
Council Matters

March 2019



ISRAELI ELECTIONS 101

March 13 & May 6

Join the BJC's Israel Committee for a two-part series about the upcoming Israeli Election.

Historian and journalist Dr. Rebecca Shimoni-Stoil, former Washington correspondent for the Times of Israel, will explain the mechanics of how the Israeli political process works and dive into the parties, the players and politics in Israel's April election. Dr. Shimoni-Stoil, who is currently teaching at Loyola University of Maryland, has also been an analyst for i24 News and written for the Jerusalem Post. She will speak Wednesday, March 13, at 7 p.m. at the Park Heights JCC Community Room, 5700 Park Heights Avenue.

And be sure to save the date for a post-election wrap-up session, featuring Gil Hoffman, chief political correspondent and analyst with the Jerusalem Post, on Monday, May 6, at 7 p.m., at the same location.

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

Suspicious Packages Training and Security Money



Following recent incidents in our community, the Baltimore Jewish Council – in conjunction with Baltimore Police Department's and Baltimore County Police Department's Shield Programs – will host a training program on how to handle suspicious

packages and mail. The training will be presented by Explosive Technicians and Hazmat Teams, as well as the Health Department. The training will cover how to identify and handle suspicious mail and packages and what to do if you receive one, as well as what to expect when law enforcement and medical staff arrive on the scene.

The free training session will be held Monday, March 18, from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., at Baltimore Hebrew Congregation, 7401 Park Heights Avenue. Light dinner will be served. Dietary laws observed. Advance registration requested.

We are also pleased to report that in the budget package approved by Congress in February for the Department of Homeland Security, the funding for security grants was maintained at the same level as this past year – \$50 million for institutions in the nation's urban areas (like Baltimore), and \$10 million for other areas (like Frederick County). It is anticipated that the application process will begin later this spring, and we will be sure to communicate with our community's institutions as soon as the timeline is announced. Thanks to our partners at the Jewish Federations of North America and all of our Maryland senators and congressmen for their effective advocacy on behalf of this program.

Applications Are Being Accepted for the Social Justice Teen Fellowship

The Social Justice Teen Fellowship is seeking applicants for the 2019-2020 school year! Now going into the third year of this BJC and Elijah



Cummings Youth Program (ECYP) joint initiative, this free program for rising 10th, 11th, and 12th graders includes social justice trainings, a retreat at the Pearlstone Center, and a Social Justice Teen Summit led by the fellows themselves. This year's Summit will be held at Loyola University on Sunday, March 24, and is a great way for interested students

to come see the program in action. [Please click here for more information about the Summit and Fellowship.](#)



A sellout crowd hears from Doron F. Ezickson, Director of the ADL's Washington, D.C. Regional Office, during "After Pittsburgh: Reflections on American Anti-Semitism" on February 5. Thanks to the Simon E. Sobeloff Jewish Law Society and The Bar Association of Baltimore City for joining us in holding this event.

Upcoming Events & Opportunities

Herbert H. and Irma B. Risch Program on Immigration

Sunday, April 7, 3:00 - 4:30 PM, Baltimore Hebrew Congregation

More information and registration coming soon.

2019 Yom HaShoah Commemoration

Sunday, May 5, 4:30 PM. Baltimore Hebrew Congregation

More information and registration coming soon.

Elijah Cummings Youth Program in Israel 20th Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, June 2, 5 PM, Reginald F. Lewis Museum

More information and registration coming soon.

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