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## Local Woman Earns Award For Autism Courage

CHARLOTTE DUBIN SPECIAL TO THE JEWISH NEWS

A Farmington Hills woman who has fought her own largely unknown disability and is helping others along the way has received a major award from the Ted Lindsay Foundation.



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Tracey Cohen

The Ted Lindsay/ Sergei Fedorov Individual Courage Award was presented to Tracey Cohen of Farmington Hills at a dinner held recently by the Troy-based foundation that supports autism research and educational programs.

Until her disorder was diagnosed at age 39, Cohen was uncertain why she was "different" from others. As a child, the daughter of George and Joan Cohen excelled academically, but social situations were challenging. She managed to graduate from the University of Michigan in 1994 and began a career in early childhood education. In 2003, her desire to help others led to her enrollment in the Peace Corps and service in

Namibia, Africa.

The awakening to her own difficulties occurred at a conference she attended to help one of her clients who had been diagnosed with Asperger syndrome. She began to seek professional opinions and, in 2009, received her diagnosis: Asperger syndrome/autism — a spectrum of complex brain disorders that result in social, behavioral and communication problems.

In 2015, Cohen published a slim but well-received book, *Six-Word Lessons on Female Asperger Syndrome*. Her goal was to enable others to gain practical knowledge of life on the spectrum so they could identify and better support the disorder in their own families. The book highlights early signs for detection, coping strategies, diagnosis and more.

An avid runner, Cohen wrote *Six-Word Lessons on the Sport of Running: 100 Lessons to Enjoy Running for a Lifetime* this July. Both are under Pachelli Publishing's "Six-Word Lessons" series and can be found at amazon.com.

## Canada Holocaust Memorial Omits Mention of Jews, Anti-Semitism

Times of Israel

Canada's government removed a plaque at a new Holocaust memorial that omitted any reference to Jews or anti-Semitism.

The National Holocaust Memorial, in the capital of Ottawa, was inaugurated last week by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.

A few days later, a lawmaker from the opposition Conservative Party criticized the "profoundly obvious omission."

"If we are going to stamp out hatred toward Jews, it is important to get history right," said MP David Sweet.



Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau at the inauguration of the National Holocaust Memorial in Ottawa on Sept. 27, 2017.

tion the millions of Jews murdered by the Nazis during the Holocaust. Trudeau emphasized his commitment to combating anti-Semitism during the inauguration of the mem