

Baltimore Celebrates Jewish Disability Awareness Month

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Baltimore, MD - February marks Jewish Disability Awareness Month and The Associated: Jewish Community Federation of Baltimore, working closely with its agencies, has developed a number of workshops and programs to raise awareness and support of people with disabilities and their families. Working closely with its partners at the [Jewish Community Center of Greater Baltimore](#), [Jewish Community Services](#), the [Macks Center for Jewish Education](#) and [SHEMESH](#), The Associated is sponsoring the following activities:

Events

CHADD/SHEMESH Monthly Support Group for Parents

Wednesday, February 7; 8:00-9:00 p.m.; Weinberg Park Heights JCC Board Room

For parents of children with attention issues and poor Executive Function.

Confidentiality assured. Register at RSVP@shemeshbaltimore.org.

You Eat - SHEMESH Gain!

Sunday, February 15 - Friday, February 20; Greenspring Shopping Center

Eat at Accents, Cocaccinos and Serengeti in support of services for children with learn differences. Takeout included. A percentage of the proceeds will go to support SHEMESH programs. Learn more at shemeshbaltimore.org.

It's So Much Work to Be Your Friend

Monday, February 23; 7:30-9:00 p.m.; Weinberg Park Heights JCC Community Room

Video presentation of Rick Lavoie's film for parents, teachers and professionals on the topic of "Helping the Child with Learning Disabilities Find Social Success." Opening remarks by Dr. Hinda Dubin, a noted Baltimore psychiatrist. \$5 suggested donation at door. Register at RSVP@shemeshbaltimore.org.

Jewish Disability Advocacy Day with Jewish Federations of North America

Wednesday, February 25; 9:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m.; Capital Hill, Washington, DC

Travel to Capitol Hill with The Jewish Disability Network and participate in Jewish

Disability Advocacy Day. Register for \$72, which includes kosher breakfast and lunch. Registration must be completed by February 1.

Snowflakes for Special Needs - Car Stenciling Events

Throughout the Month

CJE is celebrating JDAM2015 by encouraging members of the community to display Snowflakes for Special Needs non-permanent stencils on their cars to recognize that 'Every One' is special. A group of 10 or more can host a car-stenciling event. Learn more by emailing rturniansky@cjebaltimore.org or calling 410-735-5022.

Workshops

How to Best Communicate with People who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing

Workshops available on-site for any Jewish agency, school or synagogue

Communication is the key to building relationships and let's face it; good business is all about relationships. Learn how to include people who communicate differently and much more.

Learn more by contacting Yael Zelinger at 410-735-5023 or yzelinger@cjebaltimore.org.

Disability Awareness and Sensitivity Workshops for Schools

Workshops will feature educational activities available for small or large groups to learn to foster inclusion and acceptance of individuals with disabilities. Training for teachers on how to weave inclusion and awareness concepts throughout the school year is also available. Learn more by contacting Yael Zelinger at 410-735-5023 or yzelinger@cjebaltimore.org.

Intro to ASL Class

Tuesdays: February 3, 10, 17, and 24; 7:30-9:00 p.m., Macks Center for Jewish Education

In just four sessions, learn basic vocabulary and grammar, beginning conversational skills and get an introduction to Deaf culture and community. For ages 17 and up. Cost: \$40. Register at cjebaltimore.org/aslclass.

Workshop: It's Not Too Early to Plan Ahead

Thursday, February 19 (snow date: February 26); 7:00-8:00 p.m.; Jewish Community Services Park Heights, Board Room 124

Learn about the timeline and process to help your child with special needs transition from school to the adult work world and more. Information packets will be provided, plus a Q&A session. Register at amaxwell@jcsbaltimore.org or 410-843-7353.

Resources

Stork's Landing and Life Animated Curriculum

Available throughout Jewish Disabilities Awareness Month (JDAM)

CJE offers JDAM Reads for Kids curriculum. Parents and teachers can request the curriculum to enhance and extend. Learn more at cjebaltimore.org or email rturniansky@cjebaltimore.org.

Jewish Abilities Magazine

Jewish Abilities tackles the unique challenges individuals with disabilities as they attempt to navigate the educational, financial and social landscape. Covering a wide range of disabilities, from learning to behavioral issues, the publication provides expert advice and resources so that these individuals will be successful in our community.

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