



September 2023

Megan Brantley joins the BJC Team



[Megan Brantley](#) joined the BJC this past month as our new director of community relations, with a focus on our interfaith and intrafaith work. Megan is a graduate of Stevenson University with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology. She has 9 years of experience working in nonprofits and many years of experience working with young people. She is a sitting member of the rabbinic search committee at her synagogue, Har-Sinai Oheb Shalom, as well as Sunday Hebrew School teacher.

She cares about Jewish culture and life and views Judaism as a living civilization that is at its best when viewed as a diverse, inclusive tent. She participated in the 27–32-year-old Birthright cohort in June 2022 and is passionate about Israeli history and education.

In her free time, she makes mezuzahs, goes hiking with her spouse and dogs, and plays guitar. Please help welcome Megan to the BJC.

Behind the Scenes at the Knesset



September 6
12:00 - 1:00 pm
Zoom

Join the Baltimore Jewish Council and Rachel Gur, Vice President of Lobby 99, the Public Lobby, for a fascinating inside view of Israeli politics.

We'll learn how decisions are really made, what goes on behind the scenes, and how ordinary Israelis can effectively lobby and influence government policy.

With the judicial reforms making the headlines, Rachel will also help us understand what other issues might be of importance to the Israeli public when the Knesset resumes after the holidays.

[Register Here](#)

One Park Heights Fall Festival



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

The One Park Heights Initiative is having a fall family festival at the Weinberg Park Heights JCC on October 15 from 1-5pm. Join families throughout Park Heights for a day of fun, including face painting, story time, bouncy houses, a resource fair, and middle school aged basketball tournaments. 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 [click here](https://oneparkheights.com).

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Shared Visions: Maryland and Israel's Economic Horizons, a webinar with the Maryland Department of Commerce and the Taub Center for Social Policy Studies in Israel

Join the Maryland/Israel Development Center, the Maryland Department of Commerce, Taub Center for Social Policy Studies in Israel and KatzAbosch for an exclusive briefing on:

Shared Visions: Maryland and Israel's Economic Horizons

Wednesday September 13, 11:00 a.m. EST- 6:00 p.m. Israel

Maryland: The newly established **Maryland Economy Council** will be the command center for analyzing and recommending economic policies to drive growth, diversify the workforce, and utilize the state's assets and burgeoning industries under the Moore-Miller Administration. What infrastructure will be needed to grow Maryland's workforce and seek out new investments?

Israel: The **Taub Center for Social Policy Studies** in Israel is one of Israel's leading think tanks conducting research on the core socio-economic issues facing Israeli society. The focus of this apolitical presentation will be locally new budget and implications, Israel's demographics impacting the workforce and more.

Featuring:

- Kevin A. Anderson**, Secretary, Maryland Department of Commerce
- Professor Avi Weiss**, President, Taub Center for Social Policy Studies and Professor of Economics, Bar Ilan University
- Yeha Kalish**, Director General, Taub Center for Social Policy Studies
- Blain Katz**, Executive Director and Partner, KatzAbosch, and immediate past Chair of the Board, Maryland/Israel Development Center

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Webinar is free of charge. Zoom link upon registration. For more information contact Nancy Bogdanov, nbogdanov@mdisrael.org

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Wednesday, September 13
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Online

Join us for an exciting online event, "Shared Visions: Maryland and Israel's Economic Horizons," where we explore the dynamic economic relationship between Maryland and Israel. This event will take place on Wednesday, September 13 at 11:00 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time.

Discover the opportunities and collaborations that have emerged between these two regions, fostering innovation, trade, and investment.

Gain valuable insights from industry leaders, entrepreneurs, and experts who will share their experiences and success stories.

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As the High Holidays approach, we are grateful to our local and state law enforcement partners for their heightened awareness and enhanced patrols across our communities.

We hope that many synagogues and security members have learned from the series of online seminars hosted by our national partner, the Secure Community Network (SCN), the official homeland security and safety initiative of the organized Jewish community in North America.

If you are interested in watching recordings of the past webinars, or reviewing security tips for the upcoming Holidays, please see the SCN page of High Holiday security resources.

[Learn More](#)

ECYP 25th Anniversary



Please save the date to celebrate Elijah Cummings Youth Program's (ECYP) 25th Anniversary Event featuring Governor Moore on October 25.

[Learn More about ECYP](#)

MACO Convention 2023



The BJC's government relations team spent time last month at the Maryland Association of Counties summer meeting in Ocean City catching up with elected officials, government liaisons, and other influential leaders.

Thanks to Lt. Gov. Aruna Miller for sharing her commitment to combatting hate crimes in Maryland.

Welcome Back ECYP



After a month in Israel this summer, the Elijah Cummings Youth Program in Israel fellows shared powerful stories of their trip with family and friends at a ceremony last month.



Upcoming Events & Opportunities

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