

"לא איש דברים אנכי... כי כבד פה וכבד לשון אנכי." (שמות ד:י)  
 "I am not a man of words... I am slow of speech." (Shemot 4:10)

# Third Annual World Aphasia Shabbat

**January 18, 2025 - 18 Tevet 5785**  
**Parshat Shemot**

Koach Eitan and Congregation Ohr Hatorah Atlanta are collaborating with shuls and communities worldwide to learn about aphasia and advocate for greater inclusion within Jewish observance. This unique project will take place on Parshat Shemot, as we read the story of Moshe, the great Jewish leader who struggled with speech.

## What is Aphasia?

Aphasia is a language impairment that can impact speech, reading, writing, and comprehension. Caused by damage to the language center of the brain, aphasia can be the result of stroke, brain injury or neurodegenerative diseases.

Individuals with aphasia encounter significant challenges in their interactions with others.

## Goal

The World Aphasia Shabbat seeks to raise awareness and foster understanding of aphasia, educating the community on effective communication strategies to include those affected by these conditions. Koach Eitan aims to empower individuals with language impairments to actively participate in Jewish life.

By learning about aphasia and implementing inclusive tools and resources, communities can encourage people with aphasia and other disabilities to engage with the community.

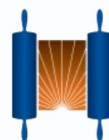
## How to Participate

Upon registering, you will receive educational materials and guiding suggestions. The materials will include further explanation about the challenges of living with aphasia, divrei Torah, a Halachic guide to aphasia and disability, and tips on how to better communicate with an aphasic person. By dedicating a Shabbat to learning about aphasia, we hope to help make Shabbat a time of joy for all members of the community.

**To register, to learn more, and for ideas on how to fully embrace World Aphasia Shabbat, reach out to [www.koacheitan.com](http://www.koacheitan.com)**



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