



Reverend Zenetta Armstrong lights memorial candles at JCRC's Annual Yom HaShoah Commemoration

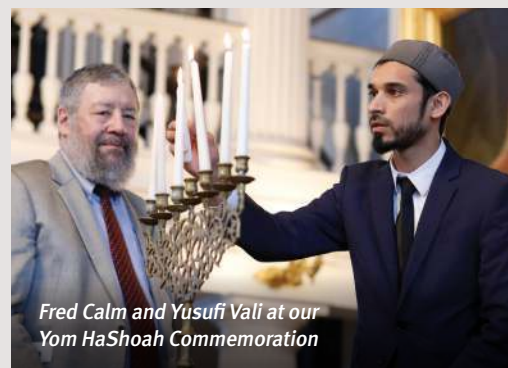
RECOMMITTING TO COMMUNITY RELATIONS

JCRC has built deep, enduring relationships with elected officials, clergy, and civic leaders throughout Greater Boston, uniting us at a time of rancor and division.

We've developed the trust to engage in difficult conversations and to leverage our collective power to achieve goals more ambitious than any of us could ever accomplish on our own. And we've stood together in times of need, forming an immediate circle of support for those who are under attack.



Consul General Zeev Boker with Congressman Joe Kennedy III at the Pittsburgh Vigil.



Fred Calm and Yusufi Vali at our Yom HaShoah Commemoration

SOLIDARITY WITH OUR MUSLIM NEIGHBORS

After the terror attacks in Christchurch, New Zealand, in two different mosques, JCRC organized our Jewish colleagues and Christian partners to attend Friday Jumma service at the Islamic Society of Boston Cultural Center mosque in Roxbury. Executive Director Jeremy Burton spoke to the congregation on behalf of our community, bringing words of solidarity and support to our Muslim neighbors here in Boston.

SOLIDARITY LETTER FROM OUR CHRISTIAN NEIGHBORS

In December, following a spate of antisemitic violence, prominent Christian leaders in Boston – our longstanding, trusted friends and partners – brought together over 1,000 Christian leaders from across Massachusetts to sign a letter decrying violence against Jews: “As Christian faith leaders, we reach out to share our sense of horror and disgust at the terrifying rise in violence against Jews and increasing public expressions of antisemitism,” the letter said. “As Christians whose tradition has been and continues to be the source of so much antisemitic terror in history, we carry a particular responsibility to identify, condemn, and resist antisemitism in any and every form.”



Jeremy Burton (R) at Friday Jumma service



Faith leaders at JCRC's Annual Yom HaShoah Commemoration



JCRC organized 300 volunteers for our fourth annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service — with ten projects all over Greater Boston.

ENGAGING OUR COMMUNITY IN SERVICE

As a Jewish community dedicated to living our values in the broader civic space, affirming our interconnectedness and responsibility to our neighbors. Volunteers sorted through donations at the Cradles to Crayons Giving Factory, wrote letters to Congress to keep Temporary Protected Status (a designation for people who could not return safely to their countries) alive, and made 60 lasagnas & 70 loaves of banana bread to be distributed to local shelters. Over 50 volunteers rolled up their sleeves to paint and repair the Waltham Haitian Church of the Nazarene, and homes in Mattapan and Dorchester. In 2020, we tripled the number of MLK participants, with a total of 1,108 volunteers.