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Friends,

Welcome to *Inspiring Jewish Baltimore*, your guide to involvement and resources in the Jewish community, brought to you by The Associated: Jewish Community Federation of Baltimore. As the central fundraiser for more than 25 service agencies and programs, we strengthen, nurture and deepen Jewish life in Baltimore and overseas. Throughout this publication, you'll find the programs and services that make up Jewish Baltimore as well as stories of community members just like you – illustrating different paths to involvement and windows of opportunity to participate in Jewish life.

What's in store for you this year? Do you want to enrich your understanding of Jewish heritage? Are you interested in helping other community members? Or are you looking for ways to deepen family bonds?

Lead a life centered on giving back. Network with other professionals in your industry at happy hours across town. Build relationships with people overseas and discover the bonds that hold us together. You can do all of that – and more! – right here in Jewish Baltimore. *Inspiring Jewish Baltimore* is here to guide you on that journey.

We hope that you find a way to become (or stay) involved in Jewish life, here in Baltimore and beyond. If you're not sure where to start, we're here to help! Give us a call at 410-727-4828 or email us at information@associated.org.

Thanks for reading! We hope to see you soon.

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Jewish Learning

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If your child needs special care or attention, he or she can find it in our community. Online resources are at your fingertips at the Baltimore Jewish Abilities Alliance (BJAA). Educational support is available for students with learning disabilities at SHEMESH. And, children ages five to 13 can be included at Jewish camp with the Camp Milldale Inclusion Program.

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Learn About Us: The Associated

We're your connection to Jewish Baltimore. Through the time and dedication of our lay leaders and donors, we're able to form relations with our neighbors, connect with the global community, deepen our education and care for those in need. Together, we can inspire Jewish community.

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Our Beneficiary Agencies & Programs

Our service agencies and programs, whose opportunities fill these pages, make our community *tick* – handling everything from housing assistance to professional development, from special needs programming to senior living, from recreational activities to educational enrichment. We wouldn't be the robust, uplifting community that we are without their tireless efforts.

20s & 30s

Where will you find your place in our community? Will it be in a leadership development course, an exclusive trip to Israel or a networking opportunity? Join the other young Baltimoreans who are traveling on their Jewish journeys together. You can give, lead and connect with other like-minded young Jews in a welcoming environment.



Baltimore Hebrew Institute at Towson University (BHI)

BHI offers a variety of classes to enrich your Jewish education – with everything from modern Hebrew courses to *TZION*, a historical look at the state of Israel. Learn how to sign up on page 43.

Beyond Birthright

The Associated
Beyond Birthright provides post-college Taglit-Birthright Israel alumni ways to connect through happy hours, intimate Shabbat dinners and other meaningful Jewish experiences.

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Charm City Tribe

Learn more about this downtown community-building program on page 18.

Conversations Happening Around Town (CHAT) NEW

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Explore the Baltimore Jewish community, contemporary issues and your own Jewish identity in small neighborhood groups. Hosted in a home of your peers, this six-session program offers opportunities for you to make an impact within Jewish Baltimore and beyond.

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Entwine NEW

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The Associated is offering once-in-a-lifetime travel experiences for leaders like you. Through JDC Entwine, a small group of Baltimoreans will travel with an exclusive cohort of young professionals to gain an in-depth understanding of Jewish communities around the world and to make a meaningful impact on global needs and international humanitarian issues.

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Giving Circle NEW

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Participate in a collaborative,

hands-on grant-making process. Members pool their resources and decide together where to allocate their money, inspired by Jewish values and causes, while having a positive impact on the Baltimore Jewish community.

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Hopkins Hillel Jewish Graduate Student Association

Johns Hopkins University Hillel
The Hopkins Hillel Jewish Graduate Student Association provides a variety of meaningful opportunities for Jewish graduate students. Events include happy hours, Shabbat dinners and sporting events.

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iflknew

Jewish Community Services (JCS)

iflknew is a program for young adults that uses a multi-media approach, including social media and in-person programs, to address the contemporary issues that can impact the well-being, self-image, careers and relationships of people in their 20s and 30s.

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Leadership Development Program (LDP)

Baltimore Jewish Council (BJC)
Participants meet with government officials and community leaders who address local, national and international issues, in order to develop an understanding of all aspects of Jewish community relations and public affairs. Jewish individuals of different backgrounds, ages and interests are encouraged to apply. LDP is a one-year commitment with monthly sessions.

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Grab your friends – it's time to VolunTeam!

Want to make a difference in the community but not sure where to start? With the help of JVC, create a VolunTeam with your friends and discover how volunteering can be flexible and fun all while meeting vital community needs.

Turn to page 36 to hear about one young adult's VolunTeam!



Masa

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Masa offers more than 200 gap year, study abroad, post-college and volunteer programs all over Israel, lasting between five and 12 months. Subsidized through The Associated's Israel Engagement Center, young adults ages 18 to 30 will enjoy exciting, life-changing experiences in Israel.

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Onward Israel Experience

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Onward Israel is an eight-week immersive Israel experience for alumni of Taglit-Birthright Israel and teen travel experiences. Subsidized through The Associated's Israel Engagement Center, 25 young adults from Baltimore will participate in this global resumé-building program during the summer of 2016.

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Planned Giving Round Table (PGRT) for Young Professionals

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PGRT brings together professionals from a variety of disciplines who may be involved in some aspect of a planned gift to charity. Participants have the opportunity to network, hear from nationally-recognized planned giving and financial experts and enhance their skills by incorporating charitable planning techniques in clients' tax, financial and estate planning. PGRT for Young Professionals involves intimate study groups which provide professionals with both the technical planned giving tools and the skills necessary to start a conversation around values with clients.

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Politically Connect

Baltimore Jewish Council (BJC)
Politically Connect offers exciting opportunities for adults ages 22 to 45 to meet and mingle with prominent elected officials and national political experts to learn about and participate in the political process. Politically Connect has evening or early morning programs two to four times per year.

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Make an IMPACT

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IMPACT, the young adult division of The Associated, inspires Jewish adults, ages 22 to 39, through fundraising, volunteering and leadership development programs. Men and women from many backgrounds, with diverse interests and talents, explore their Jewish journeys in Baltimore together through IMPACT. Programs range from fundraising to leadership development to social and beyond, where you can meet and mingle in a welcoming environment. *Come as you are and discover where you can make your IMPACT!*

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Q&A: Jon & Marni Yoffe

After spending years volunteering with The Associated, Baltimore County natives Jon and Marni Yoffe stepped up their involvement with IMPACT – the couple will chair this year's Generosity Gala, celebrating the charity of IMPACT's donors. We spoke with Jon and discussed their involvement:

Q: What inspired you to get involved with IMPACT?

A: "We got involved with The Associated when I was in law school. I joined the YLC [Young Leadership Council] program, which was two years at the time, because I wanted to give back to my local Jewish community, and network with other like-minded young professionals. After completing the YLC program, I took a seat on the IMPACT Board, and Marni and I have been campaigning, planning and attending events ever since."

Q: What is one of your favorite aspects of IMPACT?

A: "Whether you're Reform, Orthodox or somewhere in between,

this organization is about promoting and supporting our community. There are many young people in the organization who are not that observant, but still feel a strong connection to this community and their roots. We love how IMPACT and The Associated strive to be inclusive of all the various sects of our Jewish community. It makes us stronger as a whole."

Q: What made you decide to chair this year's Generosity Gala?

A: "We welcomed the opportunity to co-chair this year's Generosity Gala because we believe it is evolving into IMPACT's flagship event of the year ... It perfectly encapsulates everything IMPACT and The Associated is about: charitable giving, growing and strengthening our community and celebrating those achievements as a community."

Q: Why do you think the Gala is important for IMPACT and our community?

A: "The Gala is a celebration, and it is important for IMPACT

donors to celebrate our success as a charitable community. Events like this foster a stronger donor network, create new connections and friendships and, ultimately, it's just rewarding to see so many generous young donors in the same room, talking about the achievements we've made and the work we plan to do."

Q: What is your hope for this year's Gala? Would you like to do anything different?

A: "We hope to have as big a turnout as we did last year, and we're currently working on booking a very entertaining and engaging speaker for the event!"

The 2015 Generosity Gala takes place on November 14, 2015.

Check out our website for updates and registration information: associated.org/20s30s/events



Roots

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Visit page 80 to learn how you can participate in an exciting women's group mentorship program.

Russian-Speaking Jewish Baltimore (RSJ)

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Learn all about this new, engaging program for the Russian Jewish community on page 26.

Shalom Baltimore

Jewish Community Center (JCC)

Shalom Baltimore welcomes young adults who are new to Baltimore's Jewish community. Newcomers are matched with a volunteer who meets them in person and delivers a welcome basket with gifts and community information.

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Taglit-Birthright Israel

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Taglit-Birthright Israel provides the gift of a 10-day trip to Israel for Jewish young adults ages 18 to 26 from around the world.

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Young Leadership Council (YLC)

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YLC is a two-year leadership development program that engages young adults ages 22 to 39 who aspire to hold key positions within The Associated and the Baltimore Jewish community. Through educational and fundraising programs, community service projects and agency observation experiences, participants gain an array of leadership skills and develop an

understanding of The Associated, Baltimore's Jewish community and the importance of philanthropy. Young Leadership Council is offered every two years; recruitment will begin in the spring of 2017.

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Young Philanthropic Leaders

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Do you care about the well-being

of our Jewish community? If so, consider making a financial investment in The Associated. The Associated honors young adults who participate in its Annual Campaign at two levels: Ben-Gurion Society nationally recognizes donors of \$1,000 or more; IMPACT365 recognizes donors of \$365 – a dollar a day – or more. Maximize your donation by asking about your company's matching gifts program.

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Young Pros Countering BDS

Baltimore Jewish Council (BJC) and The Associated

Young Pros Countering BDS (Boycott, Divestment & Sanctions) is a multiple-session training program

for young adults, who have recently returned from an Israel experience, to learn how to better advocate for Israel with a focus on combating the BDS movement.

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Get events for young adults sent right to your inbox.
Sign up at: associated.org/stayintouch

Advocacy & Community Building

Your voice holds power – know when and how to use it. Start a conversation with your neighbors about supporting one another, speak to elected officials about your social concerns or learn about the issues that affect the quality of life here in Baltimore. You can use your voice to make a difference in our neighborhoods.



Baltimore-Ashkelon Book Club

Macks Center for Jewish Education (CJE)

The Baltimore-Ashkelon Book Club connects readers in both Baltimore and Ashkelon through the reading and discussion of books related to Israel, the Middle East and Jewish life. Open to all, the book club creates social and educational opportunities through informal settings that deepen the Baltimore-Ashkelon Partnership.

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Baltimore Holocaust Survivors and Descendants Group (BHSD)

Baltimore Jewish Council (BJC)
Learn more about this special group for Holocaust survivors and descendants on page 55.



CHAI Community Conversations

Comprehensive Housing Assistance, Inc. (CHAI)

Fostering mutual respect and understanding, CHAI's Community Conversations is a forum of African American, Latino and Jewish residents in northern Park Heights

that strengthens relationships and ensures the long-term health and progress of the community-at-large. Eligible residents must live in the neighborhoods of Cheswolde, Cross Country, Fallstaff, Glen and Mt. Washington.

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Community Leadership Academy

Comprehensive Housing Assistance, Inc. (CHAI)

In order to become a great community leader, you need to start somewhere! Your training begins at Community Leadership Academy where you learn the basics of community organizing in a collaborative setting. This four-session program features workshops aimed toward building local leadership in all community-led efforts happening through CHAI and beyond.

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Elijah Cummings Youth Program in Israel (ECYP)

Baltimore Jewish Council (BJC)
ECYP builds bridges between

Baltimore's diverse communities. Learn more by visiting page 74.

Government Relations Commission (GRC)

Baltimore Jewish Council (BJC)
BJC is guided in its lobbying efforts by policy statements that its Government Relations Commission compiles, allowing the community's collective voice to be heard on various issues. Join GRC to help review bills and prioritize BJC's efforts in Annapolis.

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Interethnic and Interfaith Dialogues

Baltimore Jewish Council (BJC)
BJC's interethnic and interfaith dialogues were formed to maintain positive relationships between the Baltimore Jewish community and others in the region. Through dialogue, BJC focuses on working against anti-Semitism and prejudice in partnership with those who reside in the community in which we live. With the dialogues, you can share your thoughts and build relationships with your neighbors.

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Israel High

Macks Center for Jewish Education (CJE)

This program prepares high school students in anticipation of any anti-Semitism or anti-Israel sentiments that they may encounter on college campuses. By working with the most effective international organizations, CJE ensures that Baltimore's students have a strong sense of Jewish identity as well as the tools and resources to feel confident and proud.

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Key Contacts Program

Baltimore Jewish Council (BJC)

Advocate for those who need your help.

Everyone's voice matters – fight for those who lost theirs.

Explore these advocacy programs:

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BJC's Key Contacts Program supports and enhances advocacy in Annapolis. Key contacts are primarily called upon during the Maryland General Assembly Legislative Session on issues of importance to the Council. BJC identifies community members to serve as key contacts who have close relationships with members of the Maryland General Assembly.

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Leadership Development Program (LDP)

Baltimore Jewish Council (BJC)
Learn how to get involved with LDP on page 8.

Metropolitan Issues Commission

Baltimore Jewish Council (BJC)

The Metropolitan Issues Commission monitors issues that affect the quality of life in the Baltimore Metropolitan area including homelessness, poverty, immigration, healthcare, gun control and matters of discrimination. Contact BJC to help develop policy with this commission.

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Talking It Out

The whole country saw it – Baltimore on fire. In spring 2015, after details of Freddie Gray's death surfaced, peaceful protests shifted to riots, shutting down our city – buildings caught fire, businesses were looted and neighborhoods were destroyed.

The need to do something was blatant. Watching it unfold, the **Baltimore Jewish Council (BJC)** was ready to act. "We already had the Interethnic and Interfaith Dialogue infrastructure in place," said Cailey Locklair Tolle, Deputy Executive Director at BJC. "These dialogues were formed to establish and maintain good relationships between the Jewish community and other ethnic and faith groups in the area."

"We're lucky because we were able to get together a Jewish African-American Dialogue very quickly," adds Madeline Barnett, Assistant Director of Community and Public Relations at BJC. "We sat down and said, 'How can we help?' because we didn't want to be rushing in and doing any programming or volunteering without hearing about what [the community] really needed."

Although BJC staff helps with planning, covers social media and arranges guest speakers, the dialogues themselves are run by community leaders. There are one to two chairs per dialogue group, who "run the show," according to Madeline. The chairs facilitate the dialogue and ensure that people aren't "just listening to a lecture. It's very interactive."

The main goal? Building relationships. "There's a sense of 'otherness' that happens, especially in a city that does have these clear divides," explains Madeline. "People like being able to slowly build that trust, to talk about the issues and then to go out in the community and do something to fix it together."

