



## November 2021

### The BJC Is Moving!



To make way for the upcoming Park Heights campus expansion and renovation, the BJC is moving out of our long-time home in the Jewish Community Services building. We will be temporarily relocating to The Associated's headquarters building at 101 Mt. Royal Avenue, before returning to newly renovated space within the Park Heights JCC.

We are in the midst of going through decades of old files and other materials – saving what's necessary, and disposing of many things. Do

you have something that you've been storing in the BJC offices or storage room? Please talk to us about collecting it as quickly as possible. We expect to be cleared out of our suite by mid-January, and many older items are being thrown away or shredded.

### Kristallnacht Community Commemoration Next Week

This year's Commemoration of Kristallnacht will be on Tuesday, November 9, at 7:00 PM. The program, Kristallnacht and the Tulsa Race Massacre, will take place virtually.

Dr. Joshua Shanes, Associate Director of Jewish Studies at the University of Charleston, will discuss the history and origins of pogroms, detail the tragedy of Kristallnacht, and discuss America's own history of pogroms through the Tulsa Race Massacre.



Join us and our partner, the Jewish Museum of Maryland, to learn about the connection between the two pogroms, and how what happened in the United States influenced the events of Kristallnacht. The presentation will be followed by an opportunity for questions. [Register now to join us!](#)

### illuminating Justice: Issues for Working Families in the Upcoming Legislative Session

The legislative session is fast approaching and we are excited to join with Jews United For Justice to highlight two of the most pressing issues affecting working families: paid leave from work, and access to counsel during eviction proceedings. Participants will hear from those at the forefront of both of these efforts and we will also come together towards the end of the program for a virtual menorah lighting.



[Register now to join us Tuesday, November 30, at 7:00 PM.](#)

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## Navigating the Social Media Storm: Anti-Israel and Antisemitism



Social media platforms can seem like a daunting place these days, full of ugly rhetoric and hate speech targeting Jews and Israel. On November 17 at 7:00 PM we are partnering with The Associated's Insight Israel Forum to host a panel discussion with influencers who are at the forefront of combating hate online.

The panel will featuring Julia Jassey, founder of Jewish on Campus, Jess Green, founder of Challaback Girls, and Becca Hurowitz, CEO of Vibe Israel USA. [Register now to join this discussion.](#)

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## Save The Date: Risch Immigration Program to Focus on Nation's Refugee Challenge

The United States has a long reputation as being a welcoming beacon of hope for refugees from around the world. Where does that reputation stand now? What is the situation in Baltimore and Maryland in helping refugees resettle in our communities? What are the challenges facing our nation, and what can be done? Join the BJC for a lively discussion of America's refugee crisis, featuring Mark Hetfield, President and CEO of HIAS, and others directly engaged in working with refugees.



The Herbert H. And Irma B. Risch Memorial Program on Immigration will be held on Sunday, December 5, 2021, at 3:00 PM. Available in-person at the Edenwald Senior Living Auditorium in Towson (masks and vaccinations required) and online. Watch your email for more information on additional speakers and how to register.

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## In Case You Missed It: Debunking Israel Myths with Bassem Eid



Last week we were thrilled to be joined by human rights expert, political analyst, and founder of the Palestinian Human Rights Monitoring Group Bassem Eid. Joining us live from Israel, Bassem provided an in-depth look at what is happening in the region between Israel and Palestine. Bassem also helped to

set the record straight, by countering the wealth of misinformation, and outright lies, that are continuously finding their way into conversations about Israel. [You can view the entire program online.](#)

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### Other Upcoming Events & Opportunities

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#### Final Part of Virtual Series

#### Antisemitism: A Bipartisan Problem that Demands a Nonpartisan Solution

Join the ADL, the BJC, and partner JCRCs from across the Mid-Atlantic to hear from William Kristol, a conservative thinker and writer, about how to combat antisemitism on the right.

Thursday, November 18, 7:00 PM

[Register Now!](#)

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