

# 2025 Special Needs Resource Directory



1391 Martine Avenue, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076 908-889-8800 • www.jccnj.org The JCC of Central New Jersey is committed to the inclusion of people of all abilities, backgrounds, denominations, gender identity and religious affiliations into all of our programs. We are committed to making our Wilf Jewish Community Campus a barrier-free environment and our programs equally inclusive. We believe inclusion is an attitude, not an activity. Inclusion is belonging.

For the 5th year, we have compiled a list of professional agencies and businesses across the state that support people with disabilities and their families. Feel free to print or electronically share this directory with others to ensure as many people as possible benefit from these resources.

Thank you to our partners at Greater MetroWest ABLE for supporting this collaborative interagency effort.





# **Developmental Disabilities Center**

We offer medical and behavioral health services for adults with developmental disabilities. For specialized care, we are seamlessly connected to Atlantic Health System's nationally recognized clinicians.







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#### JCC SPECIAL NEEDS RESOURCE FAIR

On Sunday, February 23, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the JCC of Central New Jersey, located at 1391 Martine Avenue, Scotch Plains, NJ





Our mission is to enhance the well-being of individuals with special needs through cutting-edge technology. We look forward to connecting with families, caregivers, and professionals to demonstrate how our solutions can make a meaningful impact.

For more information about the event,

We look forward to seeing you there!

please visit the <u>JCC Special Needs Resource Fair page</u>. To learn more about our products and services, visit our website at <u>www.blackbirdtech.app</u>

## **ABA Therapy**

#### **ABA Behavior Services**

ABA Behavior Services provides high-quality, effective, and individualized Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) Therapy to children with autism and related disorders one-on-one in homes, daycares, schools, and communities. We offer best practice ABA interventions grounded in the latest evidence-based methods and time-tested strategies provided in a fun way. Our commitment includes reliable parent and caregiver support, to make sure that each child reaches their full potential. We are founded/directed by a BCBA-D and staff have a minimum of 5 years experience with high-quality ABA.

#### Dr. Alexandra O'Grady

alexandragrady@ababehaviorservices.com • www.ababehaviorservices.com (908) 418-3793

## **ABA Centers of New Jersey**

ABA Centers of New Jersey provides comprehensive Applied Behavior Analysis therapy and autism diagnostic services without a long waiting list. Our highly trained ABA professionals are dedicated to providing personalized autism care for those on the spectrum right where it matters most: at home!

#### **Monica Fielder**

mfielder@abacenters.com • https://www.abacentersni.com/ (561) 895-9504 110 Fieldcrest Avenue, Edison, NJ 08837

## **BehaviorWise**

BehaviorWise is a pediatric behavioral health and counseling practice that has been a trusted resource for families since 2011. We provide personalized, evidence-based support for children with autism, anxiety, ADHD, and other challenges.

#### **Kristin Jimenez**

info@behaviorwise.net • www.behaviorwise.net (973) 921-0900 748 Morris Turnpike, Suite 202, Short Hills, NJ 07078

## First Children Services

First Children Services, family owned, operated and centered, delivers life changing outcomes for exceptional children. Whether it's a child taking their first steps, a non-verbal 5-year-old with autism needing ABA therapy, or a teen overcoming debilitating anxiety, we work daily to achieve meaningful outcomes.. We provide one of a kind behavior therapy, school placements, district support services and more.

#### **Caitlin Summers-Motta**

csummers@firstchildrenservices.com • firstchildrenservices.com (856) 888-1097 7 Sager Place, Richboro, PA 189540

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## Kaleidoscope ABA Therapy Services

Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) therapy is a proven evidence-based, best practice model used to provide effective treatment to individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) as well as other behavioral anddevelopmental disabilities. Kaleidoscope ABA Therapy Services focuses on center-based services that promote the healthy development of children and families.

ABA@kfsaba.org • www.KFSABA.org (877) ABA-0399 Throughout NJ

## **LBAPS**

LBAPS offers personalized ABA therapy for children and young adults across NJ. We provide parent training for seamless support between home and school, accept all insurances with no out-of-pocket costs, and have no waitlist – just care with heart when your child needs it.