Want to get involved with one of BJC's dialogues? Visit baltjc.org or email Madeline Barnett at msuggs@baltjc.org.

Downtown

What makes a home to you? Is it the place you go to worship? The center where you celebrate Shabbat among family and friends? The place where your little ones can play and learn? Or is it a combination of all three? Whatever you decide makes your home, our downtown Jewish community is thriving – come join the fun.



Downtown Synagogues*

Beth Am Synagogue

Located in the historic Reservoir Hill neighborhood of Baltimore City, Beth Am is an urban, egalitarian congregation affiliated with the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism. The congregation balances traditional prayer and learning with innovative and intellectual critique and a deep commitment to social justice. Beth Am's warm, young adult and child-friendly community make it so comfortable that many say it "feels like home." The congregation appreciates diversity of all kinds and is open to intermarried families and same-sex couples.

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Beth El Downtown

Beth El @ Federal Hill Preschool

Beth El @ Federal Hill lays the foundation for lifelong Jewish engagement for children birth through five years of age by supporting children's enhancement of their Jewish identity through Jewish knowledge and values.

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Hebrew School in Your Neighborhood

Located in Federal Hill and Roland Park, Hebrew School in Your Neighborhood uses multi-sensory, hands-on and personalized learning experiences to empower students ages

three to 13 to explore, discuss and create their own Judaic ideals. This program welcomes Jewish and interfaith families.

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B'nai Israel

B'nai Israel is the hub of Jewish life for Jews seeking a warm and welcoming community in downtown Baltimore. With a diverse membership, a rich history spanning six generations and a breathtaking sanctuary, B'nai Israel offers innovative opportunities for Jewish engagement and involvement.

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Bolton Street Synagogue

Bolton Street Synagogue is an open Jewish community rooted in tradition and dedicated to fostering Jewish culture, learning, spirituality and social action in a participatory and intimate environment. Bolton Street Synagogue offers many ways to become involved in *shul* and community life.

🌐 boltonstreet.org

For a full listing of synagogues, visit associated.org/communityresources/synagogues.

Downtown Activities



Boomers Downtown

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Meet the new *mishpacha* (family) through events and programs for you and your Jewish friends and neighbors. Connect with other like-minded people who are living in downtown Baltimore.

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Chabad of Downtown*

Chabad of Downtown serves the residential and business communities of the downtown neighborhoods of Canton, Fells Point, Harbor East, Little Italy, Mt. Vernon, Federal Hill and the Business District. They offer a wide variety of Jewish programming, such as community holiday events, Shabbat dinners, Jewish learning and much more for all demographics. They are dedicated to making the beauty of our Jewish heritage enjoyable and accessible for all Jews.

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Looking to go out and about downtown?

Check out our calendar of events: associated.org/baltimoreevents

open to Jewish and non-Jewish families with focus on early child development, parent education, neighborhood networking and more. Downtown families can also gather at the DBJCC to welcome Shabbat with light appetizers, drinks, *challah* and Shabbat blessings.

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Harbor Minyan*

The Harbor Minyan meets monthly for a spirited, gender-egalitarian Shabbat evening service and vegetarian potluck dinner. Volunteer-run, participant-led and hosted in various downtown Baltimore homes, the Harbor Minyan is independent, informal and inviting.

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Charm City Tribe

Jewish Community Center (JCC)

New to town or ready to tap in to Jewish Baltimore? Charm City Tribe seeks to build community among young adults in their 20s and 30s living in downtown Baltimore who want to tap into Jewish culture in creative ways. They provide an entry point to meet other young adults interested in being part of a diverse and open Jewish community.

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Community Connector Project

Macks Center for Jewish Education (CJE)

New to town? Turn to page 22 to learn how you can discuss your interests with your downtown community connector!



Downtown Baltimore Jewish Community Center (DBJCC)

Jewish Community Center (JCC)

DBJCC helps families with young children enjoy life downtown. There is a drop-in playspace for kids to enjoy as well as a downtown version of the popular Tot Shabbat and a variety of Baby and Me classes. Programs are



Jewish Museum of Maryland at the Herbert Bearman Campus (JMM)

The JMM offers a robust assortment of events right on Lloyd Street! The museum provides educational, engaging and entertaining programming for all audiences. This programming, running during regular hours and after hours, enhances the regular museum

experience by exploring additional relevant subjects.

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Young adults living downtown can make an impact – learn how on page 7.

Moishe House

Moishe House Baltimore, located in the heart of Federal Hill, offers young adults ages 21 to 35 an opportunity to socialize at events that include barbecues, Shabbat dinners, movie nights and more. At Moishe House, the doors are always open!

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Shalom Baltimore

Jewish Community Center (JCC)

Shalom Baltimore welcomes people who are new to Baltimore's downtown Jewish community. Newcomers are matched with a volunteer who meets them in person and delivers a welcome basket with gifts and community information.

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Families with Young Children

It's been some time since your bar or bat mitzvah; now you're thinking about your child's. Thankfully, you've come to the right place for placing Jewish life into your family life. Through parenting, education and recreational programs to hands-on volunteering opportunities, join the collective community and learn, give back and get together with similar families.



Send Your Kids Off to Camp Worry-Free

When children spend their summers at a Jewish camp, they come home with so much more than a tan. After hours of nonstop fun and activity, they develop a deeper Jewish identity, a newfound independence and lifelong friendships.

The Jewish camp experience is different for each child – some kids are content to run off without a second glance back at home, others need more coaching and reassurance. Check out these tips from Amy Bram, director of Camp Milldale, to ensure both you and your child have a great summer:

Schedule a tour. Exploring the camp your child will attend in the summer is “crucial,” according to Amy Bram, for you and for your child. Meet the directors, check out the grounds, ask questions! The more you can visualize a happy summer, the more likely it is to happen.

Read the given information. Camp professionals work hard to prepare the informational materials that are given to parents. Read the information *carefully* so you and your child understand the rules and expectations.

Complete the requested information. Camps typically ask parents to send information relevant to their child’s behavior. At Milldale, there’s a “Confidential Camper Profile” which gives the camp a sense of how your child behaves in certain situations – when your child is sad, in a new situation or in need of support. This piece is *huge* in ensuring the child’s happiness at camp.

Help the camp help your child. One of the goals of camp is to help kids navigate the world without their parents – this includes guiding them through conflict. As parents, it’s important to partner with camps to discover the source of the conflict, knowing that one child’s account can be swayed in one way or another.

Be prepared. We understand that, some mornings, it’s hard to get a four-year-old out the door, but there are steps you can take to prepare your child for the day. For example, if your child doesn’t want to put on sneakers in the morning, but you know that sneakers are required for outdoor play, place the sneakers in your child’s backpack. The camp and your child will thank you later!

Get excited! The more enthusiastic parents are about camp, the more likely it is that their kids will mimic their enthusiasm. “It’s a rough and tumble world in summer camp,” says Bram. Bumps and bruises – from sliding into first base or a morning nature hike – become a part of the camp experience. Celebrate them as badges of pride!

Learn more about JCC camps at jcc.org/camps.

To learn about other camps, visit livecamp.org.



Want to volunteer as a family?

Volunteering with the family is a great way to bond and to instill Jewish values. Turn to page 31 to learn about all of our volunteering opportunities and these below.

VOLUNTEAMS

COMMUNITY MITZVAH DAY

GOOD DEEDS DAY

GOVERNOR’S DAY TO SERVE

After School Care

Jewish Community Center (JCC)

Kids Center, the JCC’s after school program in Owings Mills, promotes your child’s social, emotional, cognitive and physical development. Staff encourages character building and teamwork through a comprehensive curriculum that includes homework help, fitness and outdoor activities, games, art, volunteer projects and enrichment classes.

jcc.org/kidscenter
Emily Stern
410-559-3557

you need a trustworthy source of comprehensive information to choose the right camp. The Center for Jewish Camping’s Janna Zuckerman is here to help!

livecamp.org
Janna Zuckerman
jzuckerman@associated.org
410-369-9237



Macks Center for Jewish Education Library

Macks Center for Jewish Education (CJE)

Visitors to the CJE have access to their wonderful lending library of books, CDs and DVDs. There are more than 10,000 resources for teachers and parents, as well as children’s books, including many PJ Library titles and books in Hebrew. JCC membership is not required; come browse and explore!

cjebaltimore.org/library
Rebecca Levitan
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410-735-5018

The Center for Jewish Camping

The Associated

On top of fun, friendships and lifelong memories, the right summer camp can provide a transformative Jewish experience for your child. With nine local partner camps and more than 150 options around the country,

Children’s Theater Production Company

Jewish Community Center (JCC)

Children’s Theater Production Company helps children in grades one through eight develop imagination, concentration, character, professionalism and technique, while also strengthening command of their body and voice. It offers the perfect dynamic experience for the beginner exploring acting or the more seasoned actor looking to gain more experience from trained professionals.

jcc.org/childrenstheater
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410-559-3593

you are looking for as a Jewish person and/or family and will connect you to those interests.

cjebaltimore.org
Lisa Bodziner
lbodziner@cjebaltimore.org
410-735-5026



Consultation and Counseling

Jewish Community Services (JCS)

Highly-trained, licensed clinical social workers, psychologists and psychiatrists at JCS work with adults, children, adolescents and families providing brief consultation and counseling; individual, couples and family therapy; psychiatric services; psychotherapy groups; and psychological testing. JCS also offers resources for adoptive families and families raising a child with special needs.

jcsbaltimore.org/parenting
410-466-9200

Community Connector Project

Macks Center for Jewish Education (CJE)

Launched in April 2014, the Community Connector Project services those in the community searching for meaningful, relevant programming in their neighborhood. The community connectors will take you out for coffee, schmooze and discuss what

Culture Club

Jewish Community Center (JCC)

Each month, the JCC partners with Baltimore's top arts organizations to offer children in grades one through five the opportunity to experience the wonderful world of visual and performing arts. Themes have included music, dance, visual arts, culinary arts and more.

jcc.org/cultureclub
 👤 Melissa Berman
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 ☎ 410-559-3593

Family Farm Camp

Pearlstone Center

Every summer, enjoy an unforgettable five-day experience at this overnight family camp in Pearlstone Center's beautiful natural setting. Participate in family programming for children of all ages as well as adult learning in sustainable agriculture, ecology and Judaism. Partake in nature crafts, farm activities, water fun and campfires, while meeting and building community with other young Jewish families.

pearlstonecenter.org/family-camp
 ✉ familycamp@pearlstonecenter.org
 ☎ 410-500-5385

Family Farm Days

Pearlstone Center

Join Pearlstone for monthly Family Farm Days, full of fun, farming and festivities! Each month a new Jewish environmental theme is explored and you can learn skills to practice at home. Visit the animals in the pasture and explore the farm's bounty. Healthy snacks, PJ

Library story time and hands-on activities make Family Farm Days a great way to spend a Sunday afternoon.

pearlstonecenter.org/family-farm-days
 ✉ familyfarmdays@pearlstonecenter.org
 ☎ 410-500-5381

Got Shabbat

Jewish Community Center (JCC)

Families with young children are invited to join the J for this monthly community Shabbat celebration held in partnership with area synagogues and local Jewish agencies. You'll connect with other parents and youngsters from the Jewish community while participating in family-friendly Shabbat services and fun activities for children and adults.

jcc.org/gotshabbat

Hands on Holidays

Jewish Community Center (JCC)

Held at the Ivy Bookshop in Mount Washington, Hands on Holiday programs are designed for toddlers and children ages one to three. Occurring in conjunction with the Jewish holidays of Rosh Hashanah, Chanukah, Purim and Passover, this program presents an overview of the Jewish holidays in a toddler-friendly way. In addition to singing holiday songs, making a take-home craft and eating holiday-related snacks, adults receive written information.

jcc.org/parenting
 ✉ parenting@jcc.org
 ☎ 410-559-3524



Happiest Baby on the Block

Jewish Community Center (JCC)

Learn successful techniques that can quickly soothe your crying newborn and promote a more restful sleep for you and your infant. Endorsed by the American Academy of Pediatrics, this program is ideal for expectant parents and those with infants under 12 weeks old.

jcc.org/parenting
 ✉ parenting@jcc.org
 ☎ 410-559-3524



Hello Baby

Jewish Community Center (JCC)

Hello Baby is a free, four-week program for newborns and their mother and/or father offered at all three JCC locations. The class is a great way to meet other parents, enjoy music, learn sensory stimulation activities and participate in parenting discussions.

jcc.org/parenting
 ✉ parenting@jcc.org
 ☎ 410-559-3524

Jewish Big Brother Big Sister

Jewish Community Services (JCS)

Sometimes a child could use a little extra support from a caring adult acting as a mentor and a friend. The Jewish Big Brother Big Sister program matches adult volunteers with Jewish children who need mentoring, including those from single-parent families or families where a member is ill.

jcsbaltimore.org/jewish-big-brother-big-sister
 ☎ 410-466-9200



Jewish Museum of Maryland Family Programs

Jewish Museum of Maryland at the Herbert Bearman Campus (JMM)

The JMM offers regular family programs, which deliver educational experiences through fun, hands-on opportunities. Programming themes include Jewish festivals, Maryland Jewish history and the museum's exhibitions. Who knew history could be so much fun?

jewishmuseummd.org
 👤 Trillion Atwood
 ✉ tattwood@jewishmuseummd.org
 ☎ 410-732-6400



PJ Library

Macks Center for Jewish Education (CJE)

PJ Library sends free Jewish books and music on a monthly basis to children from age six months through eight years in Baltimore City and Baltimore County. Not only do families get a book, but they are also connected to a community of PJ Library families through newsletters and programs.

