

Shelly's Top Ten Favorite Quotes About Inclusion of People with Disabilities

1. "I love my new life!" *Community Member*
2. "It's true I will always use a wheelchair and that my speech will always be hard to understand. If people would only let themselves look at me without having any fear of what they see in front of them we all would get along just fine."
Community Member
3. "To be known, you have to be shown." *My Zadie Max of blessed memory.*
4. "Good intentions alone not accompanied by action are without value. The main thing is the action as this is what makes the intention so profound." *Yehudi Hakadosh*
5. "No one does this alone."
6. "We don't do things for people with disabilities. We do things WITH them."
7. "Inclusion is not up to one person or one committee-everyone has a role to play."
8. "Inclusion is woven into the fabric of Jewish life."
9. "A procession of angels pass before each person, and the heralds go before them saying 'make way for the image of G-d' (*Deut. Rabbah 4:4*).
10. All I've ever wanted was to belong. *Community Member*

Resources and Information

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Schristensen@jfcsmppls.org. 952-542-4838. For information on ordering the Jewish Community Guide to Inclusion of People with Disabilities, call or visit <http://www.jfcsmppls.org/pdf%20new/inclusionguide.pdf>. For additional resources on inclusion visit <http://www.jfcsmppls.org/children/children.htm#inclusion>
- ACAJE/JOP Special Needs Consultant, Debbie Gettes, dgettes@acaje.org
http://www.acaje.org/index_files/programs.htm 215-635-8940 ext 1231
- Jewish Special Education International Consortium. www.jsped.org

If you go to the movement websites and search for disability, inclusion, special education, special needs, you will find a number of quality resources. These are just a few examples of the webpages that can support your work on inclusion:

- Jewish Reconstructionist Federation <http://jrf.org/Jewish-Disability-Awareness-Month>
- Union for Reform Judaism <http://urj.org/life/community/disabilities/>
- United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism <http://www.uscj.org/Accessibility7508.html>
- Yachad, National Jewish Council for Disabilities (Orthodox Union)
<http://www.njcd.org/index.php/njcd/about/C1137/>

February is Jewish Disability Awareness Month. Start planning now for events in your community that will support facilitating inclusion of people with disabilities year round!

