

***EAST END TEMPLE'S DISABILITIES AWARENESS DAY
APRIL 25, 2010, 11AM-2PM***

JOIN US AT EET'S FIRST DISABILITIES AWARENESS EVENT

East End Temple
245 E. 17th St. betw 2nd and 3rd
Manhattan

SPEAKERS:

Matan Koch, an attorney practicing in Manhattan who has lived with multiple disabilities since birth. He will tell his amazing story, which will also weave in the equally amazing family of his father, Rabbi Norman Koch, of Temple Sholom in New Milford, CT.

Frances Victory, a doctoral student, will present her groundbreaking research on the Jewish community, Judaism, and people with special needs.

Judith Sussman, East End Temple congregant and Board member, will discuss her experience of caring for her mother, who developed long-term disabilities, and her current advocacy work for children with special needs. She counsels others who often reach out to her for her empathy and great knowledge of resources.

Irmi Ozer, Ph.D., retired attorney, published scholar, and East End Temple congregant, will tell her compelling and inspirational story of growing up with Asperger's syndrome at a time when it was unheard of and no services existed for children with her learning and social differences, but her parents single-handedly spearheaded her development and success.

We will also show the critically acclaimed documentary, *Turn to Me*, (Psalm 25:16, "Turn to me and be gracious to me for I am lonely and afflicted"). About the mitzvah of bikur cholim, Hebrew for visiting the sick, the documentary features commentary by Elie Wiesel, who says, "Bikur cholim is the easiest way to fight apathy, indifference, injustice and inhumanity just by saying the sick need me – need us – lets go and be with them...just go, go there."

Torah teaches that "You shall not insult the deaf nor place a stumbling block before the blind; you shall revere your God I am Adonai." (Lev. 19:14).

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