Can't get enough PJ? **PJ on the Town** offers events for families across cultural institutions throughout Baltimore. Find out what's Jewish around town and connect with other families! Plus, **PJ Our Way** extends the PJ Library to children ages nine through 11. In addition to the monthly books, tweens can join an online community.

cjebaltimore.org/pj | Gabrielle Burger
pjlibrary@cjebaltimore.org | 410-735-5004



jOYbaby

Macks Center for Jewish Education (CJE)

jOYbaby reaches and inspires first-time expectant, adoptive and new parents and their children through

welcome packages filled with gifts, valuable Jewish parenting ideas and educational resources. These packages are hand delivered by volunteers who offer advice about local opportunities. Request a welcome package, refer a friend or volunteer.

joybabybalt.org
 ✉ info@joybabybalt.org
 ☎ 410-735-5015

J Town

Macks Center for Jewish Education (CJE) & Jewish Community Center (JCC)

There is something for everyone at J Town – an awesome new play space at the Weinberg Park Heights JCC where everyone is a kid. Families with young children are invited to explore our mini town – complete with a baby garden, stage and costumes, a Jewish home, pet store, a bagel shop and more. Play dress up, explore the *real* PJ Library, take care of “pets” and “work” at the grocery store. Check online for a calendar of events.

kveller.com/jtown

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 ☎ 410-735-5007

👤 Merav Levine
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 ☎ 410-500-5917

Kveller

Macks Center for Jewish Education (CJE)

Whether you are a first-time mother, a Mayim Bialik follower or baker, you will love Kveller! Kveller is a localized Jewish resource for local trends in cooking and parenting. Find incredible resources in your backyard with Kveller.

kveller.com
 👤 Lisa Bodziner
 ✉ lbodziner@cjebaltimore.org
 ☎ 410-735-5026

Mazel Tales

Jewish Community Center (JCC)

Come with your young children once a month to the Roland Park

Library for a half hour of Jewish-themed excitement. Get your children in touch with Judaism as they listen to a story about Jewish holidays or read a book from PJ Library. Enjoy a snack, craft or live entertainment that is sure to get your children out of their seats.

jcc.org
 ✉ parenting@jcc.org
 ☎ 410-559-3524

Mother's Circle

Jewish Community Center (JCC)

Join the new Mother's Circle mini-course for three exciting workshops. Designed for non-Jewish moms who are raising Jewish children, participants will learn about creating a Jewish home, Jewish holidays and Jewish life cycle events.

jcc.org
 👤 Lara Nicolson
 ✉ lnicolson@jcc.org

Parent Discussion Series

Jewish Community Services (JCS)

Because parenting doesn't come with an instruction manual, JCS offers a monthly Parent Discussion Series addressing the many challenges of parenthood. Topics span the cycle of child rearing from infancy through young adult children. Professional experts facilitate the series, which is open to the public.

jcsbaltimore.org/parenting-series
 ☎ 410-466-9200

Shabbat Fun for the Whole Family!



Shabbat is a beautiful time in a Jewish home. Some families light candles, others share a meal and some just make time after a hectic week to enjoy each other's company. The sounds, the smells and the traditions make Shabbat special.

There are so many objects associated with Shabbat. Some of these items include a *challah*, a *challah* cover, candles, candlesticks and a Kiddush cup/goblet. To keep these special objects together, create a Shabbat box. Encourage children to decorate this box and make some of the contents by hand. Some families might keep special games that they play on Shabbat in their Shabbat box, while others might keep Judaic items and prayers. It's really up to you!

SHABBAT BOX:

Your box can be made of plastic or cardboard, can be covered in glitter or fabric or can be decorated with markers and crayons. Here are a few steps to get you started on creating your own Shabbat box:

1. Decide what should go inside so you know the size box you need.
2. Pick out the box. Don't forget a lid!
3. Create a design for the box. Should the inside as well as the outside be decorated? A trip to the Macks CJE REmida Project to find all the embellishments you need might be in order.
4. Use your hands! Bake *challah* with your family or dip your own candles. Find an old glass in the cupboard and get some permanent markers and decorate it for a Kiddush cup.

GREAT READ: *The Shabbat Box* by Lesley Simpson

The story follows a boy named Ira who gets to take home the class Shabbat Box, but loses it in a snowstorm on the way home! Go to the PJ Library website to learn more about this book: pjlibrary.org/books.

— Gabrielle Burger, Director, PJ Library



Parent & Infant/ Toddler Programs

Jewish Community Center (JCC)

The Parent & Infant/Toddler Department offers enriching parenting workshops and provides resources for parents and their children. The program includes parenting centers where you can drop in to spend quality time with your youngsters for classes, activities, special events and more.

jcc.org/parenting
parenting@jcc.org
 410-559-3524

Party with Purpose

Jewish Volunteer Connection (JVC)

Turn to page 34 to learn how you can have fun and make a difference at your child's next birthday party.



PJ ABC

Macks Center for Jewish Education (CJE)

PJ ABC is a partnership program connecting 10 Baltimore families with young children to 10 families in Ashkelon, our sister city in Israel. Families meet in their own

communities, read PJ Library books and volunteer. Then, they share their experiences and connect with their newfound friends!

cjebaltimore.org/israel-desk
rfriedman@cjebaltimore.org
 410-735-5013

Preschool Prep

Jewish Community Center (JCC)

This special "mommy and me" class for children ages 20 to 36 months will help your child transition from toddler to preschooler. The class is structured as a typical day of preschool with circle time, gym time, storytime and playtime. Mini field trips to the multi-purpose gym, the preschool playgrounds and the preschool library will take place.

jcc.org/parenting
parenting@jcc.org
 410-559-3524

Russian-Speaking Jewish Baltimore (RSJ)

The Associated

Connect with your Jewish roots and the Baltimore community through The Associated and its family of agencies. Enrich your family life at intimate gatherings focused on keeping Jewish life prevalent for future generations.

jsheynman@associated.org
 410-369-9291



Shalom Baby

Macks Center for Jewish Education (CJE)

Shalom Baby offers childbirth education classes for expectant parents. The classes integrate traditional childbirth education with Jewish learning. Shalom Baby also enables expectant parents to connect with each other as they share this transformative stage of life.

cjebaltimore.org/shalom-baby
 Melissa Berman
 410-735-5013



Shalom Baltimore

Jewish Community Center (JCC)

Shalom Baltimore welcomes families who are new to Baltimore's Jewish community. Newcomers are matched with a volunteer who meets them in person and delivers a welcome basket with gifts and community information.

shalombaltimore.org



Tot Shabbat

Jewish Community Center (JCC) & Macks Center for Jewish Education (CJE)

Tot Shabbat is a program for parents and children full of Shabbat spirit, songs, candle lighting, Kiddush and a *challah* snack. This program is for children up to 36 months. Available at both the Owings Mills and Park Heights locations.

jcc.org/parenting
parenting@jcc.org
 410-559-3524

Towson University Community Dance at the J

Jewish Community Center (JCC)

Youth ages three through 10 will learn jazz, tap, ballet and more from the renowned faculty and highly-trained instructors of Towson University Community Dance (TUCD). Accredited by the National Association of Schools of Dance (NASD), the TUCD program promotes an appreciation of the aesthetics of dance as an art form.

jcc.org/dance
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 410-559-3593



Want upcoming family programs sent right to your inbox?
 Sign up here: associated.org/stayintouch

Green Living

Shmirat Ha-Adamah – it is our duty to be stewards of the Earth. It's easy to do – get modifications to your home to increase energy efficiency, learn about water conservation or get a hands-on farming experience. With a focus on sustainability in our homes and outdoors, we can enhance our Jewish community's vibrancy.





CHAI Home Solutions

Comprehensive Housing Assistance, Inc. (CHAI)

CHAI Home Solutions offers weatherization services to Baltimore City and County residents, providing repairs and modifications in homes to increase energy efficiency and reduce a building's carbon footprint.

🌐 chaibaltimore.org
 ✉ info@chaibaltimore.org
 ☎ 410-500-5300

Community Sustainability Initiative

Pearlstone Center

Pearlstone's Community Sustainability department empowers local Jewish organizations, individuals and families to practice sustainability through energy efficiency, water conservation and more. Pearlstone offers Green Loans for sustainable projects and assistance in greening schools and other institutions. It's never too late to go green!

🌐 pearlstonecenter.org/sustainability
 ✉ sustainability@pearlstonecenter.org
 ☎ 410-500-5379

Chesapeake TEVA

Pearlstone Center

Pearlstone Center offers this four-day immersive overnight program to regional Jewish Day schools with students in grades four through seven. Chesapeake TEVA provides students an opportunity to explore their responsibility as stewards of the Earth through a Jewish lens. Whether learning about biodiversity from a rotting log, taking a fire-building elective or dramatizing the origins of their lunch before *Birkat Hamazon*, students are immersed in a community that lives what it teaches.

🌐 pearlstonecenter.org/teva
 ✉ teva@pearlstonecenter.org
 ☎ 410-500-5385



Energy Savings Loans

Comprehensive Housing Assistance, Inc. (CHAI)

CHAI offers \$5,000 or \$10,000 Energy Savings Loans to homeowners in northwest Baltimore City, as well as select Baltimore County zip codes to improve energy efficiency through upgraded appliances, HVAC systems, insulation and window upgrades.

👤 David Moray
 ✉ dmoray@chaibaltimore.org
 ☎ 410-500-5327

Family Farm Camp

Pearlstone Center

Turn to page 23 to discover how you can enjoy this unforgettable overnight family camp.

Family Farm Days

Pearlstone Center

Join Pearlstone Center each month for Family Farm Days – learn more on page 23.

Go Green with a VolunTeam!

Jewish Volunteer Connection (JVC)

Gather friends and family members to form a sustainability-focused VolunTeam. There are various community gardens and farms that could benefit from tending the garden, weeding, watering, harvesting and turning over the land in the fall.

🌐 jvcbaltimore.org
 ✉ volunteer@associated.org
 ☎ 410-843-7490



Hands-on at Pearlstone

Pearlstone Center

Pearlstone Center welcomes individuals interested in a unique and experiential hands-on volunteer opportunity. Volunteers typically assist in the animal pasture, on the farm and in the

retreat center. Volunteers require no previous experience in agriculture, but rather an enthusiastic attitude, a love for the outdoors and a willingness to get dirty. In addition to individual volunteers, Pearlstone offers high school and college internship opportunities that combine farm work with a more specialized area of focus. Volunteer opportunities for families, B'nai Mitzvah groups, corporate groups and service groups are available as well.

🌐 pearlstonecenter.org/volunteer
 ✉ volunteers@pearlstonecenter.org
 ☎ 410-500-5417

The REmida Project

Macks Center for Jewish Education (CJE)

The REmida Project is a volunteer-run creative reuse center, offering teachers and parents a central source for repurposed materials that fosters learning and creativity. Host of teacher workshops, community orientations and educational trips, the REmida Project relies on donations of overruns, remnants, rejects and obsolete supplies of such items as clean mechanical and electronic parts, unused plastics, textiles, wire, tubing, hardware and piping.

🌐 cjebaltimore.org/remida
 👤 Monica Gwon
 ✉ mgwon@cjebaltimore.org
 ☎ 410-735-5016 ■



Hands-on Volunteering

We can all repair the world (*tikkun olam*) – one volunteer opportunity at a time. Through volunteer programs with a Jewish lens, you can turn your concerns into action. Today, volunteers at any age or with any set of skills can help – just find the opportunity that speaks to you.



Adopt-a-Neighbor

Comprehensive Housing Assistance, Inc. (CHAI)

Volunteers of all ages and skill levels are needed two to four times during the year to help the community's most vulnerable. Duties include winterization of windows and yard maintenance. The greatest benefit of Adopt-a-Neighbor is companionship – establishing an ongoing connection with a neighbor.

📧 chaibaltimore.org
👤 Yolanda Hobbs
✉ yhobbs@chaibaltimore.org
☎ 410-500-5316

Associated Fundraising Volunteers

The Associated

The Associated is looking for volunteers who are passionate about doing good in the community to help raise funds for its Annual Campaign. Join a team of dedicated men and women who care about the well-being of the Jewish community, locally and globally.

👤 Jennifer Noparstak
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☎ 410-369-9259

Bookworms

Jewish Volunteer Connection (JVC)

The Bookworms program provides an opportunity to volunteer once a month in area elementary schools. Volunteers read to children and provide new or gently-used books for classroom libraries.

📧 jvcbaltimore.org
✉ ebloom@associated.org
☎ 410-369-9302



Community Mitzvah Day

Jewish Volunteer Connection (JVC)

On December 24 and December 25, join volunteers for two days of community service. Assemble winter care packages, participate in *mitzvah* projects at both JCCs and volunteer in soup kitchens, homeless shelters, senior facilities and more.

📧 jvcbaltimore.org
👤 Avi Sunshine
✉ asunshine@associated.org
☎ 410-843-7478

Dental Services

Jewish Community Services (JCS)

JCS needs community dentists to provide pro-bono dental care in their offices for low-income clients who are experiencing dental emergencies.

📧 jcsbaltimore.org/volunteer
☎ 410-466-9200

Good Deeds Day

Jewish Volunteer Connection (JVC)

All over the world, hundreds of thousands of people choose to volunteer and help others, putting into practice the simple idea

that every single person can do something good and positively change the world. Join the annual worldwide celebration on April 10, 2016 with the help of JVC!

📧 jvcbaltimore.org
👤 Avi Sunshine
✉ asunshine@associated.org
☎ 410-843-7478

Gordon Volunteer Ushers

Jewish Community Center (JCC)

Volunteers at the Gordon Center for Performing Arts will assist house management with collecting tickets, showing audience members to their seats, selling concessions and, most importantly, creating a pleasant and welcoming environment for the Gordon's patrons. As reward, volunteer ushers are able to watch the performance during their shift.

📧 gordoncenter.com
👤 Marilyn Zvili
✉ mzvili@jcc.org
☎ 410-559-3510

Governor's Day to Serve

Jewish Volunteer Connection (JVC)

Governor's Day to Serve is a unique annual event that transcends politics and religious differences. It unites people of all faiths, races, cultures and backgrounds with the shared goal of helping those in need and improving the communities where we live. Volunteer opportunities, including food drives, fun runs, beautification projects, meal delivery and projects

in homeless shelters and assisted living facilities, are available during September and October.

📧 jvcbaltimore.org
👤 Avi Sunshine
✉ asunshine@associated.org
☎ 410-843-7478



Jewish Big Brother Big Sister

Jewish Community Services (JCS)

Right now, there are children in our community who need a mentor and a friend. Experience the joy of making a difference in a young person's life by becoming a Jewish Big Brother or Big Sister. A "Big" acts as a special friend to a "Little" by offering support and guidance, being a positive role model and doing activities together. It only takes a few hours, two to three times a month. Training and support are provided.

📧 jcsbaltimore.org/change-a-childs-life
☎ 410-466-9200



Make a difference with Jewish Big Brother Big Sister.

Read Jeff Berenholtz's story about how his Big Brother shaped his future: associated.org/ourstories

Jewish Legal Services

Jewish Community Services (JCS)

Lawyers volunteer their time providing pro-bono legal consultation at a monthly drop-in clinic for people with low income.

📧 jcsbaltimore.org/volunteer
☎ 410-466-9200

Jewish Museum of Maryland Volunteers

Jewish Museum of Maryland at the Herbert Bearman Campus (JMM)

The JMM seeks volunteer docents, gift shop salespeople, receptionists and special events assistants. These positions engage volunteers in the Jewish art, culture and history of Maryland.

📧 jewishmuseummd.org
👤 Ilene Cohen
✉ icohen@jewishmuseummd.org
☎ 410-732-6400

The Marlene and Stewart Greenebaum Volunteer Center in Ashkelon

The Associated & Jewish Volunteer Connection (JVC)

Turn to page 39 to learn how you can volunteer abroad!

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service

Jewish Volunteer Connection (JVC)

Join JVC at sites throughout Baltimore to participate in a day of giving back in keeping with the spirit of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Join other faith communities throughout Baltimore to work together for a better world.

