

SUNDAY, APRIL 15th Evening Program

Sponsored by Miriam Foundation (Montreal)

6:00-7:00 REGISTRATION & COCKTAILS

7:00-7:15 WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

- Linda Kislowicz President & CEO, [JFC-UJA](#)
- Dena Libman Chief Operating Officer, [Azrieli Foundation](#)
- Connie Putterman Chair, [Itanu, UJA Federation of Greater Toronto](#)

7:15-8:00 KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Diane Richler Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr. Foundation International Fellow; Past Chair
[International Disability Alliance](#)
Inclusion Without Limits: What Has to Change?

8:15-8:45 ENTERTAINMENT

Comedian [Pamela Schuller](#)
'What Makes Me Tic'

MONDAY, APRIL 16th

*Sponsored by the Jordan Lazareck Special Needs Fund
at the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba*

8:00-8:30 Breakfast & Registration

8:30-9:30 KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Rabbi Ruti Regan Spiritual Leader, Educational Consultant
ACCESS SPEAKS LOUDER THAN WORDS

9:30-10:00 BREAK

10:00-11:15 **PANEL: NEW DIRECTIONS IN HOUSING**

Moderator: Liviya Mendelsohn Manager, Accessibility & Inclusion, Miles Nadal Jewish Community Centre; Inclusion Director, UJA Federation of Greater Toronto.

- Dr. Paula David Professor of Gerontology, Faculty of Social Work at the University of Toronto; Chang School of Continuing Education at Ryerson
- Bryan Keshen President/CEO, [Reena](#) (Toronto)
- Avital Sandler-Loeff Director, [Israel Unlimited](#) (JDC)
- Nancy Singer Executive Director, [Kehilla Residential Programme](#) (Toronto)
- The Hon. Adam Vaughn Member of Parliament for Spadina-Fort York

11:15-11:30 BREAK

11:30-12:30 BREAKOUT SESSIONS (Concurrent)

VIBRANT INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES

RECREATION

Moderator: Harriet Wichin Executive Director [Miles Nadal JCC](#)

- **Liviya Mendelson Manager**, Accessibility & Inclusion, [Miles Nadal Jewish Community Centre](#); Inclusion Director, UJA Federation of Greater Toronto.
- **Leamore Cohen** Inclusion Services Coordinator, [Jewish Community Centre of Greater Vancouver](#)
- **Karina Szulc** Inclusion Coordinator, [Calgary Jewish Federation](#)
- **Gayle Waxman** Executive Director, [The Rose and Max Rady Jewish Community Centre](#) (Winnipeg)

AGING

- **Sandy Stemp** Chief Operations Officer, [REENA](#) (Toronto)
- **Donna Mackay**, Associate Director of Community Engagement & Integration Services [March of Dimes Canada](#)

EDUCATION

Moderator: Noam Katz Rabbi/Dean of Jewish Living - Leo Baeck Day School (Toronto)

- **Rabbi Ruti Regan** Spiritual Leader; Educational Consultant
- **Lauren Korzinstone** Director of Educational Support Services (Podolski NESS), [Netivot HaTorah Day School](#) (Toronto)
- **Dr. Linda Zaretsky** President, [Reaching Education Resolutions Inc.](#) (Toronto)

PERSON CENTERED MODELS

Moderator: Connie Putterman Parent, Advocate, Chair, UJA's Itanu

- **Beth Steinberg** Executive Director/ Co-founder, [Shutaf Inclusion Programs](#) (Jerusalem)
- **Sandy Sheegl** Executive Director, G.R.O.W. ([Gaining Resources Our Way](#))

12:30-1:30 LUNCH W/SPEAKER **Warren Greenstone & Reuben Totman (NHJSA)**

President and CEO [Miriam Foundation](#) (Montreal)

1:30-2:45 PANEL: SECURING EMPLOYMENT: A COMMUNITY PRIORITY

Moderator: Demetra Nikolakakos Coach, Consultant [JVS Toronto](#)

- **Alan Bernstein & Ari Margolis** [Good Foot Delivery](#) (Toronto)
- **Alan Kriss** CEO of [Specialisterne Canada](#) (Toronto)
- **Kathy Laszlo** Co-founder/Director, DANI (Developing and Nurturing Independence) (Toronto)
- **Joanna Samuels** Employment Resource Supervisor, [Reena](#) (Toronto)

2:45-3:00 BREAK

EDUCATION CASE STUDIES

Moderator: Dr. Linda Zaretsky President of Reaching Education Resolutions Inc.

- **Ari Baum** Educator, Director of ACE, Eitz Chaim Boys' School
- **Kathleen Corrigan** Educator, Eitz Chaim Girls' School
- **Lynn Lichtenstein** Student Success Centre – Coordinator & Guidance Department Head, Tiferes Bais Yaakov High School for Girls

DATING & RELATIONSHIPS

Moderator: Dr. Jeffrey Lichtman International Director of Yachad, the National Jewish Council for Disabilities (NJCD)

- **Benjamin Clement** Community Member, Co Founder, [Everyday Friends](#)
- **Amanda Landry & Mira Etlin-Stein** Founders of [Dream Weavers](#) (Toronto)
- **Gillian Lefkowitz** Parent, Teacher, co founder, [Everyday Friends](#)
- **Krystal Nausbaum**, Community Member

CAMPING

- **Howard Blas** Director, [National Ramah Tikvah Network of the National Ramah Commission](#) (New York)
- **Beth Steinberg** Executive Director/ Co-founder, [Shutaf Inclusion Programs](#) (Jerusalem)

CREATING INCLUSIVE SHUL COMMUNITIES

Moderator: Rabbi Daniel Korobkin Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto

- **Gabrielle Kaplan Myer** Director, Whole Community Inclusion, Jewish Learning Venture (Philadelphia)
- **Rabbi Strauchler** Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue
- **Rabbi Yael Splansky Senior Rabbi of Holy Blossom Temple**
- **Rabbi Adam Cutler** Adath Israel Synagogue

TUESDAY, APRIL 17th

8:00-8:30 Breakfast

8:30-8:45 Greetings from Galit Baram
Consul General of Israel to Toronto and Western Canada

8:45-9:30 KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Ari Ne'eman CEO, [MySupport.com](#) (New York)
Disability Inclusion: Where We've Been; Where We're Going

9:30-10:30 PANEL: INNOVATIONS FROM ISRAEL

Moderator: Linda Kislowicz President & CEO, Jewish Federations of Canada - UIA

- Claudia Koby Co-Founder, [Krembo Wings](#)
- Avital Sandler-Loeff Director, [Israel Unlimited](#) (JDC)
- Rachel Rosenman Director of Resources Development, [Alut](#)

10:30-10:45 BREAK

10:45-11:30 INNOVATION & INCLUSION

Mayaan Ziv Founder, [Access Now](#) (Toronto)

11:30-12:30 PANEL: FROM CASE TO CAUSE: THE POWER OF ADVOCACY

Moderator: Yoni Goldstein Editor, Canadian Jewish News

- William Daroff Senior Vice President for Public Policy, [JFNA](#) (Washington DC)
- Connie Putterman Parent, Advocate, Chair of [UJA's Itanu](#)
- Noah Shack Vice President GTA, [The Centre for Israel & Jewish Affairs](#)

12:30-1:00 Lunch

1:00 CLOSING REMARKS BY ORGANIZING COMMITTEE