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Disability Resources from the Kalsman Institute

Compiled for: A Special Needs Day of Learning, an HUC-LA Rhea Hirsch School of Education event

Books:

Rabbi Judith Z. Abrams. *Judaism and Disability: Portrayals in Ancient Texts from the Tanach through the Bavli*. Gallaudet University Press, 1998.

Tzvi Marx. *Studied Dissonance-Disability in Jewish Law*. Routledge, London & New York, 2002.

Darla Schumm and Michael Stoltzfus, eds. *Disability in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam: Sacred Texts, Historical Traditions, and Social Analysis*. Palgrave Macmillan, 2011.

Rabbi Judith Z Abrams and William C. Gaventa, eds. *Jewish Perspectives on Theology and the Human Experience of Disability*. Haworth Pastoral P: New York, 2006.

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

http://www.uscj.org/Communication_Guidel7517.html

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

<http://jewishdisabilityunite.wordpress.com/2010/01/28/disability-and-judaism-societys-influence-on-halacha-rabbi-dr-benjamin-lau/>

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

Journal of Religion, Disability & Health Volume 10, Issue 3-4, 2007

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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

<http://www.boardofrabbis.org/images/Next%20Steps%20to%20Inclusion.pdf>

The Board of Rabbis of Southern California
Disabilities Awareness

<http://www.boardofrabbis.org/Disabilities-Awareness>