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מודעה ואזהרה

Purim is a Yom Tov filled with incredible simcha (joy and happiness). But true simcha must exist within a framework that enables it to remain sacred and holy. We would like to take this opportunity to highlight a few important points to ensure that Purim is a celebratory, meaningful, and safe Yom Tov for our Kehilla and community.

Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol:

Each person reacts differently to alcohol consumption. Although there is a mitzvah of חייב איניש לבסומי this must not be in contravention of לא תעמוד על דם ראך and ונשמרתם מאד לנפשותיכם. One must make sure that one's celebration does not put another at risk. Under no circumstances should one operate a vehicle after having consumed alcohol. Additionally we cannot forget to emphasize דלינא דמלכותא, Maryland law is very strict as it relates to Driving under the Influence (DUI), an arrest will result in a suspension of your driver's license, not to mention legal fees, court fines and possible jail time. Under no circumstance should one drink and drive.

Children:

Children are often preoccupied with their costumes, mitzvos of the day, having fun with friends and are often unaware of the dangers the streets and traffic bring.

Parents should emphasize to their children the need to maintain ongoing awareness of traffic when crossing the street.

Parents should also be aware of the inherent danger and illegality of underage drinking.

It is a parent's responsibility to know the whereabouts of your children at all times. Please make sure your child is in a safe environment throughout Purim.

Make sure that whoever is driving your children around, regardless of their age is a sensible and responsible adult who will not be consuming any alcohol while driving.

Baltimore County and City Police will not take Purim into consideration and will strictly enforce the law.

Wishing the entire community a safe and Freilichen Purim.

As always should you see any suspicious activity please call 911 and the Baltimore Shomrim Safety Patrol at 410-358-9999 immediately.

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