Jewish Disability Awareness, Acceptance & Inclusion Month (JDAIM)



LESSON PLAN TEENS

How are you feeling today?





JDAIM stands for:

Jewish
Disability
Awareness, Acceptance &
Inclusion
Month





"Including people with disabilities in everyday activities and encouraging them to have roles similar to their peers who do not have a disability is disability inclusion."





What is JEWISH about inclusion and accessibility?



"You shall not curse the deaf nor place a stumbling block before the blind" Leviticus 19:14



Thinking About Accessibility

Think about all of the places that you've been over the last month: school, synagogue, home, doctors' offices, stores, coffee shops, restaurants.



How many of them do you think are accessible for people with physical disabilities? Consider entrances, restrooms, aisles for navigating a wheelchair.

Watch This Video: "A Restaurant without Barriers"

https://www.pbs.org/video/restaurant-without-barriers-r9jab7/



What is Access Earth?

Access Earth is a free platform that allows you to find and rate places by your accessibility needs.







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GET INVOLVED!

LAUNCH WEB APP

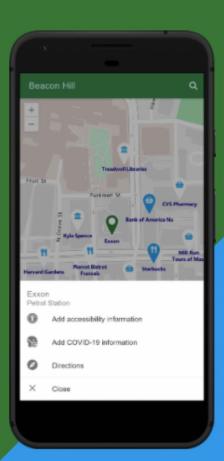














Access Earth's Accessibility Questions



Is the main entrance step free?

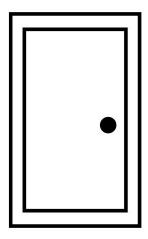
Is the entrance either on level ground or is there a step free route available? e.g. ramp or stair lift.





Are the doors wide enough for easy wheelchair access?

Is the door at least 32 inches wide?





Are restrooms available?

Are restrooms provided for customers?





Are the bathrooms wheelchair accessible?

Does the venue show the wheelchair icon on the bathroom doors where they can be accessed via a step free route?





Is the interior of the venue accessible?





Is accessible parking provided?

Are wheelchair parking spots available at the venue? e.g. via private or on-street parking





Download the app or open it in a browser



https://www.access.earth/



In Groups

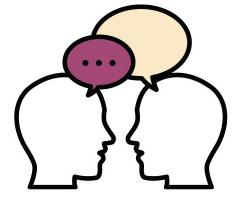
Using the access earth app, you will discover and report on the accessibility in your synagogue building in terms of:

- Entrances
- Restrooms
- Access within the synagogue, such as accessible bima and ability to access different floors



Discoveries Discussion

- 1. What did you learn that surprised you?
- 2. What did you learn that concerns you?
- 3. What recommendations can you make about accessibility?





Closing Reflection



A way that my awareness has been raised about accessibility...