#### **Chany Eiger**

chany.eiger@lbaps.com • https://www.lbaps.com/ (732) 526-6500 1400 Hooper Avenue, Toms River, NJ 08753

## **Ovation Behavior Group**

We are proud to be BCBA-owned and operated! We provide naturalistic, play-based ABA therapy for individuals with autism throughout NJ. We empower independence and inclusivity through collaboration and compassion. Insurance & Medicaid accepted, NJ-DOE approved.

#### **Kate Harrison or Pierre Louis**

info@ovationbehavior.com • www.ovationbehavior.com (973) 826-2242 Cranford, NJ

## Transcend Behavioral Services LLC

In home ABA Services which encompass a systematic approach to understanding and modifying behavior.

#### Paula Luizzi

paulanaya4@gmail.com • transcendbehavioraltherapy.com (973) 710-6624 1600 Stuyvesant Avenue, Union, NJ 07083

## **Accessible Recreation**

## **Activity Connection - Children's Specialized Hospital**

Activity Connection at Children's Specialized Hospital provides recreational, sports and social activities for children, teens and young adults age 1-21 with diverse abilities. Our Recreational Therapists and certified instructors work directly with our participants to provide them with opportunities to make new friends, try new activities and reach their goals. Join us for adapted swim class, social club, science class, sport activities, teen nights, and so much more!

#### **Caitlyn Foelsch**

activityconnection@children-specialized.org • csh.recdesk.com (908) 301-5548 150 New Providence Road, Mountainside, NJ 07092

#### **Robbie's World Foundation**

Robbie's World Foundation holds retreats and events for Autism families. Cindy is the CEO and author of the children's book series Robbie's World and His SPECTRUM of Adventures.

#### **Cindy Gelormini**

RobbiesWorldFoundation@gmail.com • RobbiesWorldBook.com (908) 451-2767

15 Union Avenue, New Providence, NJ 07974

## **Special Olympics New Jersey**

Calling all athletes, coaches, and volunteers! Special Olympics New Jersey provides year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. Get involved today at sonj.org!

#### **Jeremy Davis**

jld@sonj.org • www.sonj.org (908) 343-0146 1 Eunice Kennedy Shriver Way, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648

## Watchung Hills Pop Warner

Flag football and cheerleading for boys and girls ages 5-18 years. No experience required. Located in Warren, NJ.

#### **Christy Gilmartin**

TeamMomChristy23@yahoo.com • WHPW.org (201) 618-6492 101 Old Stirling Road, Warren, NJ 07059

## **Accessible Telecommunications**

## **Black Bird Smart Innovations, LLC**

Protective safeguards: The wristband offers SOS alerts, fall detection, and real-time geolocation tracking. These safety features allow caregivers or emergency contacts to receive immediate notifications with the user's location.

## Tyneadrian Fleming, MS, MPA - Inventor/CEO

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## **New Jersey Relay**

No-cost accessible telecommunications services for people who are deaf, hard of hearing, deafblind and/or have speech disabilities.

#### **Lori Timney**

lori.timney@t-mobile.com • www.njrelay.com (732) 440-8822 452 Riverdale Avenue West, Tinton Falls, NJ 07724

## **Adaptive Equipment**

## **Adam Krass Consulting**

Adam Krass Consulting provides assistive technology services to children and adults with disabilities at school, work, home and community. These include supports for reading, writing, math, note taking, accessible academic materials, access to technology, vision, employment and independent living.

#### Adam Krass

adam@adamkrassconsulting.com • www.adamkrassconsulting.com (201) 618-2315
25 Montross Avenue, Rutherford, NJ 07070

## AngelSense, Inc.

AngelSense is an advanced assistive technology providing maximum safety and greater independence for our most vulnerable loved ones with autism, special needs, and dementia. AngelSense includes a wearable GPS device with an assistive speakerphone, a user-friendly app for multiple caregivers (parents, family members, teachers, therapists, law enforcement) and user support by special needs parents. AngelSense Customer Care's dedicated team for agencies and organizations, making processes seamless and easy.

#### Jeannie Callahan

Orgs@angelsense.com • www.angelsense.com (646) 770-2950
30 Chapin Road, Unit 1201, Pine Brook, NJ 07058

## **Adaptive Swim**

## Adaptive Swim Lessons at the JCC of Central NJ

One-on-one 30-minute aquatics classes taught by our swim instructors, who are certified in the swim Angelfish approach, are ideal for children with special needs. Lessons are adapted and customized to each child's specific needs and challenges in the water.

