Upcoming Calendar of Events

Wednesday, December 27th
Autism Friendly Performance of Annie
1:30pm, Paper Mill Mainstage
For Ages 4 & up and beyond! Leapin' lizards! The irrepressible comic strip heroine takes center stage in one of the world's best-loved musicals just in time for the winter holidays.
MEET YOUR SEAT OPEN HOUSE: Tuesday, December 26 from 3:00PM to 5:00PM *An Autism-Friendly Performance planned in cooperation with the Paper Mill Autism Advisory Team.*
Autism-Friendly performances are theater experiences in which the environment and typical "rules of attendance" have been relaxed to accommodate individuals with autism and other developmental disabilities and the families and professional who support them.

Wednesday, December 27th
Caregiver's Support Group (flyer attached)
7:30pm, JCC of Central NJ, Scotch Plains
For Caregivers of Children/Adults with Special Needs. This group will offer: Support and Guidance, An Opportunity To Network With Other Parents/Guardians, Ways To Advocate For Your Child, Services and Resources Available In The Community. For more information or to register, please contact Laura Weitzman at (908) 352-8375 or lweitzman@jfscentralnj.org

Friday, December 29th
Shabbat and Chanukah Experience
5pm, Temple Beth O'r/Beth Torah, 111 Valley Rd, Clark
A Chanukah Celebration and monthly Shabbat experience for adults with special needs. For more information, please contact Cantor Steven Stern at 732-381-8403 or sst460@aol.com.

Thursday, January 4th
Falling Off the Cliff Webinar
2pm, webinar
Ronnie Polaneczky, columnist with the Philadelphia Daily News and Inquirer discusses her four part series about adults with developmental and intellectual disabilities and their families. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.
Here's link to the four parts: Part One: A Crisis for the Disabled, Part Two: Finding Good Help, Part Three: Finding Work, Part Four: Life After Death
Please register for Falling Off The Cliff on Jan 4, 2018 2:00 PM
EST at: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6699120226058115329

Friday, January 5th
Conference: Autism Sexuality Education -Navigating Relationships, Avoiding Victimization, and Becoming Empowered
8am-4pm, Montclair State University
Full day conference for self-advocates, professionals, parents and caregivers on sexuality education for individuals with Autism (ASD) and Developmental Disabilities (DD). Included are four informational sessions and a panel discussion as well as breakfast and lunch. NJ Department of Education Professional Development hours available for educators. More information and Register HERE.

Saturday, January 6th
Open Door Minyan
11am, Congregation Adath Shalom, 841 Mountain Way, Morris Plains
Open Door Minyan is a Shabbat service, kiddush and extended program for teens and adults with developmental disabilities. For more information, please contact Laurie@adathshalom.net, sue@therosenthals.net or (973) 610-4565.

Saturday, January 6th

Shabbat Experience
10am, Temple Beth O'r/Beth Torah, 111 Valley Rd, Clark
A monthly Shabbat experience for adults with special needs on Shabbat morning with worship and a Kiddush luncheon. For more information, please contact Cantor Steven Stern at 732-381-8403 or sst460@aol.com.

Saturday, January 6th
Yaldeinu
11:15am, , Congregation B'nai Israel, 160 Millburn Ave, Millburn
Yaldeinu (Our Children) is a Shabbat program for children, teens and adults with special needs. We have prepared liturgy and an experience designed to be participatory, joyous, and relaxed! Synagogue membership is not required for attendance. For more information please contact Celeste at (973) 379-3811, ext. 20 or email at cbjmillburn@aol.com

Tuesday, January 9th
Free Webinar: Early Intervention and Preschool Services
6pm, webinar
An Early Intervention evaluation may be the first step to find out about a child's developmental strengths and needs –whether the child is losing previously acquired skills or just does not seem to be progressing in his/her development. Click HERE for flyer ClickHERE to register

Wednesday, January 10th
Mom's Support Group (flyer attached)
7:30pm, JCC MetroWest, 760 Northfield Avenue, West Orange,
Are you looking for: Support and Guidance, Networking with other moms, Learn about how to be the best advocate, Services and Resources available in the community? For more information please contact Becca at (973) 929-3129 ormetrowestABLE@jfedgmw.org

Sunday, January 14th
Second Sundays at [words] bookstore – SEWING - with Tiel Roman Studio
2pm, [words] bookstore, 179 Maplewood Avenue, Maplewood
A monthly event series for children with special needs and their families.
Join us each month on the Second Sunday of the month. Register today by emailing info@wordsbookstore.com with your child's name and age

Wednesday, January 17th
Sibling Support Group (flyer attached)
6-7:15, JFS Central, 655 Westfield Avenue, Elizabeth
Opportunity for typical siblings to express feelings, Fun activities and pizza, Networking with others. For more information contact Laura Weitzman at (908) 352-8375 or email lweitzman@jfscentralnj.org

Friday, January 19th
Shabbat L'Khulam
6:30pm, Temple Beth Shalom, 193 E. Mt Pleasant Ave, Livingston
Shabbat L'Khulam (A Shabbat For Everyone) is an interactive Shabbat service for children and their families. For more information please contact tbsinclusion@gmail.com.

Saturday, January 20th
Minyan Meyuchad
11am, B'nai Shalom, 300 Pleasant Valley Way, West Orange
Minyan Meyuchad is a monthly Shabbat service, lunch and extended program for teens and adults with developmental disabilities. For more information please contact Cecille at casekoff@jfedgmw.org

Monday, January 22nd
Support Group For Caregivers Responsible For Adults with Disabilities (flyer attached)
7:30-9pm, JCC of Central NJ, 1391 Martine Avenue, Scotch Plains

For Whom? Moms, Dads, and other caregivers who are responsible for an adult with disabilities. RSVP: weitzmanlaura@gmail.com

Wednesday, January 31st
Caregiver's Support Group (flyer attached)
7:30pm, JCC of Central NJ, Scotch Plains
For Caregivers of Children/Adults with Special Needs. This group will offer: Support and Guidance, An Opportunity To Network With Other Parents/Guardians, Ways To Advocate For Your Child, Services and Resources Available In The Community. For more information or to register, please contact Laura Weitzman at (908) 352-8375 or lweitzman@jfscentralnj.org

Monday, February 26th
2018 Transition Conference - Register Now
Renaissance Woodbridge Hotel | Woodbridge, NJ
2018 Transition Conference focused exclusively on the transition to adulthood. This critical time in the life of a person with autism requires careful planning on the parts of both caregivers and professionals. Our esteemed presenters will discuss a variety of legal, educational, and service topics specifically addressing adolescence and the changes that come with the end of the high school years. The Transition Conference offers 12 workshops presented by leaders in the field and 50 exhibits focusing on legal, instructional, and services issues. For more information and to register, click HERE.