April 2025 Edition



- **☆** HoCoJAG endorses the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) working definition of antisemitism.
- **☆** HoCoJAG is a non-partisan organization and our membership and board span the political spectrum.

Kol Hakavod! (Well done!)

Our social media presence is growing!

We saw 7,000 new views on our Facebook page and welcomed 10 new members. **Keep spreading the word!**

Legislative Advocacy

- We helped move two bills forward this session. One had support but lacked a sponsor. The other—the bill advocating for a designated Title VI coordinator in schools—didn't pass this round, but we were able to file key amendments that strengthen it for the future.
- Along the way, we built valuable relationships with legislators who stand with our community.
- We also met with the Maryland Jewish Caucus to further our work. Learn more about our legislative advocacy on our website.



 HoCoJAG met with HCPSS to discuss the Office of Civil Rights action. A full synopsis can be found on our website in the news section.



Maryland Senate Bill 0435: The Remove Discrimination in Education Act.

The Jewish and HoCo JAC Parent Coalition

Invite you & your families to

a Yom Ha'atzmaut

Celebration)

Friday, May 2

6-9pm The Greater Columbia area

Kid friendly!

Suggested Donation of \$18 for the

Israeli dancing



Ready to get involved?

We're calling on our HoCoJAG community to get involved. Help strengthen our collective voice and ensure we continue to stand up for Jewish students and families in Howard County.

Legal Advisors:

Calling all attorneys! Evaluate, write, and advocate for legislation and policy. Advise on legal avenues to advance our goals. Expect 4-6 hours a month.

Membership Coordinator:

Help grow our vibrant community. This vital role gives you the chance to shape how HoCoJAG functions. Expect to spend 5–10 hours a month on outreach, follow-ups, and coordination.

Host a Meet & Greet:

Whether in your home or a public space, help bring HoCo neighbors together to learn more about our mission and each other. Expect 4–6 hours per event including planning and follow-up.

Email us today at info@hocojag.org. In addition, if you have a different way you'd like to contribute, we'd love to hear it.

Join Us for Yom Ha'Atzmaut!

Celebrate Israel's independence with a special Shabbat experience on Friday, May 2. All are welcome! Click here to reserve your spot!

Stay connected

Shabbat dinner

Please like and follow us on Facebook and subscribe to our YouTube Channel—and encourage your friends, neighbors, and family to join **HoCoJAG.** Every voice matters.





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 Hillel