

Council Matters

July 2020

New Three Part Intergenerational Series Focused On Race Launches



This past Monday we were excited to launch "Connecting Generations: Difficult Conversation About Race." The new small group interactive series aims to bring together the three major

generational groups within the community to discuss an issue that too often seems easier to ignore, and too difficult to confront: race.

Each session of this three part series, produced in collaboration with the Jewish Museum of Maryland, uses a pre-selected article, video and/or podcast that all participants are asked to read, listen to, or watch ahead of time to inform the conversation. Our first session kicked off this week with nearly 40 participants of all ages who each brought a unique and valuable perspective to the conversation. Two more sessions remain in this program, and registration is now open, but space is limited. Separate registration for session two and session three is required.

BJC Virtual Programming To Continue Throughout Summer

While COVID-19 may have disrupted our ability to provide in person programming, we are excited to continue offering virtual programming throughout the summer. Our next event will take place on Monday, July 13, at 12:00



Thanks to Council President Brandon Scott for speaking at our annual meeting last month.

PM and will feature Attorney General Brian Frosh. The Attorney General will join us to discuss COVID-19 and calls for police reform, and take participants' questions. If you cannot make it or have missed one of our recent public events, this webinar, along with all of our recent public events, remain accessible from our online events archive.

Later in July we will once again be joining with the Jewish Museum for another edition of the <u>Summer Teachers Institute</u>, which is taking place in an entirely virtual format. The three day program is designed for teachers looking to learn new ways to teach their students about the Holocaust, and other acts of genocide, and this year's theme is all about creating a world of upstanders.

Everything You Need To Know About Israel's Changing Policies On The West Bank

With any announcements by the Israel Government on whether it will apply sovereignty over parts of the West Bank delayed for the time being, we hope you will take this time to learn more about this issue. Any decision could carry with it significant implications for both Israel and the entire region. <u>To help you understand just what is all means we, have prepared a brief resource guide</u> with all you need to know.

Our guide features a wide range of top-quality resources, from fact sheets to op-eds on each side. We hope you will closely look each one over, and share this guide with others who may find it informative.

The Associated Continues Responding To COVID-19

From ensuring that vulnerable seniors are safe in their home while social distancing, to helping laid-off workers to navigate the process of receiving unemployment insurance and finding a new job, all while continuing to engage community members of all generations to build a stronger Jewish Baltimore. The work of the many agencies that make up The Associated could not be more imperative during the time of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Baltimore Jewish Council, a proud agency of The Associated: Jewish Federation of Baltimore, is able to respond in times of crisis thanks to the funding and financial support it receives from The Associated's Annual Campaign. Now, more than ever, our Associated network needs your support to continue meeting the growing needs in our community due to the current COVID-19 pandemic.

Please give generously: associated.org/donate

Mazel Tov ECYP Graduates!





On Monday June 29, 12 fellows officially graduated from the Elijah Cummings Youth Program in Israel. Please join us in wishing each of them a warm mazel tov, and success in all of their future endeavors.

Upcoming Events & Opportunities

Applications Are Now Open For The Social Justice Teen Fellowship

The Social Justice Teen Fellowship is a free, nine-month virtual fellowship that brings together rising sophomores, juniors, and seniors of various faith and ethnic backgrounds to train them on facilitating conversations with peers on racism, antisemitism, diversity, and other pressing social justice issues facing our community and nation. Students will have the unique opportunity to work alongside WYPR's Aaron Henkin (Out of the Blocks) to develop their own Social Justice podcasts.

Join us for our virtual open house on Thursday, July 9th at 6:00 PM. Teens and families welcome!



Preserving Holocaust History through Artifacts, Archives and Research

Monday, July 20, 2020 2:00 PM

Join us to learn about the Museum's acquisitions efforts and the meticulous research process made available for Holocaust survivors and their family members in this live digital program, exclusive to the Baltimore community.

Register Now!

Connecting Generations: Difficult Conversations About Race

Space Is Limited!

Session Two: Thursday August 6, 12:00 PM

Session Three: Tuesday September 15, 12:00 PM

Summer Teachers Institute 2020

Teaching Students To Be Upstanders

August 3-5 8:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Using current events and historical examples, this three-day virtual conference (via Zoom) will provide educators with the tools to teach and encourage their students to be Upstanders. An Upstander is the opposite of a Bystander: an Upstander is someone who stands up, speaks out, and refuses to let injustice go unchecked.

Registration is now open. Please contact Ilene Dackman-Alon at 443-873-5178 or email at idackmanalon@jewishmuseummd.org with any questions.

Submit a Nomination for the BJC Leadership Development Program

Learn more about LDP and nominate someone who you think would be a good candidate for the 2020-2021 cohort.

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