

IMPACT REPORT

Jewish Abilities Alliance

WHAT WE DO

Knowing that one out of five individuals live with a disability, the Jewish Abilities Alliance (JAA) promotes an inclusive community that celebrates the uniqueness and abilities of every member across the life span. JAA supports Jewish Atlanta in welcoming and including people of diverse abilities by providing capacity-building resources to Jewish Atlanta’s synagogues, camps, schools and other Jewish organizations, and is the only initiative which examines disability inclusion through a community lens.

2021 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

744

Professionals, volunteers, students, and lay leaders trained in sensitivity and awareness and inclusion strategy

19

MICROGRANTS awarded to support COMMUNITY INCLUSION PROJECTS

28,000

Estimated number of Jews LIVING WITH A DISABILITY in metro Atlanta

45

OBSERVATIONS AND STRATEGY CONSULTATIONS supporting Jewish classrooms

6

inclusion-related professional opportunities supported through the INA ENOCH TRAINING FUND

NEW PROGRAMS



JAA provided MJCCA Day Camps with funding to establish a *shuk* (a traditional outdoor Israeli marketplace) the was operated by teen participants in the Chaverim camp inclusion program.

- JAA partnered with Marcus Jewish Community Center of Atlanta’s (MJCCA) Brill Institute for Jewish Learning to develop the world’s first inclusive Melton class. It is being used as a template for inclusive Melton courses around the world.
- JAA launched Atlanta’s first-ever pilot Preschool Inclusion Cohort, convening eight educators from different Jewish preschools to learn about best-practices in preschool inclusion and implement them into their classrooms. Cohort participants will continue convening periodically as a Community of Practice and will serve as a champion for inclusion at their schools and in their classrooms.
- JAA has provided microgrant funding for accessibility services at Jewish community festivals including the 2021 Atlanta Kosher BBQ Festival and LimmudFest.