

Council Matters

November 2018

Baltimore Stands With Pittsburgh in Wake of Tragedy

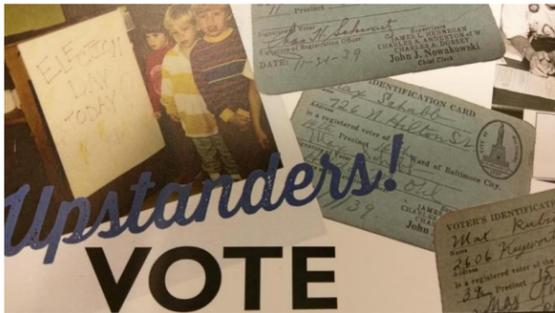


Just 24 hours after the horrific shooting in Pittsburgh, more than 1000 community members came together to show solidarity with our neighbors in Pittsburgh, and honor those whose lives were senselessly cut short by violence and antisemitism. Seeing so many people come together so soon after such a tragedy symbolizes our community's absolute resilience to hate whenever and wherever it surfaces.

The outpouring of support that we have received from leaders of nearly every faith community in Baltimore, elected officials across Maryland, and community members is nothing short of heartwarming. Throughout this past week we have seen vigils and memorial services of nearly every sort hosted across the region. Furthermore we have worked closely with The Associated on issues related to security in our community, by coordinating with our law enforcement partners and responding to concerns from Jewish institutions across the region. [Please read the BJC's full statement on this incident.](#)

This Shabbat all community members are invited to continue the healing process together at the Synagogue of their choosing for a Solidarity Shabbat hosted by The Associated and Jewish Organizations across the United States.

Election Day is around the Corner



Throughout this election cycle, the Baltimore Jewish Council has worked to provide our community with the information and resources they need to make an informed vote. We held a forum for the Baltimore County Executive Candidates, a "Candidates Carnival" for legislative candidates, invited candidates to our board meetings, and partnered with the

Jewish Museum of Maryland on our voter pledge card initiative to increase voter turnout and awareness. Now the time has come to cast your ballot!

November Holocaust Education Opportunities

Two of the BJC's major annual Holocaust commemoration and education events are set for November.

On Wednesday, November 7, at 7 p.m., the community will come together to mark the 80th Anniversary of Kristallnacht at Moses Montefiore Anshe Emunah Congregation. Through firsthand, eyewitness accounts, this year's event will allow attendees to more deeply experience what it was like for those lived through Kristallnacht. [This event is free and open to the public, and advanced registration is encouraged.](#)

Later in the month, the BJC will host our annual Lessons of the Shoah for high school students and teachers from across the region. Hosted each year at the John Carroll School, approximately 400 students are registered this fall to participate in the all-day program that creates a dialogue for understanding, tolerance and respect.

Israeli Company Mistral Group Opens in Baltimore

The Baltimore Jewish Council was on hand this past month to welcome Mistral Group to the area as they opened their new facility in White Marsh. The company makes defense products for military and

police use and also works with agencies to identify and solve deficiencies. One of their main products was used in the aftermath of the recent pipe bomb incidents. The product is used by authorities to transport dangerous explosive after they have been recovered.



In attendance at the ribbon cutting ceremony were Gov. Larry Hogan, Sen. Ben Cardin, and Rep. C.A. Dutch Ruppersberger, in addition to many other local elected officials. Mistral Group's expansion to the region brings up to 50 new jobs and an added homeland security presence to the region. This expansion would not have been possible without the work of the Maryland/Israel Development Center, which is always targeting new opportunities for our state.

Upcoming Opportunities

Solidarity Shabbat

November 2-3 at
Your Synagogue.

[Click here for more information.](#)



Sue Glick Liebman Visiting Israel Scholar Opening Program

Sunday, November 4
7 PM.

Park Heights JCC, Community Room

[Click here for more information.](#)

Kristallnacht 80th Anniversary.

Wednesday, November 7, 7:00-8:00

PM. [Click here for more information
and to RSVP.](#)

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