

HINEINI

"Here I Am"

"If I am not for myself, then who will be for me? And if I am only for myself, then what am I? And if not now, when?"

- Pirke Avot 1:14

Temple Sinai's Hineni Committee is charged with addressing the needs of those with disabilities. The focus of the committee is on inclusion, accessibility and cherishing the uniqueness that embodies our membership and makes our community stronger. As a congregation, we take the accessibility of services, educational programming and social events seriously. We strive to make sure that everything that is offered is available to all members and guests regardless of their ability.

We have two Accessibility Concierges who are available to assist with any questions or issues regarding accessing all that Sinai has to offer. Reach a concierge at concierge@templesinaiatlanta.org.

It is our desire to continue to be a leader in inclusion and accessibility in the greater Atlanta Jewish community.



WHAT IS AN INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY?

An inclusive community is one where all people are valued and their differences respected. Inclusion brings greater diversity, creativity and strength to any group, creating a community in which all members are seen for what they can contribute instead of what they cannot do. There are many factors that make a community inclusive including opportunities, physical space and attitudes of other community members.

OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH THE JEWISH ABILITIES ALLIANCE

The vision of the Jewish Abilities Alliance (JAA) is to promote an inclusive, spirited environment that celebrates the diversity in our community and the uniqueness of every member. Powered by the Jewish Federation of Greater Atlanta, the JAA links individuals with disabilities, and their families, to resources, services, support groups, workshops, clinics and recreational programs within their community.

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Jewish Abilities Alliance

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JewishAbilities.org

Visit atlanta.jewishabilities.org to obtain information and resources on everything from advocating for a child with a learning disability to navigating the transition to adulthood.

Our Successes



PROGRAMMING

- Special Needs Parents Connection - Support Group for family members of children who learn differently
- Learning support for learners of all ages
- Flexibility to design B'nai Mitzvah ceremonies in accordance with needs of the child
- Participation in Jewish Disability Awareness and Inclusion Month programs & services e.g. Shabbat in the Dark, Full Radius Dance Company, etc.
- Sensory-friendly Tot Shabbat
- Sensory-friendly Magillah reading
- Purim Carnival early-entry for children with special needs
- Monthly column in D'var Sinai

INFRASTRUCTURE

- Increased amount of Handicap Parking Spots
- High Holidays Ramp Awning
- Handicap-accessible, gender-neutral family bathrooms with automatic doors, toilets, sinks, soap, and towels located in the Education Building and centrally in the main building
- Audio Hearing Assistance
- Wheelchair ramps in Sanctuary and Chapel to Bimahs
- Moveable seating so those in wheelchairs do not have to sit in the back of the sanctuary
- Regular "accessibility walk-through" of entire building to assess all restrooms, classrooms, community rooms, entrances, and exits. This includes a review to ensure wheelchair accessibility as well as viability for all to egress and regress from the building.
- Review of wheelchair emergency exiting

ACCOMODATIONS

- Braille Map and Directory
- Braille Mishkan T'fillah
- Abilities Concierges
- Siddur delivery to home-bound congregants or those who are unable to attend High Holiday services
- Large-print Mishkan T'fillah for Shabbat
- Hineini committee
- Hineini Endowment Fund
- SPA Parking/Valet Cart
- Live-streaming of services and programs from the sanctuary and chapel
- Addition of appropriate books to Children's Library
- Working with architect in design of expansion and renovation of Temple Sinai

TRAINING

- High Holiday usher training
- Partnering with the Greater Atlanta Jewish Abilities Alliance
- Tour of The Jewish Home and other institutions for ideas and accessibility
- Matan Training for Education and Senior Staff
- Sensitivity training and building wheelchair tours for Board of Directors
- Learning Resource Specialist on staff

RECOGNITION

Exemplar Congregation/Union for Reform Judaism - The Ruderman Foundation