

Letter to the Editor

I'm writing to thank the JCC (Jewish Community Center MetroWest) for installing a hearing loop in the spinning room. Since this loop has been installed, it's been an amazing experience to hear the instructor in a darkened room with loud music.

The Hearing Loop is a special type of sound system for use by people with hearing aids or cochlear implants. It provides a magnetic, wireless signal that is picked up by the hearing aid when it is set to "T" (telecoil).

I use two cochlear implants and am totally deaf without these behind-the-ear speech processors. When I am in a spinning class, all I need to do is change the programs of my speech processors to "T" and I can hear 100 percent of what's being said.

If someone wears two hearing aids that have the "T" switch on them (most behind-the-ear hearing aids have them, not all of the in-the-ear hearing aids do), the hearing aids will work as receivers. If someone has hearing loss but does not wear hearing aids (or has hearing aids without a t-coil), there is a portable loop receiver that the spinning instructor can give out with headphones. All one has to do is ask for this accommodation.

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