

## October 2020

### Pledge To Participate In 18 Day Exploration Of Racial Justice



Both organizations and individual community members are invited to join the BJC for a unique 18 day program of learning and reflection on racial justice. Participants will receive an email each day featuring an article, video, and/or reflection question that surfaces one aspect or experience of race, racism, antisemitism, power, or privilege.

With a commitment of just 30 minutes a day, participants will build a shared set of resources and tools to begin or continue the work of pursuing justice inside and beyond the Jewish community. The program kicks off with a virtual event on October 14. [Both individuals and organizations can register now to take the pledge and join us.](#)

### There Is Still Time To Request Your Mail-in Ballot

While ballots should be arriving in the mail very shortly for those who have already requested them, there is still time to request a ballot. Requests for mail-in must be submitted by October 20.

As part of our ongoing initiative with The Associated to encourage community members to vote by mail in the upcoming presidential

election, we want to make sure you know all the steps to have an easy and secure voting experience. [Our own Matt Peterson wrote this quick guide to voting by mail during a pandemic, which recently appeared in Jmore, breaking down everything you need to know to cast your ballot!](#)



### Community To Remember Rep. Elijah Cummings One Year After Passing



It is difficult to believe that it is already almost one year since the passing of Congressman Elijah Cummings. The monumental void left in our community from his passing is still fresh in our minds. But we know his legacy lives on in the more than 200 graduates of the Elijah Cummings Youth Program. We invite you to join fellows, both current and former, along with family, friends, and colleagues

of Congressman Cummings, to remember him and pay tribute to the impact he had. [The program will take place on October 14 at 7:00 pm, and advance registration is required.](#)

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## Four Part Series On Arab Minority Within Israel To Begin This Month

How do social and economic gaps between Israel's Jewish majority and Arab minority affect Israeli society as a whole? What are some of the social, cultural and economic issues and policies that have emerged as majority-minority priorities in recent years? How have recent efforts to close these gaps been impacted by the COVID-19 crisis?



We are excited to be joining with The Associated's Israel Insight forum to present a four part series on Israel's Arab minority, where all of these questions, along with many others, will be discussed. [The monthly series begins on October 13 at 12:00 PM, and advance registration is required.](#)

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## Still Time To Apply For Leadership Development Program



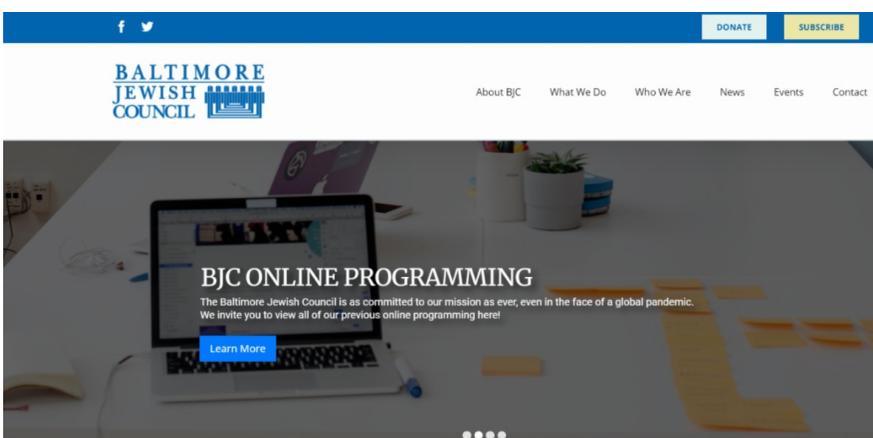
Aimed at cultivating the next generation of Jewish leaders, the Leadership Development Program is currently recruiting for the next cohort of participants. The program kicks off next month and cohort members will develop an understanding of all aspects of Jewish community relations. From government relations to community security and everything in between, participants will be exposed to

each program area of the BJC, and upon completion of LDP will be equipped to take an increased role in the community.

Those interested must be under 40 years age, and can learn more about LDP and apply at: [baltjc.org/leadership-development](http://baltjc.org/leadership-development).

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## BJC Rolls Out New Website



If you have [visited the BJC website](#) in recent days then you probably have noticed that things look a little different, new, and improved. That is because

over the past five months, the BJC staff has been busy working to give our online presence a complete makeover so that we can better keep you informed. In addition to a updated and more user friendly interface, new features to the site include pages dedicated to our efforts to combat antisemitism as well as the One Park Heights Initiative.

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## **The Associated Launches Annual Campaign**

Last month The Associated launched the annual campaign. As an agency of The Associated we believe that it is our responsibility to repair the world, to shape Jewish journeys and to extend a hand to Jews around the world.

That responsibility has only become more necessary during the COVID-19 pandemic. Your gift to the annual campaign will support the work of the many agencies that make up The Associated. 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, all while continuing to engage community members of all generations to build a stronger Jewish Baltimore.

[Please give generously](#)

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## **Upcoming Events & Opportunities**

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### **18 Days Exploring Racial Justice - The Baltimore Jewish Community Learns Together**

Virtual Kickoff Event: Wednesday, October 14, 6:30 PM

[Take the pledge now!](#)

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### **Elijah Cummings Youth Program Virtual Tribute**

Wednesday, October 14, 7:00 PM

[Register Now!](#)

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### **SAVE THE DATE | Kristallnacht**

Monday, November 9

[Register Now](#)

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