📧 jvcbaltimore.org
👤 Avi Sunshine
✉ asunshine@associated.org
☎ 410-843-7478

Northwest Neighbors Connecting (NNC)

Comprehensive Housing Assistance, Inc. (CHAI)

Volunteer with the village! Learn what you can do on page 56.



Party with Purpose

Jewish Volunteer Connection (JVC)

Add some hands-on service to your next party, life cycle event or business gathering, and make it an

Teens can make a difference in someone's life.

Teen Service Council engages teens in grades 10 to 12 in service over the course of eight months.

Check out Teen Service Council and more teen programs on pages 73-75:

BALTIMORE DILLER TEEN FELLOWS

JEWISH TEEN EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE NETWORK (J.T.E.E.N.)

OPERATION MITZVAH MISSION

TEEN GIVING INITIATIVE (TGI)

TEEN SUMMER SERVICE

experience your guests will never forget. Have fun while making a difference for community members in need. Volunteer projects can be created to fit certain themes and areas of interest. Examples of projects include making toys and treats for animals at a shelter, decorating magic wizard wands to brighten the spirits of pediatric hospital patients and making blankets for homeless residents of Baltimore.

📧 jvcbaltimore.org
✉ volunteer@associated.org
☎ 410-843-7490

Prisoner Services

Jewish Community Services (JCS)

As part of a small group, visit Jewish prisoners in prison facilities around the state to provide fellowship and Jewish study.

📧 jcsbaltimore.org/volunteer
☎ 410-466-9200

Russian-Speaking Translators

Jewish Community Services (JCS)

JCS needs volunteers to accompany Russian-speaking clients to medical and other necessary appointments to provide translation and help in completing paperwork. Hours are flexible; mileage reimbursement is available.

📧 jcsbaltimore.org/volunteer
☎ 410-466-9200

School Community Partnership

[Comprehensive Housing Assistance, Inc. \(CHAI\)](#)

The School Community Partnership strengthens public schools in Northwest Baltimore City and Pikesville in order to provide excellent educational options for neighborhood residents. Through marketing, parent/teacher organization, increased educational and enrichment programming and fundraising to support long-term and capital projects, the schools are better equipped to provide their students with a stellar education. Volunteers and advocates are needed to tutor, read to students and get involved in actions that support our schools.

🌐 [chaibaltimore.org](#)
👤 Michelle Shaivitz
✉ mshaivitz@chaibaltimore.org
☎ 410-500-5302



School Tutors

[Jewish Volunteer Connection \(JVC\)](#)

JVC places volunteers at a variety of schools to help teachers and students in the classroom. Volunteers commit to at least one hour per week for the length of the school year and are matched with

one student, small groups or one classroom teacher.

🌐 [jvcbaltimore.org](#)
👤 Erica Bloom
✉ ebloom@associated.org
☎ 410-369-9302

Shalom Baltimore

[Jewish Community Center \(JCC\)](#)

Shalom Baltimore helps newcomers acclimate themselves to the Baltimore Jewish community. Volunteers are needed to meet the new additions to our community and to deliver a welcome basket with gifts and community information.

🌐 [shalombaltimore.org](#)



Share Your Time and Talent

[Jewish Volunteer Connection \(JVC\)](#)

JVC plays matchmaker for potential volunteers, serves as a resource to the Baltimore Jewish community and promotes a culture of volunteerism. JVC professionals meet one-on-one with potential volunteers and place them in opportunities that meet their interests, talents and time constraints.

🌐 [jvcbaltimore.org](#)
✉ volunteer@associated.org
☎ 410-843-7490



Shoppers

[Jewish Community Services \(JCS\)](#)

JCS needs volunteers to help older adult clients shop at supermarkets and other stores. This may involve driving and escorting clients to the store or shopping on their behalf. This important service helps older adults remain self-sufficient.

🌐 [jcsbaltimore.org/volunteer](#)
☎ 410-466-9200

Special Connections

[Jewish Community Services \(JCS\)](#)

Families can volunteer to socialize and interact with adults with special needs as either a one-on-one friend or in a group setting.

🌐 [jcsbaltimore.org/volunteer](#)
☎ 410-466-9200

Start or Join a VolunTeam!

[Jewish Volunteer Connection \(JVC\)](#)

Want to make a difference in the community but not sure where to start or how much time you can commit? Create a VolunTeam with your friends and family, or join one already in existence, and discover how volunteering can be flexible,

fun and meet vital community needs. Each VolunTeam adopts a project in which members have flexibility in deciding how often they volunteer. Current VolunTeam projects serve individuals with special needs, public school students, the environment, homeless individuals, seniors and more. JVC can help identify the right volunteer project for you!

🌐 [jvcbaltimore.org](#)
✉ volunteer@associated.org
☎ 410-843-7490



Transportation and Companionship

[Jewish Community Services \(JCS\)](#)

JCS seeks volunteers to drive and escort elderly and disabled clients to medical and other important appointments and to visit homebound individuals.

🌐 [jcsbaltimore.org/volunteer](#)
☎ 410-466-9200 ■

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VolunTeam Up!

In April 2013, after spending a morning at a one-time volunteering event, Dov Hoffman wasn't content to just pack up and leave: **"I thought, 'This was great. Now, let's do more.'"**

Dov decided to take his volunteering commitment further by setting up an ongoing opportunity for other interested young adults. Initially partnering with other organizations in the community, he arranged quarterly volunteer mornings with Moveable Feast, an organization that provides people suffering from HIV/AIDS and cancer with free, nutritious meals. Soon, the group attracted a regular following, so they decided to form their own VolunTeam.

An initiative by Jewish Volunteer Connection (JVC), **a VolunTeam creates an opportunity for ongoing volunteering for a group of friends, family members or coworkers.** Dov chose Moveable Feast because of JVC's recommendation: "The work of Moveable Feast aligns perfectly with JVC's mission to fulfill critical needs within the community."

The biggest benefit of a VolunTeam is flexibility – an important factor for young professionals. "Other volunteer opportunities may be only during the week or during work hours, but [the VolunTeam model] allows us to work with the volunteers' schedules," explains Dov.

Starting a VolunTeam also opens the doors for relationship-building within the community. Dov adds: "It brings together people who wouldn't otherwise cross paths or who are new to Baltimore. People who say, 'How can I devote my time to serve the community?' can meet other like-minded people."



With the Moveable Feast VolunTeam, participants are able to see the impact that their volunteer work makes – even on just a quarterly basis. "When we go, we're preparing meals for Moveable Feast to deliver," explains Dov. "We bring in between 12 to 15 of us on a Sunday morning for a few hours, and we can put together more than 1,000 meals for those in need."

Dov's motivation to give back? It's simple: "What drives me to volunteer is knowing that, by just putting a little bit of my time somewhere, I'm helping other people. That's it."

Learn more about VolunTeams by visiting [jvcbaltimore.org](#). If you're a young adult and you'd like to join this particular VolunTeam, contact Dov Hoffman at dov.ira.hoffman@gmail.com.



Get the latest volunteer opportunities sent straight to your inbox. Opt in here: [associated.org/stayintouch](#)

Israel & Overseas

Each year, more than 1,000 individuals from Baltimore travel to Israel to share meals, adventures and meaningful experiences. And it's not just Israel. We're committed to *Klal Yisrael* (the link between Jewish people in Baltimore, Israel and around the world) – our collaborative initiatives to build bridges and pursue shared values demonstrate that.





Baltimore-Ashkelon Partnership

The Associated
Established in 2003, the Baltimore-Ashkelon Partnership has made meaningful and personal connections between the two cities a top priority. The Partnership is based on mutual values and vision, and connects people in Baltimore to Israelis living in its sister city, Ashkelon. The Baltimore-Ashkelon Partnership is here to help you find your connection to Israel.

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Baltimore Hebrew Institute at Towson University (BHI)

BHI offers a variety of classes for you to enrich your Jewish education – with everything from modern Hebrew courses to *TZION*, a historical look at the state of Israel. Learn how to sign up on page 43.

Baltimore Israel Coalition

Baltimore Jewish Council (BJC)
The Baltimore Israel Coalition is a consortium of local organizations, working to support Israel

through education, advocacy and community-building. Programs include educational and advocacy trainings, missions to Capitol Hill and various other collaborative programs.

🌐 baltimoreisraelcoalition.org
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Baltimore-Odesa Partnership

The Associated
The Baltimore-Odesa Partnership offers unique opportunities for people-to-people connections between residents of Baltimore and its sister city, Odessa, through arts and culture, leadership development and Jewish identity as well as educational programming.

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Community Fund for Israel Experiences

Macks Center for Jewish Education (CJE)
The Community Fund for Israel Experiences provides need-based scholarships to Baltimore City/County high school and first-year post-high school students traveling to Israel on an educationally-

valid program.

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Israel Advocacy and Awareness Programs

Baltimore Jewish Council (BJC)
BJC educates, informs and raises awareness in the Jewish and general community about Israel. Through BJC, you can learn more about Israel and related global concerns, take action on behalf of a safe and secure Israel and get involved in the pursuit of lasting peace in the region.

🌐 baltjc.org
☎ 410-542-4850

Israel High

Macks Center for Jewish Education (CJE)
Teens can learn how to prepare for anti-Semitism or anti-Israel sentiments. Learn more on page 74.



The Marlene and Stewart Greenebaum Volunteer Center in Ashkelon

The Associated & Jewish Volunteer Connection (JVC)
Founded in 2011, the Marlene and Stewart Greenebaum Volunteer Center in Ashkelon is the central address for volunteerism in

Ashkelon, working with individuals, families and groups, including visitors from Baltimore. Volunteer on hands-on, engaging projects alongside Ashkelon residents to foster community and mutual support.

🌐 associated.org/baltimoreashkelon/volunteer
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Maryland/Israel Development Center (MIDC)

MIDC is a nonprofit organization that promotes bi-lateral trade and investment between Maryland and Israel. It is a “public-private partnership” between Maryland’s Department of Business and Economic Development, Israel’s Ministry of Economy and Trade and The Associated. Volunteer opportunities include:

- The **Baltimore-Ashkelon Economic Development Committee** coordinates MIDC’s economic development programs for the Baltimore-Ashkelon sister city partnership including the Small Business Loan Fund.
- Members of the **Information Technology and Cyber Security Committee** use their industry expertise to evaluate new Israeli IT and cyber security technologies.

- The **Life Sciences Committee** evaluates new medical devices, biotech, pharmaceutical and healthcare IT technologies coming out of Israel and introduces Israeli entrepreneurs to key scientific and business decision makers.
- The **Membership Committee** works to expand MIDC’s membership and business network.
- Members of the **Montgomery County Committee** bring together Israeli entrepreneurs and Montgomery County businesses to promote trade and R&D collaboration.

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Shinshinim

Macks Center for Jewish Education (CJE)

Learn all about this year’s *shinshinim* on page 46!

Travel with The Associated

See Israel and other overseas Jewish communities with

The Associated. Whether you are interested in a group mission or personal trip, The Associated can enhance your travel plans. Join a family mission, explore Israel’s business culture with one of the professional network trips, connect with local Jews abroad on a women’s or young adults’ mission or plan a VIP experience for your own clan.

🌐 associated.org/travel
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Sign up for Israel & Overseas programming at: associated.org/stayintouch

Young adults, it’s your time to experience Israel.

Learn more about these programs on pages 8-9.

BIRTHRIGHT ISRAEL

MASA ISRAEL JOURNEY

ONWARD ISRAEL EXPERIENCE



What Should I Expect When I Travel to Israel?

At only 200 miles from north to south and 70 miles wide from east to west, Israel has it all: snow, desert, beaches and mountains. Here’s what you need to know before you go.

- You’ll most likely get a ton of sun on your trip – Israel boasts more than 300 days of sunshine a year.
- From the urban beaches in Tel Aviv to the quiet beaches in Western Galilee, Israel has amazing beaches where you can cool off – even in December.
- Can’t stand the heat? The most comfortable times to visit Israel are in the spring months when temperatures are in the mid-to-high 60s.

- At many of the Jewish, Muslim and Christian religious sites, it’s customary to be covered up. Many sites will have scarves or wraps to use; you can also bring a lightweight skirt and a cardigan.
- Israel has an amazing hikes across the country. Check out the Baniyas and Masada in the north; Ein Gedi in Central Israel; and Ein Avdat in the south.

Looking for more tips and activities for your trip to Israel? Check out *The Associated’s Israel Tourism Toolbox* at associated.org/travel/israeltoolbox.

Jewish Learning

Deepen your Jewish life. Experience art, music, volunteerism, sustainability and more, all with a Jewish lens. By adding a Jewish connection to your life, we can create a thriving Jewish community. Here, come together and learn from each other.



The Adult Institute of Jewish Studies

[Baltimore Board of Rabbis \(BBOR\)](#)

The Adult Institute of Jewish Studies brings together Jewish adults to study with some of Baltimore's best rabbinic minds. The Institute's faculty of rabbis and educators is comprised of representatives from each of the major denominations of American Jewish life. This year, the Institute offers approximately 10 courses on topics ranging from ancient and modern Jewish history, Hebrew literature and culture, Biblical prose, Talmudic commentary and contemporary issues.

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Baltimore Hebrew Institute at Towson University (BHI)

Towson University offers graduate programs in Jewish Studies and Leadership in Jewish Education and Communal Service, as well as special programs and networking opportunities. BHI supports scholarships for TU's Judaic Studies graduate students such as fellowships for Jewish communal professionals. They also offer adult education opportunities, including an extensive Hebrew language program, *Tzion* course, scholarly lectures, museum trips and film events. BHI hosts a Judaic library of more than 70,000 volumes at

the Towson University Albert S. Cook Library.

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Beit Midrash Retreat

[Pearlstone Center](#)

Join Pearlstone for an immersive weekend exploration of Jewish texts through a contemporary lens. Contemplate, discuss and grapple with ancient sources with timeless messages. Learn with and from leading teachers and rabbis in order to recall and reclaim land-based traditions. The weekend also includes soulful celebration of Shabbat in a diverse and pluralistic community.

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 ☎ 410-500-5385

Chesapeake TEVA

[Pearlstone Center](#)

Learn more about this immersive program for students on page 29.



Field Trips, Community Education, Experiential Workshops and Overnight Programs

[Pearlstone Center](#)

Bring your class, congregation,

staff or youth group on a field trip to Pearlstone Center for a day or overnight program of experiential learning on Pearlstone's Jewish educational farm. Programs engage all ages and backgrounds in experiential education focused on sustainability, agriculture, health, justice and Judaism. In addition, the ropes course offers both high and low elements as catalysts for team building, group bonding and meaningful challenges for both the individual and the group. Pearlstone is happy to customize programs to meet your needs.

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Gesher LaTorah

[Macks Center for Jewish Education \(CJE\)](#)

Turn to page 62 to learn more about this community-based religious school for students with significant special needs.

HaKerem

[Macks Center for Jewish Education \(CJE\)](#)

HaKerem is an educational resource store that provides Jewish-themed toys, games, stickers, flashcards and other items that can be purchased for use in the classroom or in the home. HaKerem is part of an extensive resource center which includes a 10,000 volume library and a recycled arts center.

