

ANNAPOLIS EVENTS

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BACK IN BALTIMORE

April 23, 2017
Yom HaShoah
Commemoration at
Beth El Congregation
5:00 P.M.

May 07, 2017
MIDC 25th Anniversary
Baltimore Museum of
Industry
6:00 P.M.

May 21, 2017
Dialogue at Church
on the Square
2:00 P.M.

June 07, 2017
BJC Annual Meeting
Bnai Jacob Shaarei Zion
5:00 P.M.

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Annapolis Update

BALTIMORE JEWISH COUNCIL

BOOST Wins 10% Increase

The Senate and House of Delegates agreed last week to give a 10% increase to the BOOST Scholarship initiative for next year. This compromise brings the funding up to \$5.5 million – less than the \$7 million originally proposed by Governor Hogan, but far more than the 60% cut proposed by the House of Delegates. BOOST affords students from low-income families the opportunity to attend schools that are the best fit for their needs. A significant number of these scholarships have been awarded to members of the Jewish Community. Thank you to everyone who advocated on behalf of BOOST this year. Your participation made a real difference.

Security for Schools & Day Care Centers

The Senate voted Friday to approve legislation sponsored by Senator Roger Manno, which would authorize Maryland to provide grants for security-related projects and personnel at schools and child care centers determined to be at-risk for hate crimes. Senate Bill 1191 will now move to the House of Delegates, which has not yet held a hearing on its own version of the bill (House Bill 1661, sponsored by Delegate Joseline Pena Melnik).

Capital Budget Update

The General Assembly passed a capital budget last week that includes money for several projects in Baltimore's Jewish community. The Jewish Teen Advancement Program House (JTAP) – which offers programs, guidance and support to at-risk teenage girls – secured \$100,000 to help with the purchase and renovation of a permanent facility. Thanks to Delegate Shelly Hettleman for her leadership on the JTAP bond bill request. Sinai Hospital secured \$2 million to expand its capacity for primary and specialty care visits. Ner Israel Rabbinical College was awarded \$90,000 to assist with purchasing and installing emergency generators under a bond bill sponsored by Delegate Dana Stein and Senator Bobby Zirkin. Senator Zirkin also sponsored a bond bill that that helped Bais Yaakov Middle School secure \$100,000 for facility improvements. All of the capital projects require substantial fundraising matches from the organization or school being awarded the funding.