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A TOWN HALL EVENT ON COVID-19 VACCINATION

A Live
VIRTUAL Event

Sunday, October 24
7:30 PM



RABBI JONATHAN SEIDEMANN
Kehillath Bnai Torah
Rabbi



NAOR BAR ZE'EV
IVAC at Johns Hopkins
Deputy Director



DR. SUSAN LIPTON
LifeBridge Health
Pediatric Infectious Disease Spec.



ISAAC "YITZY" SCHLEIFER
Baltimore City
District 5 Councilman



LAURA KURCFELD
VALUE Baltimore
Lead Coordinator, Orthodox Jewish



DR. KENDRA McDOW
Baltimore City Health Dept.
Chief Medical Officer

Boosters?
?!!
Monoclonal antibodies?
?!!
Delta?
?!!
Fertility issues?
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?!! CDC?
Kids vaccines?
Myocarditis?
?!!
Breakthroughs?
?!! FDA?

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Submit questions in advance to bit.ly/questionscovid-19

It's Baltimore versus COVID. Let's win this together.

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LAURA KURCFELD

*Lead Coordinator, Orthodox Jewish Community, **VALUE Baltimore***

Laura Kurcfeld is the Lead Vaccine Outreach Coordinator for Baltimore's Orthodox Jewish Community as part of the Baltimore City Health Department's VALUE Baltimore COVID-Vaccine Initiative (VALUE = Vaccine Acceptance & Access Lives in Unity, Engagement and Education). Laura joined the program in February when it started, being contracted through The Associated Jewish Federation of Baltimore. Under her direction, vaccine clinics have been set up to reach people where and when they can access them to complement the Bikur Cholim vaccine clinic schedules, and she leads a team of Vaccine Peer Ambassadors who engage with community members in various ways by providing educational materials, guidance, and vaccine clinic access for people inquiring for themselves or others. She has been instrumental in creating flyers, brochures, and other marketing tools on COVID-19 vaccination which are specifically geared to Baltimore's Orthodox Jewish Community, including the production of the Baltimore Rabbis Video on Vaccine Advocacy in August, in preparation for the Yomim Noraim. Laura's has 36+ years of event management and administrative expertise working for corporations and non-profits such as being the Director of Guest Services for the Pearlstone Conference and Retreat Center as well as owning her own event coordination company, Consider It Done By Laura, Inc., for many years, and has resided in Baltimore, MD since 2000.



DR. KENDRA McDOW

Chief Medical Officer Baltimore City Health Dept.

Kendra B. McDow MD, MPH, FAAP joined the Baltimore City Health Department as Chief Medical Officer in October 2020. Dr. McDow is a board-certified pediatrician and CDC trained medical epidemiologist. Prior to joining the Health Department, she completed the CDC's Epidemic Intelligence Service Fellowship, where she deployed and provided technical assistance for multiple domestic and international field investigations, including measles outbreak in New York and circulating vaccine derived poliovirus outbreak in Ethiopia. She also led the Telehealth and Implementation Unit within the Health Systems Coordination Team in CDC's COVID-19 response structure. Under her leadership the Unit published research on telehealth implementation during the COVID-19 pandemic and spearheaded the development of Clinician Outreach and Communication Call series on telehealth implementation and health equity. Dr. McDow received her B.A. in Biology and Religion from Swarthmore College. She earned her medical degree from The Mount Sinai School of Medicine and Master of Public Health from The Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University. Dr. McDow completed pediatric residency at the University of Maryland Children's Hospital and is a Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics.



RABBI JONATHAN ARYEH SEIDEMANN

Rabbi, Kehilath Bnai Torah

Rabbi Jonathan Aryeh Seidemann is the Rabbi at Congregation Kehilath B'nai Torah in Baltimore, MD, where he studied for many years in the Ner Israel Rabbinical College, receiving rabbinical ordination from Rabbi Yaakov Yitzchok Ruderman zt"l, the late Rosh Yeshiva (Dean). In addition to serving as Morah D'Asra of Kehilath B'nai Torah, Rav Seidemann has served on the faculty of many Jewish educational institutions in Baltimore. He serves on the boards of the Baltimore Jewish Council of the Associated Jewish Charities and Hatzalah of Baltimore, the Rabbinic Advisory boards of the Baltimore Shidduch Center and Jewish Caring Network, and is a member of the Vaad HaRabbonim Rabbinical Council of Greater Baltimore and of the Council of Synagogue Rabbonim of Agudath Israel of America.