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Hillel: The Foundation for Jewish Campus Life

Hillel enriches the lives of Jewish students so that they may enrich the Jewish people and the world. The Hillels in Maryland welcome students of all backgrounds and fosters an enduring commitment to Jewish life, learning and Israel. By participating in life-changing trips and campus initiatives, students learn to make a meaningful impact on the future of the Jewish people while they grow intellectually, socially and spiritually.

[hillel-goucher.edu/hillel](#)
 ☎ 410-337-6545

[hillel-johns-hopkins-university.org](#)
 ☎ 410-516-0333

[hillel-towson-university.org](#)
 ☎ 410-704-4671

[hillel-university-of-maryland-baltimore-county.org](#)
 ☎ 410-455-1329

[hillel-university-of-maryland-college-park.org](#)
 ☎ 301-422-6200

Holocaust Remembrance Commission (HRC)

[Baltimore Jewish Council \(BJC\)](#)

BJC's HRC honors the memory of the millions who perished during the Nazi era through commemoration and education.

Jewish education is fun for the whole family.

The PJ Library gives children books with Jewish themes every month – for free! To get involved with this program and to see more learning for the whole family, head over to page 19.

[CENTER FOR JEWISH EDUCATION LIBRARY](#)

[HANDS ON HOLIDAYS \(JCC\)](#)

[MAZEL TALES](#)

[TOT SHABBAT \(JCC\)](#)

Not only does the HRC serve as a liaison to various resources in our community regarding Holocaust matters, but it also offers a wide range of program and resources, including first-hand Holocaust survivor testimony. Attend a program and deepen your understanding of the Holocaust.

[baltjc.org](#)
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Introduction to Judaism

[Baltimore Board of Rabbis \(BBOR\)](#)

Introduction to Judaism allows students to explore Judaism's intellectual and spiritual riches, especially Jewish culture, life-cycle and holiday observances, history and philosophy. This 16-week course, offered twice a year, involves animated classroom discussions and stimulating reading assignments of sacred text. The course is appropriate for non-Jews working toward conversion to Judaism and those hoping to learn

about their partner's religion. It is also appropriate for Jewish people who want to become more familiar with their own religion.

[baltimorerabbis.org](#)
[bbrabbis@gmail.com](#)
 ☎ 410-653-7375

Jewish Disability Awareness and Inclusion

[Macks Center for Jewish Education \(CJE\)](#)

Teachers, check out CJE's Disability Awareness Guide to learn how to incorporate Jewish values into your classroom. Turn to page 63.



Jewish Museum of Maryland Learning Opportunities

[Jewish Museum of Maryland at the Herbert Bearman Campus \(JMM\)](#)

Visit the JMM and tour two historic synagogues and three exhibition galleries. Immerse yourself in Jewish heritage and culture. Research your family's genealogy

in the family history center. Or, attend one of the museum's various programs and special events. Adults, families, students and teachers can enjoy a variety of fun and educational programs.

[jewishmuseummd.org](#)
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Jewish New Teacher Project (JNTP)

[Macks Center for Jewish Education \(CJE\)](#)

JNTP provides one-on-one mentoring to new day school teachers and training for teachers to become those mentors. JNTP is a subsidiary of the New Teacher Center, a national nonprofit dedicated to improving student learning by accelerating the effectiveness of new teachers and school leaders.

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The Louise D. & Morton J. Macks Center for Jewish Education (CJE)

CJE promotes and facilitates lifelong learning that nurtures Jewish identity and strengthens Jewish community. The CJE offers creative, innovative and engaging Jewish learning experiences to nurture the mind and develop connections — regardless of age, background or affiliation.

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Mariposa

[Macks Center for Jewish Education \(CJE\)](#)

Mariposa Child Success Programs train adults to help children succeed while accelerating the development of the social/emotional competencies that children need to be successful in life. This program of building resilience and reducing stress

5 Things You Didn't Know About Jewish Baltimore

1. Baltimore is home to the oldest synagogue in Maryland, which is also the third oldest standing synagogue in the United States: the Lloyd Street Synagogue. Built in 1845, it originally housed Baltimore Hebrew Congregation, which was founded in 1830. (The other two buildings? Touro Synagogue in Providence, RI, built in 1763 and Congregation Kahal Kadosh

Beth Elohim in Charleston, SC, built in 1840.)



LOOK INSIDE:

The Lloyd Street Synagogue is owned by the Jewish

Museum of Maryland, which offers tours of the building as well as an exhibit about its history. Learn more at: jewishmuseummd.org/visiting

2. The origin of the national Jewish Community Center movement dates back to 1854, when the first social organization for young Jews, the Hebrew Young Men's Literary Association, was founded in Baltimore.

3. The Port of Baltimore was the second busiest point of entry (after Ellis Island, NY) for European immigrants in the 19th century. Steamship lines partnered with the B&O Railroad to provide combination tickets, allowing those who wished to head west to disembark at Locust Point and get right on the railroad.



Many immigrants, including large numbers of German and Eastern European Jews, settled in East Baltimore after arriving in the United States.



4. Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, was founded in 1912 by Baltimore native Henrietta Szold.
5. Old Bay was developed by Gustav C. Brunn, a Jewish spice maker, who fled his home in Nazi Germany in 1938 and settled in Baltimore. After a brief stint working for McCormick & Schmidt, he introduced what was first known as Delicious Brand Shrimp and Crab Seasoning in 1939.



— Joanna Church, Collections Manager at Jewish Museum of Maryland

Hebrew on a monthly basis and are invited to participate in Hebrew language storytimes and events.

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TZION

[Baltimore Hebrew Institute at Towson University \(BHI\)](http://BaltimoreHebrewInstituteatTowsonUniversity(BHI))

TZION is an adult education course that explores the history of Zionism and the state of Israel. The course, taught by Neil Rubin, Ph.D. on Wednesday evenings, is attentive both to historical context and the content of ideas. This year's curriculum focuses on statehood through modern times.

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Sukkahpalooza – Sukkot Retreat

[Pearlstone Center](http://PearlstoneCenter)

Be Pearlstone's *Ushpizzin*, honored Sukkot guests, and immerse yourself in Sukkot as it's truly meant to be experienced. Celebrate Sukkot, the Harvest Festival, on the amazing community farm amidst the beauty of creation. Feast on delicious, healthy, kosher food in their big communal *sukkah*. Sleep under the stars in the *sukkah* or in Pearlstone's beautiful rustic cabins, while building community through song, prayer and fun on the farm! Come for a meal, a day, a night or the full retreat.

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TAG

[Macks Center for Jewish Education \(CJE\)](http://MacksCenterforJewishEducation(CJE))

Get involved with TAG to connect with your Jewish heritage. Find out more on page 64.

Jewish day schools focus on the values and traditions of our Judaic heritage. To see a full listing of day schools, visit: associated.org/communityresources/schools.

was successfully piloted in two day schools and, through the generosity of the Charles Crane Family Foundation, is expanding to more schools this year.

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Melton Adult Education

[Macks Center for Jewish Education \(CJE\)](http://MacksCenterforJewishEducation(CJE))

The Florence Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning provides lifelong Jewish learning experiences for adults. The program offers a pluralistic, diverse and socially interactive environment in a variety of locations throughout

Baltimore and Harford County. Courses include: Israel, mysticism, Jewish history, bible studies, ethics and life cycle events.

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Modern Hebrew Courses

[Baltimore Hebrew Institute at Towson University \(BHI\)](http://BaltimoreHebrewInstituteatTowsonUniversity(BHI))

BHI offers absolute beginner through advanced-level modern Hebrew courses in the Pikesville area. Study with experienced professional Israeli Hebrew educators. This non-credit adult education program teaches students to read, write and

speaking Hebrew.

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Pesach at Pearlstone

[Pearlstone Center](http://PearlstoneCenter)

Pesach at Pearlstone, a 10-day, nine-night Passover vacation experience, allows participants of all ages, across a diverse cross-section of people and perspectives, to feel comfortable, cared for and entertained – without having the cooking, cleaning or preparations that can make Passover feel overwhelming. Pearlstone offers an exciting selection of lectures, day camp for kids, fun social activities,

game tournaments, on-site entertainment and *Chol HaMoed* day trips.

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Shevet Achim

[Macks Center for Jewish Education \(CJE\)](http://MacksCenterforJewishEducation(CJE))

In collaboration with the Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI), *Shevet Achim* pairs teachers and students at five Jewish schools in Baltimore and five Jewish schools in Ashkelon

by providing a supportive structure and educational benchmarks that guide collaborative learning. The purpose of the program is to develop person-to-person relationships over a period of three years, as teachers guide students to deepen their connections to Israel, Judaism and the Jewish people.

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Shinshinim

[Macks Center for Jewish Education \(CJE\)](http://MacksCenterforJewishEducation(CJE))

The *Shinshinim* are two Israeli young adults who serve as informal educators infusing a special Israeli spirit (*ruach Yisralit*) into our

community. Through programs and events, they ensure that Baltimore's youth and families benefit from a powerful exposure to Israel, Jewish identity and Ashkelon.

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Sifriyat Pijama B'America (SP-BA)

[Macks Center for Jewish Education \(CJE\)](http://MacksCenterforJewishEducation(CJE))

SP-BA is a Hebrew and Jewish family engagement literacy program implemented throughout the United States. Families with children ages two through eight receive free books and music in



Sign up for Jewish learning programming at: associated.org/stayintouch

Professionals

You may head home at 5:00 p.m., but your workday doesn't have to end there. Get together with people who share your passion for Jewish community and philanthropy. Whether you'd like to grow your business, connect with other professionals in your industry or turn your care for the community into something meaningful, you can do so right here in Baltimore.





Career Center

Jewish Community Services (JCS)

The JCS Career Center is dedicated to helping all individuals, including teens and persons with special needs, find and maintain employment. Write an eye-catching cover letter, format the perfect resumé, network like a pro and ace that interview! JCS helps people find jobs in a variety of industries and at all levels – entry level to executive.

jcsbaltimore.org/job-seeking
 ☎ 410-466-9200

Community Partners Program

The Associated

Through The Associated's Community Partners Program, your company can reach one of the most affluent and influential consumer markets in Baltimore, while providing for the social service, health and welfare needs of thousands of people in Baltimore. With a corporate partnership investment, your business will realize significant exposure, recognition and publicity through multimedia marketing awareness-raising campaigns and receive benefits such as opportunities to attend special events and

VIP receptions. Whether your company is interested in reaching a community-wide audience, a specific market or supporting a particular community issue, The Associated's Community Partners Program offers a variety of partnership packages that can be tailored to meet your company's needs.

associated.org/corporatepartners



The Darrell D. Friedman Institute for Professional Development at the Weinberg Center (DFI)

For professionals working in Jewish organizations, DFI provides opportunities for expanding leadership and management skills while building Jewish knowledge that impacts the unique work we do in the Jewish community. Participation in workshops offers a path to stronger Jewish organizations, enhanced work with our lay partners and excellence in the workplace. This year brings two monthly learning series: Jewish Leadership 2.0 and Anti-Semitism: Resurgence and Response.

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Doing Good is Good for Business!

The Associated

Professionals can advance their networks and leadership skills through philanthropic, educational and networking events and programs. Profession-specific opportunities include real estate, medical, financial services, technology and law gatherings. Whether you're looking to network, turn your care about the well-being of the Jewish community into action, add philanthropy to your workplace or connect with industry leaders, The Associated helps you give – and receive – meaningfully.

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Early Childhood Educators Professional Development

Macks Center for Jewish Education (CJE)

The CJE offers ongoing professional development opportunities for

early childhood educators in Jewish preschools and child care settings in Baltimore City and Baltimore County. MSDE-approved workshops focus on a wide variety of topics, including: child development, special needs, Jewish values and practice, creative approaches, emergent curriculum and more. A Professional Development Institute is offered every spring.

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Employer and Business Services

Jewish Community Services (JCS)

JCS assists employers with recruiting and finding qualified employees who meet the specific needs of their business, at no cost to the employer. When employers list their open positions with JCS, their account representatives work tirelessly to find the right match among the Career Center clients. JCS also provides employers with professional out-placement services for displaced workers at competitive market rates.

jcsbaltimore.org/employers
 ☎ 410-466-9200

Funding for Educators

Macks Center for Jewish Education (CJE)

CJE administers a wide variety of grant funds that provide financial assistance for educators and

school programs, including the Congregational School Professional Development Grant, the Crane Full-Time Teacher Benefit and the Crane Professional Development Grants. Contact CJE to learn how you can apply for one of these grants.

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Institute for Professional Development

Jewish Community Services (JCS)

The Institute for Professional Development of JCS offers professional development workshops for social workers and other human service providers. JCS is approved by the State Board of Social Work Examiners to offer Category I Continuing Education Credits for social workers and psychologists. JCS also provides CPR and First Aid training for individuals or groups.

jcsbaltimore.org/professional-development
 ☎ 410-466-9200

Jewish Professional Women

The Associated

Jewish Professional Women provides opportunities for career-minded women to network, socialize and learn together, through a Jewish lens.

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Maimonides Society

The Associated

Join other like-minded healthcare professionals to learn about industry-related topics from experts in the field and support the community through a Jewish lens at educational and fundraising events.

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Maryland/Israel Development Center (MIDC)

Promote trade between Maryland and Israel and use your industry expertise to volunteer with MIDC. Learn how on page 39.



Philanthropic Leaders

The Associated

Do you care about the well-being of our Jewish community? If so, consider making a financial investment in The Associated. Donors of \$1,000 or more to The Associated's Annual Campaign are invited to attend the annual Keynote Event. Recognition includes publication in The

Associated's annual Honor Roll and invitations to exclusive events. Maximize your donation by asking about your company's matching gifts program.

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Planned Giving Round Table (PGRT)

The Associated

PGRT brings together professionals from a variety of disciplines who may be involved in some aspect of a planned gift to charity. Participants have the opportunity to network, hear from nationally-recognized planned giving and financial experts and enhance their skills by incorporating charitable planning techniques in clients' tax, financial and estate planning.

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Real Estate Industry Group (REIG)

The Associated

Through a robust series of events, REIG engages real estate professionals in the work of The Associated. Often held on-site at real estate projects in various stages of development, these networking and educational opportunities

bring together professionals interested in deepening their relationships with one another and the Baltimore Jewish community.

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Russian Community Connect



The Associated

Connect with your Jewish roots and the Baltimore community through The Associated and its family of agencies. Network with like-minded people at events such as intimate educational briefings, focused on Israel, Jewish education and more.

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United Way – Designate The Associated!

The Associated

Do you care about social justice, taking care of the vulnerable and ensuring that the Baltimore Jewish community continues to thrive and flourish? If the answer is yes and your company runs a United Way Workplace Campaign, consider designating your United Way gift to The Associated. Partnering with non-sectarian organizations,

The Associated works to secure necessary resources to ensure a healthy, vibrant and strong Jewish community in Baltimore.
CCC & PSC - #108; CFC - #82233; MCC - #8019.

