

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 07, 2017

Advocacy Day in Annapolis
11 Bladen Street
4:30 - 8:00 P.M.

March 01, 2017

Auschwitz through the Lens
of the SS
Chizuk Amuno
7:00 P.M.

March 30, 2017

Interfaith Trialogue
Owings Mills JCC
6:30 P.M.

LDP UPDATE

The Leadership Development Program class of 2016-2017 is underway! So far, the group has met with the Government Relations team and the Holocaust Remembrance team. At the Government relations session, Executive Committee Member Elizabeth Green discussed her experience as a layperson and representative of the Jewish community on the BOOST commission and Delegate Shelly Hettleman graciously shared her perspective on the role of community based advocacy organizations such as the BJC. LDP met the BJC's Holocaust Remembrance Commission to learn about how we promote Holocaust remembrance and education throughout Maryland.

Council Matters

FEBRUARY 2017

Launch of 2017 Legislative Session

The 2017 legislative session in Annapolis has officially begun! While the BJC team is excited to work with many new leaders this year, we have said a fond farewell to two of Maryland's best. Unfortunately, Senator Lisa Gladden, a longtime partner of the Jewish community, left her position due to health concerns. In addition, Delegate Jill P. Carter left her position in Annapolis to become the head of the Baltimore City Office of Civil Rights and Wage Enforcement. Best of luck in your new position Delegate Carter! We look forward to working with a number of newly nominated delegates, including Delegate Nick Mosby and Delegate Bilal Ali. And congratulations to Delegate Nathaniel Oaks on his selection to become a Senator!

MLK Day - Interfaith Program

On MLK Day - BJC teamed up with Repair the World for a joint program on interfaith partnership in civil rights. Over 30 participants from the Muslim, Christian and Jewish communities gathered to discuss the legacy of MLK, Jr. and Rabbi Joshua Heschel and the steps forward for progress in 2017. Thank you to all who participated in this lively discussion and for bringing over 50 donations for the Muslim Community Cultural Center of Baltimore food pantry. This food will help Baltimore families in need during the tough winter months ahead.



Elijah Cummings Youth Program (ECYP)



On January 16th, ECYP fellows celebrated Martin Luther King Day by participating in a joint community service project with teens from The ASSOCIATED's Students Taking Action for Change (STAC) program. The day of service started with ECYP and STAC students reflecting and discussing Dr. Martin Luther King's commitment to service and social activism. Students then learned about our growing senior citizen community and made centerpieces for residents who live at Weinberg Park Center. The day concluded with students delivering the centerpieces to the Weinberg Park Center.

Baltimore Holocaust Survivors Group

The Baltimore Holocaust Survivors and Descendants Group launched its 3rd anniversary Sunday, January 15, 2017. Member Rena Rotenberg, widow of Holocaust survivor Wolfgang Rotenberg, spoke about her husband's experience as "A Jewish Child Growing up in Tientsin, China, 1939-1948". The group meets once a month, usually on the third Sunday, at the Park Heights JCC. The next meeting will be Sunday, February 19 from 2:00 - 4:00 pm. with guest speaker & Holocaust educator Mrs. Louise Geczy. For more information contact: Jeanette Parmigiani at jparmigiani@baltjc.org or 410-542-4850.