

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**October 14, 2016**

Leadership Development  
Program  
Submission Deadline  
<https://www.baltjc.org/leadership-development-program>

**October 20, 2016**

Debate & Decision  
Beth El Congregation  
7:30 P.M.

**October 26, 2016**

Stolen Legacy:  
Nazi Theft & the Quest  
for Justice  
Chizuk Amuno  
7:00 P.M.

**November 02, 2016**

Beyond Chicken Soup  
Maryland Healthcare  
Jewish Museum of MD  
5:30 P.M.

## GOVERNMENT RELATIONS UPDATE

Executive Director Howard Libit and Director of Government Relations Sarah Mersky have now completed the pre-session agency process. This process involves speaking directly with the head of each Associated agency to determine their needs and match them to potential state resources. This information is then compiled into a "Governor's Memo" that has been presented to the Governor's top advisors and will be used as a guiding force during the 2016-2017 legislation session in Annapolis.

# Council Matters

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## Governor's Trip to Israel

BJC was honored to join Governor Hogan on his trade mission to Israel this September. Organized by the Maryland/Israel Development Center, the Governor announced a number of Israeli companies that are either establishing U.S. headquarters in Maryland or expanding their existing operations to add jobs. The Governor also joined in the signing of new partnership agreements between Maryland and Israeli universities. BJC was particularly honored to donate toys for distribution during the Governor's visit to the children's cancer ward at Hadassah Medical Center in Jerusalem.



## Congressional Black Caucus

On September 16th, 23 ECYP Fellows attended the Annual Legislative Conference of the Congressional Black Caucus in Washington. The fellows attended sessions on the juvenile justice system and causes of wrongful convictions, as well as Congressman Cumming's powerful session focused on environmental justice and the threats facing communities of color. These sessions allowed the students to explore issues that disproportionately impact communities of color and think through positive solutions for change. They ended their day with a meet and greet with the Congressman.

## Interfaith Day to Serve

Over 50 community members joined together for the 3rd annual Jewish-Muslim Governor's Day to Serve event. The group assembled over 150 blessing bags with vital goods for homeless Marylanders, such as hand warmers, toothbrushes, toothpaste, body wipes and healthy snacks. Together, they handed out these bags in interfaith groups across the community after a call to action and discussion by the Institute for Islamic, Christian and Jewish Studies (ICJS). Thank you to everyone who joined us!

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