COUNCILMAN ISAAC "YITZY" SCHLEIFER

Councilman, District 5, Baltimore City

Councilman Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer represents Baltimore City's 5th District. In addition to being the youngest member of the City Council elected in 2016, Yitzy has been recognized as a national advocate for community engagement and safety and security. Yitzy served as the Chair of the influential Public Safety Committee and currently serves as the Chair of the Rules and Oversight committee and as a member of the Ways and means and Health, Environment and technology committees as well. As a proactive leader in the fight against COVID-19, Yitzy came out early educating constituents of the serious health and safety risks the pandemic posed and is credited for saving countless lives by preventing the spread of COVID-19. Yitzy's leadership is seen as a driving force in facilitating close to 10,000 vaccines in partnership with Bikur Cholim and LifeBridge at Ner Tamid's successful vaccine clinic.



DR. NAOR BAR-ZEEV

Deputy Director, International Vaccine Access Center at Johns Hopkins

Dr Naor Bar-Zeev is a pediatric infectious diseases physician and statistical epidemiologist. His research interest is in understanding how to maximize the benefit of existing and future vaccines in low-resourced high mortality settings, how best to protect vulnerable groups like newborns and pregnant women and how to optimize methods to evaluate vaccine impact and effectiveness. He is deputy director of the International Vaccine Access Center at Johns Hopkins, which aims to accelerate equitable and sustainable access to vaccines in low- and middle-income countries by generating, synthesizing, and using evidence to inform decision making and action. He was a founding member of the "Immunizing Pregnant Women and Infants (IMPRINT) Network", funded by UK's Global Challenges Research Fund (GCRF), and was a member of the PATH led Advancing Maternal Immunization (AMI) Collaboration. Naor has been clinical trial statistician with the WHO, is member of data safety monitoring board for international trials of childhood malnutrition interventions, and a Scientific Advisory Panel member for safety studies of COVID-19 vaccines in pregnancy. He is a sought after commentator on COVID-19 vaccine development, deployment and distribution. Prior to joining Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Dr Bar-Zeev led the Vaccines Research Group at the Malawi-Liverpool-Wellcome Trust Clinical Research Programme, University of Malawi from 2011 to 2016, and was member of the Malawi National Immunization Technical Advisory Group. His PhD in epidemiology was undertaken at the Menzies School of Health Research, Charles Darwin University, in Darwin, northern Australia. Dr Bar-Zeev has over 20 years' experience in global child health across East Asia, the Pacific and Africa, and has worked with the WHO, UNICEF and Save the Children. He has received funding from Gates Foundation, PATH, CDC, NIH and industry. Conflict of interest declaration: Dr Bar-Zeev has initiated and obtained research grants from Glaxo-Smith-Kline Biologicals, Takeda Pharmaceuticals, Merck, the Serum Institute of India and Johnson & Johnson. He has not received personal payment or any other benefit from any pharmaceutical company, and has no financial interests in the vaccine industry. More information on Dr. Bar-Zeev's credentials can be found at <https://publichealth.jhu.edu/faculty/3590/naor-bar-zeev>



DR. SUSAN LIPTON

Chief of Pediatric Infectious Diseases, LifeBridge Health

Dr. Susan Lipton, is a children's infectious disease specialist in Baltimore, with over 41 years of experience in the medical field. Dr. Lipton is the director of pediatric infectious diseases at Sinai Hospital in Baltimore and chairwoman of the Committee on Infectious Diseases for the Maryland state chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, and is affiliated with Sinai Hospital Of Baltimore. She recently presented at a national American Academy of Pediatrics webinar for primary care pediatricians facing vaccine hesitancy with the most recent data about myocarditis in children following Covid disease and Covid vaccination. Dr. Lipton is linking Sinai Pediatrics to a national study on using Regeneron (monoclonal antibody) for hospitalized children with COVID-19 at risk of further disease progression (currently Regeneron is only authorized for outpatient EUA). Sinai Pediatrics joined a CDC/Boston Children's national registry of serious COVID-19 in children and MIS-C. This gives Sinai Pediatrics early prepublication data on trends and new issues as well as rapid consultation with national experts on managing critically ill children with Covid 19. She led Maryland AAP Project Firstline, a CDC outreach on infection control policies that do and don't work. Dr. Lipton graduated from University of North Carolina School of Medicine and trained in Pediatrics at Massachusetts General Hospital.