

How to Get Started

Start a JDAIM planning group. Invite:

- People with disabilities. Nothing about us without us!
- Inclusion committee members. TIP: If you don't have an inclusion committee yet, JDAIM planning is a great reason to start!
- Members of your education, adult education, ritual, membership, Sisterhood and Men's Club, and youth committees
- Clergy and professional staff

Set simple goals for JDAIM. At the end of the month what will you accomplish?

- Brainstorm activities that will help you achieve your goals.
- Ask "how will this activity impact inclusion in this particular area of organizational life?" It's important to know this because it will guide your community or organization AFTER JDAIM .

Promote JDAIM. Use traditional media plus social media. Use #JDAIM18 to share on Twitter and Facebook!

- Extend personal invitations to people who are on the margins of the community.
- Display a banner or placard in your lobby announcing Jewish Disability Awareness and Inclusion Month. (Yes, you can use the logo!)

Torah and Text Study

- The Torah portions during JDAIM are rich with study material. Include study of the text at committee and board meetings, Torah study, and religious school sessions. Discussions can be robust, eye-opening, and very powerful.

Start a book group and read the JDAIM Reads! selections. Lucky Broken Girl, by Ruth Behar is the JDAIM Reads 2018 selection. It is a great book for teens and adults. Discussion materials are included on the JDAIM Reads page. ALL selections since 2012 are also listed.

Saturday Night at the Movies. The JDAIM Film selection for 2018 is My Hero Brother, directed by Yonaton Nir. Winner of several film festival awards. Learn more about My Hero Brother on the JDAIM Films page. Choose films from the list provided on that page or from the [ReelAbilities Film Festival](#).

Panel discussions featuring people with disabilities, family members, and disability experts can generate food for thought.

Community conferences are great for kicking off a community initiative.

Invite people from group homes or your local Jewish program for adults with disabilities to services. Make the service accessible. Most important, greet and welcome them. Sit with them. Talk with them. Remember Abraham and Sarah welcoming the strangers. Think about inviting them to services the rest of the year. This isn't just a "Taste of Judaism!"

Holidays! Depending on the calendar Tu B'shevat or Purim fall during JDAIM. There's a seder in that—or a Purim spiel. Be creative.

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