## **Chris Matejek, Director of Aquatics**

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## **After School Programs**

## Club Connect at the JCC of Central NJ

Club Connect is a place where high school students with disabilities can connect and have fun in a safe and supportive environment! This program offers a healthy snack, social skills review, adaptive fitness, recreational activities, opportunities to participate in community service and more!

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#### Game-U

GameU is a virtual after-school STEAM program for all ages and abilities. With 1:1 lessons from industry experts, students enjoy a customized curriculum in game design, coding and more, empowering them to learn and grow at their own pace.

#### Mark Hahn

mhahn@game-u.com • www. game-u.com (516) 265-7555 15 Main Street, Flemington, NJ 08822-0726

## **Counseling Services**

Caregiver Support Group at the JCC
Raising a child with special needs is challenging and requires a unique approach. Join Lisa Afflitto, LCSW, for a monthly support group where caregivers can learn strategies to support their own mental wellness, share their experiences and meet/connect with other caregivers. This monthly group is free. Support group dates and Lisa Afflitto bio can be found at www.jccnj.org.

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## **Beyond Diagnosis Support Group**

Whether you have recently been diagnosed with a health challenge or are further along on the post-diagnosis continuum, this group is for participants to express and manage emotions related to their condition, explore ways to continue to find meaning in one's life despite limitations and to learn to accept help from loved ones to meet your emotional needs.

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## **Day and Sleepaway Camps**

## Camp On Tour

Our program takes groups of neurodivergent young adults ages 14+ traveling around the world to experience new cultures and have fun while practicing social, emotional, independence, and executive functioning skills.

#### Thea Mullis

theam@campontour.com • www.campontour.com 912-423-9196 P.O. Box 220016, Hollywood, FL 33022-0016

## **Camp Ramah in the Berkshires**

We are a Jewish overnight camp located in Wingdale, NY. Our Tikvah Program supports campers with a wide range of support needs. Campers are eligible if they are entering 3rd - 11th grade. We offer a minimum of a 2-week session and a maximum of 7.5 weeks.

#### Elisheva Layman Salant

Elayman@ramahberkshires.org • www.ramahberkshires.org/summer-camp/program/campers-with-disabilities/ (845) 832-6622 x116

> Winter address: 1086 Teaneck Road, Suite 5B, Teaneck, NJ 07666 Summer address: 91 Ramah Road, Wingdale, NY 12594

## Camp Yachad at the JCC of Central NJ

The Camp Yachad Shadow Program provides a 1:1 shadow for campers with special needs, age 24 months through middle school, so they can fully participate in the camp experience within a same-age camp group. Camp Yachad also offers paid, supported employment opportunities to high school students and young adults with disabilities through our Skills Training Program.

#### **Stephanie Weiss, Shadow Director**

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## **One Happy Camper NJ**

Our experts provide guidance to Jewish camp options for children and teens with special needs, ranging from fully inclusive to self-contained programs within broader camps as well as camps designed specifically for campers with special needs. Check out our Guide to Finding the Right Jewish Camp for your Child with Disabilities for helpful information and program list or contact us for free, personalized guidance.

#### **Tracy Levine**

tracy@onehappycampernj.org • www.onehappycampernj.org/specialneeds (973) 929-2970
901 Route 10, Whippany, NJ 07981

## Round Lake @ NJY

Round Lake at NJY Camps is an inclusive sleep away program for children ages 7-17 with diverse needs. All traditional camp programs are provided such as STEM, the arts, swimming, sports and adventure courses. In addition, OT, speech and academic supports are available for those who qualify.

#### **Aryn Barer, Director**

rlc@njycamps.org • https://roundlakecamp.org (973) 575-3333 x145 21 Plymouth Street, Fairfield, NJ 07004

## **Summit Camp**

Summit provides summer camp, teen travel, transitions programs and weekender outings for children and teens with learning and social challenges.

#### Leah Love

leahl@summitcamp.com • www.summitcamp.com (570) 253-4381 168 Duck Harbor Road, Honesdale, PA 18431

## **URJ Camp Harlam**

We are a Reform Jewish overnight camp in the Poconos for campers in grades 3-10 with an emphasis on joyful Judaism, connection and inclusion, with an eye towards making sure everyone has a successful experience. Additionally, we run a Vocational Ed program for adults with developmental disabilities ages 18-30.

