

Agudas Achim Disability Inclusion Survey

WHY A DISABILITY INCLUSION QUESTIONNAIRE

Diversity and inclusion are core Jewish values. The Disability Inclusion Committee is trying to identify barriers to full accessibility at Agudas Achim, whether they are physical, architectural, sensory, social, intellectual, or educational. This survey seeks to capture the experiences of all of our members regarding their abilities to access our programs, building, and communal life. We recognize that some congregants do not identify as having disabilities, but nevertheless, have health-related limitations that keep them from participating in some or all aspects of congregational life.

The questions in this survey will help you explain your or your family members' needs so we can best address them. Please be assured that individual responses will be kept confidential. Names and contact information are optional. However, if follow-up discussion with you will help us better understand you and/or your family members' situation, we will need your contact information.

Your answers to the survey questions will help the Agudas Achim Disability Inclusion Committee identify and recommend needed changes to policies, practices, and procedures which will ensure greater access for individuals with disabilities, address the specific accommodation needs of individual congregants, and assist in identifying and prioritizing physical changes which may require the expenditure of resources.

Your answers will be kept confidential; however, we ask for your name and contact information in case we have questions.

First Name _____

Last Name _____

Best phone number to reach you _____

Email Address _____

1. Do you or a family member need assistance or accommodations to fully access Agudas Achim's community? (Check all that apply.)

- Self
- Child
- Partner
- Parent
- Not Applicable

2. Do you or a family member have a disability? (Check all that apply.)

- Self
- Child
- Partner
- Parent
- Not Applicable

3. Have you or a family member utilized the following resources? (Check all that apply.)

- Agudas Achim Website
- Large print siddur (prayer book), or
- Machzor (High Holiday prayer book)
- Audio loop in the Sanctuary
- Assistive Listening Devices in the Sanctuary
- Educational support through the Religious School
- Other Specify _____
- Not Applicable

4. Which of the following accommodations would benefit you or your family member if they were available? (Check all that apply.)

- Rides to Services and/or Events

Additional Accessible Parking Spaces Closer to the Front Door
(Wooden doors near Synagogue Office)

Physical Accommodation: Specify _____

Priority Aisle Seating in the Sanctuary for Individuals who use
Walkers or Canes

Child care for Children with Special Needs

Labelling of food served on Shabbat, holidays, or during events to
inform people of potential food allergens.

Visual Accommodation (i.e., electronic versions of documents
made available in advance of meetings, classes, etc.) Specify

Audio Loop in Chapel

Other Audio Accommodation (i.e., use of amplification at all events
in the chapel). Specify _____

Ability to participate in meetings and/or other services by
conference phone

Mental Health Sensitivity: Specify _____

Low Sensory Stimulation Areas or Events: Specify: _____

Small Group Settings for Programming

Pairing with a supportive community member during services or
events

Height Adjustable and Accessible Torah table

Educational Support: Specify _____

Accommodation to allow use of electronic assistive devices for the purpose of enabling participation in Shabbat and holiday services and programs

Other: Specify _____

Not Applicable

5. In which Agudas Achim Congregation programs are you and/or your family member(s) currently attending and/or participating? (Check all that apply.)

Shabbat Services

Holiday Services

Daily prayer services

Lectures

Musical Concerts

Religious School

Youth Program

Preschool

Young Families

Adult Education (Lifelong Learning)

Torah Study

Lifecycle Events

Pastoral Counseling

Social Action

- Sisterhood
- Men's Club
- Synagogue Board or Committees
- Kitchen
- Other: Specify _____

6. What specific accommodations would enable you or your family member(s) to fully participate in the services, activities, or programs listed above?

7. What (if anything) is limiting your or your family member(s)'s participation in any facet of the Agudas Achim community?

8. In which services, programs, and/or activities would you and/or your family member participate, should accommodations be available? (Check all that apply.)

- Shabbat Services
- Holiday Services
- Daily prayer services
- Lectures
- Musical Concerts
- Religious School
- Youth Program

- Preschool
- Young Families
- Adult Education (Lifelong Learning)
- Torah Study
- Lifecycle Events
- Pastoral Counseling
- Social Action
- Sisterhood
- Men's Club
- Synagogue Board or Committees
- Kitchen
- Other: Specify _____

9. What are the age range(s) of all the individual(s), (i.e., you or your family members) with a disability identified above? (Check all that apply.)

- 80 or older
- 65 - 79
- 45 - 64
- 23 - 44
- 18 – 22
- Middle or High School Age
- Elementary School Age
- 5 and Under

10. Are you or your family member a member of Agudas Achim congregation?

Yes

No

11. Do you or your family members feel like you or your family member(s) are accepted and belong at Agudas Achim?

If not, please explain.

12. Are you or any of your family members a professional who works with children or adults with disabilities?

Yes

No

If yes, please explain: _____

13. Would you like to be notified of upcoming Inclusion Committee meetings or programs?

Yes

No

14. Would you and/or your family member like to be contacted by a member of the Disability Inclusion Committee for a confidential conversation about your or your family members' concerns?

Yes

No

15. Would you or your family member like to be involved with the Disability Inclusion Committee?

Yes

No

16. Please use the space below to add any comments, concerns, explanations, and/or suggestions.
