
Council Matters

May 2019

Sarah Mersky Named Outstanding Jewish Communal Professional of the Year

Mazel Tov to the BJC's Deputy Director, Sarah Mersky, who will be honored this month by the Darrell D. Friedman Institute for Professional Development as the Jewish Communal Professional of the Year. This award recognizes mid-level career professionals currently serving the greater Baltimore Jewish community who have been in the field of Jewish communal service for at least four years but no more than ten. As all of us at the BJC already



know, Sarah has firmly established herself as a committed and effective advocate on behalf of our Jewish community, and passionately fights for Jewish community interests and broader social justice concerns at the local, state and federal levels. Sarah will receive her award, as well as a \$1,250 grant to subsidize professional development opportunities, at DFI's annual Celebration of Professional Leadership.

Another Successful Legislative Session Wraps Up



This past session the BJC legislative team was hard at work in Annapolis advocating on behalf of the Baltimore Jewish Community. Pictured above are Sarah Mersky and Matt Peterson, alongside Rob Lattin of the Anti Defamation League, as HB 240 is signed into law by Gov. Hogan. HB 240 was just one of many bills we worked on this year, and we invite you to check out our [comprehensive memo](#) which reviews the outcome of many bills and budget items of interest.

The Votes are Counted, What Do They Mean?

Last month Executive Director Howard Libit shared his thoughts on the outcome of the Israeli Election in an [Op-Ed for the Baltimore Jewish Times](#). If you are interested in learning more about what the recent election means for the future of Israel, then be sure to join us on May 6, for the [final edition in our Israeli Elections 101 series](#). This event will feature journalist Gil Hoffman, and will take place at 7 PM in the Community Room of the Park Heights JCC.



Yom HaShoah Commemoration This Weekend

Be sure to join us on [May 5](#) as we come together as a community once again to [commemorate Yom HaShoah](#). The themes of year's event are the efforts made in the United States

to save Jews during the Holocaust, as well as the 75th Anniversary of the War Refugee Board. Gretchen Skidmore, Director of Education Initiatives at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, will also deliver a keynote address.



Annual Meeting

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THE DATE

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

FEATURING ELAN CARR
U.S. SPECIAL ENVOY TO MONITOR
AND COMBAT ANTI-SEMITISM

June 6, 5-7 PM

Israeli Election 101: Post Election Briefing

Monday, May 6, 7:00 - 8:30 PM, Park Heights JCC Community Room

[More information and registration](#)

Interfaith Volunteer Series: Jonestown Kickoff Event

Sunday, May 19, 3:00 - 6:00 PM. Helping Up Mission

[More information and registration](#)

Stoop Storytelling - Out of Stigma's Shadow

Tuesday, May 21, 7:00 - 9:00 PM, Baltimore Hebrew Congregation

[More information and registration](#)

Elijah Cummings Youth Program in Israel 20th Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, June 2, 5 PM, Reginald F. Lewis Museum

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