

May 2020

How is the Faith Community Adapting to COVID-19?



Like many others in recent weeks, you may have participated in your first Zoom Seder or tuned into Shabbat services via Facebook Live. The Jewish community is not alone in being forced to adapt to the current global pandemic. Leaders from every faith are learning how to stay connected with their congregants, while staying

true to their values and still providing meaningful experiences for their community.

On May 5th, at 11:00 AM, we will be joining faith leaders to explore how they've continued to lead ritual practice, provide care, celebrate, and mourn all while social distancing. The online panel "Faith and Community During a Pandemic: An Interfaith Conversation" will feature Imam Earl El-Amin, Reverend Alvin C. Hathaway, Sr, and Rabbi Daniel Burg. [This event will be streamed live on the BJC Facebook page, where audience members are invited to submit their own questions.](#)

Commemorating Yom HaShoah in a New Way

Since its premiere last month, our virtual Yom HaShoah video has garnered nearly 1000 views across multiple platforms. If you have not seen it yet, be sure to [view it now on our website.](#)



The video both remembers those who were lost in the Holocaust and honors the heroic liberators who freed the concentration camps. Featuring archival interviews with survivors sharing their stories, a musical tribute, and much more, we hope you will share this video with your family and friends. In the absence of programming such as our traditional Yom HaShoah Commemoration and the Survivor's Speakers Bureau, this presentation is just one of the many ways we are continuing our mission of sharing the lessons and stories of the Holocaust. We would like to thank our generous financial sponsors for making this presentation possible. Additionally, we thank the lay leaders of the Holocaust Remembrance Commission for their work in bringing such a memorable program to our community, especially co-chairs Margie Simon and Rachel V. Glaser.

All Contributions to The Associated To Be Matched Through May 8

From ensuring that vulnerable seniors are safe in their home while social distancing, to helping laid-off workers to navigate the process of receiving unemployment insurance and finding a new job, the work of the many agencies that make up The Associated could not be more imperative during the time of the COVID-9 pandemic.



On Tuesday, May 5, The Associated will participate in #GivingTuesdayNow, a global day of giving and unity - an urgent response to the unprecedented need caused by coronavirus. Over the past few months, the entire world has come together to help out, give back and stand up for those who can't, and The Associated is leading the way for our community. We are able to quickly and nimbly respond to our community's needs with the generous help of donors like you.

The Associated is raising critical dollars for those affected by the pandemic. Now through May 8, all gifts made will be matched dollar-for-dollar by generous donors. [Please click here to donate.](#)

Completing Your Census and Voting While Socially Distancing



Have you completed your census yet? The BJC is an Official Partner for the 2020 Census and if you have not yet been counted [you can do so right now online](#). The census only takes a few minutes to complete, and is entirely confidential. Billions of dollars of federal funding are

dependent on an accurate count, covering everything from infrastructure projects to social services.

For the first time, Maryland will be holding its primary election entirely by mail on June 2nd. So be sure to look out for your ballot in the mail in the coming weeks, and return it postmarked by June 2nd so your vote is counted. No postage required. If you need to update your address or just want to make sure your address is correct, you may do so online. [Information on in-person polling sites for voters with special needs can be found here.](#)

Upcoming Events & Opportunities

TUESDAY!

Faith and Community During a Pandemic: An Interfaith Conversation

Tuesday, May 5, 11:00 AM

Learn from Baltimore Faith Leaders about how their communities are adapting to COVID-19.

Streaming on Zoom and the [BJC Facebook Page](#)

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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