



HoCo JAG

Howard County Jewish Advocacy Group



Did you know?

HoCoJAG endorses the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) working definition of antisemitism.

Kol Hakavod! (Well done!)

HoCoJAG is now an official Maryland 501(c)(4) non-profit organization. Mazel tov and thank you for your support!

Election news:

- Thanks to our HoCoJAG members who volunteered for **Julie Kaplan** in the District 4 Board of Education primary. Julie won more votes than any other candidate and is on her way to the general election. Julie will fight antisemitism in HCPSS schools and is a wonderful non-partisan ally. Let's keep the momentum going and help Julie win in November!
- Three of the four Board of Education candidates HoCoJAG endorsed in the primary races, advanced to the general election. Bravo to all who helped along the way.
- HoCoJAG has met with candidates for BoE and Congress to discuss antisemitism and seek their public commitment to fighting it. To see recent candidate survey responses, [click here](#).

HoCo Stats:

According to the Howard County Police Department, the **incidence of antisemitic hate** crime has increased by **750%** since October 7.

In our HoCo schools:

River Hill High School

RHHS administration recently took a strong stance against antisemitism; in response, they were challenged by the ACLU and the Baltimore Banner published a one-sided **article critical of RHHS**. We **wrote a letter** to the ACLU and to the Baltimore Banner in response.

Atholton High School

An AHS English teacher had her students read aloud from a collection of anti-Israel, antisemitic poetry during class. [Click here](#) to view the letter HoCoJAG sent to the HCPSS Board of Education in response to the incident.

Coming up for HoCoJAG!

- Collaborate with **CAMERA** (Committee for Accuracy in Middle East Reporting in America) to plan a back-to-school program for families this fall.
- Schedule a meeting with **Superintendent Barnes**, as well as with members of HCEA (Howard County Education Association) to voice our expectations for the upcoming school year.
- Advocate for policy changes at **HCPSS** so Jewish children can feel safe, welcome, and included.
- Continue meeting with **candidates at all levels** to advocate for action against antisemitism.

SHARE HoCoJAG with Family & Friends!

HoCoJAG membership is **FREE** & our political strength depends on our numbers!

WAYS TO SUPPORT US!

- ☆ If you can, please [click here](#) to donate to HoCoJAG.
- ☆ We need volunteers! Please join one of our committees including membership drive, newsletter, fundraising, community survey, building alliances, legal advocacy, and more. Please email us at info@hocojag.org if you can help.
- ☆ What would YOU like to see us do to help eliminate antisemitism in HoCo? Let us know!

If I am not for myself, who will be for me? If I am only for myself, what am I? And if not now, when?

-Rabbi Hiffel