

# **Council Matters**

## October 2023

## **One Park Heights Fall Festival**



Sunday, October 15 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. Weinberg Park Heights JCC

The much anticipated One Park Heights Fall Family Festival is coming up soon! Don't forget to register for this day of fun on Sunday October 15 and join with other families throughout Park Heights. There will be face painting, story time, bouncy houses, a resource fair, and middle school aged basketball tournaments, and just added, a magic show and photo both! Raffles, kosher carnival food and more are sure to make this a fun day for the family.

The festival is free, but pre-registration is highly encouraged. The boys' and girls' middle school aged 3:3 basketball tournament requires pre-registration before October 2. To register please <u>click here</u>.

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#### From Mixed Cities to Shared Cities



Sunday, October 22 7:00 p.m. Weinberg Park Heights JCC Community Room

Join the Baltimore Jewish Council in welcoming Dr Sarah Bernstein and John Munayer, directors of The Rossing Center for Education and Dialogue, an interreligious organization in Jerusalem, for an inspiring and thought-provoking conversation about their work. We will hear the unique story of the center's Open House, a building in Ramle saturated with

both Arab and Jewish history, now functioning as a grassroots interfaith and

intercultural hub. Then using the Open House as a symbol of Jewish-Arab relations, we will explore the challenges and possibilities of a truly shared life in Israel today.

#### Register Here

# Building Leaders by Building Bridges: ECYP's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration



Wednesday, October 25 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Baltimore Museum of Industry

Please join us and celebrate 25 impactful years of the Elijah Cummings Youth Program in Israel (ECYP). The celebration features Governor Wes Moore, who exemplifies the legacy of the Late Congressman Elijah E. Cummings, and highlights ECYP's continued effort to develop young leaders who bring communities together.

Tickets and Sponsor Tiers are available for purchase.

Register Here

## 2023 Kristallnacht Commemoration: The Book Burnings of 1933



Thursday, November 9
7:00 p.m.
Baltimore Hebrew Congregation

In 1933 Germany, under the Nazi regime, thousands of books deemed 'un-German' were burned in an act of national censorship. This event served as a precursor to Kristallnacht just five years later. Join Dr. Ann Millin, Distinguished Visiting Professor of Holocaust Studies at Richard Stockton University, and former Historian of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, for a conversation about the history of the book burnings that took place 90 years ago, and the connection to modern day book bans in schools today. Offered in person and virtually.

## A New Home for the Exodus Plaque



Following many years of back-and-forth discussions, the Maryland Port Administration this summer moved the plaque commemorating the Exodus 1947 to a location accessible to the public.

Exodus 1947 – the famous ship that sought to bring more than 4,500 Holocaust refugees to the Land of Israel – began as a steamer in the Chesapeake Bay in 1928, before being used in World War II and then secretly purchased and outfitted in Baltimore for its mission to rescue Survivors.

The plaque was installed along the water beneath the Baltimore World Trade Center in 1997, to mark the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. But the

entryway for visitors was closed off in 2018 for security reasons, preventing the public from learning the story of the Exodus.

This summer, the Maryland Port Administration, which oversees the World Trade Center, moved the plaque to a new open location, to the west of the building, between the building and the Inner Harbor pavilions. A special thanks to Beth Am Synagogue's Rabbi Daniel Cotzin Burg for his persistence in helping to push state officials.

## **Upcoming Events & Opportunities**

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## The Dialogue of Civilizations: A Fireside Chat with His Excellency, Ahmed Obaid Al Mansoori and Dr. Avi Abraham Benlolo

Monday, November 13, 2023 7:00pm – 7:30pm: Meet & Greet 7:30pm – 8:30pm: Program Beth El Congregation

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