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Friends,

As you glance inside these pages, you're taking your first steps into Jewish Baltimore. Welcome - we have a lot to offer here! The programs and services of agencies of The Associated: Jewish Community Federation of Baltimore listed throughout ensure that Jewish Baltimore is a great place to live, work and play.

We live by giving of ourselves to others. We break bread with seniors and get lost in conversation. We join with hundreds of other volunteers on Community Mitzvah Day, opening our hearts and lending our hands to those who need it.

We work in a variety of fields and in our homes. And we know that our jobs continue after the clock strikes 5:00 p.m. So, to deepen our connections to our community, we roll up our sleeves for volunteer opportunities with our colleagues and network at social and professional events.

We play in neighborhoods here in Baltimore and overseas. We connect with people from Ashkelon, Israel and Odessa, Ukraine, discovering the bonds that hold us together. We enrich our knowledge of Jewish history by visiting the fascinating exhibits at the Jewish Museum of Maryland.

Opt in to Jewish Baltimore. A deeper connection to our community awaits!





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 young men and women who care about the well-being of the Jewish community locally and globally today.

Marisa Danto | mdanto@associated.org | 410-369-9296

Baltimore Hebrew Institute at Towson University (BHI)

Towson University offers graduate programs in Jewish Studies and Leadership in Jewish Education and Communal Service. Learn more on page 28.

Beyond Birthright

Jewish Community Center (JCC)

Beyond Birthright provides post-college Taglit-Birthright Israel alumni ways to connect through happy hours, intimate Shabbat dinners and other meaningful Jewish experiences. facebook.com/beyondbirthright | Ellie Brown | ehbrown@jcc.org | 443-613-1946

Birthright Israel

he Associated

Taglit-Birthright Israel provides the gift of a peer group, educational trip to Israel for Jewish young adults ages 18 to 26 from around the world.

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Charm City Tribe

Jewish Community Center (JCC)

Connect with other young adults downtown! Learn how on page 13.

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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IMPACT

The Associated

IMPACT, the young adult division of The Associated, seeks to inspire, educate and involve Jewish adults ages 22 to 39 through fundraising, volunteering and leadership development programs. IMPACT also provides social and professional networking opportunities for the young adult community. associated.org/20s30s | Marisa Danto | mdanto@associated.org | 410-369-9296

Integrated Sustainability Fellowship

Pearlstone Cent

For more information, check out page 21.

Leadership Development Program (LDP)

Baltimore Jewish Council (BJC)

LDP is a one-year commitment with monthly sessions. 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, along with key leadership skills. Jewish individuals of different backgrounds, ages and interests are encouraged to apply.

baltjc.org | Chana Siff | 410-542-4850

MASA Israel Journey

The Associated

Masa Israel Journey offers over 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

The Associated

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, 30 young adults from Baltimore will participate in this global resume-building program during the summer of 2015.

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Planned Giving Round Table (PGRT) for Young Professionals

The Associated

PGRT for Young Professionals is a program of The Associated's Philanthropic Planning & Services Department. PGRT brings together professionals from a variety of disciplines who may, at various times, 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, aimed at professionals ages 22 to 40, involves intimate study groups which provide professionals with both the technical planned giving tools and the skills necessary to start the values conversation with clients.

associated.org/pgrt | Daniela A. Levine | dlevine@associated.org | 410-369-9315



there's a lot for young adults at Jewish Community Services!

Jewish Big Brother Big Sister gives adult volunteers the opportunity to become a one-on-one mentor for Jewish youth! Learn more on page 23.

Want more volunteer opportunities? Need support? Check out these programs below!

- Career Center: page 32
- Emotional Well-Being: page 45
- ifiknew.org: page 49

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Politically Connect

Baltimore Jewish Council (BJC)

Politically Connect offers exciting opportunities for adults ages 22 through 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.

baltjc.org | Mandee Heinl | 410-542-4850

Repair The World: Baltimore

Join young adults from around the country as they tackle pressing needs and help make a difference in our community. Repair The World: Baltimore offers service projects for young adults to work together to create change. Application process required.

werepair.org | Jodie Zisow | jodie.zisow@werepair.org | 410-262-3560

Shalom Baltimore

The Associated

Shalom Baltimore welcomes people 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 | shalombaltimore@associated.org 410-843-7490

Start or Join a VolunTeam!

Jewish Volunteer Connection (JVC)

Want a flexible yet regular volunteer experience? Learn more on page 25.

Sukkahpalooza – Sukkot Retreat

Pearlstone Center

For more information, turn to page 18.

Taste of IMPACT

The Associated

Taste of IMPACT is a program for Jewish individuals ages 22 to 39 who are looking to get involved with IMPACT, the young adult division of The Associated. Participants learn about IMPACT and The Associated, meet new people, explore opportunities for involvement in the Jewish community and have fun at the same time.

Ruby Rosenthal | rrosenthal@associated.org | 410-369-9264

Young Leadership Council (YLC)

The Associated

YLC is a two-year leadership development program that engages young adult 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 develop an understanding of The Associated, Baltimore's Jewish community and the importance of philanthropy. They also gain an array of leadership skills.

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Young Philanthropic Leaders

The Associated

If you care about the well-being of our Jewish community, 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.

Marisa Danto | mdanto@associated.org | 410-369-9296

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. Participants will form an active network of advocates for Israel on college campuses, social media and in their communities.

Alisa Rank | arank@associated.org | 410-369-9215





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 varied issues. Millions of dollars in funding are secured each year for services, safety and capital projects. baltjc.org | Cailey Locklair Tolle | 410-542-4850

Inter-ethnic and Inter-faith Dialogues

Baltimore Jewish Council (BJC)

BJC's Inter-ethnic and Inter-faith Dialogues were formed to maintain positive relationships between the Baltimore Jewish community and numerous other communities 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.

baltjc.org | 410-542-4850

Leadership Development Program (LDP)

Baltimore Jewish Council (BJC)

Become a leader! Learn how on page 7.

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. baltjc.org | 410-542-4850

Northwest Neighbors Connecting (NNC)

Comprehensive Housing Assistance, Inc. (CHAI)

To learn more about the village, turn to page 37.

School Community Partnership

Comprehensive Housing Assistance, Inc. (CHAI)

Become an advocate for our schools. Check out this program on page 25.

Students Taking Action for Change (STAC)

Jewish Volunteer Connection (JVC)

Advocacy can start at any time. Teens, see page 50 for more information.

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!

Lane Levine | llevine@chaibaltimore.org | 410-500-5307

Young Pros Countering BDS

Baltimore Jewish Council (BJC) and The Associated This new program can be found on page 8.



CHAI Community Conversations

Comprehensive Housing Assistance, Inc. (CHAI)

Fostering mutual respect and understanding, CHAI's Community Conversations is a forum of African American and Jewish residents in northern Park Heights that seek to strengthen their relationships and ensure the long-term health and progress of the community-at-large. Programs and discussion groups are conducted around these focus areas: civility, communication and understanding, youth and safety. Eligible residents must live in the neighborhoods of Cheswolde, Cross Country, Fallstaff, Glen and Mt. Washington.

 $chaib altimore.org \mid info@chaib altimore.org \mid 410\text{-}500\text{-}5300$

Community Leadership Academy

Comprehensive Housing Assistance, Inc. (CHAI)

In order to become a great community leader, you must start somewhere! Your training begins at Community Leadership Academy where you learn the basics of community organizing in a collaborative setting. This six-month, 12-session program features workshops and movie screenings, all 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

Diverse youth can get the tools they need to become future leaders. Details on page 49.



get involved in the global community!