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Learn about all of the networking and professional development opportunities around town. Sign up here: [associated.org/stayintouch](https://www.associated.org/stayintouch)

Introducing: Jewish Professional Women

Do you want to network with other career-minded woman? Are you interested in enhancing your professional skills? Thinking about making a career change? No matter what career stage you're in, Jewish Professional Women provides opportunities for women to network, socialize and learn together.

We spoke with four of the co-chairs of this initiative: **Elizabeth Green**, a partner with Pessin Katz Law; **Ellen Katz**, who runs the day-to-day operations of a global Healthcare Market Research company; **Sandi Moffet**, strategic advisor at Brown Advisory; and **Laura Rubenstein**, a Principal at Offit Kurman, P.A.

Q: How did you get started on your chosen career path?

A: Elizabeth Green: When I was 16 years old, I was speaking with my father's cousin about what I was interested in. He suggested that I should become a lawyer. From that moment forward, my path was pretty direct.

Ellen Katz: My undergraduate degree was in healthcare policy and, after college, I went to work for a healthcare company whose clients were pharmaceutical, biotech and device companies.

Sandi Moffet: Upon graduating law school, I took a job in the Trust department of a local bank and began my career working with clients and their outside advisors on tax, estate, charitable and multi-generational planning issues.

Laura Rubenstein: I always wanted to be a lawyer and had some influential professors in law school who introduced me to the practice of management-side employment law.

Q: What inspired you to get involved as co-chairs of JPW?

A: EG: I want to help women to feel that there are other women going through the same experiences who can understand the pulls of life as a professional, a mother, a wife and even as a daughter.

EK: [It was a] desire to get more involved with The Associated while also having the opportunity to connect with like-minded women in the community. I worked remotely so all of my colleagues are in other cities . . . and I am looking for a vehicle through which to connect to other professionals in the local community.

LR: I was honored to be asked to co-lead this group alongside very intelligent, successful professional women.

Q: What is your hope for the Jewish Professional Women's group?

A: EG: I hope that women will feel that they are able to get something of value from the group. For me, that value would be a feeling that they are not alone as well as a deeper list of "go-to" people for referrals, questions and other things.

EK: [I'd like to see] Jewish professional women, working in a number of different industries, coming together to engage in networking activities . . . as well as to hopefully develop lasting professional and personal relationships.

LR: [I hope] to provide a comfortable place where professional women can feel connected and accepted, despite their full schedules.

Q: What type of programming should women expect from JPW?

A: EG: We have learned that there are as many different interests as there are women involved. We hope to have some networking, some Jewish learning, some professional education.

LR: That's what's so great about this group. We have the ability to offer different programs that would interest professional women in our community. While we know we won't please everyone, we plan to hold social events, scholarly programming, networking opportunities, and jointly host events with other community groups to maximize opportunities.

Q: Why should women be excited about this program? What will set it apart?

A: EK: It is the only program targeted specifically at Jewish women professionals who are established in their careers.

While there will be a networking component to the group, its scope is broader and will provide professional women with an opportunity to interact with one another in a broader array of activities. Women can pick and choose which events are of interest to them.

SM: [It's] an opportunity for women to engage who are committed professionally and personally to their work, families and giving back to the community.

LR: It's the opportunity to be around other like-minded successful women who may be challenged by the same issues and to make long-term connections.

Q: Now, looking back to your first job, what advice would you give yourself?

A: EG: My first job was as a law clerk in the Baltimore City Circuit Court. I was so new to the working world that I didn't even know what questions to ask. I wish that I had been able to understand what an experience I was getting and had been more inquisitive . . . I think that I could have capitalized on some of the experiences better.

EK: If the opportunity seems right, go for it. After college I went to work for company that was unknown . . . [it] was the best company I have worked for in my career!

SM: Stay committed to what you want to achieve.

LR: I was a lifeguard, so I'd have lathered on the sunblock and worn a wide-brimmed hat.

To get involved with Jewish Professional Women, email Carly Frank at cfrank@associated.org or call 410-369-9293.

Seniors

The opportunity to lead a rich, vibrant life exists here in Jewish Baltimore. Whether you need health care, housing or other community resources, an enhanced quality of life awaits each and every older adult. You can age with grace, dignity, purpose and joy.



Arts and Culture Events and Classes

Jewish Community Center (JCC)

Older adults can become a part of the JCC's creative community! Whether you have untapped artistic ambitions or are just an art enthusiast, bring out your inner artist at the J. Try an art class with talented instructors from Baltimore's best arts organizations, take part in intelligent discussions about current events or the latest read, catch a flick at the Baltimore Jewish Film Festival and see performances in the beautiful 550-seat Gordon Center for Performing Arts.

🌐 jcc.org/adults
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Baltimore Holocaust Survivors and Descendants Group (BHSD)



Baltimore Jewish Council (BJC)

BJC's BHSD commemorates and honors the memory of the Holocaust, educates the community about this horrendous event in human history, preserves and passes our Jewish heritage to the younger generation, encourages the descendants not to let the Holocaust be forgotten and combats Anti-Semitism and Holocaust deniers.

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Caregiving and Aging

Jewish Community Services (JCS)

JCS helps older adults age in place with maximum independence and dignity. Specialists in gerontology offer older adults, their families and caregivers up-to-date information and resources, expert advice and senior-focused services, including Care Management, that support healthy living, promote safety and improve quality of life.

🌐 jcsbaltimore.org
 ☎ 410-466-9200



Eating Together

Comprehensive Housing Assistance, Inc. (CHAI)

Adults ages 60 and older can enjoy a nutritious, kosher meal with each other. Engaging conversation can be found at Myerberg Center and every Weinberg Senior Living building. Lunch and dinner times vary.

📍 Myerberg Center
 ☎ 410-358-6856
 📍 Weinberg Senior Living Buildings
 🌐 weinbergseniorliving.com

Elder Care Management

Jewish Community Services (JCS)

Elder Care Management supports individuals in their desire to continue living in their own homes or in other settings with maximum independence and dignity while providing their family and caregivers with peace of mind. The JCS Care Management team provides a comprehensive individual assessment and creates a personalized plan of care. They also coordinate services, advocate with health care professionals and provide ongoing communication with the family.

🌐 jcsbaltimore.org/care-management
 ☎ 410-466-9200

Milbrook Friendly Neighborhood (MFN)

Comprehensive Housing Assistance, Inc. (CHAI)

MFN serves residents in the Milbrook neighborhood of Baltimore County. CHAI brings residents together to discuss happenings in the community and strengthen neighborhood relationships.

🌐 chaibaltimore.org
 ☎ 410-500-5300

Northwest Neighbors Connecting (NNC)

Comprehensive Housing Assistance, Inc. (CHAI)

NNC is a mutual support network, or "village," dedicated to helping seniors and people of all ages live well in their neighborhoods.

Everybody has something to give and everybody has something to gain. NNC members not only receive services but they can also assist other members.

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Northwest Senior Shuttle (NWSS)

Comprehensive Housing Assistance, Inc. (CHAI)

The NWSS provides affordable and reliable transportation for residents of the Weinberg Senior Living buildings in Pikesville and

Park Heights, as well as members of Northwest Neighbors Connecting. NWSS offers daily shuttle service to grocery stores, local shopping centers, libraries, senior centers and special excursions. Make a reservation today!

☎ 410-889-1148



SAFE: Stop Abuse of Elders

CHANA, Jewish Community Services (JCS) and Levindale

SAFE is a comprehensive approach to address the needs of seniors facing abuse at the hands of an intimate partner, family member

Welcome to the Village

Ruth Sapperstein was always the kind of person who did volunteer work. So, when she moved to Baltimore from New York in 2009, she thought, *Okay, what am I going to do here?* "I took a walk and I saw the CHAI office. I walked in, and I volunteered." It was the beginning of a beautiful relationship.

Two years later, the idea was brought up to start a "village" – a supportive network that, through volunteers and paid staff, helps older adults access transportation, health and wellness programs, home repairs, social and educational activities and other day-to-day needs. As a senior herself, Ruth was interested from the start: "We all sat down, put our heads together and figured out what we wanted."

This village became **Northwest Neighbors Connecting (NNC)**, a program of CHAI: Comprehensive Housing Assistance, Inc., and a self-sustaining community network of interdependent, diverse and caring individuals who give and receive services that help them age in place and enhance their physical and emotional wellbeing. These services include: maintenance, such as check-in calls and emergency preparedness support; enrichment through social events and leadership development; and organization through monthly meetings and need-based committees. Members can give back by helping in the NNC office, driving other seniors and making household fixes.

Ruth's favorite perk of NNC is the **Northwest Shuttle Service (NWSS)**. Since she doesn't drive, Ruth takes the shuttle bus to go grocery shopping on Mondays and Thursdays. Drivers are there to assist the seniors with their packages. "I can't talk enough about these wonderful drivers. They treat us seniors beautifully," she says, adding: "It really is a lifesaver. Otherwise, how would I go shopping?"



NNC doesn't only help seniors get around town – it's also a great way to make friends. "We socialize, we talk to each other, we complain to each other," Ruth says. "We find out that we all have the same aches and pains."

In the future, Ruth sees continued growth for NNC because of the great services it provides. "You're going to hit a point where you just can't drive. With NNC, you know that you're going to be able to get the quart of milk that you need. It softens the blow of aging."

To learn more about Northwest Neighbors Connecting, visit chaibaltimore.org/nnc.



or caretaker. Services include educational and awareness workshops for seniors, their loved ones and caretakers as well as organizations that serve our older population. Coordinated advocacy, counseling, legal services and appropriate shelter is also available.

🌐 chanabaltimore.org/elderabuse
 🌐 jcsbaltimore.org
 ☎️ 410-234-0030

Senior Drop In

Jewish Community Center (JCC)

Make the Weinberg Park Heights JCC your home away from home on Tuesday afternoons. Participate in conversation, educational, social and recreational activities. Each week is unique and includes lunch; membership not required.

👤 Malka Zweig
 ☎️ 410-484-0399



Senior Home Repair & Benefits Program

Comprehensive Housing Assistance, Inc. (CHAI)

CHAI ensures that each year 200 low-income senior and disabled persons' households in northwest Baltimore receive necessary home safety repairs, modifications, assistive devices and linkages to other related services.

🌐 chaibaltimore.org
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 ☎️ 410-500-5300

Services for Holocaust Survivors

Jewish Community Services (JCS)

JCS offers a number of social services, supports and resources for Holocaust survivors, including financial assistance, home care subsidies, counseling and service coordination. In addition, JCS hosts the Holocaust Survivors Social Club where participants have the opportunity to get together monthly for social gatherings, cultural activities, musical programs, guest speakers and luncheons. JCS staff are present at each gathering to offer additional support and provide connections to resources.

🌐 jcsbaltimore.org
 ☎️ 410-466-9200

Supportive Community Network (SCN)

Comprehensive Housing Assistance, Inc. (CHAI)

The Supportive Community Network is a resource for communities throughout Jewish Baltimore that want to start a "village" that supports its residents to age well in the community. SCN provides consultation, project management support, partnership development, program development and much more.

🌐 chaibaltimore.org/scn
 ☎️ 410-500-5307



Warm Houses

Jewish Community Center (JCC)

Groups gather weekly in their homes to participate in conversation, activities and education. Participants meet monthly for large-scale special programs with a featured presenter and an opportunity to interact in a larger group setting.

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 ☎️ 410-484-0399

Weinberg Park Assisted Living

Comprehensive Housing Assistance, Inc. (CHAI)

Weinberg Park Assisted Living provides assisted living services to up to 36 residents with kosher meals, social opportunities and help with activities of daily living.

🌐 weinbergpark.com



Weinberg Senior Living

Comprehensive Housing Assistance, Inc. (CHAI)

Weinberg Senior Living offers quality, affordable apartments for seniors and non-senior people with disabilities in 15 buildings

Volunteer and build connections at any age.

Recent retirees Marcia and Jack Boonshaft found an advertisement seeking volunteers at Weinberg House. Soon, they became so involved that they donated approximately 1,000 hours to the program!

The staff Jewish Volunteer Connection will help you discover your interests and talents – then match you with a volunteer program where you can lend a helping hand! Learn more on page 35.

Read more of Marcia and Jack's story at associated.org/ourstories/boonshafts.

throughout northwest Baltimore. All residents can take advantage of numerous campus services and activities, including Eating Together meal programs and shuttle bus transportation. Volunteers are needed to assist in providing attentive and beneficial care to our residents.

🌐 weinbergseiorliving.com ■

Special Needs

Live your best life – regardless of ability. Help is available for families throughout all of life's milestones. Whether you're looking for after-school inclusion programs, educational support or assistance with housing, Jewish Baltimore is here every step of the way – from infancy to adulthood.



Meet Atara Reich

There was a time when Bais Yaakov eighth grader, Atara Reich, a bright student with executive functioning disorder (EFD) needed three lockers to store all of the “trash” she had accumulated at school.

“One locker was for my art projects, one was for paper – junk I didn’t feel like sorting through -- and the other was for my school books. I couldn’t find anything!” Atara had trouble concentrating, organizing herself, completing assignments in a timely fashion and managing her anxiety. Parents, Estie and Reuven Reich feared that despite their daughter’s intellectual gifts, she wouldn’t succeed in school.

“Atara is a brilliant, absent-minded professor-type. She loves art and creative writing. She is gifted and she is very disorganized,” says her mother, Estie Reich. “I’m scatter-brained,” agrees Atara.

Atara’s father Reuven Reich recalls that from preschool on, his daughter’s teachers liked her and recognized her intelligence and talents. But sometimes, he admits, they were frustrated by the obstacles her EFD presented.

As she got older, the stakes got higher. “I realized that as gifted as she was, Atara would not be able to compensate for her disorganization as her school work became more challenging,” says Estie Reich.

Fortunately, things changed for the better when Atara met Sarah Ottensoser of SHEMESH, a community-wide program of The Associated that provides intellectual, academic, emotional and social support to Jewish students with learning differences. Since Atara was in the sixth grade, Ottensoser has provided weekly executive functioning coaching to her at Bais Yaakov.



Through SHEMESH, Ottensoser works one-on-one with Atara, teaching her organization and time management skills, as well as techniques to control school-related anxiety. “I don’t know what I would do without her,” says Atara. “I was drowning in paper and Mrs. Ottensoser threw me a life raft!” Atara takes pride in the improvements she has made since she and Ottensoser first began their work together. “We are officially done with binder organization,” she says. “And now, I am mostly getting things done on time.”

“It’s a tremendous gift,” says Estie Reich. “Atara is in highest level reading, math and Hebrew classes, but if it were not for her work with Mrs. Ottensoser, I don’t think she would have remained in them. Mrs. Ottensoser is so positive and energetic. Atara really responds well to her,” she continues. “We are so grateful. This would not have happened without Mrs. Ottensoser and SHEMESH.”

