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## ***Resources on Disabilities***

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**Cutter, William. "Through A Jewish Lens: Comments on a Multi-Cultural Examination of Disabilities." 13 Sept. 2001. Address.**

*Through Jewish texts, Dr. Cutter initiates a conversation of the tension between inclusivity and feeling estranged during a conference in 2001 at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion.*

**Friedman, Dayle A. "Seeking the Tzelem: Making Sense of Dementia." *The Reconstructionist*. Spring 2006.**

*With a background of 25 years working with elders, Friedman's article offers an exploration of the meaning of dementia and an effort to put it in a theological context.*

**Goldsmith, Ellen R. "Mental Health Diagnosis: Commonly seen Disorders for Adults and Children."**

*This document provides definitions of a number of Mental Health Diagnoses.*

**Kipnes, Paul J. "Lifting the Veil of Silence: A Mi Shebeirach for Those Struggling with Mental Illnesses." October 2003. Sermon.**

*In his Yom Kippur sermon, Rabbi Kipnes addresses the "veil of silence" and the discomfort people feel around mental illness. He offers a charge to lift up the veil, and not be afraid to talk about mental illnesses and to acknowledge that they, too, are in need of healing.*

**Rodecker, Diane. "Synagogues Learning about the Importance of Inclusion." *The Orange County Register*. September 23, 2001.**

*Rodecker focuses on the importance of inclusion of all in synagogue communities. She addresses physical barriers that need to be removed and also addresses the progress that has been made.*

**Scenarios for Mental Health Seminar.**

*Three Mental Health Case Studies.*

**Texts for Spiegel Seminars. January 2009.**

*Jewish texts on Mental Health.*

**Weisman, Yaffa. "Disability in the Hebrew Bible: Interpreting Mental and Physical Differences." Review. *Catholic Library World* Sept. 2009: 37.**

*Weisman's review on Samuel M. Olyan's book "Disability in the Hebrew Bible: Interpreting Mental and Physical Differences."*