The Baltimore Israel Coalition supports Israel through education, advocacy and community building. To discover more ways to help our friends and partners overseas, check out this program and the ones below on page 26:

- Baltimore-Ashkelon Partnership
- Baltimore-Odessa Partnership
- Israel Advocacy and Awareness Programs

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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 and its pluralistic outlook make it a place so comfortable that many say it "feels like home" – just ask a member from one of its 475 households! The congregation has long appreciated diversity of all kinds, including the openness to families of intermarried and same-sex couples.

bethambaltimore.org | Henry Feller | henry@bethambaltimore.org

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 generation and a breathtaking sanctuary, B'nai Israel offers innovative and cutting edge opportunities for Jewish engagement and involvement. Under the leadership of Rabbi Etan Mintz, B'nai Israel is thriving and has experienced record growth – and it is currently accepting new members!

jewishdowntown.org | office@bnaiisraelcongregation.org

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.

Mickey Rubin | 410-235-5354 | mrubin@boltonstreet.org.



Chabad of Downtown

Chabad of Downtown serves the residential, business and visiting Jewish 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, downtown Jewish women's circle, life cycle assistance, hospital and prison visitations, guest hospitality and much more for all demographics. They are dedicated to making the beauty of our Jewish heritage enjoyable and accessible for all Jews.

bmorejewish.com | 410-605-0505

Charm City Tribe

Jewish Community Center (JCC)

A Rabbi walks into a bar... it could be a wine bar, a corner bar, a coffee bar – any downtown location is fair game for Rabbi Jessy Gross, the Downtown Outreach Coordinator at the JCC. If you are a Jewish young adult in your 20s or 30s unsure of your Jewish journey, Jessy is here to help you find ways to engage in Jewish life in whatever form feels right. Some of those ways include social action activities, Shabbat dinners and informal/alternative Jewish learning discussions.

Jessy Gross | jgross@jcc.org | 443-613-1946

Doing Good is Good for Business!

Discover more opportunities to develop your professional network on page 34.

Downtown Baltimore Jewish Community Center (DBJCC)

Jewish Community Center (JCC)

DBJCC helps families with young children enjoy life downtown. In our facility at 1118 Light Street in Federal Hill, there is a drop-in play space for kids and parents to enjoy as well as a downtown version of the popular Tot Shabbat. A variety of "baby and me" classes are offered at this center. Programs are open to Jewish and non-Jewish families with opportunities for early child development, parent education, neighborhood networking, adult meeting space and more.

dbjcc.com | Kim Jacobsohn | kjacobsohn@jcc.org | 410-559-3618

Hebrew School in Federal Hill

Beth El Congregation

These intimate, personalized classes are for Jewish and interfaith families with children ages four to 13. Using multi-sensory, hands-on and interactive

experiences, students learn Hebrew, Jewish holidays, Torah stories, as well as explore their Jewish identity.

bethelbalto.com/satelliteschools | jill@bethelbalto.com

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Learn more about The Associated's young adult division on page 7.

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

The JMM offers a robust assortment of events right on Lloyd Street! We strive to provide educational, engaging and entertaining programming for all audiences. This programming, which runs both during regular hours as well as after hours, enhances the regular museum experience by exploring additional relevant subjects.

Trillion Atwood | tattwood@jewishmuseummd.org | 410-732-6400

Moishe House

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

facebook.com/moishehousebaltimore moishehousebaltimore@gmail.com

PJ on the Town

Macks Center for Jewish Education (CJE) Learn about PJ Library and its programs on page 17.

Shabbat Happy Hours

Jewish Community Center (JCC)

Join the JCC for its monthly Shabbat celebrations. Attend the family happy hours or the Shabbat potluck dinners, reconnect with old friends and make new friends!

dbjcc.org | Kim Jacobsohn | dbjcc@jcc.org | 410-559-3618

Shalom Baltimore

The Associated

New to town? For more information on Jewish Baltimore, turn to page 18.



are you a young adult living downtown?

Repair the World: Baltimore unites young adults across the country as they make a difference in their local community, upholding the ideal of *tikkun olam*. Learn more about Repair the World, as well as other opportunities to volunteer, visit Israel or build your downtown network, on page 6!

- Beyond Birthright
- Onward Israel Experience
- Hopkins Hillel Jewish Graduate Student Association
- Masa Israel Journey

• Start or join a VolunTeam!

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After School Care

Jewish Community Center (JCC)

At the Kids Center, children are grouped by grade for age-appropriate activities and homework assistance. The program includes martial arts, ceramics and indoor pool time each week. jcc.org | Amanda Max | 410-559-3548

The Associated's Center for Jewish Camping

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, you need a trustworthy source of comprehensive information to choose the right camp. Janna is here to help!

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

Center for Jewish Education Library

Macks Center for Jewish Education (CJE)

Visitors to the CJE have access to our wonderful lending library of books, CDs and DVDs. They have resources for teachers and parents as well as children's books including many PJ Library titles. JCC membership is not required; come browse and explore! cjebaltimore.org | 410-735-5000

Consultation and Counseling

Jewish Community Services (JCS)

The highly-trained and experienced licensed clinical social workers, psychologists and psychiatrists at JCS work with adults, children, adolescents and families and provide brief consultation and counseling, individual, couples and family therapy, as well as psychiatric services, psychotherapy groups and psychological testing. JCS also offers resources for families raising a child with special needs and programs for adolescents.

jcsbaltimore.org/parenting | 410-466-9200

Downtown Baltimore Jewish Community Center (DBJCC)

Jewish Community Center (JCC)

There's a lot to do for families downtown. Check out page 13.

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

Enjoy an unforgettable five-day experience at this overnight family camp in Pearlstone Center's beautiful natural setting. Participate in family programming for ages 12 and under 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 us for monthly Family Farm Days, full of fun, family, friends, 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

Hands on Holidays

Jewish Community Center (JCC)

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 as well.

jcc.org | 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.

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 to try at home and participate in discussions relevant to parenting. jcc.org | parenting@jcc.org | 410-559-3524



want to volunteer as a family?

If you want to volunteer regularly with others but require flexibility in your schedule, you can start or join a VolunTeam! More details about this program, as well as these other volunteer opportunites, on page 22!

- Community Mitzvah Day
- · Good Deeds Day
- · Governor's Day to Serve
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service

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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.

Steven Block | homeownership@chaibaltimore.org | 410-500-5309

Jewish Big Brother Big Sister

Jewish Community Services (JCS)

Jewish adult volunteers provide one-to-one mentoring for Jewish youth ages seven to 17 from single-parent families or others needing support. Mentors can also be provided to children in families where a family member is ill. JCS professional staff works closely with parents to match each child with the right Big Brother or Big Sister volunteer.

jcsbaltimore.org | 410-466-9200

Jewish Museum of Maryland at the Herbert Bearman Campus Family Programs

Jewish Museum of Maryland (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?

Trillion Atwood | tattwood@jewishmuseummd.org | 410-732-6400

jOYbaby

Macks Center for Jewish Education (CJE)

jOYbaby aims to reach and inspire 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

KidSpace

Jewish Community Center (JCC)

KidSpace offers homework help, healthy activities and a creative outlet every afternoon Monday through Thursday for grades K through five. Your child can choose from open gym or homework clinic and then participate in open swim, basketball, soccer and games, ceramics/arts and crafts class or karate.

Merav Levine | mlevine@jcc.org | 410-500-5902

Kveller Baltimore

Kveller Baltimore is a website for those who want to add a Jewish twist to their parenting. This site includes Jewish parenting resources, national and local blogs (including a blog by celebrity, Mayim Bialik) and a dynamic Jewish family events calendar populated with events from local synagogues, preschools and family organizations.

kveller.com/baltimore | baltimore@kveller.com | 410-735-5015

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 their 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 and clapping.

parenting@jcc.org | 410-559-3524

Mitzvah Makers on the Move

Jewish Volunteer Connection (JVC)

Mitzvah Makers on the Move is a guide to volunteer activities that can be done as a family, as a playgroup or with a religious school or preschool class. Along with the volunteer ideas, there are also Jewish learning components to help parents and teachers communicate different Jewish values to their children.

jvcbaltimore.org | volunteer@associated.org | 410-843-7490

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.

