



December 2023

Be The Change: Advocating for a Sustainable Future BJC & Pearlstone's Annual Environmental Forum



Join us on December 19 at 6:00 p.m. at Beth El Congregation as we partner with Pearlstone for our Annual Environmental Forum highlighting key environmental advocacy bills for the upcoming 2024 Legislative Session.

Our keynote speaker will be Adam Lindquist, Vice President of Healthy Harbor Initiative, which has implemented the "Mr. Trash Wheel" caravan across Baltimore's Inner Harbor.

Light, kosher refreshments will be provided by the Pearlstone Kitchen.

[Register Here](#)

Leadership Development Program – Application Deadline Extended



Baltimore Jewish Council
An agency of The Associated

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Shape the Future of Jewish Baltimore. Applications now open!

Jewish individuals of diverse backgrounds and interests are encouraged to apply.

APPLY BY DEC. 4, 2023

[HTTPS://BIT.LY/BJCLEADERSHIP](https://bit.ly/bjcleadership)

With all that has been happening in our community amid the Israel-Hamas war, we have extended the deadline for the 2024 cohort of the BJC's Leadership Development Program (LDP) to Monday, December 4.

Through monthly meetings over the course of a year (January-December), participants will develop an understanding of all aspects of Jewish community relations and public affairs, while also gaining appropriate leadership skills,

grounded in the context of Jewish civil engagement and social justice.

Young Jewish professionals of diverse backgrounds, ages, and interests are encouraged to apply.

Application Deadline: Monday, December 4

Questions: contact [Kate McDonald](#)

Learn More &
Apply

BJC Receives Antisemitism Microgrant from JFNA



The BJC has been awarded a \$4,000 microgrant this fall from the Jewish Federations of North America as part of the third annual Shine a Light on Antisemitism campaign.

The money was awarded for a joint proposal from the BJC and The Associated for a campaign to help promote the reporting of antisemitism incidents in our community.

Posters are being designed and printed for display across synagogues, schools, and other community institutions encouraging people who experience or witness antisemitism to report it, so we can both track incidents and respond as needed.

One Park Heights presents Advocacy 101 Training for Community Members

A promotional poster for 'Advocacy 101 Training for Community Members'. The poster has a blue and yellow color scheme. At the top, it says 'ONE PARK HEIGHTS PRESENTS: Advocacy 101 Training for Community Members Focus on Hunger and Financial Education'. Below that, it lists the date and time: 'December 6, 2023 • 6:00pm-8:00pm' and the location: 'C.C. Jackson Recreation Center, 4910 Park Heights Avenue • Baltimore, MD 21215'. There is a QR code and a registration link: 'www.rb.gy/Inea6'. The poster also features two photos: one of a woman and a child looking at a document, and another of people preparing food. At the bottom, it says 'Light kosher dinner will be provided • Small parking lot and street parking at location' and the 'ONEPARKHEIGHTS' logo.

Join One Park Heights Wednesday, December 6 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. for Advocacy 101: Focus on Hunger and Financial Education.

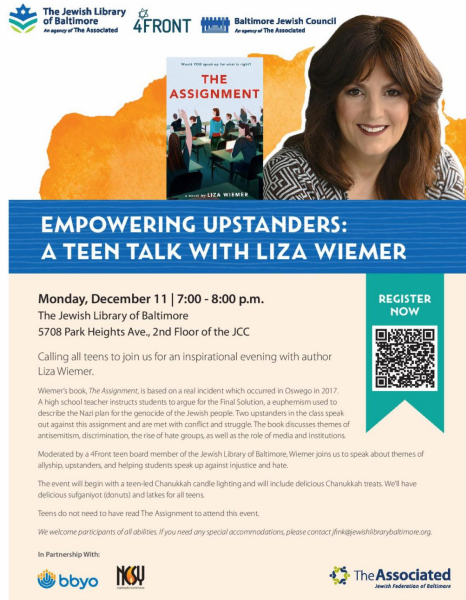
This is an advocacy training for members of the Park Heights community with the One Park Heights Committee.

This event will be focused on learning how to advocate to legislators about issues facing the Park Heights community. The focuses will be on Hunger and Financial education. A light kosher dinner will be served. The training will be held on the upper floor of the C.C. Jackson Recreation Center on Park Heights Avenue. There is a parking lot and plenty of

street parking available.

