Join us for Maryland Jewish Advocacy Day

There’s still time to sign up to join the Baltimore Jewish Council, the JCRC of Greater Washington, and the JCRC of Howard County for Maryland Jewish Advocacy Day in Annapolis.

We will gather in Annapolis around 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 20th, for a series of lobbying meetings with our community’s delegates and senators. We will then hear from some elected leadership, followed by a catered reception and the opportunity to meet and mingle with elected representatives from around the state. Bus transportation is available from Chizuk Amuno, and space is still available.

Click here for more information and to sign up, and help us advocate for our community’s priorities.

Security Money Proposed by Governor Hogan

Governor Hogan proposes $5 million in budget for the next fiscal year to assist in security needs at schools and places of worship that are believed to be potential targets for hate crimes.

The money includes $3 million to protect houses of worship at risk for hate crimes, and $2 million to protect schools and day care centers at risk for hate crimes. The $2 million is a doubling of the $1 million that is included in the current year’s budget for schools and day care centers – 28 applicants were just awarded security grants from this year’s $1 million pool of grant money by the Maryland Center for School Safety.

While details of how the money for houses of worship would be distributed will still need to be worked out, the Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention would administer a competitive grant program. The Governor proposes allowing the money to cover such security needs as training, security personnel, and security-related technology such as cameras, door-hardening, improved lighting, and other security-related facility upgrades.

If approved by the General Assembly as part of next year’s budget, the $5
Million would become available sometime after July 1.

As with other security grant opportunities, the BJC will communicate application details and deadlines to our community institutions as soon as they become available, and the BJC will do its best to provide technical assistance.

Over 350 Community Members Recognize Holocaust Remembrance Day

Last Sunday, in recognition of International Holocaust Remembrance Day on January 27th, over 350 members of the Baltimore Jewish Community came together for a screening of “Who Will Write Our History.” The film was also simultaneously being shown around the globe, on six different continents in well over 100 countries, to truly help make it an international day of remembrance.

The film tells the story of a secret group of Jewish resisters in 1940’s Warsaw that worked to counter Nazi propaganda and lies. Check out the film’s website where you can learn more about the movie and find future screening dates. Lastly we would like to thank Beth El Congregation for joining us in hosting this important event.

Upcoming Events & Opportunities

Race and Society in Nazi Germany and the United States

Sunday, February 27, 7 PM. Morgan State University

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.

Click here for more information and to apply.

Social Justice Teen Summit

Sunday, March 24, 1:00 - 5:00 PM. Loyola University of Maryland

More information and registration coming soon.