



## March 2021

### Virtual Maryland Jewish Advocacy District Meetings Continue Tonight



On behalf of The Associated, and our partners at the JCRC of Greater Washington and the Howard County Jewish Federation we would like thank the more than 200 community members who joined us for last month's Virtual Maryland Jewish Advocacy Day keynote event. We would also like to thank Governor Larry Hogan for speaking about his commitment to the Jewish Community's priorities, and U.S. Representative Kathy Manning for joining us to share an update from the federal level and describe her journey from Jewish community activist to newly elected member of Congress.

There is still more advocacy to be done. Please register for your district night meeting:

- **Monday, March 1, at 6:30 PM (Tonight), meetings with lawmakers from Districts 10, 41, and 42.**
- Monday, March 15, at 6:30 p.m., meetings with lawmakers from Districts 9, 11, and 13.

[To register and learn more about this year's General Assembly priorities, head over to our Advocacy Day website.](#) There you can view our fact sheets about the proposed state budget and legislation to confront hate, keep our communities safe, preserve access to telehealth, and more. You can also view a full recording of the February 15 program.

### David Hirsh To Speak On The Changing Face Of Antisemitism



While many forms of antisemitism are easy to identify, David Hirsh writes and lectures about a growing, but less visible and equally threatening, form of antisemitism. Hirsh, who is a London-based lecturer in sociology, will join the BJC to speak about, and make sense of, the complex world of anti-Zionist and antisemitic behavior, and how the two overlap. He will also share about what needs to be done to address this rising problem. [Learn more about David](#) ahead of the event and check out some of his publications and interviews.

[Register now and submit your questions for David. This event will take place on Monday, March 8, at 12:00 PM. Advance registration is required.](#)

### Welcome Kaleem Johnson-Bey!

We are thrilled to welcome a new member of the BJC Team. Kaleem Johnson-Bey joined us last month as the new program coordinator, where he provides support to all BJC program areas

with a focus on The Elijah Cummings Youth Program in Israel.

In addition to his role at the BJC, Kaleem serves in the District of Columbia Army National Guard as an Operations Officer for the HHD 372nd Military Police Battalion.

Before becoming the program coordinator, Kaleem was as a reading tutor for Baltimore

City Public School students grades K through 5. Outside of work, he is very active in pursuing his passion for aviation, having obtained his FAA Student Pilot Certificate this past fall. Kaleem holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Africana Studies from the University of Delaware.



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## Answering New Questions For Passover This Year

What if I don't connect to the term Jew of Color (JOC)? Can't I just be a black person who makes Shabbat? What is being chosen and what is tokenizing? Why these questions and why now?



Pesach is the season of asking important questions and telling

stories about the circuitous journey from oppression to liberation, both as history and as a continuous process that each of us must see ourselves part of, in every generation. This Passover, when we must once again be distant from each other, we invite you to join together with us virtually on March 22 at 7:15 PM for an engaging night of storytelling, reflection, and identity as we prepare for Pesach in community.

[Registration is now open.](#) We are proud to present this event with Repair The World: Baltimore.

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## Know Before You Go: Talking About Israel On College Campuses



Talking about Israel on a college campus is not just complicated, but it can often become a contentious and divisive issue. But it does not have to be, and as Jews we should feel proud to talk with our peers about our ancestral homeland.

We are excited to be partnering with The Associated's Israel Insight Forum and

OpenDor Media to present the first installment of a three part series on Israel and the college campus. This series, aimed at high school juniors and seniors, begins by exploring the question: can you be Zionist and progressive?

[The series launches next Thursday, March 11 at 6:45 PM. Registration is now open, and all are welcome to join.](#)

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## Did You Miss These Programs?

Watch the full recording now!



[Howard Libit on The Upside discussing the rise of antisemitism and how to respond.](#)

[Maryland Jewish Advocacy Day keynote event with Governor Larry Hogan and Rep. Kathy Manning.](#)

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### Support The Associated

The Baltimore Jewish Council, a proud agency of The Associated: Jewish Federation of Baltimore, depends on the funding it receives from The Associated's Annual Campaign. Now, more than ever in its 100 year history, our Associated network needs your support. Together we are addressing the urgent and critical needs of those most affected by the current coronavirus pandemic while ensuring the health and vitality of our community members through social services and connections to meaningful Jewish experiences. Donate now.

[Please give generously](#)

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### Upcoming Events & Opportunities

#### Maryland Jewish Advocacy Day District Meetings

**TONIGHT** Districts 10, 42, and 41: Monday, March 1, 6:30 PM  
Districts 9, 11, and 13: Monday, March 15, 6:30 PM

[Register Now](#)

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#### A Conversation on Antisemitism and the New Populism with David Hirsh

Monday, March 8, 12:00 - 1:00 PM

[Register Now](#)

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#### Know Before You Go: Israel and the College Campus

A virtual program for junior and senior high school students.

**March 11** - Can You Be Zionist and Progressive?

**March 23** - It's Complicated: Israel and the College Campus

**April 12** - Where Do We Belong? Tuesday, February 16, 1:00 PM

[More Information and Registration](#)

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#### How We Left; How We Arrived: A Night of Storytelling in Anticipation of Pesach

Presented with Repair The World: Baltimore

Monday, March 22, 7:15 PM

[Register Now](#)

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SAVE THE DATE: Yom HaShoah Community Commemoration

#### The Land We Always Dreamed Of: Longing for Eretz Yisrael during the Holocaust

Sunday, April 11, 12:00 PM

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