Disability Resources from the Kalsman Institute

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Books:


Websites:

Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism – Disability Rights
“Jewish tradition teaches us of our obligation to ensure equal access for all people and to help facilitate the full participation of individuals with disabilities in religious and public life. “
http://rac.org/advocacy/issues/issuedr/

Communication Guidelines on Disabilities
The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism

Jewish Special Education International Consortium
http://www.jsped.org/
Articles:

Jewish Disability Awareness Month: Remembering the Invisible Minority
Rabbi David Saperstein
Huffing Post, 2/7/11
http://www.huffingtonpost.com/rabbi-david-saperstein/invisible-minority-people_b_818983.html

Disability and Judaism: Society’s Influence on Halacha
Rabbi Dr. Benjamin Lau
Jewish Dis/Ability Unite

Struggle over disability access at synagogue
Robyn Rosen
http://www.thejc.com/news/uk-news/36791/struggle-over-disability-access-synagogue

Disability Rights and Jewish Values
Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism
http://rac.org/Articles/index.cfm?id=21379&pge_prg_id=12696&pge_id=2397

Im ani kan, hakol kan If I Am Here, All is Here DOI 10.1300/J095v10n03_02
Rabbi Bradley Shavit Artson, pages 5-8.

Films:

Praying with Lior
“The film tells the story of Lior Liebling, a member of congregation Mishkan Shalom in Philadelphia, whom his community calls "the little rebbe." Lior has Down syndrome, and has spent his life praying with utter abandon. As Lior approaches bar mitzvah, the movie poses difficult questions such as What is disability? And who really talks to God?”
http://www.prayingwithlior.com/

Los Angeles Resources:

The Board of Rabbis of Southern California
Selected Resources
The Board of Rabbis of Southern California
Disabilities Awareness
http://www.boardofrabbis.org/Disabilities-Awareness