

ANNAPOLIS EVENTS

4/10 Sine Die

BACK IN BALTIMORE

3/30 Trialogue
at Owings Mills JCC
6:00 P.M.

4/23 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.

5/21 Trialogue 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

Security Improvements to Schools & Child Care

The Senate's Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee held a hearing last week on legislation that would authorize the state to provide grants for security-related projects to schools and child care centers determined to be at risk of hate crimes or attacks because of their religious ideology, beliefs, or mission. BJC Director of Security Keith Tiedemann testified in support of the legislation (Senate Bill 1191, sponsored by Senator Roger Manno), and he described how there are many more security needs at the Jewish community's schools and child care centers than are able to be funded by the federal homeland security grants that we receive each year. BJC First Vice President Yehuda Neuberger also testified in support of the bill. The House of Delegates has not yet scheduled a hearing on a House version of the bill (House Bill 1661, sponsored by Delegate Joseline Pena Melnik).



BOOST Update

The Senate approved its version of the state budget for the next fiscal year last week, and the full Senate expressed its support for Governor Hogan's proposal to expand the BOOST tuition scholarship initiative from \$5 million to \$7 million. But since the House of Delegates approved a budget plan that would cut the BOOST program down to less than \$2 million for next year, Senate and House budget negotiators will need to find a compromise. We remain hopeful that the program -- which has provided assistance to so many families of children attending Jewish day schools -- will be allowed to expand next year and help even more families across Maryland.