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Reaffirming Our Mission: A Note From Executive Director Howard Libit

On behalf of the Baltimore Jewish Council, I want to share my hope that all of you are staying safe with your families and loved ones, while limiting your person-to-person interactions as much as possible. Like you, our lives here at the BJC have been upended in ways that we never could have imagined, but please rest assured that all of us are safe, healthy and engaged. We are deeply grateful for the thousands of critical personnel who continue to serve our community's needs, from our medical professionals and first-responders taking care of our health to the grocery store clerks, pharmacists and delivery drivers who keep supplies available.

We are working hard to reimagine and reinvent some of the programming and events that you have come to expect from the BJC. For example, please join us for Thursday's online Q&A session with the Israeli Embassy about the pandemic's impact on Israel. Our community commemoration of Yom HaShoah will continue to be held on its original planned date, Sunday, April 19th, but it will instead be an online experience. Please keep watch on your email and the BJC website for more details on this, and other online opportunities that we will be adding.

In these challenging times, we are doing our best to support our Jewish communities and the region. The Baltimore Jewish Council, a proud agency of The Associated: Jewish Federation of Baltimore, is mobilized to respond in times of crisis thanks to the network of nonprofits that receive funding and financial support from The Associated's Annual Campaign. Our Associated network needs your support to meet the needs in our community due to the current COVID-19 crisis. Please give generously [here](#).

If you have ideas for ways that we can engage the community through programs or other activities, please share them with me. And if you know someone in need during these challenging times, please let us know and we will do our best to connect them to appropriate assistance.

Thank you, and be well.

Howard Libit
Executive Director

An Early End to a Successful Legislative Session

Did you miss the BJC recap of the 2020 legislative session that was shared earlier this week?

[Click here](#) to learn more about the General Assembly's actions in such areas as fighting hate crimes, ensuring security, protecting seniors, the future of Pimlico Race Course and Northwest Baltimore, and state budget investments in our communities.



Annual Yom HaShoah Commemoration To Be Presented In Online

Each year the BJC brings together Holocaust Survivors from across the region, along with hundreds of others in



our community, to commemorate Yom HaShoah. Even in the face of uncertain times we are committed to continuing this tradition as we mark the 75th anniversary of the liberation.

This year we will be joining together as a community for an online Yom HaShoah experience, as we collectively remember and honor all of those who were lost in the Holocaust. We will include excerpts

of video interviews with local Survivors who were liberated from concentration camps. While not being broadcast live, this video will **premiere on April 19** on the [BJC's website](#) and social media platforms, be sent via email, and always remain accessible for all to view.

BJC to Join Embassy for Presentation on Israel's Response to COVID-19

As in the United States and around the world, Israel is grappling with the COVID-19 pandemic. However, unlike many other nations in this unprecedented situation, Israel is no stranger to responding to unique crises.



Tomorrow, Thursday April 2 at 2:00 PM, we are partnering with the Israel

Embassy to hear an update on the situation in Israel as it relates to COVID-19 and how the country is responding. There will also be time for you to ask questions. [This event will take place live on Zoom, please be sure to register in advance to receive the streaming link.](#)

Nominations Now Open for Leadership Development Program



The BJC is preparing to welcome a new cohort to our biennial Leadership Development Program set to kick off this fall. This one year program, with monthly, hands-on meetings, exposes participants to each program area of the BJC. The cohort will meet with community leaders and government officials who address issues at every level.

Upon completion of the program, participants will be prepared to take their leadership in the Jewish Community to new heights. For the first time this year you are able to nominate someone who you think might make a good fit for the program. [Learn more about LDP and complete the online nomination form.](#)

Upcoming Events & Opportunities

TOMORROW!

Limited Spots Available: COVID-19 And The State of Israel

Streaming live on Zoom, Thursday, April 2, 2:00 PM

We are teaming up with the Israeli Embassy to bring you a virtual Q&A on COVID-19 and how the State of Israel is handling the pandemic.

[More info and registration](#)

Applications are now open to join the 2020-2021 Social Justice Teen Fellowship cohort!

Interested students join with other high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors who share a passion for social justice in a free, nine-month fellowship!

Students build relationships with teens of various faiths and ethnic backgrounds, and learn to facilitate conversations with peers on racism, Antisemitism, diversity and social justice. The program is a partnership of the Baltimore Jewish Council and the Elijah Cummings Youth Program.

[More info and application](#)

Submit a Nomination for the BJC Leadership Development Program

[Learn more about LDP and nominate someone who you think would be a good candidate for the 2020-2021 cohort.](#)

Follow The Associated's Efforts In Response To COVID-19

Keep up with all of the work of The Associated and our partner agencies during these challenging times, from virtual programming to emergency resources to volunteer opportunities.

Holocaust Speakers Bureau Suspended

Out of concern for the health of speakers and audience members we have suspended the Holocaust Speakers Bureau for the remainder of the 2019-2020 academic year.

Please email Jeanette Parmigiani at jparmigiani@baltjc.org with any questions.

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