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Council For Jews With Special Needs

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The Jewish Agency For Disability Resources

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Interest Survey: Which Topic Interests YOU?

The Council would like to offer four educational presentations beginning in fall. Before we schedule guest speakers for these public forums, we would like to hear from you about your level of interest. Forums would be held on a weeknight and last about 90 minutes each. Several attorneys who specialize in this area have offered to present.

The topics are

- (1) **Guardianship for Adults with Disabilities: Will Your Child Need It?**
- (2) **Financial Planning Begins Before the Teen Years: Special Needs Trusts & More**
- (3) **Accessing Government Benefit Programs: What to Do Today in Order to Qualify at Age 18**
- (4) **Special Education Issues: When to Use an Educational Advocate and When to Hire a Lawyer**



We are looking for your input on whether you would consider attending a forum on any of these topics. Please send an email to info@cjsn.org and tell us which topic(s) interest you.



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Your Rosh Hashanah gift includes a personalized greeting card, a packet of Kosher honey and a red organza bag filled with individually wrapped Kosher honey candies.

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Young Jewish Phoenix Inaugural Kiddush Cup Golf Outing

Sunday September 11, 2011 at Grayhawk Golf Club – Raptor Course

Registration at 7:00 a.m. – Shotgun at 8:00 a.m. - Greens fee: Single - \$100, Foursome - \$400

Kosher style fajita luncheon to follow

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as well as Jewish Family & Children's Services and the Jewish Tuition Organization

Information:

Ben Ellis at benjamin.m.ellis@gmail.com or Larry Hirsch at lbh23@mac.com



iPhone, iPod and iPad Apps for Children with Disabilities

With touch-screen technology, built-in accessibility features and thousands of apps available, iPhones, iPods, and iPads offer exciting new educational tools worth exploring. Apple includes assistive technology (AT) in its products as standard features such as screen magnification and VoiceOver for people with visual impairment. Before purchasing one of these electronic devices, compare it to other types of assistive technology. Is this device “user friendly” for the person with a disability? Does it offer sufficient battery life compared to other forms of assistive technology?



Some possible apps for children with disabilities:

Books: iBooks which uses open book format ePub, Vooks, Audiobooks

Autism: Storykit, iPrompts, Picture Planner

Communication: Proloquo2Go, Sounding Board, Talk Assist

Organization: Toodledo, reQuail iPlanner

Early childhood: ABC Phonics, Animal Writing HD, I hear Ewe, Peekaboo

Art and Music: Toontastic, Toy Story, ComicStrip



IT IS NOT ACCEPTABLE TO USE THE “R-WORD”



You would never use a racial or ethnic slur, and you wouldn't let your child or grandchild use one, would you? Most people do not view using the R-word (retard) to be as hurtful as other common epithets that our society has consensually removed from our lexicon. The Public Service Announcement “Not Acceptable” tackles that challenge head on in a hard-hitting and impactful way. We must educate our society that, for people with intellectual disabilities and those that love them, the R-word is just as hurtful as any other slur. Do your part by watching this video with someone you love and take a few minutes to discuss the message. Then pass it along to others to help us eradicate using the word 'retard' and replace it with a new R-word: Respect.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T549VoLca_Q&feature=player_embedded

Pre-Existing Condition Insurance Plan

The *Pre-Existing Condition Insurance Plan* (PCIP) provides a health coverage option for children and adults throughout the US who have been locked out of the health insurance markets due to a pre-existing condition. Available until 2014, it is administered by the US Dept of Health and Human Services in Arizona. Eligibility criteria include:

US citizenship or residing legally in the US

Uninsured for at least the past six months

Having a pre-existing condition or have been denied health coverage because of a health condition.

For more information or to apply, go to www.pcip.gov and click Arizona on the “Find Your State” map or call toll free (866) 561-1604 or download at <http://www.healthcare.gov/center/brochures/pcip.pdf>



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VISA, MasterCard and American Express accepted for orders totaling **\$50 or more**

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List additional orders on separate sheet of paper

## *Part time inclusion consultant for Jewish preschools*

The Council For Jews With Special Needs is looking for a part time inclusion consultant (up to 10 hours per week). Inclusion consultants provide professional development and individual consultation to Jewish preschools and Jewish summer camps in the Phoenix, AZ metropolitan area. Consultation involves observing the identified child, interviewing teachers and parents/caregivers about development and/or problem behavior and making recommendations.



Required qualifications: Knowledge of child development, early childhood education best practices, and differentiated instruction. Certified teaching classroom experience.

Desired qualifications: Knowledge of applied behavior analysis and Jewish contexts.  
Hourly wage based on level of education and years of experience.

Please email [info@cjsn.org](mailto:info@cjsn.org) with cover letter and resume



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Thank you for directing your charitable donation to our agency.

## **How We Can Help You? Join the Council Family**

The Council provides a variety of programs and services to help individuals with disabilities and their families.

### **Children with various disabilities**

Consultation for inclusion in Jewish preschools, day schools and congregational schools  
Consultation for inclusion in Jewish camps  
Sign language interpreters in Jewish settings  
Simchat Shabbat services each month

### **Adults with various disabilities**

Sign Language interpreters in Jewish settings  
Social groups for individuals with developmental, intellectual, sensory and other disabilities  
Advice about applying for Government programs  
Simchat Shabbat services each month

### **Parents of children and adults with disabilities**

Advice about applying for government programs (SSI, DES-DD, ALTCS, etc)  
Educational forums on topics related to disabilities and their impact on the family  
Information and referral to local and national Jewish disability resources  
Consultation on residential options outside of the parents' home  
Support groups with guest speakers

### **Siblings of children and adults with disabilities**

Sibling support groups for school age children based on the Sibshops national model of support through play and discussion  
Sibling support and information for adults who face the challenges of aging parents along with a sibling with a disability

### **Grandparents of children and adults with disabilities**

Support group with guest speakers on topics related to disabilities and their impact on families

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**[http://www.cjsn.org/tribute\\_cards0.aspx](http://www.cjsn.org/tribute_cards0.aspx)**

## *Saying "Good-Bye" to Members of the Council Staff*

The Council thanks two of our long time Inclusion Consultants for their valuable contributions to enhancing the lives of children and adults with disabilities.

Arlene Russo is retiring from her position as Day School Inclusion Consultant and looking forward to spending time with her family and soon-to-arrive grandchild.

Shana Hornstein, our Preschool Inclusion Consultant and Camp Inclusion Consultant, is moving to Philadelphia. Shana recently completed her PhD in early childhood special education and will begin her career as a professor at Temple University.



## *Thank You To Our Kind And Caring Volunteers*

Donna Hodax, Lisa Kaiser, Lenny Katzenstein, Lorna Klebe, Harriet Kreigsfield, Ronnie McCarthy and USY on Wheels Mission Mitzvah for preparing the Honey packages and for their participation with Summer Fun Day and our teens and young adults.

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Save This Date!



Saturday, November 5, 2011

7:00 p.m.

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Silent and live auctions,  
Cocktails, Buffet, Gambling and  
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Event Chairpersons:  
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