#### Lori Zlotoff, LCSW

Izlotoff@urj.org • www.harlam.org (610) 668-0423 x1060 575 Smith Road, Kunkletown, PA 18058

## **Dentists and Orthodontists**

## Klinique Kids Pediatric Dentistry & Orthodontics

We prioritize patient-centered care for patients with special healthcare needs and/or sensory difficulties. This includes longer appointments and sensory-friendly approaches. If patients require treatment, we offer nitrous oxide and IV sedation in-office with a dental anesthesiologist.

#### Martina

manager@kliniquekids.com • www.kliniquekids.com (908) 280-1000 44b South Martine Avenue, Fanwood, NJ 07023c

## **Oceans Orthodontists & Pediatric Dentistry**

Special needs dentistry specializing in using ABA therapy and desensitization techniques to help children with disabilities find comfort at the dental office. Experience working with children on the autism spectrum, ADHD and other disabilities.

#### Dr. Aimee Leibowitz, DDS

office@oceanswestfield.com • www.oceanswestfield.com (908) 654-4949
522 East Broad Street, Westfield, NI 07090

## **Westfield Pediatric Dental Group**

Pediatric dentistry, laser treatments of lip and tongue ties, in-office anesthesia and sedation services

#### **Christina Santana**

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## **Early Childhood Programs**

## Brody Family Early Learning Center at the JCC of Central NJ

Our infant through kindergarten program is inclusive, and staff participate in training on understanding age-appropriate developmental milestones and provide individualized accommodations.

Robin Brous, Associate Executive Director and Early Childhood Director

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## **Financial Planning and Support**

## **Allied Wealth Partners Special Needs Division**

Serving the unique estate planning and financial considerations of families with a child with special needs.

#### **Earl Pedersen**

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## New York Life Insurance Company – NJ GO

New York Life has been in the insurance industry for over 179 years and is the #1 Mutual Insurance Company and best rated by top rating agencies based on financial strength.

#### **Dolly Chadda Colvin**

dccolvin@newyorklife.com • https://newjersey.nyloffices.com/ (732) 744-3804 379 Thornall Street, 8th Floor, Edison, NJ 08837

## **Information and Support**

## **Adult Independent Services**

Adult Independent Services specializes in preparing parents and caregivers of loved ones with developmental/ intellectual disabilities transition from student to adult life.

#### **Debra Freed**

debra.freed@adultindependentservices.com • www.adultindependentservices.com/ (954) 541-7765

1637 Franklin Boulevard, Linwood, NJ 08221

## **Evermore Lifestyle Solutions**

Providing individualized advocacy, education, planning and programming solutions for those with neurodiverse needs.

#### Jennifer Overfield

Joverfield@evermorelifestylesolutions.com • www.evemorelifestylesolutions.com (609) 949-4123

## Open the Lid LLC

Open the Lid offers web-based empowerment, technology and movement classes in individual and group settings for neurodivergent individuals and allies of all ages, labels and locations.

#### Lydia Dolch

support@openthelid.com • www.openthelid.com (607) 339-8092 311 West Buffalo Street, Ithaca, NY 14850

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# Parent PASS (Parent Advocacy & Support Services) at the JCC of Central NJ

Individualized appointments provide guided support and resources for parents/guardians planning for the educational needs of a child with disabilities or suspected disabilities. This program provides tools to help caregivers understand the complex special education process and advocate for their child's needs. Program covers the transition from early intervention, beginning the special education evaluation process, receiving existing supports through an IEP or Section 504 Plan, planning for transition to adult life and assistance in preparing for collaborative participation with their district in meetings.