Steven Block | homeownership@chaibaltimore.org | 410-500-5309

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 | 410-466-9200

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@jcc.org | 410-559-3524

Party with a Purpose!

Jewish Volunteer Connection (JVC)

Add some hands-on service to your next birthday party and make it an 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

Pesach at Pearlstone

Pearlstone Center

Over the past decade, Pearlstone has been refining its distinctive 10-day, nine-night Passover vacation experience. Pesach at Pearlstone 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. We offer an exciting selection of lectures, day camp for kids, fun social activities, game tournaments, on-site entertainment and *Chol HaMoed* day trips. Pearlstone Center's famous nature exploration presentations and workshops are offered as well.

pearlstonecenter.org/pesach | pesach@pearlstonecenter.org 410-500-5375

PJ Library

Macks Center for Jewish Education (CJE)

PJ Library sends free Jewish-related books and music on a monthly basis to children from age six months to six-and-a-half years in Baltimore City and Baltimore County.

 $cjebaltimore.org/pj\ |\ pjlibrary@cjebaltimore.org\ |\ 410\text{-}735\text{-}5015$

PJ on the Town

Macks Center for Jewish Education (CJE)

Co-sponsored by PJ Library and local Jewish organizations, PJ on the Town is a series of open invitation, family engagement events offered at various cultural institutions throughout Baltimore. Families are invited to "find out what's Jewish" at popular venues, connect with other families and meet staff from local Jewish organizations.

 $cjebaltimore.org/pjtown \mid pjlibrary@cjebaltimore.org \mid 410\text{-}735\text{-}5015$

PJ Our Way

Macks Center for Jewish Education (CJE)

This program extends PJ library to children nine to 11 years old in Baltimore City and Baltimore County. This program offers a monthly choice of books through a secure website.

cjebaltimore.org/pj-our-way | 410-735-5015

PJ Pals Storytime

Macks Center for Jewish Education (CJE)

PJ Pals Storytime offers families with preschool-aged children an opportunity to participate in a Jewish program and form new friendships.

cjebaltimore.org/pjpals | pjlibrary@cjebaltimore.org | 410-735-5015

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, story time and playtime. Mini field trips to the multi-purpose gym, the preschool playgrounds and the preschool library will take place.

parenting@jcc.org | 410-559-3524

Prevention Education

Jewish Community Services (JCS)

Get support to address risky behaviors. Learn more on page 46.

Safety and Healing

CHANIA

The compassionate advocates at CHANA are available to assist families experiencing physical, emotional and sexual abuse to be safe at home. Services are also available to those working to heal from abuse.

chanabaltimore.org | 410-234-0030

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if your child has special needs, you are not alone.

SHEMESH gives children with learning differences the necessary educational support to reach their full potential!

Learn more about SHEMESH and check out these other helpful programs on page 40:

- Baltimore Jewish Abilities
 Alliance (BJAA)
- Community-Based Services
- Gesher LaTorah
- Maryland Special Needs Advocacy Project (MDSNAP)

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 that speaks to the moment. Shalom Baby also enables expectant parents to connect with each other as they share this transformative stage of life

cjebaltimore.org/shalombaby | 410-735-5000

Shalom Baltimore

The Associated

Shalom Baltimore welcomes all people – whether you're a family of four or a young adult starting your career – 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. Discover all that Charm City has to offer!

shalombaltimore.org | shalombaltimore@associated.org | 410-843-7490

Social Skills Groups for Children

Jewish Community Services (JCS)

Difficulty with social skills is one of the most challenging issues for children with learning differences and diagnoses along the autism spectrum. JCS offers social skills groups to help these children improve their interactions with peers, teachers, family members and others. The program includes a concurrent group for parents to provide them with the skills and tools they need to reinforce what their children are learning.

jcsbaltimore.org | 410-466-9200

Special Connections

Jewish Community Services (JCS)

Learn more about this unique volunteer opportunity for families on page 25!

Start or Join a VolunTeam!

Jewish Volunteer Connection (JVC)

Want a flexible yet regular volunteer experience? Learn more on page 25!

Sukkahpalooza – Sukkot Retreat

Pearlstone Center

Be our *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 our 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 four-day retreat.

pearlstonecenter.org/sukkot | sukkot@pearlstonecenter.org | 410-500-5385

Sundays at Ivy Bookshop

Jewish Community Center (JCC)

Once a month on Sunday mornings, bring young children to Mt. Washington's Ivy Bookshop for a half hour of Jewish themed excitement. Connect your children with their Judaism as they listen to a story about Jewish holidays or a book from PJ Library. Enjoy a snack, craft or live entertainment that is sure to get your children out of their seats and clapping.

parenting@jcc.org | 410-559-3524

Tot Shabbat

Jewish Community Center (JCC)

Tot Shabbat lets parents bring their little ones for a program full of Shabbat spirit, songs, candle lighting, Kiddish and a challah snack. This program is for children up to 36 months. jcc.org/parenting | parenting@jcc.org | 410-559-3524



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Baltimore Green and Just Celebrations Guide

American Jewish Congress

This "little book with a big mission" serves as a handbook for Baltimore's Jewish families planning a bar/bat mitzvah, wedding or any other simcha in a way that reflects Jewish values. ajcmdchap@aol.com | 410-484-8863

CHAI Home Solutions

Comprehensive Housing Assistance, Inc. (CHAI)

CHAI Home Solutions provides weatherization service to Baltimore City and County residents, providing repairs and modifications to homes to increase energy efficiency and reduce a building's

chaibaltimore.org | info@chaibaltimore.org | 410-500-5300

Chesapeake TEVA

Pearlstone Center

Community Supported Agriculture (CSA)

and chemical-free produce for you and your family all growing season long. The CSA program runs from mid-May through the end of October. Shares are brought to both the Owings Mills and Park Heights JCCs for drop off on Thursdays. One CSA share features a diverse array of vegetables and herbs throughout the growing season. They also offer an optional pastured free-range Egg Share. pearlstonecenter.org/csa | csa@pearlstonecenter.org | 410-500-5382

Community Sustainability Initiative

Pearlstone's Community Sustainability Department empowers local Jewish organizations, individuals and families to practice sustainability through energy efficiency, water conservation and more. We offer Green Loans for sustainable projects and assistance in greening schools and other institutions. It's never been so much fun to be green! pearlstonecenter.org/sustainability | sustainability@pearlstonecenter.org

Energy Savings Loans

Comprehensive Housing Assistance, Inc. (CHAI)

Learn how to save the environment while saving money on page 15.

Hands-On at Pearlstone

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, we offer high school and college internship opportunities that combine farm work with a more specialized area of focus. Volunteer opportunities for families, B'nei Mitzvah groups, corporate groups and service groups are available as well.

pearlstonecenter.org/volunteer | volunteers@pearlstonecenter.org 410-500-5417

Integrated Sustainability Fellowship

Pearlstone Center offers an eight-month residential fellowship for enthusiastic, hard-working and open-minded individuals willing to live in a Jewish, pluralistic community and work on our farm and retreat center. Hands-on learning is supplemented through formal and informal learning sessions in agriculture, sustainability and Judaic studies. No prior farming or teaching experience is necessary—just a willingness to learn new skills, openly communicate and work collaboratively as

pearlstonecenter.org/fellowship | fellowship@pearlstonecenter.org 410-500-5378

Jewish Community Gardening

Pearlstone Center

Interested in transforming your institution's landscape into an abundant, vibrant and active Jewish community garden? Pearlstone Center offers the resources, expertise and tools to make it possible through on-site consultation, site assessment, garden design and staff training. Growing food at your synagogue, senior center, early childhood center or school is a great way to bring your community together around Jewish values and hands-on fun.

pearlstonecenter.org/community-gardens garden@pearlstonecenter.org | 410-500-5381

The REmida Project

Macks Center for Jewish Education (CJE)

The REmida Project offers teachers and parents a central source for repurposed materials that fosters learning and creativity for children, and is host to teacher workshops and community orientations. 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

Green Living programs made possible in part to a grant by





Experience Family Farm Camp, a five-day event at the Pearlstone Center, where the whole family can immerse themselves in nature with other Jewish families.

