How a Federation/Community Foundation/United Way Can Support Equality & Inclusion throughout Community Agencies and Beyond
Jewish Federation of Greater Washington Executive Vice President and CEO Steve Rakitt and Community Disabilities Inclusion Specialist Lisa Handelman
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Steven A. Rakitt is the Executive Vice President and CEO of The Jewish Federation of Greater Washington, a mission-driven non-profit organization dedicated to community building, fundraising to support local and overseas needs in the Jewish community and creating bridges of understanding and support between the DC community, Israel and Israelis. Under Steve’s leadership, Federation has launched numerous key initiatives, including a visionary three-year fundraising plan that will allow the organization to strengthen its support of critical programs and services; exciting and innovative programs that have engaged tens of thousands in the Jewish community; and reimagining how the organization supports Israel with the launch of the new Imagine: Israel initiative, designed to more closely connect the DC community with Israel and Israelis. Steve is an active member of Jewish Federations of North America’s Large City Executives Forum, a member of the Executive Committees of the Jewish Agency for Israel and Jewish Federations of North America and is the immediate past co-chair for The Tarrytown Group, an organization of the largest Jewish foundations and Federations in North America.

Lisa Handelman is the Community Disabilities Inclusion Specialist at the Jewish Federation of Greater Washington, Department of Jewish Life and Learning. She has worked in Jewish education and inclusion for over 20 years, including leadership roles at the Yeshiva of Greater Washington, SULAM, CESJDS and at Capital Camps where she designed and led the nationally recognized inclusion-based program for the past 13 summers. Lisa’s commitment to inclusion in is based on the proposition that inclusion benefits and strengthens the Jewish community.
Federation identified these six critical needs in our local and global community.
#SnapForInclusion

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INCLUSION COMMITTEE

- Professional and lay leaders (almost 50)
- Individuals with disabilities (almost 20%)
- Parents and siblings of individuals with disabilities
- Teens with and without disabilities
INVOLVE THE COMMUNITY

• Over 100 people of all abilities in attendance
• Presentation by Yishai Barth, an inspiring student with a disability
• Breakout groups to brainstorm new ideas to move forward
Connect

RESOURCE WEBSITE

• Community Forum  • JDAIM
• Upcoming Events  • Individual Resources
• Community Resources • Inclusion Stories

Visit Shalomdc.org/DisabilitiesandInclusion
PARTNER WITH OTHERS
“The Jewish Federation of Greater Washington welcomes the participation of interfaith couples and families, and people of all abilities, backgrounds and sexual orientations.”
ACCESSIBLE WEBSITE

• Accessibility Audit
• Implement Updates
• Communicate updates

Website Language

“Our developers are consistently working to improve the accessibility and usability of the JFGW website. We strive to follow the standards of WCAG 2.0 Level AA as our guide for design and function”.
“Building an inclusive community is a priority; we strive to accommodate all needs whenever possible; advance notice is required. Please contact us at 301-230-7200, and we will make every effort to meet your needs.”
Communicate

KEEP TALKING

Blogs

Meetings

Visit Shalomdc.org/InclusionStories

Articles

Speeches
Empower

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For more information on Jewish Inclusion

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