

Council Matters

January 2019



Maryland Jewish Advocacy Day will be held in Annapolis on Wednesday, February 20. Please plan to join the BJC and our friends from the JCRC of Greater Washington and the Howard County Federation for the chance to hear from top elected officials and meet with our lawmakers in support of our community's agenda.

In preparation for Advocacy Day we will be holding a training session on Monday, January 21 from 6:00 - 8:00 PM at the Park Heights JCC.

Look for more details to be announced soon, including a link to register and the opportunity to sign up for bus transportation back and forth to Annapolis.

Leadership Development Program: All Things Israel Advocacy



For participants in our Leadership Development Program, the topic of December's session was Israel Advocacy. We heard from three different organizations that all have one thing in common: they work to strengthen the relationship between Israel and the United States. Elijah Cummings Youth Program in Israel Director Kathleen St. Villier Hill and current program senior Kaia (both pictured) discussed the program and the impact it has on the lives of the teen participants. Leah Barry, Area Director of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) Mid-Atlantic Regional Office, shared the many opportunities that exist for young professionals to become involved in Israel advocacy work on the Federal level. Lastly,

Barry Bogage, Executive Director of the Maryland/Israel Development Center (MIDC), presented on the numerous Israeli companies that have expanded to Maryland and his work to continue bringing new economic opportunities to both Maryland and Israel. We would like to thank BJC 2nd Vice President Elizabeth Green and her firm, Pessin Katz Law, P.A., for graciously hosting us.

Civically Engaged Teens Head To DC

Participants in both the Elijah Cummings Youth Program in Israel (ECYP) and Students Taking Action for Change (STAC) headed to Washington, DC together last month for a day packed with civic engagement that brought them up close and personal with government. ECYP students met with



Congressman Elijah Cummings, where they learned the importance of taking an active role in government and the importance of being active leaders in their communities. STAC participants were able to engage directly with the faces

behind much of the work on Capitol Hill: staffers. The teens had some impressive questions for the two Senate Staff Members they met with, representing Maryland Senator Ben Cardin and the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. The two groups then rejoined for a brief tour of Capitol Hill and the National Mall before finally making their way to the National Museum of African American History and Culture.

Upcoming Opportunities

The Land We Always Dreamed Of: The Jews, the Holocaust, and the Yearning for a Homeland

Sunday, January 13, 3 PM. Park Heights JCC Community Room

[Click here for more information and to RSVP.](#)

A Special International Holocaust Remembrance Day Screening of "Who Will Write Our History"

Sunday, January 27, 6:45 - 8:45 PM. Beth El Congregation

[Click here for more information and to RSVP.](#)

Where the Birds Never Sing

The True Story of the 92nd Signal Battalion and the Liberation of Dachau

Wednesday, January 30, 6:30 PM. The Jewish Museum of Maryland

[Click here for more information and to RSVP.](#)

Winter Teachers Institute

February 10 & 17

Are you a teacher looking to learn new ways to bring the lessons of the Holocaust into your classroom? This exciting two-day course offers educators a new perspective on the Holocaust and how it can be shared with their students.

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