Register Here

Empowering Upstanders: A Teen Talk with Liza Wiemer



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**EMPOWERING UPSTANDERS:
A TEEN TALK WITH LIZA WIEMER**

Monday, December 11 | 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
The Jewish Library of Baltimore
5708 Park Heights Ave., 2nd Floor of the JCC

Calling all teens to join us for an inspirational evening with author Liza Wiemer.

Wiemer's book, *The Assignment*, is based on a real incident which occurred in Oswego in 2017. A high school teacher instructs students to argue for the Final Solution, a euphemism used to describe the Nazi plan for the genocide of the Jewish people. Two upstanders in the class speak out against this assignment and are met with conflict and struggle. The book discusses themes of antisemitism, discrimination, the rise of hate groups, as well as the role of media and institutions.

Moderated by a 4Front teen board member of the Jewish Library of Baltimore, Wiemer joins us to speak about themes of allyship, upstanders, and helping students speak up against injustice and hate.

The event will begin with a teen-led Chanukkah candle lighting and will include delicious Chanukkah treats. We'll have delicious sufganiyot (donuts) and talks for all teens.


Teens do not need to have read *The Assignment* to attend this event.

We welcome participants of all abilities. If you need any special accommodations, please contact link@jewishlibrarybaltimore.org.

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REGISTER NOW



On Monday, December 11, from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the Weinberg Park Heights JCC, The Baltimore Jewish Council is partnering with the Jewish Library of Baltimore, 4Front Baltimore, and others for an inspirational evening with Liza Wiemer, author, *The Assignment*.

Moderated by the teen board member of the *Jewish Library of Baltimore*, Wiemer joins us to speak about the book's themes of allyship, upstanders, and helping students speak up against injustice and hate. There will also be a teen-led Menorah candle lighting and Hanukkah treats for everyone to enjoy. Students do not need to have read *The Assignment* before the program.

[Register Here](#)

BJC Holds Annual Legislative Breakfast



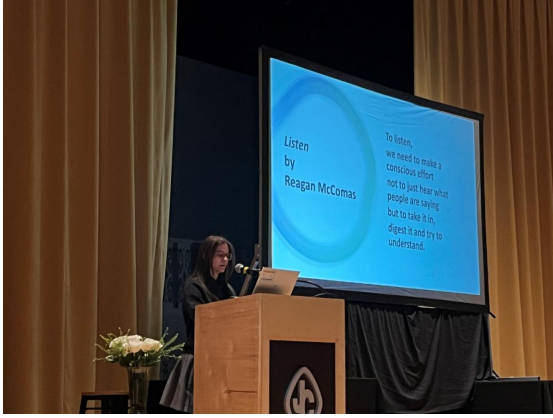
More than 70 elected officials, Associated agency leaders, and members of the BJC Board of Governors and Government Relations Committee came together this week for the BJC's annual legislative breakfast.

The BJC shared some of our community's fiscal and policy priorities for the 2024 General Assembly, and Jewish Community Services, the JCC, CHAI, Pearlstone, CHANA, and the Maryland/Israel Development Center explained to lawmakers how their agencies impact the lives of both the Jewish community and all Marylanders.

The annual breakfast was attended by members of Districts 10, 11, 41, 42, 43, 44, and 46, as well as members of the Baltimore City and Baltimore County Councils, and Senate President Bill Ferguson and Comptroller Brooke Lierman. A special thanks to all of the elected officials who joined us.

Lessons of the Shoah recap

On November 14, for the 11th year, the Baltimore Jewish Council was



privileged to partner with the John Carroll School for the annual Lessons of the Shoah Program. This year's program brought together 17 public, private, and religious schools, and over 300 students spanning Harford County, Baltimore County, and Baltimore City for a day of learning in community about the Holocaust and other world atrocities.



The theme of this year's program was *Courage in the Face of Adversity*, as our students spent the day hearing from experts in the field of genocide awareness and education, including World Without Genocide's Executive Director, Dr. Ellen Kennedy, as well as participating in small group workshops in which students from diverse schools had the opportunity to work together. The BJC is grateful for the John Carroll School and their continued dedication to this important education.

Upcoming Events & Opportunities

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Save The Date

2024 Maryland Jewish Advocacy Day
February 21, 2024
The Graduate Hotel (126 West St, Annapolis, MD)
More Details to Come

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Baltimore Jewish Council is part of The Associated network, and together we tackle the challenges of the day and work toward creating a better tomorrow. Together, The Associated network takes care of Jews around the world, while building a strong community for all Baltimoreans. We respond to crises close and far from home. We create meaningful Jewish experiences and put our Jewish values to work. Give to The Associated 2023 Annual Campaign today at associated.org/give and change lives.

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