



Autistic Self Advocacy Network
Presents:

**Neurodiversity, Autistic
Self-Advocacy and New
Constituencies in the
Disability Rights
Movement**



Center for Disability Rights, Inc.



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Date: October 7th

Time: 6p.m. to 8p.m.

**Place: 497 State Street
Rochester, NY**

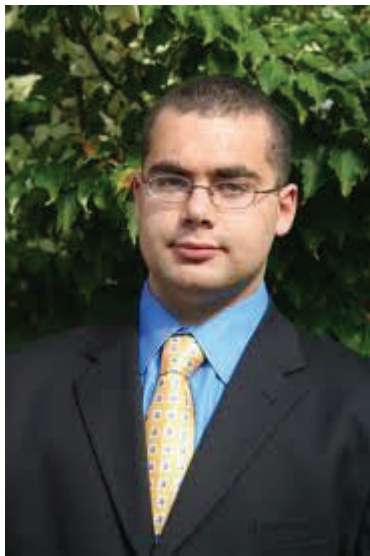
ASAN President Ari Ne'eman, a national leader on Autism and appointee to President Obama's National Council on Disability, will be speaking on the growing presence in the disability rights movement of Autistic adults and those with other disabilities not frequently involved in activism.

Discussion will include what priorities the Autistic Self-Advocacy community has for the realization of that community's civil rights, non-traditional access issues and how to think about making a world that is accessible for an even more diverse disability community, concerns over potential eugenic directions in autism research and the broader idea of "neurodiversity" and how it connects with the disability rights agenda for all people with disabilities.

There will be opportunity afterwards for questions and discussion.

Facility is wheelchair accessible
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Ari Ne'eman

Ari Ne'eman is the Founding President of the Autistic Self Advocacy Network, where he initiates and directs efforts to increase the representation of autistic individuals in public policy discussions. He is an adult on the autism spectrum and a leading advocate in the neurodiversity movement, frequently briefing policymakers and speaking publicly on disability and autism policy issues. In 2009, President Obama nominated Ari to the National Council on Disability, a federal agency charged with advising Congress and the President on disability policy issues. He was confirmed by the Senate in July 2010. In April 2010, he was appointed by Secretary Sebelius as a public member to the Inter-agency Autism Coordinating Committee, a Federal advisory committee that coordinates all efforts within the Department of Health and Human Services concerning autism.

Appointed by Governor Jon Corzine, Ari served as Vice Chair of the New Jersey Adults with Autism Task Force, where he represented autistic adults in reviewing the state's autism services. He also previously served on the New Jersey Special Education Review Commission, where he authored a minority report on the topic of aversives, restraint and seclusion. In 2008, Ari served as the first ever Patricia Morrissey Disability Policy Fellow at the Institute for Educational Leadership. That year, he also received the HSC Foundation "Advocates in Disability" Award, and in 2009, he received the Expanding Horizons Award from United Cerebral Palsy. He is also a board member of TASH, an advocacy organization focusing on advancing social justice for people with significant disabilities. He has a bachelor's degree from the University of Maryland-Baltimore County, where he studied political science in the Sondheim Public Affairs Scholars Program.

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