

Council Matters

April 2023

Yom HaShoah



Join us on Sunday, April 16, at 4:00 p.m., at Beth El Congregation as we gather together in-person for the first time since 2019 for our community Yom HaShoah commemoration, where we will honor the victims and survivors of the Holocaust. The program will be available both in-person and virtual.

This year's commemoration will highlight women resistance fighters during the Holocaust, with a special emphasis on the women who played a role in the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising that took place 80 years ago

with a keynote address from author and historian, Judy Batalion, author of *The Light of Days: The Untold Story of Women Resistance Fighters in Hitler's Ghettos.*

ASL Interpreting and live captioning provided.

Register Here

Baltimore Celebrates Israel: Showcasing 75 years of Technology and Innovations



Tuesday, May 2, 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. Baltimore Museum of Industry Tickets \$18

Join the Baltimore Jewish Council, Maryland/Israel Development Center, and The Associated: Jewish Federation of Baltimore in a celebration featuring a showcase of Israeli companies and technologies in Maryland, speeches by elected officials and community leaders, video presentations highlighting

Maryland's partnerships with Israel, and drawings for two roundtrip tickets from Dulles International Airport to Tel Aviv courtesy of United Airlines (restrictions apply*).

The evening will begin with a cocktail hour featuring Israeli wines and heavy hors d'oeuvres. Dietary laws observed.

For more information contact Kate McDonald atkmcdonald@baltjc.org.

*Associated agencies, staff and family members are not eligible for the drawing. Winners must be over the age of 18 and present at the May 2nd event.

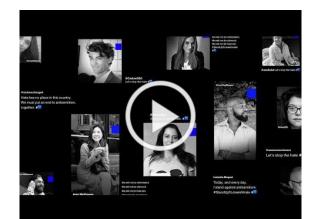
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Stand Up to Jewish Hate

The BJC and The Associated are partnering with the Foundation to Combat Antisemitism to launch a new campaign, "<u>Stand Up To Jewish Hate</u>." Together, we will mobilize people from all walks of life to join us in the fight against hate and intolerance.

See the first national advertisement here and look out for the three upcoming ads over the next month as part of this \$25 million national television and social media campaign.

Join us in sharing the blue square to #StandUpToJewishHate. □



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The Final Week of the General Assembly



The Maryland legislature's 90-day session is quickly approaching the end, and the BJC and our partners are working hard to secure final passage of a number of our priorities. On the way to the Governor's desk are bills to formally recognize International Holocaust Remembrance Day in Maryland and to allow civil remedies for hate crimes. Some of the bills that seem poised to secure final approval include shifting the

statewide primary election day in 2024 to avoid conflicting with Passover, creating a task force to study the need for transportation assistance for nonpublic schools, formally establishing the security grant program for faith institutions, launching a task force to comprehensively review the state's laws against elder abuse, and starting an office to combat extremism and domestic terrorism. Several other proposals related to Holocaust education and hate crimes remain up in the air in these final days. Lawmakers are also close to final approval on the budget, including \$9 million for the BOOST program to support low-income families attending non-public schools. Please keep an eye out for our final legislative report after Passover.

Fighting Jew-hate with Jewish Pride



Join the BJC and BZD for a program to identify, combat, and work to end acts of antisemitism in the community and on social media. We will be in conversation with internationally renowned Jewish author and educator with an active social media presence, Ben M. Freeman, to discuss the importance of Jewish Pride as a way to counter Jew-hate faced by teens online and in the wider world.

Thursday, May 11, at 6:00 PM, at Beth Tfiloh Dahan Community School's Crane Auditorium.

The program is open to all, with an emphasis on teens and their parents. Includes Dinner (Pizza).

Register Here

Social Justice Teen Fellowship Program Applications Open



Applications now open for next cohort of ECYP and The BJC's Social Justice Teen Fellowship program.

Fellows will build relationships with peers from various faith and ethnic backgrounds around Baltimore and the surrounding counties while learning about social justice

through different training sessions resulting in a student created podcast.

The fellowship is a FREE program. Participating students will meet one Sunday afternoon a month throughout the school year.

Learn More & Register

Save the Date

BJC's Annual Meeting Monday, June 5, at 5:00 p.m. at Bnai Jacob Shaarei Zion

More details and registration information coming soon.

Upcoming Events & Opportunities

Yom HaShoah Commemoration 2023

April 16, 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. Beth El Congregation

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A Baltimore Community Celebration of Israel at 75

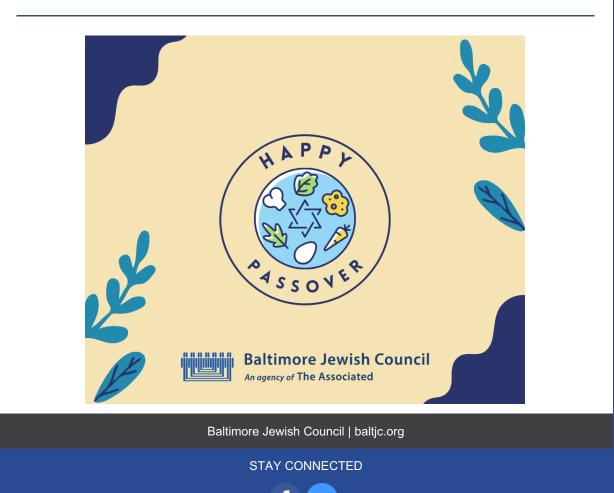
Sunday, April 30,12:30 - 4:00 p.m. Chizuk Amuno Congregation

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