“She is my savior,” says Atara, with a wide grin. “Mrs. Ottensoser, thanks tons!”

After School Inclusion

Jewish Community Center (JCC)
Children with varying disabilities participate alongside their typically-developing peers in the Kids Center and TNTU after-school programs with support and resources from qualified staff. Participants experience dynamic activities while paired with one-on-one counselors to help them with the inclusion process.

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Baltimore Jewish Abilities Alliance (BJAA)

Jewish Community Center (JCC)
The BJAA is an outreach effort designed to support and connect individuals with different needs and their families through all stages of life. The BJAA connects people through many different venues, such as workshops, programs and community events. The website acts as a guide for supporting your loved ones from early childhood to adulthood, as well as access to more than 400 community resources and related events.

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Camp Milldale Inclusion Program

Jewish Community Center (JCC)
The Camp Milldale Inclusion Program serves children from ages five to 13 with mild to severe learning, developmental, social, emotional and physical disabilities. Children are included in camp bunks with their non-disabled peers and take part in exciting general camp activities paired with a one-on-one counselor who helps them with the inclusion process.

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Ceramics/Crafts

Jewish Community Center (JCC)
Everyone has a work of art to take home! Adults with developmental disabilities make fun craft and ceramic projects. The class is sponsored by JCC and Yachad.

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CHADD Support Group for Parents of Children with Attention Disorders

SHEMESH
If your child has trouble staying

on task or focusing, SHEMESH and CHADD of Greater Baltimore invite you to join its support group that meets the first Wednesday of every month.

shemeshbaltimore.org
410-843-7524

Chaverim Club

Jewish Community Center (JCC)
This program, for adults who have mild to more severe developmental and/or physical disabilities, consists of recreational and leisure-time activities including arts and crafts, games and holiday celebrations that encourage the adults to have positive interactions and experiences with their peers.

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Community-based Services

Jewish Community Services (JCS)
JCS provides counseling, advocacy and case management services to children, adults and families of individuals with special needs. Other services include assistance with independent living skills, tutoring and obtaining special equipment. JCS helps families obtain resources, services and funding through the Developmental Disability Administration (DDA) and other sources.

jcsbaltimore.org
410-466-9200

Employment Services for People with Special Needs

Jewish Community Services (JCS)

The JCS Career Center is certified by Maryland’s Developmental Disabilities Administration, Division of Rehabilitation Services and Behavioral Health Administration to provide specialized services that help individuals with disabilities find and maintain employment. Tailored to each client’s unique needs and goals, career assessments, employment readiness training, job search assistance, job development and placement, job coaching, long-term supported employment, benefits counseling, case management and advocacy are provided by JCS’ specially-trained and experienced staff.

jcsbaltimore.org/job-seeking
410-466-9200



Gesher LaTorah

Macks Center for Jewish Education (CJE)

Gesher LaTorah is a community-based religious school for students with significant special needs. Meeting every Sunday, students age four to 21 learn about Jewish concepts such as community, Torah, Hebrew, prayer, customs

and holidays. Students will enjoy enriching programs rooted in Jewish values.

🌐 cjebaltimore.org/gesherlatorah
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Getting Together Club

Jewish Community Center (JCC)

This weekly social group offers activities for adults who want to improve their social life, life skills and emotional well-being at the JCC and in the community.

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Jewish Advocates for Deaf Education (JADE)

Macks Center for Jewish Education (CJE)

JADE promotes inclusion and access for individuals who are deaf and hard of hearing, and offers funding and support for Oral and Sign Language interpreters at Jewish community events.

JADE provides Jewish learning workshops and activities for the Jewish campers at the Deafblind Camp of Maryland. Additionally, JADE partners with NJCD Our Way and Towson University to run a National Jewish Deafblind Shabbat experience.

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Jewish Disability Awareness and Inclusion

Macks Center for Jewish Education (CJE)

CJE provides support and advocacy to Jewish institutions: schools, synagogues and agencies to increase awareness, sensitivity and inclusion of individuals with disabilities. Teachers and schools can use the Disability Awareness Guide for Teachers to help incorporate these Jewish values into existing lessons with sensitivity and ease. Join CJE in February to celebrate Jewish Disability Awareness and Inclusion Month – JDAIM.

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Keep Living and Learning (KLAL)

Jewish Community Center (JCC)

This self-contained camp program is for young adults ages 16 to 25 with learning, developmental, social, emotional and physical

disabilities. Participants will engage in vocational training, life skill building, community service projects, trips, and therapies. The program will also feature a camper-run café for family members and JCC staff. KLAL campers will participate in recreational camp activities and take a weekly trip to Camp Milldale. KLAL extends beyond camp with KLAL for Every Season, a place for teens and young adults with a wide range of special needs to develop appropriate social skills and friendships, increase self-esteem and develop a feeling of connection to the Jewish community.

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Maryland Special Needs Advocacy Project (MDSNAP)

Macks Center for Jewish Education (CJE)

MDSNAP provides access to testing and services for families of children with a wide range of learning differences, special needs and diagnosed disabilities. The project offers free educational advocacy to families with children from birth to age 21. The project serves as a clearinghouse of information and can help families find the support and resources they need.

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Residential Programs for Adults

Jewish Community Services (JCS)

The JCS Alternative Living Units are professionally-staffed residences that enable adults with developmental disabilities to live as independently as possible and participate fully in community life.

🌐 jcsbaltimore.org
☎ 410-466-9200



SHEMESH

SHEMESH provides the educational support necessary for Jewish children with learning differences to reach their full potential in a Jewish setting. A team of professionals offers services to the Jewish day schools, including early intervention, social skills training, reading intervention, executive function coaching, professional development and supporting inclusion, co-teaching and specialized instruction in the learning centers.

🌐 shemeshbaltimore.org
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☎ 410-843-7524



Sunday Funday

Jewish Community Center (JCC)

Sunday Funday is an afternoon of recreational and social activities for children ages five through 15, including games, arts and crafts, music, drama, cooking and physical activities that respond to their needs. This is a great venue for children to develop appropriate social skills and friendships, enhance coordination, increase self-esteem and create a feeling of acceptance in the community.

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Supported Living Program

Jewish Community Services (JCS)

JCS provides individuals with developmental and/or physical disabilities the support services that enable them to live in their own homes, in apartments or with family.

🌐 jcsbaltimore.org
☎ 410-466-9200



TAG

Macks Center for Jewish Education (CJE)

TAG – *Torah, Avodah and Gmitut Chasdim*, meaning Bible study, prayer/work and acts of kindness and goodwill – is a program for adults over the age of 17 with special needs. Meeting weekly to connect their Jewish heritage and community in an age-appropriate setting, TAG students also learn self-advocacy.

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Support Services

We all need a little help sometimes – help applying for a loan, help overcoming an addiction, help getting by when times are tough. Whatever your need is, Jewish Baltimore will extend a helping hand.

Abuse Support Services

CHANA

CHANA is the Baltimore Jewish community's response to interpersonal violence, including domestic violence, sexual abuse and mistreatment of older adults. A wide range of services are offered including crisis intervention, counseling referrals, legal advocacy, kosher safe house and safety planning for victims, survivors and their families. Workshops on healthy relationships, dating abuse, stalking and cyberbullying are available for students of all ages and their parents. Consultation, education and training on effective responses are available for schools, synagogues and other institutions.

📧 chanabaltimore.org
✉ info@chanabaltimore.org
☎ 410-234-0030

Addiction Services

Jewish Community Services (JCS)

JCS addresses the challenges of substance use, abuse and addiction through recovery-focused individual, family and group counseling treatment and referral services. JCS also offers age appropriate prevention education and outreach to children, teens and adults.

📧 jcsbaltimore.org
☎ 410-466-9200



Assistance for Non-English-Speaking Americans

Jewish Community Services (JCS)

JCS provides service coordination that helps non-English-speaking Americans connect to community services and resources. JCS also has volunteers who can translate non-medical terminology at medical and other important appointments and tutors who can help clients gain English language skills needed for employment applications and interviews.

📧 jcsbaltimore.org
☎ 410-466-9200

Career Center

Jewish Community Services (JCS)

The JCS Career Center is dedicated to helping all individuals, including teens and persons with special needs, find and maintain employment. Write an eye-catching cover letter, format the perfect resumé, network like a pro and ace that interview! JCS helps people find jobs in a variety of industries and at all levels – entry level to executive.

📧 jcsbaltimore.org/job-seeking
☎ 410-466-9200

Connections to Resources and Services

Jewish Community Services (JCS)

JCS offers programs, services and resources that can meet the diverse needs of individuals and families throughout the Greater Baltimore area. From information about social services and local support groups to where to find the closest kosher market and everything in between, trust JCS to connect you to the community resources you need.

📧 jcsbaltimore.org
☎ 410-466-9200

Counseling/Therapy

Jewish Community Services (JCS)

Licensed mental health professionals offer counseling/therapy for adults, children, adolescents, families and older adults to help them deal with stress, anxiety, depression, issues relating to relationships or life transitions. A Maryland Board-certified psychiatrist and nurse practitioner can provide psychiatric assessment and prescribe medication as indicated.

📧 jcsbaltimore.org
☎ 410-466-9200

Economic Support Services

Jewish Community Services (JCS)

Service Coordinators at JCS work with individuals and families experiencing financial setbacks,

helping them to assess their situation and develop strategies for regaining self-sufficiency. This may include providing benefit eligibility screening and application assistance, facilitating connections to resources and services, and enhancing budgeting and money management skills.

📧 jcsbaltimore.org
☎ 410-466-9200

Taking care of your home can be hard work.

CHAI can help make it easier for you. Want to make your home more energy efficient, but don't have the funds upfront? Check out their **Energy Savings Loans**, found on page 29.

Are you a senior worried about home repairs? CHAI offers the **Senior Home Repair & Benefits Programs** so older adults can get help around the house. Turn to page 57 to learn more.



Emotional Well-Being

Jewish Community Services (JCS)

When you need help getting over a rough spot or through a hard time, you can turn to JCS's highly trained and experienced licensed clinical social workers, counselors, psychologists and psychiatrists. JCS professionals work with families, children, adolescents, couples and adults to develop solutions for life's challenges and to maintain a healthy perspective on life.

📧 jcsbaltimore.org
☎ 410-466-9200

Hebrew Free Loan Association (HFLA)

For more than 100 years, the Hebrew Free Loan Association has provided interest-free loans. When it was founded in 1898, HFLA may have helped a peddler start a business by lending him money to buy a horse and a cart. Today, a would-be entrepreneur is more likely to need a computer than a horse, but the principle is the same. Whether you have a family emergency or a bar mitzvah to plan, doctors' bills or a home in need of repair, Hebrew Free Loan can help.

📧 hebrewfreeloan.org
☎ 410-843-7536

7 Tips for Success in Your Job Search

Perfect your resumé. Your resumé is the first thing recruiters see, and, typically, you only have six seconds to make an impression. Keep it clean, be consistent with format, choose a simple font and, most important, *proofread*. The bullet points should call attention to your most noteworthy professional accomplishments.

Join LinkedIn. Ninety-three percent of employers use LinkedIn to investigate candidates, so this social media service is a *must* for all professionals. If you're applying for jobs in the marketing or social media realm, the same goes for Facebook, Twitter and Instagram – an online presence on those sites is relevant.

Google yourself. See what shows up online when you enter your name since some employers screen out candidates based on what they find online. When possible, remove any objectionable material about you (like those pictures from your earlier years).

Research the company. If you don't already know, do some digging on what is important to the company. The salary and benefits may be nice, but if you

don't think you will fit with the corporate culture, it probably isn't the best job to pursue.

Do a practice interview. In an interview, you may be asked tough questions. Ask a family member or friend to roleplay with you by staging an interview and asking some of these difficult questions. (Typical questions include: "Tell me about yourself," "What's your greatest weakness?" "Why did you leave your last job?" and "Where do you see yourself in five years?")

Look the part. Even if you're applying to a low-key startup, it's important to dress professionally. Be sure to smile – organizations look for warm, enthusiastic candidates to move to the next level.

Sell yourself. Tell the prospective employers exactly why you are the perfect choice for their company. Give examples about how you're a valuable employee or how you went above and beyond what was required of you.

Want more career advice? Head to jcsbaltimore.org/work-wonders.



Homebuyer Loan Assistance

Comprehensive Housing Assistance, Inc. (CHAI)

Potential homebuyers interested in living in the northern Park Heights neighborhoods don't have to go through the process alone. CHAI provides a variety of no-interest and low-interest loans and grants for settlement assistance and home renovations as well as information on local, state and lender financial incentive programs.

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Home Retention

Comprehensive Housing Assistance, Inc. (CHAI)

CHAI provides foreclosure prevention counseling to mortgage-stressed homeowners. CHAI works with homeowners to reach a mutually sustainable resolution with their mortgage servicers to assist families in preventing foreclosure.

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Jewish Big Brother Big Sister

Jewish Community Services (JCS)

Know a Jewish child or teen who could use some guidance? Jewish Big Brother Big Sister can help. Learn more on page 23.



Legal Consultation

Jewish Community Services (JCS)

Jewish Legal Services offers a free, monthly, walk-in clinic for low-income individuals. Community lawyers volunteer their time, offering brief pro bono consultations on a variety of legal issues, including consumer/bankruptcy, landlord-tenant, family and immigration questions. All consultation is confidential and protected by attorney-client privilege.

🌐 jcsbaltimore.org/jls
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New Homebuyer Education & Counseling

Comprehensive Housing Assistance, Inc. (CHAI)

CHAI provides potential homebuyers interested in living in the northern Park Heights neighborhoods with information on homes for sale, referrals to housing professionals, homebuyer education and individual pre-purchase counseling.

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Prevention Education

Jewish Community Services (JCS)

JCS provides educational programs that increase knowledge and awareness about substance use, abuse, addiction, the spread of HIV/AIDS, bullying and other risky behaviors that can impact well-being. These programs provide information to help children, teens and adults make healthy decisions for themselves and those important to them.

🌐 jcsbaltimore.org/prevention
☎ 410-466-9200

Psychiatric Rehabilitation Program (PRP)

Jewish Community Services (JCS)

The JCS PRP helps people with chronic mental illness maintain or improve their independence, social living skills and functioning at home and in the community. One-on-one and group support is provided to help each individual maximize independence and to prevent relapse or re-hospitalization.

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The Shofar Coalition

CHANA

The Shofar Coalition is the community's collaborative response to adult, adolescent or childhood trauma. Services include professional trauma therapy for women, men and children; professionally facilitated healing groups for adults; community and synagogue-based healing services; and training and educational forums for teachers, parents and organizational professionals and lay leaders.

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Teens

Where can you make a difference and have fun all at the same time? Jewish Baltimore. Connect with other teens in meaningful ways through after school and weekend programming. Whether it's through leadership training, becoming a camp counselor or exploring Israel, you can partake in a thriving Jewish community.