Learn more about this program and Pearlstone Center's other family opportunities on page 14:

- Family Farm Days
- · Sukkahpalooza Sukkot Retreat



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Assistance for Non-English-Speaking Americans

Jewish Community Services (JCS)

JCS seeks volunteers who can provide translation and tutoring. Learn more on page 44.

Associated Fundraising Volunteers •

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 young men and women who care about the well-being of the Jewish community locally and globally today.

Marisa Danto | mdanto@associated.org | 410-369-9296

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 the classroom libraries. jvcbaltimore.org | ebloom@associated.org | 410-369-9302

Community Mitzvah Day

Jewish Volunteer Connection (JVC)

On December 25, join volunteers for a day of community service including assembling winter care packages, participating in mitzvah projects at both JCCs and volunteering throughout the community. Volunteers are needed in soup kitchens, homeless shelters, senior facilities and more. jvcbaltimore.org | volunteer@associated.org | 410-843-7490



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

Financial Literacy

Jewish Community Services (JCS)

JCS is looking for financial services professionals to provide pro-bono consultation for low-income clients in need of financial guidance.

jcsbaltimore.org/volunteer | 410-466-9200

Good Deeds Day

Jewish Volunteer Connection (JVC)

All over the world, hundreds of thousands choose to volunteer and help others, putting into practice the simple idea that every single person can do something good, be it large or small, to improve the lives of others and positively change the world. You can join the annual worldwide celebration with

jvcbaltimore.org | volunteer@associated.org | 410-843-7490

Governor's Day to Serve

Jewish Volunteer Connection (JVC)

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 are available throughout the Baltimore community including food drives, fun runs, beautification projects, meal delivery and projects in homeless shelters and assisted living facilities.

jvcbaltimore.org | volunteer@associated.org | 410-843-7490

Hands-On at Pearlstone

Pearlstone Center

For more information, see page 21.

Jewish Big Brother Big Sister

Jewish Community Services (JCS)

Jewish adult volunteers can mentor Jewish youth ages seven to 17 from single-parent families or others needing support. If you are interested in becoming a Big Brother or Big Sister, JCS professional staff will match you to your Little Brother or Little Sister.

jcsbaltimore.org | 410-466-9200

Jewish Legal Services

Jewish Community Services (JCS)

Lawyers provide 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. Ilene Cohen | icohen@jewishmuseummd.org | 410-732-6400

Volunteer Abroad

The Associated and Jewish Volunteer Connection (JVC)

Volunteer through the Marlene and Stewart Greenebaum Volunteer Center in Ashkelon. Find out more on page 27.



give of yourself to others at any age.

The Northwest Neighbors Connecting village ensures that older adults age in place in their own neighborhood - and YOU can help!

Learn more about the NNC and these programs for seniors on page 36:

- Eating Together
- · Weinberg Senior Living



Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service

Jewish Volunteer Connection (JVC)

Join JVC at sites throughout Baltimore to enjoy a day of giving back and community building while keeping with the spirit of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Assist in a community clean-up with the 6th Branch, attend a Mitzvah Fair for families and serve meals at a homeless shelter.

jvcbaltimore.org | volunteer@associated.org | 410-843-7490

Mitzvah Makers on the Move!

Jewish Volunteer Connection (JVC)

Learn more about this program on page 17.

Party with a Purpose!

Jewish Volunteer Connection (JVC)

Celebrate by doing good for the community! Learn more on page 17.

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

Repair The World: Baltimore

How will YOU repair the world? Learn more on page 8.

School Community Partnership

Comprehensive Housing Assistance, Inc. (CHAI)

The School Community Partnership seeks to strengthen 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 to increase support for our schools. chaibaltimore.org | info@chaibaltimore.org | 410-500-5300

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. Tutors provide individuals or small groups of students with the extra attention they need to succeed. jvcbaltimore.org | Erica Bloom | ebloom@associated.org 410-369-9302

Share Your Time and Talent

Jewish Volunteer Connection

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

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 when 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 clients to medical and other important appointments, to grocery stores, to shop on their behalf for essentials and to visit homebound individuals.

jcsbaltimore.org/volunteer | 410-466-9200

teens can make a difference in someone's life.

Students Taking Action for Change (STAC) gives teens the opportunity to advocate for others in the community over the course of nine months.

Check out STAC and more teen service programs on page 48:

- Baltimore Diller Teen Fellows
- Operation Mitzvah Mission
- Teen Giving Initiative
- · Teen Service Council
- Teen Summer Service



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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 our sister city, Ashkelon. baltimoreashkelon.org | Stephanie Hague | shague@associated.org | 410-369-9294

Baltimore Diller Teen Fellows

Jewish Volunteer Connection (JVC)

Learn more about the Diller leadership program and volunteer opportunities on page 48.

Baltimore Israel Coalition

Baltimore Jewish Council

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 | info@baltimoreisraelcoalition.org | 410-843-7558

Baltimore-Odessa Partnership

The Associated

The Baltimore-Odessa 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.

Stephanie Hague | shague@associated.org | 410-369-9294

Community Fund for Israel Experiences

Macks Center for Jewish Education (CJE)

The Community Fund for Israel Experiences offers need-based scholarships to Baltimore City/County high school and first-year post-high school students traveling to Israel on an educational program. cjebaltimore.org | 410-735-5024

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 | Chana Siff | csiff@baltjc.org | 410-542-4850

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. The center embodies the values of the Baltimore-Ashkelon Partnership, with volunteers from both cities working on hands-on, engaging projects alongside one another to foster community and mutual support. Join us in Ashkelon today!

baltimoreashkelon.org | Rebecca Weinstock | rweinstock@associated.org | 410-843-7566

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" of Maryland's Department of Business and Economic Development, Israel's Ministry of Economy and Trade and The Associated. Use your industry expertise to volunteer on the following committees:

- 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 and Events Committee works to expand the 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.

marylandisrael.org | Barry Bogage | bbogage@marylandisrael.org | 410-767-0681

Modern Hebrew Courses

Baltimore Hebrew Institute at Town University (BHI)

Brush up on your Hebrew! Learn more on page 31.

Travel with The Associated

You haven't seen Israel and other overseas Jewish communities if you haven't seen them with The Associated. Whether you are interested in a group mission or personal trip, The Associated can enhance your travel plans. Experience value-added site visits which connect you with the global Jewish community and better understand the impact our community is making overseas. Join a family mission, explore Israel's economy with one of our professional network trips, connect with local Jews abroad on a women's or young adult's mission or plan a VIP experience for your own clan.

Maia Hoffman | mhoffman@assoiated.org

TZION

Baltimore Hebrew Institute at Towson University (BHI) Check out this course on page 31.



are you in your 20s and 30s looking for ways to get involved with the global Jewish community?

Learn more about these programs on page 6.

