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- **☆** 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.

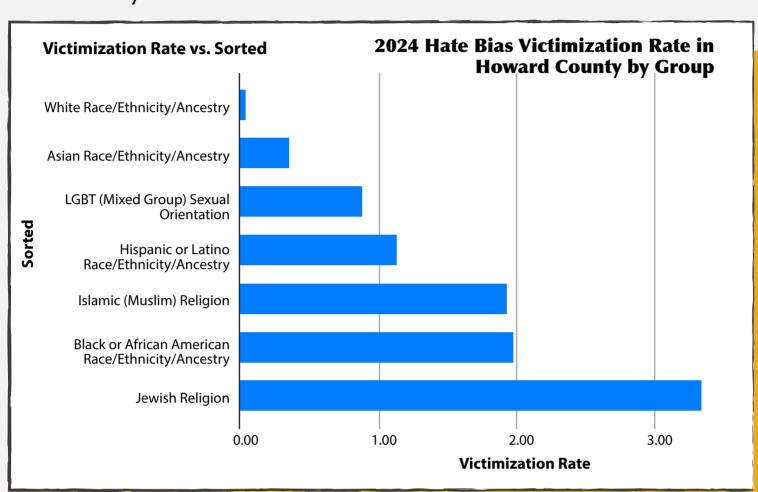


Hate-Bias Victimization Rates in Howard County

The chart below shows the hate-bias victimization rate right here in Howard County. The data speaks volumes: Jewish residents face the highest rate of hate-bias incidents—more than any other group by far. This isn't a distant issue; it's a local crisis.

This alarming data is further underscored by the horrific terrorist attack in our backyard—Washington, D.C.—where Yaron Lischinsky and Sarah Milgrim were brutally murdered while attending an event at the Capital Jewish Museum.

We cannot stay silent.



Data Source: Howard County Department of Police Hate Bias Incidents 2024

Joining HoCoJAG means raising your voice for safety, education, and accountability. We need you—your voice, your perspective, your commitment—so that real action is taken now. Together, we can ensure that Howard County lives up to its promise of being a safe, inclusive community for everyone.

Kol Hakavod! (Well done!)

The following Annapolis legislators and organizations have advised and collaborated during the 2025 Legislative season to legislatively address antisemitism. We thank them and recognize their leadership. In no particular order:

- Jewish Caucus, Executive Director Sharon Ringley
- Senator Brian Feldman and his Assistant Caroline Hecker
- Senator Waldstreicher and his Chief of Staff Kara Venables
- Delegate Jessica Feldmark
- Senator Clarence Lam and his Chief of Staff Scott Tiffin
- Senator Cheryl Kagan
- Senator Dalya Attar
- Delegate Joe Vogel and his Legislative Assistant Lillia Rose
- **Delegate Jared Solomon**
- Senator Shelly Hettleman
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- Delegate Jheanelle Wilkins and her Chief of Staff Issabella Formosa
- Senator Guy Guzzone and his Chief of Staff Deanna Peel
- Senator Karen Lewis Young
- **Delegate Eric Ebersol and his Assistant Katie Malone**
- Senator Benjamin Kramer, his Chief of Staff Tami Shay and his **Legislative Assistant Erin**
- Delegate Vanessa Atterbeary



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Let's get the word out!

Help strengthen our collective voice and ensure we continue to stand up for Jewish students and families in Howard County.

Host a Meet & Greet

Bring neighbors together in your home to connect, learn more about our mission,

and build community.

Email us today at info@hocojag.org to host.

If I am not for myself, who will be for me? If I am only for myself, what am 1? And if not now, when? -Rabbi Hillel