Middle Schoolers Take Charge

Who says you have to be an adult to become a bona fide leader? The teens that participate in **Middle School Leadership Council** would have to disagree. This leadership program gives middle schoolers a taste of what it's like to be the boss.

Operating much like its own nonprofit, two "Executive Directors" run the show – overseeing four different committees. Meeting regularly, these committees are tasked with creating programs for other middle schools who visit the JCC, including community service opportunities, holiday programming, enrichment classes and Saturday night activities.

The teens get the confidence and training to lead these programs through monthly council meetings. Sometimes bringing in guest speakers from other Jewish organizations, participants learn about everything from advocacy and fundraising to budgeting and planning.

The biggest takeaway? Teens appreciate that they are trusted with this huge responsibility.

Want to get involved with Middle School Leadership Council? Contact Brad Kerxton by emailing bkerxton@jcc.org.

American Red Cross Babysitting

Jewish Community Center (JCC)

Be the best babysitter you can be when you're American Red Cross certified. Teens ages 11 to 14 receive American Red Cross instruction in basic infant care, first aid for burns, bleeding, choking, head injuries, poison prevention and treatment and safety precautions.

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Baltimore Diller Teen Fellows

Jewish Volunteer Connection (JVC)

Baltimore Diller Teen Fellows is a

15-month teen leadership program based on four pillars: leadership, Israel, Judaism and *tikkun olam* (repairing the world). Diller Fellows create and implement hands-on community service initiatives, participate in *Shabbatonim* (weekend retreats), monthly workshops and two *mifgashim* (encounters) with their Ashkelon teen counterparts, including a three-week Israel experience. This highly-competitive program is open to 11th grade students who complete an application and do an interview.

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BBYO

Jewish Community Center (JCC)

This worldwide Jewish youth organization for teens in grades nine through 12 empowers teens to develop leadership potential, Jewish identity and individual goals. Activities include dances, sports leagues, weekend conventions, service projects and more.

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The Center for Jewish Camping

The Associated

You went to camp when you were young; now you're old enough to guide young campers through their experience. The Center for Jewish Camping can connect you with the right camp to become a counselor.

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Are you thinking about becoming a camp counselor?

Read Marisa Barnett's Jewish camp journey: associated.org/ourstories

Diller Volunteer Opportunities

Jewish Volunteer Connection (JVC)

High school teens volunteer throughout the community on projects organized and run by Baltimore Diller Teen Fellows. A long-term commitment is not required. Examples of past projects include after-school sports, arts and academic programs in Baltimore City Public Schools, current event conversations and spa evenings with seniors, cooking and serving meals at homeless shelters and interactive activities with children.

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Elijah Cummings Youth Program in Israel (ECYP)

Baltimore Jewish Council (BJC)

ECYP builds bridges between Baltimore's diverse communities. ECYP provides selected high school students with the tools and real-world opportunities they need to become future leaders. This is accomplished through mentoring, a trip to Israel and participation in the Jerold C. Hoffberger Leadership Enhancement Program.

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HaZamir Baltimore Jewish High School Choir

Jewish Community Center (JCC)

HaZamir Baltimore, one of 30 chapters of HaZamir: The International Jewish High School Choir, provides teens the opportunity to gather together, sing Jewish choral music, build community and connect to teens in the U.S. and Israel. The program fosters a lifelong commitment to Jewish culture and music in young people and builds a strong foundation for future Jewish involvement among its participants.

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Israel High

Macks Center for Jewish Education (CJE)

Through this program, the CJE prepares high school students in anticipation of any anti-Semitism or

anti-Israel sentiments that they may encounter on college campuses. By drawing on the most effective international organizations, CJE ensures that students have a strong sense of Jewish identity and the tools to feel confident and proud.

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JCC Maccabi Experience

Jewish Community Center (JCC)

The JCC Maccabi Games are open to Jewish teens ages 13 to 17. Each year our Baltimore delegation sends hundreds of athletes to the various host cities for competition in sports including soccer, basketball, volleyball, bowling, baseball, table tennis, tennis, swimming, softball, dance and track and field. JCC Maccabi ArtsFest is an arts experience for Jewish teens, taking place annually during the summer in selected communities throughout North America. The program strengthens bonds to Jewish heritage, community and Israel.

jcc.org/maccabi

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Jewish Teen Education and Experience Network (J.T.E.E.N.)

Jewish Volunteer Connection (JVC) and Jewish Community Center (JCC)

J.T.E.E.N. is a seven-month program for teens in the ninth grade who want to discover more about the organized Jewish community. Through J.T.E.E.N., participants will learn about The Associated and its agencies, participate in experiential learning and hands-on seminars and network with other teens in the community.

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JOIN

Jewish Community Services (JCS)

JOIN offers teens ages 11 to 18 a variety of programming that addresses the real issues they face in today's complex world. JOIN's professionally-trained Teen Outreach Staff can be found in the community meeting teens where they are – at a local coffee shop, pizza place, synagogue, teen center, as well as on social media – providing programs, promoting healthy decision-making or lending

an ear. Staff also helps teens or their families connect to community resources, services, programs and community service opportunities.

- 🌐 joinbalt.org
- 📘 facebook.com/JoinBmore
- 🐦 [@JoinBmore](https://twitter.com/JoinBmore)
- ☎ 410-466-9200

Middle School Leadership Council

Jewish Community Center (JCC)

The Middle School Leadership Council is a group of teen leaders who work together to create programs for their peers while gaining leadership and team building skills.

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Motzai Shabbos at the JCC

Jewish Community Center (JCC)

Jewish teens in grades six through 12 can meet their friends at the Weinberg Park Heights JCC on select boys-only or girls-only Saturday nights. Activities include swimming, basketball, table tennis and more. Kosher snacks provided.

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Operation Mitzvah Mission

Jewish Volunteer Connection (JVC)

JVC connects middle school students to volunteer opportunities through monthly Operation Mitzvah Mission projects at places like the Baltimore Humane Society, Weinberg Village and Pearlstone Center. Projects meet needs within the community and fulfill *bnai mitzvah* and school service requirements.

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Students Taking Action for Change (STAC)

Jewish Volunteer Connection (JVC)

STAC is a nine-month program that focuses on social justice and advocacy, and includes an opening retreat, Advocacy Day in Annapolis, late nights and monthly seminars. STAC fellows work with one another to develop advocacy initiatives in the community. The selection process for this highly competitive program begins in the spring of the ninth or 10th grade year.

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Teen Giving Initiative (TGI)

Jewish Volunteer Connection (JVC)

TGI focuses on leadership, fundraising and grant making skills. Fellows develop their own fundraising initiatives and select focus areas to allocate their funds. This nine-month program includes an opening retreat, agency site visits, a late night and monthly seminars. The selection process for this highly competitive program begins in the spring of the ninth or 10th grade year.

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Teen Service Council

Jewish Volunteer Connection (JVC)

The Teen Service Council is an eight-month program open to teens in grades 10 to 12 who want to make a difference in the Baltimore community. Teens meet three times during the year to learn about vital community needs and gain skills as they plan and implement individual service projects. JVC staff match

participants' volunteer interests with community service agencies.

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Teen Summer Service

Jewish Volunteer Connection (JVC)

Teen Summer Service provides many options for teens in sixth through 12th grade who want a meaningful summer experience helping others. The options include connecting teens with service opportunities based on their interests, assisting teens in creating a VolunTeam service project for themselves and their peers and connecting teens with existing volunteer and leadership programs in the community.

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Top Notch Teens (TNT): Teen Camp

Jewish Community Center (JCC)

Teens entering seventh and eighth grade who have an interest in working with children will get the opportunity to earn community service hours while gaining

leadership and communication skills. Afternoons offer electives including fitness classes, sports, leadership seminars, drama and arts classes.

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Top Notch Teens (TNT): University

Jewish Community Center (JCC)

Teens in grades six through eight can fill up their afternoons with swimming, sports, drama, volunteer projects and more. Bus transportation provided from Franklin Middle School to the JCC. Transportation is also provided from Beth Israel's Community Learning Lab for an additional fee.

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YAD – Young Artist's Division

Jewish Community Center (JCC)

Creative teens, ages 13 to 18, gather monthly for workshops with local Jewish artists or field trips to Baltimore arts venues. This leadership development program culminates in a capstone project, designed by the participants, that brings together the experience over the course of the year.

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Women

You're a woman of purpose and strength – join other accomplished women as you empower each other to make Jewish Baltimore a better place. Through volunteer programs, community leadership roles and philanthropic opportunities, your Jewish journey begins here.





Associated Women and Our Community

Associated Women

Whether you give a gift in your own name, attend a community-wide event or participate in a smaller, personalized volunteer experience, Associated Women creates memorable, exciting ways to make a difference in Jewish Baltimore. Previous activities have included creation of a public art project, tree planting and food preparation for donation to a local shelter.

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CHANA

CHANA provides support, counseling and assistance to Jewish victims of domestic violence and empowers them to obtain safe environments for themselves and their families. Confidential services include a telephone helpline, individual counseling, legal services and community education.

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Chapter Two

Associated Women

Chapter Two, a 10-month educational and engagement program geared toward women who are empty nesters, recruits those who are at a stage in their lives when they are looking to grow as Jewish women. Participants learn about themselves, are educated about The Associated and its agencies, take part in experiential learning and hands-on social action and “capture their passion and turn it into action.” Program is application-based.

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Dor Tikvah – Next Cohort: Fall 2016

Associated Women

Dor Tikvah, a two-year leadership development program, caters to women primarily between ages 30 to 45 who aspire to hold key positions within The Associated and the Baltimore Jewish community. Dor Tikvah draws inspiration from the Jewish traditions of *tzedakah* (social justice) and *tikkun olam* (repairing the world). Through leadership development, educational programs, community service and agency experiences,

participants learn about the Jewish community, as well as the importance of women’s philanthropy.

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Jewish Professional Women

The Associated

Turn to page 50 to learn about this exciting new program for professional women.

Jewish Women’s Giving Foundation of Baltimore (JWGF)

Associated Women

JWGF provides women an opportunity to create social change for women and girls through a collaborative grant making process. JWGF members pool their resources to make grants in the Jewish and secular community, both locally and overseas, while learning about our community’s most pressing needs and discovering their power as leaders in women’s philanthropy.

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Jump Start for Women

Jewish Community Services (JCS)

Women who are entering or reentering the workforce can face

unique challenges and barriers, especially if they have limited experience. The JCS Career Center offers Jump Start for Women, a job readiness program that combines a customized curriculum-based classroom component with one-on-one career coaching and job placement assistance.

jcsbaltimore.org/jump-start-women
 410-466-9200



Philanthropic Leaders

Associated Women

Making a gift to The Associated Annual Campaign means you are a part of the collective strength of our community. The more we give individually, the stronger our collective influence as women in determining how our gifts are spent. Associated Women honors the leading women philanthropists of our community with the Pomegranate Society (for women who contribute \$1,800 or more) and the Lion of Judah Society (for women who make a gift of \$6,000 or more). You can make a greater impact by giving of your time through letter writing and face-to-face fundraising.

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Roots

The Associated

Need some mentorship and guidance in your life? Experienced lay leaders and young women involved in IMPACT can now participate in an intentional, exciting mentor-mentee women’s philanthropy program. Women will form caring relationships with each other, focused on maximizing potential, developing skills and becoming the best version of oneself.

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Services Addressing Women’s Issues

Jewish Community Services (JCS)

JCS offers an array of programs and services that address challenges and issues faced by women today including caregiving, parenting, post-partum depression, career advancement, work-life balance, body image and more.

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Start or Join a VolunTeam!

Jewish Volunteer Connection (JVC)

Even with your hectic schedule, you can still make time to volunteer. Learn more on page 35. ■

20 Years of Safe Spaces

If one person is being held captive, then we are all suffering.

No organization believes this more than **CHANA**, the Jewish community’s response to the needs of people who experience abuse and trauma.

For the past 20 years, CHANA has helped men, women and children feel safe, and Executive Director Nancy Aiken has facilitated this work for the past 15 years.

CHANA’s growth is something that fills both Nancy and the community with pride: “When the program started, it was a group of community leaders saying, we want to say ‘no more’ to domestic violence,” said Nancy. “We’ve expanded our mission to provide services for survivors of sexual abuse and, most recently, seniors who experience domestic violence or elder abuse involving family members.”

This fall, CHANA celebrates its 20th anniversary with a series of events: first, a film presentation of the critically-acclaimed documentary, *Crime After Crime*, the story of attorney Joshua Safran’s efforts to free a domestic violence victim from jail; next, a celebration with Safran as the keynote

speaker; and, lastly, a breakfast with Safran, lawyers and other professionals in the community.

Safran’s journey was of particular interest to Nancy. “He was an attorney, but he didn’t have any specific knowledge of this area of the law – he was just willing to put in his time,” she explains. “He thought, ‘Well, I have to help this woman, not even though I am a Jew, but because I am a Jew.’”

With this in mind, Nancy asserts that anyone can be an advocate. “The more we understand the dynamics between victim and perpetrator, the more we talk about it without shame and guilt – the more likely it is for people who experience abuse to come forward,” she says, adding: “I think that it’s such a strong message for our community to hear that, even though [Safran] has become quite a strong advocate, when he started, he was just a Jewish person who cared about others.”

CHANA celebrates its 20th year in October 2015. For a full listing of events, visit chanabaltimore.org/chana20.



Stay on top of all of the great programming for women in our community. Opt in here: associated.org/stayintouch.

Learn About Us: The Associated

Every day, we inspire Jewish community...

Established in 1920, we are on a mission to feed, shelter, counsel, engage and inspire Jews in Baltimore, Israel and around the world. Together with our community partners, we address pressing issues and utilize generous resources to care for the most vulnerable among us, educate our young people to build a vibrant future and develop our global responsibility.

We function as the central fundraising, community planning, allocations and umbrella organization for a network of beneficiary agencies and programs that serve the Jewish community both locally and abroad. Operating in tandem with leaders from the community, volunteers help to evaluate current initiatives, identify priorities for community members and build a safety net for future generations.

Whether you are looking for long-term involvement, occasional opportunities or a one-time experience, there is something for everyone to take part in. Sit on a board or committee at

The Associated or one of our agencies. Plan events through IMPACT, our young adult division. Network with other professionals through The Associated Business and Professionals group. Connect with our sister cities of Ashkelon, Israel and Odessa, Ukraine. Or, participate in a leadership development program or hands-on volunteer opportunity. Join us and become connected to Jewish Baltimore and to Jews around the world.

Mission

The Associated: Jewish Community Federation of Baltimore strengthens and nurtures Jewish life by engaging and supporting community partners in Greater Baltimore, Israel and around the world.

Vision

The Associated will secure the resources necessary to address the evolving landscape of Jewish life, ensuring a vibrant community for future generations.

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