- · Beyond Birthright
- · Masa Israel Journey
- Onward Israel Experience
- Taglit-Birthright Israel
- Young Pros Countering BDS

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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 professors is comprised of representatives from each of the major denominations of American Jewish life. This year, the Institute offers approximately 15 courses on topics ranging from ancient and modern Jewish history, Hebrew literature and culture, Biblical prose, Talmudic commentary and contemporary issues.

baltimorerabbis.org | bbrabbis@gmail.com | 410-653-7375

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 over 70,000 volumes at the Towson University Albert S. Cook Library.

towson.edu/bhi | Jill Max | jmax@towson.edu | 410-704-7120

Chesapeake TEVA

Pearlstone Cente

Pearlstone Center offers this four-day immersive overnight program for day school students, grades four through seven. Chesapeake TEVA provides students an opportunity to explore our responsibility as stewards of the Earth through a Jewish, experiential 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 | 410-500-5376



Community Fund for Israel Experiences

Center for Jewish Education

The Macks Center for Jewish Education encourages Baltimore teens to travel to Israel as a way to enhance and grow Jewish identity. CJE is proud to administer the Community Fund for Israel Experiences (CFIE), established by The Associated: Jewish Community Federation of Baltimore. CFIE provides limited, need-based scholarships to high-school and first year post-high school students who are residents of Baltimore City or Baltimore County.

info@cjebaltimore.org | 410-735-5000

Council on Jewish Day School Education

The Associated

The Council on Jewish Day School Education makes per capita grant allocations to local day schools to make tuition more affordable for families. Funds are also allocated for teacher training. info@associated.org | 410-727-4828

Family Farm Days

Pearlstone Center

Learn all about the farm! Details on the family festivities on page 15.

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 our Jewish educational farm. Our programs engage all ages and backgrounds in experiential education focused on sustainability, agriculture, health, justice and Judaism. In addition, our 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. We are always happy to customize programs to meet your needs.

pearlstonecenter.org/community-education | education@pearlstonecenter.org | 410-500-5376

Gesher LaTorah

Macks Center for Jewish Education (CJE)

For more information on this program, head over to our section on page 41.

Hillel: The Foundation for Jewish Campus Life

Hillels seek to engage uninvolved Jewish students on their own terms: to provide them with opportunities that are meaningful and appealing to them. Travel on alternative spring break trips, Taglit-Birthright Israel and the American Jewish World Service trip to Mexico. Learn about the Jewish response to veterans' issues, orphans and natural disasters. Join thousands of students in Shabbat gatherings and create your own group Shabbat experiences throughout the year.

Hillel-Goucher College | goucher.edu/hillel | 410-337-6545

Hillel-Johns Hopkins University | hopkinshillel.org | 410-516-0333

Hillel-Towson University | towsonhillel.org | 410-704-4671

Hillel-University of Maryland Baltimore County | umbchillel.org | 410-455-1329

Hillel-University of Maryland College Park | marylandhillel.org | 301-422-6200

Holocaust Remembrance Commission (HRC)

Baltimore Jewish Council (BJC

BJC's HRC is dedicated to honoring the memory of the millions who perished during the Nazi era through commemoration and education. 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, for educators, students, religious and civic organizations.

baltjc.org | Jeanette Parmigiani | 410-542-4850



absorb Jewish knowledge together as a 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 14.

- Center for Jewish Education Library
- Family Farm Camp
- Hands on Holidays
- Mazel Tales
- · Mitzvah Makers on the Move
- · Sukkahpalooza Sukkot Retreat
- Sundays at Ivy Bookshop
- Tot Shabbat

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Integrated Sustainability Fellowship

Pearlstone Cente

Learn more about this fellowship on page 21.

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 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 | Ilene Dackman-Alon | 410-732-6400

Mariposa

Center for Jewish Education

Mariposa Child Success Program (MCSP) is a unique and effective program for managing student relationships and reducing disruptive student behavior, including bullying. Its mission is to help children succeed by accelerating their development of social—emotional competence and social—emotional skills. Mariposa's core training program for educators involve eight, two-hour sessions and online coaching between sessions.

Amian Kelemer | akelemer@cjeb.org | 410-735-5007

Modern Hebrew Courses -

Baltimore Hebrew Institute at Town University (BHI)

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

towson.edu/bhi | Michelle Taylor | mtaylor@towson.edu | 410-704-7118

Professional Development

The Darrell D. Friedman Institute for Professional Development at the Weinberg Center (DFI) For more information about improving your professional development, see page 33.

Torah, Avodah and Gmilut Chasadim (TAG)

Macks Center for Jewish Education (CJE)

More information about this program can be found on page 43.

T7ION -

Baltimore Hebrew Institute at Towson University (BHI)

TZION is a new 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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Michelle Taylor | mtaylor@towson.edu | 410-704-7118







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Associated Fundraising Volunteers

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Jennifer Noparstak | jnoparstak@associated.org | 410-369-9259

Business Development Services

Jewish Community Services (JCS)

JCS can help current or future small business owners succeed. Join roundtable discussions with other business owners and explore possible solutions to everyday challenges. JCS can give you advice for your small business start-up and match you with a mentor who can help analyze your target market and profitability, increase your presence in the community and secure referrals to other appropriate resources and contacts.

jcsbaltimore.org/serving-businesses | 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 resume, 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 | 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.

Michelle Gordon | mgordon@associated.org | 410-369-9307

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 with expert facilitators offers a path to stronger Jewish organizations, excellence in the workplace and career advancement. This year's training will particularly focus on building collaborations in our community through relationship building and engagement with teams, lay leaders and members.

thedfi.org | thedfi@thedfi.org | 410-843-7560

Doing Good is Good for Business!

Professionals can advance their networks and leadership skills through philanthropic, educational and networking events and programs hosted by The Associated. Profession-specific opportunities include real estate, medical, financial services and law gatherings. Use your passion for doing good in the community by volunteering to help raise funds for The Associated's Annual Campaign. 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.

 $associated. org/professionals \ | \ Jennifer\ Noparstak \ |\ jnoparstak@associated. org \ |\ 410-369-9259$

Employer 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, our account representatives work tirelessly to find the right match among our Career Center clients. JCS can also provide employers with professional out-placement services for displaced workers at competitive market rates.

jcsbaltimore.org/employers | 410-466-9200

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 can also provide CPR and First Aid training for individuals or groups.

jcsbaltimore.org | 410-466-9200

Maimonides Society and Medical Professionals

The Associate

Join other like-minded medical professionals to learn about medical issues through a Jewish lens. Educational and fundraising events are geared toward doctors and other professionals in medical and healthcare fields, including an annual Doctors' Brunch. Medical professionals who give \$1,000 or more to The Associated's Annual Campaign are members of the Maimonides Society, a nationally-established giving society. Recognition includes publication in The Associated's annual Honor Roll and invitations to exclusive events.

associated.org/professionals | Jennifer Noparstak | jnoparstak@associated.org | 410-369-9259



use your professional expertise to help others!

Volunteer professionals are needed to provide their expertise and services on a pro bono basis to JCS clients.

Assistance is needed in the following three areas. More details can be found on page 22!

- Dental Services
- · Financial Literacy
- · Legal Services

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Maryland/Israel Development Center (MIDC)

Learn more about MIDC and how to get involved in one of their committees on page 27.

Philanthropic Leaders

The Associated

If you care about the well-being of our Jewish community, 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. Medical professionals who give at this level are members of the Maimonides Society, a nationally-established giving society. 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

The PGRT is a program of The Associated's Philanthropic Planning and Services Department. PGRT brings together professionals from a variety of disciplines who may, at various times, 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, aimed at professionals ages 22 to 40, involves intimate study groups which provide professionals with both the technical planned giving tools and the skills necessary to start the values conversation with clients.

associated.org/pgrt | Daniela A. Levine | dlevine@associated.org | 410-369-9315



The Associated

Through a robust series of events, The Associated's 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. associated.org/professionals | Jennifer Noparstak | jnoparstak@associated.org | 410-369-9259

→ Shalom Baltimore

The Associated

New to Baltimore? Learn all about what Charm City has to offer! More info on page 8.

