



February 2022

Maryland Jewish Advocacy Day Legislative Meetings Start Next Week!

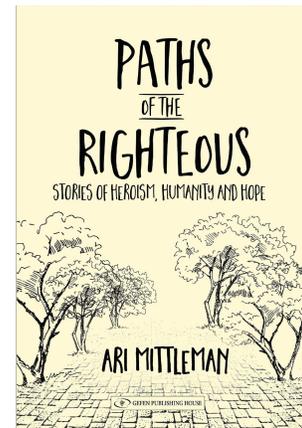
The series of virtual Maryland Jewish Advocacy Day events kicks off next week when virtual meetings with legislators begin. Have you registered yet?

We are thrilled to also announce an additional speaker for the keynote event on February 16. Maryland's U.S. Attorney Erik Barron will speak about the federal response to rising antisemitism, hate, and extremism. He will be joining Senate President Bill Ferguson. [You can learn more, and register now for each Advocacy Day event.](#)

Book Talk: Paths of the Righteous

Paths of the Righteous: Stories of Heroism, Humanity and Hope features eight non-Jewish individuals who have gone above and beyond for Israel and the Jewish people.

On Tuesday, February 8, at 7:00 PM, we will be joined by Ari and two of the individuals whose stories are featured in the book. Participants will get an inside look at how this moving and inspiring book came to be and will have the opportunity to ask their questions about the book and stories highlighted in it. [Advance registration is required.](#)



Congressional Redistricting Expands ECYP Eligibility

Applications are now being accepted for ECYP's Class of 2024! Students must live or go to school in Maryland's 7th congressional district. Due to redistricting, ECYP is accepting applications from students in the old and new district for this year only. High schools from the previous district include Oakland Mills, Marriots Ridge, Howard, Atholton, Centinniel, and Glen Eg. New district high schools include: Owings Mills, Randallstown, New Town, Towson, and Perry Hall. [Students can apply online.](#)



Musical Traditions of the Eastern European Synagogue Returns

If you joined us in December for part one of this exciting musical program you quickly learned that an hour is just not enough time to explore hundreds of years of musical traditions.

Hazzan Joel Lichterman and Cantor Sholom Kalib will once again be joining us virtually for another hour of music and history from the Eastern European Synagogue. [Registration is now open, and the program will take place on Sunday February 27 at 11:30 AM.](#)



Lessons of the Shoah Featured in Pull Up A Chair Podcast



Over the years the Lessons of the Shoah program has allowed the stories of local Holocaust survivors to reach thousands of students from around the region.

The long standing partnership between the BJC and John Carrol School in Bel Air was highlighted in The Associated's Pull Up A Chair podcast. Guest Michael Klein shares the special meaning this program has to him and how his family has supported it for nearly three decades. [Listen now!](#)

Proposed State Budget Includes Millions for Community Priorities

Governor Hogan's budget proposal for next year includes dollars for a number of priorities of the BJC, The Associated, our agencies, and the broader Jewish community.

In the capital budget, Governor Hogan proposed \$1 million to support the Pearlstone Center Masterplan (in addition to \$2 million approved in prior years), as well as \$1 million to support the Park Heights campus expansion and renovation project.



The operating budget dollars for the programs of The Associated's agencies is proposed to continue at the same levels as this year, including \$75,000 for CHANA, \$350,000 to support in-home services for Holocaust Survivors, \$225,000 for the Supportive Community Network/Milbrook Friendly Neighborhood (CHAI/JCS), and \$300,000 for the Maryland/Israel Development Center. The BOOST program to provide scholarships for low-income families to attend non-public schools was level funded at \$10 million in the Governor's budget proposal, and the budget also seeks to create a new \$2.5 million grant program for nonpublic school nurses.

In the area of security, the Governor's budget proposes to continue setting aside \$2 million for grants for schools and day care centers at risk of hate crimes, and it also proposes to increase from \$3 million to \$5 million the funding for grants for religious institutions at risk of hate crimes.

We look forward to working with the General Assembly to support these critically important budget initiatives, and we hope many of you will join us in support of these priorities at our upcoming Advocacy Day lobbying meetings.

Connect With Israeli Cuisine and Culture



Gain a unique glimpse into Israeli culture and the rich and unique influences it has from Ethiopia. Fanta Prada, an Ethiopian-born Israeli chef, will be your guide through a culinary journey. This virtual event will be on Sunday, May 15, at 11:00 AM.

While this event is free to attend, participants are highly encouraged to purchase a one-of-a-kind Conversation with the Senses 'memory box' for \$30. This box, personally curated by Fanta, contains items that relate to her life story, and will greatly enhance the program for participants. [Register now!](#)

Other Upcoming Events & Opportunities

Maryland Jewish Advocacy Day

All Events At 7:00 PM

Keynote Event - February 16

District Advocacy Nights - February 9 and 23

[Register Now!](#)

Explore the Musical Traditions of the Eastern European Synagogue Part 2

Sunday, February 27, 11:30 AM

[Register Now!](#)

Paths of the Righteous With Ari Mittleman

Tuesday, February 8, 7:00 PM

[Register Now!](#)

Winter Teachers Institute 2022: Spiritual Resistance During the Holocaust

Sunday, March 6 & 13

[Register Now!](#)

This program is open to educators in the state of Maryland and will take place virtually over two Sundays.

Save The Date!

Yom HaShoah Commemoration

Premiering Sunday, May 1

Again this year, the community commemoration in honor of Yom HaShoah will be held virtually. Save the date for May 1 and stay tuned for more information about the program.

A Conversation with the Senses

Sunday, May 15, 11:00 AM

[Register Now!](#)

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