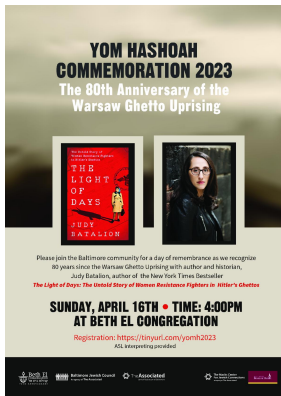




March 2023

Yom HaShoah



Join us on Sunday, April 16, at 4:00 p.m., at Beth El Congregation for a day of commemoration and education as we honor the victims and survivors of the Holocaust. The program will be available both in-person and virtual.

This year's commemoration will highlight the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising that took place 80 years ago and feature 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 provided.

[Register Here](#)

Threats to Houses of Worship



The BJC, in partnership with The Associated, the Jewish Federation of Howard County, the JCRC of Howard County, and the Oakland Mills Interfaith Center, will host a pair of trainings in March titled, *Threats to Houses of Worship: A Seminar on Countering Active Threat Training (CATT) and BeAware Situational Awareness*.

The training is aimed for faith leaders, members of faith communities, and faith-based schools, and it will be presented by Stephanie Viegas, Deputy National Security Advisor for the Secure Community Network and a former FBI Special Agent.

The in-person trainings will be presented in Howard County on Sunday, March 19, and at the Weinberg Park Heights JCC on Monday, March 20, with both programs starting at 6:30 p.m.

To register for the Howard County program on March 19, click [here](#)

To register for the Park Heights program on March 20, click [here](#)

Changing the April 2024 Primary Election Date



The April 2024 Primary Election is currently scheduled to be held on April 23, 2024, which is also the first day of Passover.

The General Assembly must approve any change in the date. Delegate Dalya Attar, Delegate Sandy Rosenberg, and Senator Shelly Hettleman are introducing legislation to change the date, likely to April 16, 2024.

A special thanks for Mayor Brandon Scott and County Executive Johnny Olszewski for supporting the date change in letters to the legislature's presiding officers.

[See County Executive Johnny Olszewski's Request Letter](#)

[See Mayor Brandon Scott's Request Letter](#)

Legislative Update



The BJC legislative team is hard at work in the General Assembly, offering testimony on dozens of bills and advocating for fiscal requests for our community.

A significant focus of this year's agenda is fighting hate and community safety, including:

- Creating a Holocaust Education Assistance Grant program, to establish a fund for local systems to seek money for Holocaust-related teacher training, materials, and activities. (HB638, Delegate Mark Edelson)
- Creating an Office of Domestic Terrorism Response within the Maryland Department of Emergency Management, a key recommendation of the state's Task Force on Combatting Domestic Terrorism. (SB785/HB1075, Senator Shelly Hettleman and Delegate Sandy Rosenberg)
- Requiring the Maryland State Department of Education to comply with changes to Holocaust education curriculum that were promised by the State Superintendent in 2019. (SB837/HB1241, Senator Ben Kramer and Delegate Dalya Attar)
- Formally codifying budget language that makes security grants to nonprofit organizations, including faith-based organizations, at risk of hate crimes. Codifying the program ensures it will be not cut in the future. (SB840/HB1243, Senator Ben Kramer and Delegate Dalya Attar)

Maryland Jewish Advocacy Day 2023



Did you miss our Virtual Advocacy Day last month? Check out the recording.

Thanks to Comptroller Brooke Lierman and Treasurer Dereck Davis for joining us as we talked about the legislative session and our community's priorities.

[View the Recording Here](#)

Educating about Antisemitism



The BJC's Emily Goodman and Howard Libit regularly speak about antisemitism to groups across the Baltimore area, both Jewish and non-Jewish.

Just in the past month, Emily and Howard spoke at The Associated's Young Adult Division's Generosity Gala, the Johns Hopkins Hillel, and Beth El

Congregation's religious school parents and seventh graders.

Interested in having a BJC presentation about antisemitism for your group?

[Contact Us](#)

Applications Opens for Social Justice Teen Fellowship Program



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

Baltimore Celebrates Israel: Showcasing 75 years of Technology and Innovations



Celebrate Israel's 75th birthday with the BJC, Maryland/Israel Development Center, and The Associated on Tuesday May 2 at 5:30 p.m. at the Baltimore Museum of Industry.

This tech showcase will include technology demonstrations by Israeli companies, speeches by elected officials and community leaders, video presentations highlighting Maryland's partnerships with Israel, and drawings for two United Airlines tickets from Dulles International Airport to Tel Aviv (*must be present to win, restrictions apply*).

The evening will begin with a cocktail hour featuring Israeli wines and heavy hors d'oeuvres catered by Yaffa.

Cost: \$18

Registration Coming Soon!

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More

Upcoming Events & Opportunities

Threats to Houses of Worship Seminars

Sunday, March 19, 6:30 p.m.
Howard County

Monday, March 20, 6:30 p.m.
Weinberg Park Heights JCC

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

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