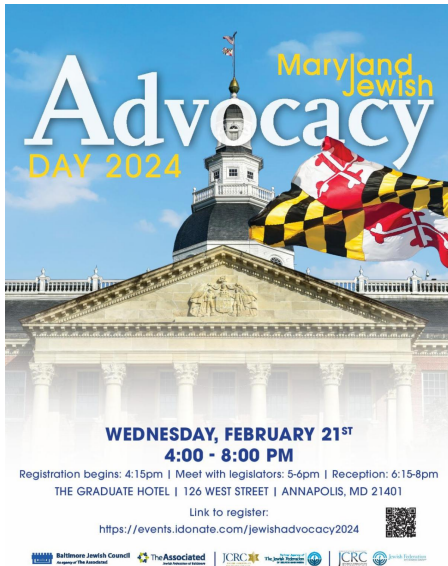




February 2024

Maryland Jewish Advocacy Day: February 21



Come join Maryland's Jewish community in Annapolis on Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2024, for Maryland Jewish Advocacy Day, which will be back in person for the first time since 2020.

The BJC will join with our partners at The Associated: Jewish Federation of Baltimore, the JCRC of Greater Washington, the Jewish Federation of Greater Washington, the Jewish Federation of Howard County, and the JCRC of Howard County to host lawmakers and members of the community for Maryland Jewish Advocacy Day.

We will meet in the late afternoon at the Graduate Hotel for registration, followed by lobbying visits to legislators in support of our communities' priorities, and then a reception back at the Graduate Hotel.

[Register Here](https://events.idonate.com/jewishadvocacy2024)

Mourning Keith Tiedemann, Director of Security



The BJC team, The Associated, our partner agencies, and all of Baltimore's Jewish community mourn the passing of longtime Director of Security Keith Tiedemann on Jan. 13th.

Keith had joined the Baltimore Police Department in 1977 and became a Major in 2004. In his final position with the Department, he served as Commander of the Northwestern District, and he retired in 2009.

In his position as Director of Security, Keith worked with local, state and federal law enforcement partners to ensure the safety of the Jewish community. His work helped dozens of local Jewish facilities secure critical security grants from the Department of Homeland Security, and he conducted countless security assessments of schools, synagogues, and other facilities. Keith also partnered

with our agencies and the community on active shooter drills, lockdown exercises, and training on responding to such situations as active shooters and bomb threats. Keith had previously announced an intention to retire on July 1.

Keith loved working with the Jewish community and enjoyed his relationships with the many people who embraced and appreciated his important role. He felt the support of our community throughout his time with us and during his bout with illness.

All of us send our deepest condolences to his wife, Nancy, his two children, and his two grandchildren.

Keith was a guardian of our community and a mensch. May his memory be for a blessing.

Leadership Night in Annapolis



The leadership of the BJC and The Associated joined leaders from our partners at the federations of Greater Washington and Howard County for conversations with Governor Wes Moore and Speaker Adrienne Jones in January.

During our meetings, we talked about budget priorities for our communities, as well as important legislative initiatives such as supporting teachers engaged in Holocaust education and protection of domestic violence victims against handgun violence.

We also expressed our appreciation to the Governor and the Speaker for their strong commitment against antisemitism and hate, and their support for critical dollars to assist in security at our synagogues, schools, and other community institutions.

Sharing Hostages' Stories in Annapolis



The BJC joined with partners to help the new Maryland Jewish Legislative Caucus welcome the relatives of hostages being held in Gaza to Annapolis.

The family members were recognized on the floor of the Senate and House of Delegates, and then held a briefing for more than 40 legislators to share their powerful and emotional stories.

They concluded their visit with a private meeting with Governor Moore, who expressed his support for efforts to bring their relatives home.

Educators – Apply Now for The Ponczak-Greenblatt Families Fund in Holocaust Education Grant!



Are you an educator or know one? The Ponczak-Greenblatt Families Holocaust Endowment Fund, established in 1999, ensures there are strong Holocaust curricula within the Maryland school communities. Maryland educators for grades 6-12 are eligible to apply for the Ponczak-Greenblatt Families Holocaust

Endowment Fund grant of up to \$1,250 to support Holocaust education.

This grant provides the necessary funds to invigorate and encourage teaching about the Holocaust in new, dynamic and pedagogically sound ways that can be sustained for future years and will be presented at our annual Yom HaShoah Commemoration.

Learn more and apply by February 20.

Learn More &
Apply

Yom HaShoah 2024



Please save the date for our annual Yom HaShoah Commemoration, on Sunday, May 5 at 3:00 p.m. at Har Sinai - Oheb Shalom Congregation. More details to be announced. We look forward to sharing in this important and meaningful day with you.

Recognizing International Holocaust Remembrance Day



During the 2023 legislative session, the Maryland General Assembly and Governor Wes Moore passed a law requiring the Governor to declare each January 27 to be Maryland Holocaust Remembrance Day – a day of reflection, recollection, and determination for Maryland families, educators, religious communities, political bodies, and media to remember that human tragedy that is the

Holocaust.

Thank you to:

- Governor Wes Moore for [his proclamation](#)
- Baltimore Mayor Brandon Scott for [his proclamation](#)

- Executive Johnny Olszewski for [his statement](#)
- The many other elected officials across the region for your proclamations and statements expressing your commitment to Never Forget.

Upcoming Events & Opportunities

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[Register Here](#)

The Ponczak-Greenblatt Families Fund in Holocaust Education Grant

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Save The Date

2024 Yom Hashoah Commemoration

Sunday, May 5

Har Sinai-Oheb Shalom Congregation

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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's 2024 Annual Campaign today at associated.org/give and change lives.

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