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## Saturday's Story

Keynote speaker: Inchstones over Milestones, Finding Strength in the Unexpected, The Joy of Advocacy

#### Sarah Kernion

sarah@saturdaysstory.com • www.saturdaysstory.com (646) 761-4676

# Scotch Plains - Fanwood Special Education Parent Advisory Group (SPF-SEPAG)

A Special Education Parent Advisory Group, or SEPAG (sea-pag) is a state-mandated, district-level, parent-driven group charged with providing input to the local school district on system-level challenges in special education and related services.

spfsepagk12@gmail.com
https://spf-sepag.blogspot.com/

## Shri Krishna Nidhi (SKN) Foundation

The mission of SCOPE (Special needs Community Outreach Program for Empowerment) is to support South Asian families of children with special needs through activities that educate, advocate, and empower. Support: Ongoing parent-to-parent mentoring facilitates mutual support and understanding which provides a safe space and introduces parents to others with similar challenges and needs. A Parent Support Specialist connects families to needed resources through the Parent Empowerment Program designed to build self-advocacy skills and training for the first year of a new diagnosis. Education: Regular workshops and trainings address felt needs of parents of children with special needs (e.g., IEP education, toilet training). Community: Inclusive social events provide safe spaces for children and families to socialize, to have fun and make friends in a judgment-free zone. Resources: SCOPE serves as a resource for health systems and the community to provide cultural competence resources to providers, and health and wellness related information to families.

#### Sabuha Qureshi-Din

scopesupport@sknfoundation.org • https://sknfoundation.org/ (908) 671-1344 4 Lanning Way, Hillsborough, NJ 08844

# Union County Department of Human Services – Office for Persons with Disabilities and Special Needs (OPDSN) OPDSN is a valuable resource for individuals of all abilities. It offers information and referral

OPDSN is a valuable resource for individuals of all abilities. It offers information and referral services to connect individuals and families with community resources. OPDSN also offers social and recreational opportunities for individuals with disabilities.

#### Diana P Calle

dcalle@ucnj.org • www.ucnj.org/dhs/opdsn/ (908) 527-4807 10 Elizabethtown Plaza, Elizabeth, NJ 07207

## **Jewish Community Centers and Federations**

# Greater MetroWest ABLE, Jewish Federation of Greater MetroWest NJ

Greater MetroWest ABLE supports and advocates for individuals with disabilities and their families, with the goal of sustaining a fully inclusive community in which everyone has opportunities to meaningfully participate in Jewish life. ABLE provides information and referral, convenes community partners and supports our synagogues, schools and camps.

## Rebecca Wanatick, Director Disability, Inclusion and Belonging

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## **Guttenberg Center for Special Services**

The Guttenberg Center for Special Services offers a variety of programs for adults with disabilities. All programs and summer camps are designed to meet the specific needs of our participants. Our goal is to create a nurturing environment and community, allowing each individual the opportunity to reach their potential. We provide social, recreational, cultural and educational experiences in natural and inclusive community settings, with appropriate supports, for children, teens and adults with disabilities.

#### **Ruthie Bashan, Director**

rbashan@jccotp.org • www.jccotp.org/special-services/
(201) 408-1489

Kaplen JCC on the Palisades, Taub Campus
411 East Clinton Avenue, Tenafly, New Jersey 07670

## **JCC of Central NJ**

Inclusive programming for all ages. Programs include Early Childhood, Club Connect (after school recreation program for high school students with disabilities), adaptive swim, adaptive personal training, Camp Yachad shadow program (campers ages 2 – middle school), Camp Yachad Skills Training Program (paid vocational training internship), Parent PASS (parent advocacy and educational support services), caregiver support group, Community Based Instruction and more!

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#### **JCC MetroWest**

Offering 21+ day habilitation, evening and weekend programs as well as summer camp and gym memberships.

#### Marisa Cohen, Director Special Needs Services

mcohen@jccmwsupports.org • www.jccmetrowest.org (973) 530-3478
760 Northfield Avenue, West Orange, NJ 07052

## Shimon and Sara Birnbaum Jewish Community Center

The Special Services Department at the Shimon and Sara Birnbaum Jewish Community Center in Bridgewater, NJ offers social, enrichment and respite programs for children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. JCC Camp Ruach, the JCC's summer day camp, offers an inclusive camp for ages 5 to 14. JCC Camp Chaverim offers an inclusive camp for ages 15 and up with diverse needs.

