
Council Matters

June 2019

Join the BJC Annual Meeting on June 6

The Baltimore Jewish Council's Annual Meeting will take place this Thursday at Beth Tfiloh Congregation at 5 PM. This year we are proud to present Elan Carr as our featured speaker. Carr serves as the U.S. Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism for the US State Department. In a time when anti-semitic incidents are on the rise globally, Carr is tasked with directing U.S. policies and projects aimed at countering these hateful acts throughout the world.



At the meeting we will also be honoring, as we do every year, those who truly exemplify the meaning of community service. This year we are proud to honor the members of our Holocaust Survivors Speakers Bureau. Each year the Speaker's Bureau is able to reach thousands of individuals around the state, many of them young people, and share their stories of surviving the Holocaust. We are hope you are able to join us, but please be sure to [register in advance](#).

Leadership Development Program Cohort Wraps Up



May marked the final formal session for the BJC's 2018-19 Leadership Development Program cohort. This year-long learning for young future leaders of the Jewish community guides participates through each program area of the BJC, from Holocaust education to community security to interfaith relations to legislative and Israel advocacy. Participants in this year's cohort came from a

diverse set of professions, and we look forward to helping them taking on expanded leadership roles in Jewish life in Baltimore. They will be celebrating the completion of the program at an Orioles game next month.

BJC and The Associated Convene Summit on Anti-Semitism

Amid increasing incidents of anti-semitism in our state and the nation, the BJC and The Associated convened a summit of more than 75 top professional and lay

leaders from our community's Jewish institutions and organizations to focus on new and additional efforts to combat hatred. Senator Cardin and a representative from the Anti Defamation League helped brief the group on the latest statistics, before everyone in the room worked in small groups to talk about what we are doing now that is working, what should be expanded, and what new ideas should be tried. Following last week's summit at Chizuk Amuno Congregation, the BJC and The Associated will be assembling a smaller work group to prioritize the many goals, strategies and tactics that were discussed, and then move to implementation.



Mazel Tov Sarah!



Last month BJC Deputy Director Sarah Mersky received the Outstanding Jewish Communal Professional Award by The Darrell D. Friedman Institute for Professional Development. [Check out this video showing just some of the ways Sarah truly exemplifies what it means to be a leader in the Jewish Community.](#)

The Elijah Cummings Youth Program in Israel Turns 20



This week we marked 20 years of the Elijah Cummings Youth Program in Israel with a celebration at the Reginald F. Lewis Museum. We cannot thank enough all of those who over the years have helped make ECYP the successful program it has become, as well as those who joined us at the celebration to ensure that it continues to thrive for years to come.

Upcoming Events & Opportunities

Annual Meeting

SAVE
THE DATE

Beth Tfiloh Congregation
3300 Old Court Rd, Pikesville, MD 21208

June 6, 5-7 PM

FEATURING ELAN CARR
U.S. SPECIAL ENVOY TO MONITOR
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summer!*

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