

HILIBRAND AUTISM SYMPOSIUM

TENTH ANNUAL UJA-FEDERATION OF NEW YORK HILIBRAND AUTISM SYMPOSIUM

Fostering Independence for Young Adults With ASD: A Focus on Self-Advocacy, Housing, and Entrepreneurship

PROGRAM

8:30 – 9:00 A.M. BREAKFAST AND REGISTRATION

Ellen Forrest, Chair, UJA-Federation Caring Commission's Autism Committee

Alex Roth-Kahn, Managing Director, UJA-Federation's Caring Department

Linda Walder Fiddle, Esq., Founder and Executive Director, The Daniel Jordan Fiddle Foundation

9:15 – 10:00 A.M. FEATURED SPEAKER

Jesse Saperstein, Self-Advocate and Author

Nothing About Us...Without Us

Hear a self-advocate share his ideas about empowering others to live a life of independence, along with focusing on the skills and compromises that are often synonymous with being on the autism spectrum.

10:00 – 10:15 A.M. BREAK

10:15 A.M. – 12:15 P.M. KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Judah B. Koller, Psy.D., assistant professor, clinical child school psychology and special education; chair, Graduate Division of Special Education, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Cory Shulman, Ph.D., director of the Autism Center at the Hebrew University and Hadassah Medical Center; head of Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Program, the School of Social Work, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Transitioning to Adulthood in Israel: What Can We Take Back to the U.S.?

Two experts in the field of autism in Israel will provide a unique look at the landscape of opportunities and challenges in transitioning to

adulthood for young adults with ASD. Findings from demographic information concerning schooling, army service, employment, and living arrangements of adolescents and adults with ASD in Israel will be presented.

12:15P.M. – 1:00 P.M. LUNCH

1:00 P.M. – 2:00 P.M. FEATURED SPEAKER

Kathy Matthews, Ph.D., Vice President of Educational Programs, Faison Center

Creating a Housing Model: The Faison Approach
Learn about the Faison Housing Model, one of the first realized community models to include individuals with autism in an apartment complex in Richmond, Virginia.

2:00 P.M. – 2:15 P.M. BREAK

2:15 P.M. – 4:00.P.M. AN AUTISM ENTREPRENEURSHIP PANEL

Featuring

Patrick Bardsley, President and Co-Founder, Spectrum Designs Foundation

Marjorie Madfis, President, Yes She Can Inc.

Jonah Zimiles, Owner, Words Bookstore

Moderator: **Beth Rosenberg**, Founder/Director, Tech Kids Unlimited

4:00 P.M. CLOSING REMARKS

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