United Way – Designate 108!

The Associated

If 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.

Jennifer Noparstak | jnoparstak@associated.org | 410-369-9259











Arts and Culture Events and Classes

Jewish Community Center (JCC)

Be a part of our 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, enjoy a delicious holiday meal with a modern twist, hear insightful speakers, catch a flick at the Baltimore Jewish Film Festival and see performances in the beautiful 550-seat Gordon Center for Performing Arts.

Marilyn Zvili | mzvili@jcc.org | 410-559-3510

Career Center

Jewish Community Services (JCS)

It's never too late to get your career on track. Learn more on page 32.

Caregiving and Aging

Jewish Community Services (JCS)

JCS is dedicated to helping 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

Counseling/Therapy

Jewish Community Services (JCS)

JCS has mental health professionals with expertise in aging. Learn more on page 45.

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, Weinberg Manor West, Weinberg Place and Bristol House. Lunch and dinner times vary; learn more and register today!

Myerberg Center | 410-358-6856 Weinberg Manor West | 410-358-9393 Bristol House | 443-501-3012

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 can provide a comprehensive individual assessment and create a personalized plan of care. They are also able to coordinate services, advocate with health care professionals and provide ongoing communication with the family.

jcsbaltimore.org | 410-466-9200

Milbrook Friendly Neighborhood (MFN)

Comprehensive Housing Assistance, Inc. (CHAI)

MFN serves residents in the Millbrook neighborhood of Baltimore County. CHAI brings residents together to discuss happenings in the community and strengthen neighborhood relationships. Service Coordinators from JCS provide case management, information and referral services, assessment and advocacy.

Lane Levine | Ilevine@chaibaltimore.org | 410-500-5307

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. Building community and strengthening relationships are at the heart of NNC. Drive a senior to the doctor or grocery store, make friendly check-in calls, help a senior use a computer, plan or attend social events, answer phones in the office or join a committee to help run the mutual support network. nncbaltimore@gmail.com | 410-662-6620

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 provides 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 or caretaker. Services include educational and awareness workshops for seniors, their loved ones and caretakers as well as organizations that serve our older population. Also available is coordinated advocacy, counseling, legal services and appropriate shelter. chanabaltimore.org | jcsbaltimore.org | 410-234-0030



volunteer and build connections at any age

Join Jewish Volunteer Connection on December 25th for a day of community service on Community Mitzvah Day - projects are varied and the ways in which you can help others are endless!

Learn more about this program and others like on it page 23!

- · Good Deeds Day
- Governor's Day to Serve
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service
- Start or join a VolunTeam!

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Senior Home Repair & Modification 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 | info@chaibaltimore.org | 410-500-5300

Service Coordination

Jewish Community Services (JCS)

JCS service coordinators help individuals, families and older adults assess needs and eligibility for benefits as well as access community services that address life's challenges. jcsbaltimore.org | 410-466-9200

Services for Holocaust Survivors

Jewish Community Services (JCS)

JCS offers a number of social services, supports and resources for Holocaust survivors including financial assistance and home care subsidies. 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



Comprehensive Housing Assistance, Inc. (CHAI)

Support those who wish to age well in their community. Learn more on page 11.

Warm Houses

Jewish Community Center (JCC)

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

Malka Zweig | 347-517-5587

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.

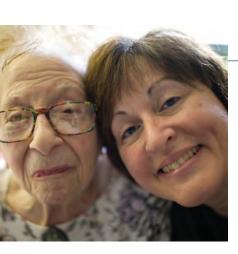
weinbergpark.com

Weinberg Senior Living

Comprehensive Housing Assistance, Inc. (CHAI)

Weinberg Senior Living offers quality, affordable apartments for seniors and non-senior people with disabilities in 14 buildings 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.

weinbergseniorliving.com





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Astonishing Art

Jewish Community Center (JCC)

Astonishing Art gives children with special needs the opportunity to engage in art projects such as ceramics, papier-mâché and crafts. All projects will be displayed in a show at the end of each session. jcc.org/specialneeds | Stacy Israel | sisrael@jcc.org | 410-559-3576

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 so that they feel welcomed to fully participate in Jewish life. The BJAA connects people through many different venues such as workshops, the Parent-to-Parent program and community events. The website features a user-friendly transitional guide providing materials to aid in the support of your loved one from early childhood to adulthood, as well as access to over 400 community resources and related events.

jewishabilities.org | bjaa@jcc.org | 410-559-3613

Bogrim at Camp Milldale

Jewish Community Center (JCC)

The Bogrim program combines age-appropriate recreational activities with vital social and life skills for teens ages 13 to 15 with varying disabilities. Campers socialize with other teens with special needs in a vibrant camp community. The Bogrim camp is able to meet the needs of each child with special needs while pushing them to try new activities such as archery and team building.

jcc.org/specialneeds | Stacy Israel | sisrael@jcc.org | 410-559-3576

Camp Milldale Inclusion Program

Jewish Community Center (JCC)

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.

jcc.org/specialneeds | Stacy Israel | sisrael@jcc.org | 410-559-3576

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.

jcc.org/specialneeds | Stacy Israel | sisrael@jcc.org | 410-559-3576

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. jcc.org/specialneeds | Stacy Israel | sisrael@jcc.org | 410-559-3576

City Hoppers

Jewish Community Center (JCC)

This is a wonderful way for clients to make new friends and experience Baltimore at its best. The fun at this exciting Sunday trip includes miniature golf, bowling, eating out and museum visits.

jcc.org/specialneeds | Stacy Israel | sisrael@jcc.org | 410-559-3576

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

Gesher LaTorah

Macks Center for Jewish Education (CJE)

Gesher LaTorah is a dynamic, community-based religious school for students with significant special needs. Students age four to 21 learn about Jewish concepts such as life cycle, community, Torah, Hebrew, prayer, customs and holidays. Students will enjoy enriching programs rooted in Jewish values. cjebaltimore.org/gesherlatorah | 410-735-5000

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.

jcc.org/specialneeds | Stacy Israel | sisrael@jcc.org | 410-559-3576

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. JADE partners with NJCD Our Way and Towson University to run a National Jewish Deafblind Shabbat experience. The weekend helps build community while participants think, learn and experience Judaism in a fully-accessible environment. cjebaltimore.org | 410-735-5023

Kids Center INC

Jewish Community Center (JCC)

Children with varying disabilities are mainstreamed into the after-school program 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.

jcc.org/specialneeds | Stacy Israel | sisrael@jcc.org | 410-559-3576

Keep Living and Learning (KLAL)

Jewish Community Center (JCC)

This self-contained camp program is for young adults ages 16 to 24 with learning, developmental, social, emotional and physical disabilities. A life skills specialist will lead a communication program, and vocational training will teach campers practical lessons. The program will also feature a camper-run café for family members and JCC staff. KLAL campers will also participate in recreational camp activities and take a weekly trip to Camp Milldale.

jcc.org/specialneeds | Stacy Israel | sisrael@jcc.org | 410-559-3576

KLAL For Every Season

Jewish Community Services (JCC)

This program is for adults ages 16 to 24 with learning, developmental, social, emotional and physical disabilities. In small groups, adults will engage in life-skill training, vocational activities and communication games. KLAL For Every Season provides a place for adults with a wide range of special needs to develop appropriate social skills and friendships, increase self-esteem and develop a feeling of connection with the Jewish community.