## Ellie Willoughby, Special Services Director

ewilloughby@ssbjcc.org • www.ssbjcc.org (908) 443-9029 775 Talamini Road, Bridgewater, NJ 08807

## **Medical Services**

## Atlantic Health System - Developmental Disabilities Center (DDC)

At the DDC, we provide primary care and psychiatric and psychological care to adult individuals with developmental disabilities. Many of our patients graduate from their pediatric practice with many questions on how to navigate the adult medical and psychiatric developmentally disabled world. The providers at the DDC are well versed in the complexity of this transition.

www.atlantichealth.org (Search DDC)

(908) 598-6655

1000 Galloping Hill Road, Suite 106, Union, NJ 07083 • 11 Saddle Road, Cedar Knolls, NJ 07927



## Matheny

Our mission is to provide exceptional care and an optimal quality of life for children and adults with special needs and medically complex developmental disabilities. Matheny has a nonprofit school, hospital, adult day program, arts program, and seven group homes.

info@matheny.org • www.matheny.org

(908) 234-0011 65 Highland Avenue, PO Box 339, Peapack, NJ 07977

## **Personal Training & Fitness**

## Adaptive Personal Training & Fitness at the JCC of Central NJ

Our fitness professionals, many of whom are trained in Special Strong, are committed to helping everyone achieve their healthiest self, regardless of ability level. We will make every effort to modify group classes in a discrete way so that everyone can benefit from exercise. If you prefer a more personalized approach, our experienced personal trainers can customize a fitness program to meet your individual needs. Exercises can be modified to meet any level of fitness or physical barriers to participation.

#### **Matt McQuoid, Fitness Director**

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## Family Martial Arts Center of Scotch Plains Fanwood

Inclusive special needs karate classes by the only DDD-approved provider in Scotch Plains and Fanwood.

#### Adam Sackett

asackett@familymartialartscenterllc.com • www.scotchplainskarate.com (973) 886-3906

2014 Route 22 East (next to Scoops Ice Cream), Scotch Plains, NJ 07076

## **Religious Programs**

## **Congregation Beth Israel**

Works with families to make sure that each student's needs are met not just on an individual basis but on a community level as well. Giving those students who need one on one support throughout their class experience, both in person and virtual, and working with our teachers and other support staff to ensure that classes are accessible and welcoming to all students' needs.

#### **Aviva Tilles**

school@cbisp.org • www.cbinj.org (908) 889-1830 18 Shalom Way, Scotch Plains, NJ, 07076

## Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael

Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael welcomes all to our community! We provides each person with assistance according to their need, such as large print prayer books and Machzorim, and elevators for entry both into the sanctuary and onto the Bimah for worshipers utilizing wheelchairs. Our religious school has instruction for students of all learning types, including individualized, one-on-one Hebrew lessons.

#### Tracey Shenker, Executive Director • Rabbi Adrienne Rubin

execdirector@tbaynj.org • rabbirubin@tbaynj.org www.tbaynj.org (973) 376-0539 60 Temple Drive, Springfield, NJ 07081

## Temple Beth-El Mekor Chayim (TBEMC)

TBEMC is an inclusive religious school that fosters a love for learning and Jewish values. With a skilled Hebrew specialist, we tailor education for students with learning disabilities, ensuring every child connects with their heritage in a meaningful way.

#### **Ellie Barkin-Baron**

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## Temple Beth O'r Beth Torah

Temple Beth O'r Beth Torah is a warm, welcoming, and inclusive community. Our Religious School students receive close and individual attention in small classes from K through bar and bat mitzvah. Adults with special needs have attended our Shabbat and holiday programs for over 30 years.

#### **Bonni Clark**

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## Temple Emanu-El

Temple Emanu-El follows a proud tradition of Reform Judaism with a focus on Torah and worship, education, social action, Jewish culture, Israel and leadership. We work to build meaningful connections through Jewish values, celebrating each person's unique journey. We strive to be a compassionate and spiritual community dedicated to inclusion. Inclusion programming is available in our early childhood program. Religious school education for children ages 5 and older with special needs are taught by a certified special education teacher through our Ma'ayan special needs program.

Jackie Grussgott, Communications and Membership Manager

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## **Temple Sholom**

Temple Sholom is a Reform Jewish congregation that welcomes traditional and non-traditional families and individuals. Our congregation aspires to create a warm and caring atmosphere that fosters inclusiveness and community. We are happy to work with individuals and families to provide accommodations so thet everyone can participate in meaningful Jewish learning and worship.

## Rabbi Joel N. Abraham

rabbi@sholomnj.org

#### **Cantor Darcie Naomi Sharlein**

cantor@sholomnj.org www.sholomnj.org (908) 889-4900 1925 Lake Avenue, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076

## **Respite and DDD Funded Caregiving**

## Alay Home Care

Alay Home Care provides Community Based Supports and Individual Supports through the DDD program. We are able to provide assistance in the home or out in the community by matching a caregiver to the consumer or by hiring a family member or someone they know.

