

May 2021

Legislative Session Concludes With Major Wins For Community

The 442nd legislative session of the Maryland General Assembly concluded on April 12, 2021, and we are excited to report a wide range of achievements on behalf of the community. Governor Hogan and the General Assembly increased funding for projects like expanding the Pearlstone Center, and continued to support critical care for Holocaust survivors. Important legislation passed expanding access to telehealth and ensuring those convicted of hate crimes can undergo anti-bias education. The state will also move forward with a task force to study domestic terrorism.



These accomplishments would not have been possible without wide ranging support from the community. If you attended a virtual advocacy day event, sent an email, or made a call to your legislators, we are deeply appreciative. You can [view our full post-session legislative report](#), to learn about the outcome of more of the bills and budget items we advocated for.

[Additionally we invite you to join us on May 11](#) when we will be teaming up with Jews United for Justice to look back at some of the most critical justice related issues taken up by the General Assembly. We are excited to be joined by representatives from the Maryland NAACP, League of Conservation Voters, Public Justice Center, and Leaders of a Beautiful Struggle.

Weinberg Foundation Supports BJC Antisemitism Work



The Harry and Jeanette
Weinberg Foundation

The Weinberg Foundation announced last month its plans to award \$2.5 million in new grants to nonprofits focused on combatting antisemitism throughout the United States, and the Baltimore Jewish Council was thrilled to be selected as one of the participating organizations.

The new grants are part of the Foundation's commitment to ensure the safety and security of the Jewish community, including fighting hate. In addition to supporting several national organizations, the grants will go to help the work of Jewish Federations and Jewish Community Relations Councils (JCRCs) within the Foundation's U.S. priority communities, including Baltimore, Chicago, Hawaii, New York City, Northeastern Pennsylvania, and San Francisco.

[The grant will provide a significant boost to the BJC's work in implementing recommendations of our community task force on antisemitism.](#)

Community Virtually Commemorates Yom HaShoah

Thank you to the hundreds of community members who virtually came together for this year's Yom HaShoah Community Commemoration. Though we could not be together this year, the sense of

**Looking Back on the Legislative Session: Continuing the Fight
For Justice**

With Jews United for Justice

Tuesday, May 11, 7:00 PM

[Register Now!](#)

**Justice is Not Just Us: A Behind the Scenes Look at Creating the
Podcast**

Wednesday, May 26, 7:00 PM

[Register Now!](#)

Immortal Fire: Out Of The Ashes Of The Holocaust

Presented By The Washington Master Chorale

Streaming Begins Friday, May 21 at 7:00 PM

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The logo for the 100th anniversary of The Associated Jewish Federation of Baltimore. It features a large '100' where the '0' contains a circular emblem with a menorah and the years '1920' and '2020'. To the right of the '100' is the text 'The Associated' in a bold, sans-serif font, with 'Jewish Federation of Baltimore' in a smaller, italicized font below it.