 $jcc.org/specialneeds \ | \ Stacy \ Israel \ | \ sisrael \ @jcc.org \ | \ 410-559-3576$

Maryland Special Needs Advocacy Project (MDSNAP)

Macks Center for Jewish Education (CJE)

MDSNAP helps families of children with a wide range of learning differences and special needs access testing and services through the public school system. The project offers support and educational advocacy to these families with children from birth to age 21. The project serves as a clearing house of information and can help families find the support and resources they need.

cjebaltimore.org | 410-735-5012

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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 education, reading intervention, executive function coaching, professional development and supporting inclusion, co-teaching and specialized instruction in the learning centers.

shemeshbaltimore.org | info@shemeshbaltimore.org | 410-843-7524

Sunday Funday

Jewish Community Center (JCC)

An afternoon of recreational and social activities for children, including games, arts and crafts, music, drama, cooking and physical activities that responds 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.

jcc.org/specialneeds

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

Torah, Avodah and Gmilut Chasadim (TAG)

Macks Center for Jewish Education (CJE)

Torah, Avodah and Gmilut Chasadim is a program for adults over the age of 17 with special needs. Sunday morning classes offer a connection to Jewish community and Jewish heritage. The curriculum includes prayer, Jewish learning and interaction with community members to educate the Jewish community and raise disability awareness.

cjebaltimore.org | 410-735-5022



sometimes families with special needs call for special care

Get all the tools you need to land the perfect job for you! Check out the Career Center on page 32.

Parents with children that need additional assistance can check out the programs below on page 14.

- Jewish Big Brother Big Sister
- Parent Discussion Series
- Social Skills Groups for Children

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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, a 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. Speakers to promote awareness are available to all community groups. Consultation, education and training on effective responses are available for schools, synagogues and other institutions. 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 can provide 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/volunteer | 410-466-9200

Baltimore Jewish Abilities Alliance (BJAA)

Jewish Community Center (JCC)

For information about this program, turn to page 40.

Career Center

Jewish Community Services (JCS)

In today's job market, everyone can use a little help. Learn more on page 32.

Caregiving and Aging

Jewish Community Services (JCS)

JCS can help older adults to age in place safely and with dignity. Learn more on page 36.

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 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 psychiatrist 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 better budgeting skills, money management techniques, benefit screening and application assistance. jcsbaltimore.org | 410-466-9200

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

For over 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

Home Retention

Comprehensive Housing Assistance, Inc. (CHAI)

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

Stephanie Davis | sdavis@chaibaltimore.org | 410-500-5310



life for families can be a whirlwind

Be prepared no matter what life throws your way. Check out the following programs on page 14.

Help for your home:

- Energy Savings Loans
- Homebuyer Loan Assistance
- New Homebuyer Education and Counseling
- Parent Discussion Series

Help for your family:

- Jewish Big Brother Big Sister
- Social Skills Groups for Children

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JOIN for Teens

Jewish Community Services (JCS)

Teens can get the support they need. Find out more on page 50.

Legal Consultation

Jewish Community Services (JCS)

Jewish Legal Services offers free legal information, advice and referral services for individuals with limited income at a monthly walk-in clinic. Volunteer community lawyers offer consultation and referral 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 | 410-466-9200

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 | iflknew.org | 410-466-9200

Psychiatric Rehabilitation Program (PRP)

Jewish Community Services (JCS)

The JCS Psychiatric Rehabilitation Program 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.

jcsbaltimore.org | 410-466-9200

SAFE: Stop Abuse of Elders •

CHANA, Jewish Community Services (JCS) and Levindale

Enough is enough – it's time to ensure the elderly are safe. Learn more on page 37.

Senior Home Repair & Modification Program

Comprehensive Housing Assistance, Inc. (CHAI)

Get help around the house. Learn more on page 38.

SHEMESH

For more information on SHEMESH, turn to page 43.

The Shofar Coalition •—

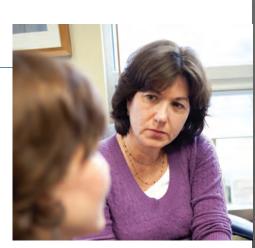
CHANA

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.

chanabaltimore.org | 410-234-0030















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.

Sue Szembroth | sszembroth@jcc.org | 410-559-3536

The Associated's Center for Jewish Camping

Learn more about Jewish camping on page 14!

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, interview and selection process in the spring of their 10th grade year.

associated.org/teens | volunteer@associated.org | 410-843-7490

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.

jcc.org/teens | Dani Hercenberg | dhercenberg@jcc.org | 410-559-3549

Career Center

Jewish Community Services (JCS)

It's never too early to prepare for the real world. Get ready by visiting page 32.

College Center at the JCC

Jewish Community Center (JCC)

The College Center offers one-on-one tutoring for SAT and ACT tests and help with college timelines, applications and essays.

jcc.org/collegecenter | 410-559-3550

Community Fund for Israel Experiences

Macks Center for Jewish Education (CJE)

Learn how you can experience Israel on page 27.

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 Jewish children.

jvcbaltimore.org | volunteer@associated.org | 410-843-7490

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.

ecyp.org | Deana Frank | dfrank@ecyp.org | 410-542-4850

HaZamir Baltimore Jewish High School Choir

Jewish Community Center (JCC)

HaZamir provides teens the opportunity to gather together, sing Jewish choral music, build community and connect culturally. 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. In addition to local and regional performances, HaZamir sponsors regional retreats, a three-day international Annual Festival (20 chapters including HaZamir Israel) and a unique gala performance in New York City.

Erika Schon | erikaschon1@comcast.net

iflknew.org

Jewish Community Services (JCS)

iflknew.org is a multi-media prevention education project dedicated to raising awareness about the use and abuse of alcohol and other drugs, the spread of HIV/AIDS, bullying and other risky behaviors that can profoundly impact lives. The website is designed to engage teens and young adults in activities and conversations that increase knowledge about risky behaviors and their consequences. iflknew.org | facebook.com/iflknew | @iflknew_jcs | 410-466-9200



community service hours, leadership training and life skills all in one place

Grab all of your friends and create your own team of volunteers - a VolunTeam!

Learn more about this program and others like it on page 22:

- · Community Mitzvah Day
- · Good Deeds Day
- Governor's Day to Serve
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service
- School Community Partnership

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JCC Maccabi Experience

Jewish Community Center (JCC)

The JCC Maccabi Games are open to Jewish teens ages 13 to 16 who are JCC members. 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. It features home hospitality, includes opening and closing events, workshops, performances, exhibits, community service and social activities, while it strengthens bonds to Jewish heritage, community and Israel. icc.org/maccabi | Paul Lurie | plurie@icc.org | 410-559-3546

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.

associated.org/teens | volunteer@associated.org | 410-843-7490

JOIN for Teens

Jewish Community Services (JCS)

JOIN for Teens provides recreational, social, educational and preventive programs for Jewish teens and their families. The program operates the Mitchell David Teen Center, a safe, supervised gathering place where teens can interact with their peers and highly trained teen outreach staff.

jointeens.org | 410-581-9388

Maryland Special Needs Advocacy Project (MDSNAP)

Macks Center for Jewish Education (CJE)

To advocate for others with MDSNAP, turn to page 41.

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.

