



## November 2020

### Tomorrow is Election Day!

Have you made your plan to vote yet? Tomorrow is Election Day, and you have a few options on how to cast your ballot. If you requested a mail-in ballot it is now recommended that you return your ballot directly [to a ballot drop box](#), by 8:00 PM on Election Day. You may also vote at any [voting center in your jurisdiction](#). Please note though that if you did request an absentee ballot, but opt to vote in person, you may be required to vote via a provisional ballot. [The state has a list of all ballot drop boxes and voting centers on their website.](#)



We aim to keep the community as informed as possible, especially during election time. Last week we were excited to present David Makovsky of the Washington Institute to provide us with a briefing on Israel-American relations ahead of US Presidential Election. [If you missed this in-depth webinar, we invite you to view the recording.](#)

### Kristallnacht Commemoration To Honor The Righteous Gentile



Next Monday, November 9 at 7:00 PM we will continue our annual tradition of commemorating Kristallnacht, the night of the broken glass. This year's commemoration will feature a few changes. Aside from taking place in a all-virtual format, we will also honor the righteous gentiles who saved the lives of so many Jews that night, and throughout the Holocaust.

Those who join us will learn about the story of Master Sergeant Roddie Edmonds and will even get to view a special screening of "Footsteps of My Father" followed by a question and answer session with Roddie Edmonds' son, Pastor Chris Edmonds. [Be sure to register now, so you can join us for this exciting live event.](#)

### 18 Day Exploration of Racial Justice Draws Over 500 Participants



After attracting over 500 participants and 35 different area Jewish organizations, the 18 Day Exploration of Racial Justice comes to a conclusion this evening. We are so thankful to everyone who joined us for making this program so meaningful. We hope that after this 18

day journey, we as a community and as individuals, continue to grow and become more inclusive. [We have also created a resource guide on our website featuring some of the materials from the program.](#)

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## Three Sessions Remain In Series On Arab Minority Within Israel

Please join the BJC and The Associated's Insight Israel Forum for the remaining three sessions of The 21%: The Arab Minority in Israeli Society.

Topics still to be covered include as the pandemic, the role of Arabs in Israel's startup economy, and what the future holds for the Arab minority. The next installment of this series is on November 10 at 1:00 PM, and advance registration is required. [The next installment of this series is on November 10 at 1:00 PM, and advance registration is required.](#)



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## BJC Legislative Priorities Become Law

Despite a legislative session cut short by a global pandemic, we are excited to share that last month a variety of bills we worked on during the 2020 legislative session became law.

As with most bills that pass the Maryland General Assembly, October 1 marked the day they become took effect. Here are just a few we advocated for ranging from hate crimes to elder care to the revitalization of Northwest Baltimore.



- **HB 5 - Hate Crimes**, Prohibiting a person from placing a hate symbol, such as a noose or swastika, whether temporary or permanent, on any property, public or private, without the express permission of the owner.
- **SB 966 - Elder Care**, Prevents assisted living referral agencies from placing individuals in unlicensed care facilities. Requires all assisted living referral agencies to register with the state, and disclose to clients the financial relationships they have with the facilities they are referring to.
- **HB 541 - Hate Crimes**, Requiring the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission to require entrance-level and in-service police training training relating to the criminal laws concerning recognition of, reporting of, and response to hate crimes.
- **SB 987 - Northwest Baltimore**, The law lays out a plan that keeps the Preakness in Baltimore by redesigning and rebuilding Pimlico Race Course. The new facility could be used year-round for recreational activities on the infield, community meetings, arts festivals, concerts and banquets. The bill authorizes the Maryland Stadium Authority to issue \$375 million in bonds to fund the project. (This law took effect over the summer)

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## Support The Associated Annual Campaign

The Baltimore Jewish Council, a proud agency of The Associated: Jewish Federation of Baltimore, depends on the funding it receives from The Associated's Annual Campaign. Now, more than ever in its 100 year history, our Associated network needs your support. Together we are addressing the urgent and critical needs of those most affected by the current coronavirus

pandemic while ensuring the health and vitality of our community members through social services and connections to meaningful Jewish experiences. Donate now.

[Please give generously](#)

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## Upcoming Events & Opportunities

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### **Kristallnacht: Broken Glass...Unbroken Spirit**

Monday, November 9, 7:00 PM

Our annual Kristallnacht commemoration will honor the righteous gentile with the story of Master Sergeant Roddie Edmonds who risked his life by not turning over the Jewish soldiers in his unit.

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### **The 21%: The Arab Minority in Israeli Society**

**November 10** - COVID-19 in Arab Society: New Realities, Old Disparities in a Shared National Crisis

**January 12** - Arab Citizens in the Start-Up Nation: A Work in Progress

**February 9** - Looking Ahead: Emerging Visions and Realities for Shared Society

Each session is on a Tuesday at 1:00 PM.

[Register Now](#)

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### **Israel in the Shadow of COVID-19: Just the Facts**

Tuesday, November 17, 12:00 PM

The coronavirus crisis has affected nearly all aspects of Israeli society, from the healthcare and education systems, to the labor market and economy, at large. This presentation will use Taub Center research and data analysis to provide an overview of the pandemic's impact on Israel, a comparative analysis of the country's infection and mortality rates, and an assessment of Israel's response to the pandemic.

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