

TORONTO JEWISH DISABILITY NETWORK

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Mazal Tov to **No Silence on Race** upon winning the UJA Community Inclusion Champion Award!

*"Built upon **No Silence on Race's** June 2020 Open Letter, these goals and aspirations were what brought our team together. While coming from different cultural backgrounds, shared stories and experiences of being Black and Jewish in Canada were the ties that bound our connection. Envisioning a new path forward, these three questions were asked along the way:*

- 1. Why were we still being questioned and othered in spaces we were either raised in or taught to be accepting?*
- 2. How can we mobilize the Canadian Jewish community to respond to the lack of recognition of Jewish people of colour within the community?*
- 3. How could we build new spaces to create a canon by Jews of colour for Jews of color?*

*It's hoped by turning **No Silence on Race** into a space for community, that these questions can be answered and work towards building Jewish spaces where looking like everyone else is no longer a prerequisite to feeling welcomed.*

[Periphery - Exhibition Trailer - YouTube](#)

[Periphery | Ontario Jewish Archives](#)

TRANSITIONS

Connectability: is offering a free virtual workshop facilitated by Holland Bloorview, TDSB and Connect Ability to discuss the journey to kindergarten [The Journey to Kindergarten: Transitions-based tips and resources for parents and caregivers of kids with disabilities | ConnectABILITY](#). Suggestions and lived experiences will be shared as well as resources for your home and community that can support your child's transition. **April 27, 2022, 1pm-2:30pm or 6:30pm-8pm**

Holland Bloorview: is offering a Planning for Transitions Panel on **May 5, 5:30pm to 7pm**. For more information, contact Melissa Ngo at mngo@hollandbloorview.ca or 416-425-6220 ext 6348



FUNDING

Jewish Family and Child Service camp subsidy line is still open! With the help of community efforts and UJA, we are able to help families provide their children with the experience of camp again. To determine eligibility, please call our camp intake line at **416-638-7800 ext. 6285**

Autism Ontario: Each year Autism Ontario awards scholarships to outstanding students entering their first year of post secondary education programs across Ontario. Applications are open until **April 30th!** [Education Scholarships | Autism Ontario](#)

Holland Bloorview: is offering a SSAH and ACSD funding workshop; **May 10, 10:30am-12pm**. Contact Stephanie Moynagh for more information at smoynagh@hollandbloorview.ca; 416-425-6220 ext 6146

SOCIAL SKILLS

Relate TO: Improve for Relationships. Fun, interactive play-filled program. Help participants develop confidence and skills for relationship building. **May 4-June 8 5-6:30PM** [Improv for Relationships | relateTO](#)

FUN STUFF

Autism Ontario in partnership with **Holland Bloorview** is inviting children with ASD and their siblings (ages 5-17) to participate in a virtual Kahoot trivia night: [Toronto-Trivia Night \(online\) | Autism Ontario](#). **April 28 from 5pm to 5:30pm.**

UJA Walkathon: Come walk with and show your support for Israel! After 2 years of being virtual, get excited to reunite for an in-person walk and vibrant festival: [UJA's Walk with Israel 2022 - Campaign \(ujafundraiser.com\)](#). May 29, 9am starting at Earl Bales Park. **Registration for volunteers is also open

PARENT SUPPORT

***Reminder* Jewish Family & Child Service:** [SupportAbility Parent Support Group](#). Join the bi-weekly virtual parent group to share experiences, meet other parents, and hear expert speakers. (For parents with children under 18). For more information contact spropper@jfundcs.com or contact 416-638-7800.

Autism Ontario: in partnership with Holland Bloorview is inviting parents and caregivers to a virtual 'coffee chat' support group; **May 5, 11am to 12pm** [Toronto- Coffee Chat \(Online\) | Autism Ontario](#)

Autism Ontario: Dads and male caregivers are invited to join a Rad Dads virtual group on **May 30th from 7:30pm to 9pm**. [Provincial - Rad Dads Group | Autism Ontario](#)

GET INFORMED:

City of Toronto: Cultural Districts & Diverse Abilities offers a panel discussion on how to ensure Toronto's new cultural district can accommodate and embrace individuals living with a disability. Hear representatives from Reena and Access Now, and Community Living. **April 28th, 7:30-8:30pm.** [Registration for Cultural Communities Roundtable \(office.com\)](#)

VIRTUAL OPPORTUNITIES

DANI: registration for Virtual Inclusive Learning Academy (VILA) is now open for Spring 2022! This is an online educational hub that's designed to provide academic support and job training to adults with developmental delays. Runs from April 18-June 30, 2 times a week for 11 weeks: [VILA - Virtual Inclusive Learning Academy \(dani-](#)

MEDIA

Autism Speaks: presents **Life on the Spectrum**, a 20 minute documentary which represents the experience, views and perspectives of autistic Canadians and their families to increase understanding and acceptance: [Life On The Spectrum | by Autism Speaks Canada | DOCUMENTARY - YouTube](#)

Toronto Jewish Film Festival is pleased to co-present a film at Hot Docs Canadian International Documentary Festival called **Unloved: Huronia's Forgotten Children**. Presented in theater on May 3rd and 6th, streaming online beginning May 4. [Unloved: Huronia's Forgotten Children | Hot Docs](#)

Join **ReelAbilities Film Festival Toronto** and **Community Living Ontario** for a panel discussion featuring young adults with intellectual disabilities and their experiences with relationships. The panel will be moderated by Deanna Djos, sexual health promoter, and leader of Relationship Group Toronto. Panelists will address the topic of healthy relationships. What do they look like? feel like? Where do we find them? Do movies accurately portray healthy relationships? **May 20, 11am-12pm, FREE!** Register at: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/321042565957>