Brad Kerxton | 410-559-3547 | bkerxton@jcc.org

Motzai Shabbos at the JCC

Jewish Community Center (JCC)

Teen members of the JCC in grades six through 12 can bring their friends and enjoy the gym, teen lounge and more at the Weinberg Park Heights JCC.

jcc.org/teens | Merav Levine | mlevine@jcc.org | 410-500-5902

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 *b'nai mitzvah* and school service requirements. jvcbaltimore.org | volunteer@associated.org | 410-843-7490

Students Taking Action for Change (STAC)

Jewish Volunteer Connection (JVC)

STAC focuses on social justice and advocacy. STAC is a nine-month program and includes a daylong 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 their ninth or 10th grade year.

associated.org/teens | Julie Hollander | jhollander@associated.org | 410-843-7491

Teens Can Identify (TCI)

Macks Center for Jewish Education (CJE)

TCI provides Jewish resources, student leadership opportunities and cultural programming on independent high school campuses. By working directly with the schools, TCI creates and provides compelling content for Jewish student clubs, all-school programming, classrooms and inter-school activities. TCI focuses on creating opportunities for leadership training, exploration of identity and service learning – all experienced through a Jewish lens.

cjebaltimore.org/tci | 410-735-5000

Teen Connection

Jewish Community Center (JCC)

Teen Connection is the BBYO experience made just for sixth through eighth grade students who want to enjoy social, recreational, athletic, cultural and Judaic activities with new friends. Get a jump start on making Teen Connection friends at the largest online community exclusively for Jewish teens.

b-linked.bbyo.org | Brad Kerxton | bkerxton@jcc.org | 410-559-3547

Teen Giving Initiative (TGI)

Jewish Volunteer Connection (JVC)

TGI focuses on leadership, fundraising and grant making skills. TGI Fellows develop their own fundraising initiatives and select focus areas to allocate their funds. This nine-month program includes a day-long 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.

associated.org/teens | volunteer@associated.org | 410-843-7490

Teen Service Council

Jewish Volunteer Connection (JVC)

The Teen Service Council is an eight-month program open to teens in grades 10-12 who want to make a difference in the Baltimore community and to engage others in service. 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 will help 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: Teen Camp

Jewish Community Center (JCC)

Teens in 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: University

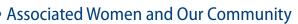
Jewish Community Center (JCC)

Beginning with the 2014-15 school year, the JCC is expanding the popular TNT program for the after-school hours. The JCC will provide transportation from Franklin Middle School and take kids to the JCC. Transportation and activities are included in the monthly fee. Transportation is also provided to Beth Israel Hebrew School or Har Sinai Hebrew School for a nominal fee. Now your teens can socialize in the Teen Lounge and unwind then choose from any of the following fun activities: homework, technology, swimming, sports, weight training, arts and crafts, fitness classes, dance, drama and volunteering.

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Associated Women

Whether through a community-wide event or smaller, personalized volunteer experiences, 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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Bookworms

Jewish Volunteer Connection (JVC)

To learn how to get involved with sharing the gift of reading, check out page 22.

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. Programs include the Shofar Coalition to address childhood trauma, especially sexual abuse, and SAFE to address the needs of older adults who are victims of intimate partner violence and abuse by other family members.

chanabaltimore.org | 410-234-0023

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 by invitation and application based.

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Dor Tikvah – Next Cohort: Fall 2016

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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 Community Services (JCS)

JCS is a comprehensive human services agency that provides a broad range of services that meet the diverse, multi-dimensional needs of individuals and families throughout Central Maryland. JCS provides guidance and support for emotional well-being, aging and caregiving, parenting, job seeking, achieving financial stability, living with special needs and preventing risky behaviors.

jcsbaltimore.org | 410-466-9200

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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Philanthropic Leaders

Associated Women

Making a gift to The Associated Annual Campaign means you are becoming 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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to give is to receive

Women can deepen the development of their professional skills at the Darrell D. Friedman Institute for Professional Development.

There's more to do for professional women on page 32!

- Maimonides Society and Medical Professionals
- Planned Giving Round Table (PGRT)
- Real Estate Industry Group (REIG)





Agencies and Programs of The Associated: Jewish Community Federation of Baltimore

Baltimore Board of Rabbis (BBOR) baltimorerabbis.org | 443-478-3454

Baltimore Hebrew Institute at Towson University (BHI) towson.edu/bhi | 410-704-7117

Baltimore Jewish Council (BJC) baltjc.org | 410-542-4850

CHAI: Comprehensive Housing Assistance, Inc. chaibaltimore.org | 410-500-5300

CHANA chanabaltimore.org | 410-234-0030

The Darrell D. Friedman Institute for Professional Development at the Weinberg Center (DFI) thedfi.org | 410-843-7560

Edward A. Myerberg Center myerberg.org | 410-358-6856

Hebrew Burial and Social Services Society 410-653-8900

Hebrew Free Loan Association hebrewfreeloan.org | 410-843-7536

Goucher College Hillel goucher.edu/hillel | 410-337-6545

Johns Hopkins University Hillel hopkinshillel.org | 410-516-0333

Towson University Hillel towsonhillel.org | 410-704-4671

University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC) Hillel umbchillel.org | 410-455-1329

University of Maryland College Park Hillel marylandhillel.org | 301-422-6200

Jewish Cemetery Association 410-369-9215

Jewish Community Center of Greater Baltimore (JCC)
Downtown | dbjcc.org | 410-559-3618
Rosenbloom Owings Mills | jcc.org | 410-356-5200
Weinberg Park Heights | jcc.org | 410-542-4900

Jewish Community Services (JCS) jcsbaltimore.org | 410-466-9200

Jewish Museum of Maryland at the Herbert Bearman Campus (JMM) jewishmuseummd.org | 410-732-6400

Jewish Volunteer Connection (JVC) jvcbaltimore.org | 410-843-7490

Levindale Hebrew Geriatric Center & Hospital * lifebridgehealth.org/levindale | 410-601-2400

The Louise D. & Morton J. Macks Center for Jewish Education (CJE) cjebaltimore.org | 410-735-5000

Maryland/Israel Development Center (MIDC) marylandisrael.org | 410-767-0681

Moishe House Baltimore moishehouse.org/houses/baltimore

Pearlstone Center pearlstonecenter.org | 410-429-4400

SHEMESH shemeshbaltimore.org | 410-843-7524

Sinai Hospital of Baltimore * lifebridgehealth.org | 410-601-9000

National and International Partners

The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, Inc. (JDC) jdc.org | 212-687-6200

The Jewish Agency for Israel North America Section (JAFI) jewishagency.org | 212-339-6000

The Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA) jewishfederations.org | 212-284-6500

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.

Learn about The Associated!

Established in 1920, The Associated: Jewish Community Federation of Baltimore preserves and enhances Jewish life by addressing the charitable, educational, religious, humanitarian, health, cultural and social needs of the Jewish community locally, nationally, in Israel and throughout the world.

The Associated functions as the central fundraising, community planning, allocations and umbrella organization for a network of agencies that serves the local Jewish community. 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 do at The Associated. 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 partnership cities of Ashkelon, Israel and Odessa, Ukraine. Or, participate in a leadership development program or hands-on volunteer opportunity! Join The Associated and become connected to Jewish Baltimore and to Jews around the world.

I'd like a trial family membership to:

Let us get to know what you're interested in so we can let you know what's out there!

Complete and send back the info card below and we'll send you a complimentary trial family membership to the Jewish Community Center OR the Jewish Museum of Maryland, both agencies supported by The Associated Annual Campaign.

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I'm interested in:			
☐ Associated Fundraising Volunteer	☐ Healthy Living	☐ Special Needs & Support	☐ Teen Programs
☐ Board/Committee Work	☐ Israel & Overseas	Professional Networking	☐ Women's Programs
■ Downtown Programs	Jewish Learning	☐ Senior Services	Young Adult Programs/Events
☐ Family Programs	☐ Leadership Development	☐ Support Services	☐ Volunteering & Advocacy
Name:			
Occupation:	Company:		
Address:			
Home #:	Business #:	Cell #:	
E-mail:	Birth Date:	Synagogue:	

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^{*} Levindale Hebrew Geriatric Center and Hospital and Sinai Hospital are constituent partner agencies that do not receive an allocation from The Associated Annual Campaign; however, they do receive funding from endowments managed by The Associated.



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