## **Christopher Gonzales**

DDDSupports@alayhc.com • www.alayhc.com (201) 899-1066 31 Newark Bay Court, Bayonne, NJ 07002

## **Beyond Home Health Care**

Providing personalized services for individuals in the entire NJ with the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD). Community-based supports, Individual supports, supported employment and more.

#### **Avi Goldschmied**

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## **Eiros Group**

Eiros Group provides supports brokerage and direct support for people that experience disability, with sustainable, person-centered solutions. These services include staffing, housing, and community engagement. Serving all of NJ, Eiros Group is DDD approved.

#### **Kristen Mathews**

info@eiros-group.com • www.eiros-group.com (908) 975-3283 1114 Califon-Cokesbury Road, Lebanon, NJ 08833

#### Faith Home Healthcare LLC

DDD-funded caregiving, day habilitation, respite care, community-based supports, PT, OT and ST, support coordination

#### **Bhakti Fofandi**

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## Friendship Circle/LifeTown

Engaging children and teens with special needs through a full range of experiences, providing families with respite and support.

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Minding Miracles

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## **Royal Community Support**

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## **Special Education Schools and Programs**

## Community Based Instruction at the JCC of Central NJ

The JCC of Central NJ provides a consistent, supportive and accessible space to generalize age-appropriate functional academics, social skills, self-care skills including money management needed for daily living, post-secondary education, employment, and community access- including recreation. The JCC is an accessible facility with wheelchair access to all indoor programming spaces, including pools with pool lifts, fitness center and gymnasium. This program is offered through partnership with your student's school district.

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## **Donna Ruggiero, Director of Admissions**

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## The Alliance of Private Special Education Schools of North Jersey

An alliance of more than 40 private special education schools, we provide advocacy assistance, workshops and seminars, and help find an appropriate out-of-district program.

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## The Center School

The Center School is a K-21 Approved Private School for Students with Disabilities, located in Somerset NJ. The Center School provides a supportive and comprehensive educational environment enabling students to reach their highest potential.

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The College Experience
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## **Union Catholic High School**

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## **Union County Educational Services Commission (ESC)**

Union County ESC is a public, non-profit special services school district located in Westfield, New Jersey. The Commission operates four schools for students with disabilities as well as the Project SEARCH program at Overlook Medical Center.

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## **Support Coordination, Programming and Services**

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## **Acepoint Healthcare**

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#### Akanksha Shah

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## **Angel Support Coordination LLC**

**Support Coordination Services** 

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## **Community Access Unlimited**

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## **Developmental Disabilities Support Coordination of NJ (DDSCNJ)**

Support coordination for those in DDD.

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## **House of Caring Hands**

House of Caring Hands, Inc is also an approved Division Developmental Disabilities/ Medicaid provider serving, persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities through comprehensive services. Services include: support coordination, community based support, individual support through Direct Support Professionals, transportation, day habilitation and residential services.

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#### **JESPY House**

Established in 1978, JESPY House supports adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities from ages 18 and up in the areas of developing life skills, work readiness and employment, recreation, athletics, behavioral health and advancing independence. JESPY also offers a variety of residential living opportunities.

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## **Jewish Family Service of Central New Jersey**

Provides support groups for parents and caregivers of children and adults with disabilities. Provides mental health counseling to caregivers and family members of adults with disabilities. JFSCNJ provides support coordination services to adults over 21, eligible through the state of NJ Department of Developmental Disabilities.

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## **Jewish Family Service of MetroWest New Jersey**

Support Coordination for individuals found eligible through the Division of Developmental Disabilities. Coordinated Care of MetroWest supports individuals, and/or caregivers who are overseeing the lifetime care of adults with developmental or acquired disabilities. Services include free phone consultation, fee for service short-term and long-term case management.

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## Jewish Service for the Developmentally Disabled

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#### **Linda Press, Executive Director**

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## **PRISM Support Services**

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## **Supported Employment**

#### **Jewish Vocational Service**

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## Skills Training Program at the JCC of Central NJ

Providing paid supported employment to teenagers and young adults with disabilities in a camp setting.

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## Our House, Inc.

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