Baltimore Jewish Council
Leadership Development Program
Participation Contract
2011-2012

- **Participation in Leadership Development Program (LDP)**
  - LDP is a year-long leadership development program of The Baltimore Jewish Council (BJC). The goal of the program is to educate participants about the BJC, and then to further develop and deepen their connection and commitment to the BJC, THE ASSOCIATED and the organized Jewish community of Baltimore. **After the program, we will work together to find a meaningful way for** participants **to be involved in the Jewish community or in the greater community, at, or working toward, a leadership level.**

  - Over the course of the year, participants will be expected to lead some component of at least one program in the curriculum (i.e. facilitate the meeting, present a D'Var Torah, lead an ice break or team building activity).

  - LDP participants are encouraged to attend at least one BJC Board meeting during the year. You may attend as many as you like. You will be provided with the dates for these lunch meetings and all of them are on weekdays at THE ASSOCIATED and run from Noon – 1:30 p.m.

- **The Programs**
  - Members of LDP will participate in monthly sessions from October 2011 – June 2012. The monthly programs focus on familiarizing participants with social, political and humanitarian issues that affect Jews locally, nationally and worldwide. We will also explore various commissions and task forces within the BJC and THE ASSOCIATED.

  - The programs are experiential and educational. Many will be interactive, while others will feature a noteworthy speaker followed by a Q & A session.

  - Sessions are generally on a Monday through Thursday evening from 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., with the possibility of an additional Sunday or lunchtime program. For example, the meeting with the Mayor is usually during lunch and the police ride-alongs are individually scheduled.

  - At each program a kosher lunch/dinner will be served and participants will have the opportunity to socialize and network with each other. Please take advantage of this time to get to know our hosts, speakers and the other participants.

  - Preparatory articles and materials will be sent out prior to the scheduled programs.

  - Participants will receive the curriculum at our orientation meeting in October, allowing them to plan for the year.

  - Attendance at the programs is crucial to making them a success, **so we expect that** participants **not miss any more than two sessions per year.**

  - If it is necessary to miss a session, please work with the Chair or Vice Chair and BJC professional to identify a relevant opportunity at a different BJC program (i.e. Government Relations Commission meeting).

- **Financial Commitment**
  - We require that participants make a minimum contribution of $100, **in their own name**, to THE ASSOCIATED. If participants are already making a gift to the annual campaign and it is equal or greater than this minimum amount, an additional gift is unnecessary.

  - This contribution does not need to be made immediately. After a few LDP sessions, participants will meet with the Chair or Vice Chair regarding their gift. At this point participants will have a better understanding of the BJC, THE ASSOCIATED and where their campaign dollars go. This will also be a chance for participants to share with the Chair or Vice Chair their thoughts so far about their participation in the program.

  - Participants are also responsible for a registration fee of $200, which covers some of the administrative cost of the program.

  - Our hope is that as participants deepen their involvement within the Jewish community, they will maintain or increase your gift, given your new insight into the crucial work of the BJC and of THE ASSOCIATED.

By signing below, you are indicating that you have read and agreed to the above commitments for LDP. Upon our receipt of your contract, you will officially be a member of the Class of 2011-2012. If you have any questions, please call any of us listed below.

Please sign and return this contract **by September 26th** to the Baltimore Jewish Council, Attn: Phyllis Gwynn, 5750 Park Heights Avenue, Baltimore, MD, 21215. We will provide you with a copy of the text of this contract, but please feel free to make a copy for your records.

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Participant Name (please print)

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Participant Signature Date Signed

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