC features a plethora of text and parshiot commentaries developed to use during JDAIM. <http://www.jewishrecon.org/files/PDFs/Inclusion%20Texts%20-%20Greenfield.pdf>

From the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College a short course on disability inclusion with video sessions with Rabbis Judith Abramson, Evan Jaffe and Dan Grossman.

<http://www.rrc.edu/resources/on-disabilities>

Orthodox Union/Yachad North American Inclusion Month (NAIM) occurs every February focusing on the abilities and talents of individuals with disabilities. Sponsored by Yachad, communities and schools engage in concrete ways to include all members of their Jewish community. Resources are shared with synagogues and temples to make their environments and ideology inclusive. Examples are supplying members with visual impairments magnifying strips to help them read their siddurim or clip bookmarks to hold the place in their prayer books so that they are able to follow services. Schools participate in workshops and book clubs to help students understand disabilities. Working hand in hand with JDAIM, Yachad believes that we help the entire Jewish community grow and strengthen by enabling all individuals to be equal partners in Klal Yisroel. <https://www.njcd.org>.

Union for Reform Judaism <http://disabilitiesinclusion.org> Developed in partnership with the Ruderman Family Foundation, the Disabilities Inclusion Learning Center is an open resource for all to use. The website is a comprehensive source for information, resources, and webinars. URJ congregations that have excelled in one or more areas of inclusive practice can apply to be recognized as an Exemplar Congregation. <http://disabilitiesinclusion.org>

United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, United Synagogue has launched an initiative to transform Conservative congregations into truly inclusive communities for people with disabilities. The Ruderman Inclusion Action Community of 16 synagogues is advancing inclusion in congregations across North America. <http://www.uscj.org/JewishLivingandLearning/InclusionInitiative/default.aspx>

Leadership on Inclusion

Jewish Leadership Institute on Disabilities and Inclusion. At the Jewish Leadership Institute on Disabilities and Inclusion Jewish community leaders acquire the necessary skills, knowledge and vision to effectively lead innovative capacity building strategies and practices through which all people with disabilities can fully participate in Jewish community life and lead self-directed quality lives. The partnership between the Ruderman Family Foundation and the National Leadership Consortium on Developmental Disabilities at the University of Delaware, founded in 2013. The Jewish Leadership Institute on Disabilities and Inclusion is the result of the growing needs expressed by Jewish people with disabilities and families to engage in personally meaningful Jewish life. <http://www.nlcdd.org/jli.html>

Free Resources

This list was created to inspire you to do your own search for resources and is not exhaustive.

Gateways provides free resources for Shabbat and Jewish holidays on their website. Also check out the beautiful new accessible Haggadah. <http://www.jgateways.org/Resources>

PJ Library provides quality educational resources for many of the featured books. Here is the link for one of the many books, Nathan Blows Out the Hanukkah Candles. <http://pjlibrary.org/uploadDocs/2/Nathan-Blows-Out-the-Hanukkah-Candles-updated.pdf>

Partnership for Jewish Life and Learning, Jewish Federation of Greater Washington DC. A webpage with many different activities for all ages to promote and foster inclusion. <http://www.shalomdc.org/inclusionactivities/>

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