

County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2026 Legislative Session

Legislative day # 11

RESOLUTION NO. 130 - 2026

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Appointment – Rabbi Yanky Baron– Interfaith Advisory Commission

Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Rabbi Yanky Baron to the Interfaith Advisory Commission.

Introduced and read first time on Sep 8, 2026.

By order Michelle Harrod
Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

Read for a second time and a public hearing held on Sep 22, 2026.

By order Michelle Harrod
Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted ☒, Adopted with amendments __, Failed __, Withdrawn __ by the County Council on Oct 5, 2026.

Certified by Michelle Harrod
Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing language; TEXT IN SMALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing language. ~~Strike-out~~ indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment.

WHEREAS, Section 404 of the Howard County Charter and Section 6.300 of the Howard County Code provide for the County Executive to appoint and for the County Council to confirm nominees to Howard County Boards and Commissions created by law; and

WHEREAS, Sections 6.352 and 12.222 of the Howard County Code provide for an Interfaith Advisory Commission in Howard County; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive has proposed the appointment of Rabbi Yanky Baron as a member of the Interfaith Advisory Commission; and

WHEREAS, the County Council ratifies the County Executive's special trust and confidence in the abilities of the nominee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland this 5 day of October, 2026 that the following person is appointed as a member of the Interfaith Advisory Commission to serve from the passage of this Resolution to October 5, 2028 or until a successor is appointed and confirmed:

Rabbi Yanky Baron
Ellicott City, Maryland

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Rabbi Yanky Baron

Work History:

Rabbi & Co-Director, August 2025-Present

Kindness Hub Inc.

- Co-director and developer of the Kindness Hub Inc, Chabad Ellicott City's dedicated social arm in Howard County, focused on building a warm, inclusive community and inspiring acts of kindness that create meaningful impact across the region.

Kennedy Krieger Institute Faith Ambassador, August 2022-Present

- Participant and presenter at the Kennedy Krieger Institute Faith Community Learning Collaborative, promoter of inclusion and inclusive practices in Community spaces, Jewish faith spaces, and at Chabad in Howard County.

Rabbi & Co-Director, September 2019-Present

Lubavitch of Howard County Inc./Chabad Lubavitch of Ellicott City Inc., Ellicott City, Maryland

- Co-director of Chabad Ellicott City and oversees the administration and management of all areas of Lubavitch of Howard County's religious, social, humanitarian, and educational services in Elkridge, Ellicott City, Marriottsville, Western Howard County, MD
- Work with key community leaders to carry out Lubavitch of Howard County Inc.'s/Chabad Lubavitch of Ellicott City Inc. mission
- Provide spiritual care through visitation, counseling, and prayer at senior living communities in and around Ellicott City.
- Oversee security for the 5 Chabad centers in Howard County

Teacher September 2017-August 2018

Lubavitch Mesivtah Chicago, Chicago, IL

Student Rabbi Internship September 2016-August 2017

Yeshivas Lubavitch Argentina, Buenos Aires

Education:

2018-2019 Tomchei Temimim Lubavitch - Brooklyn, NY 2013-2016 Bachelor of Arts: Talmudic Studies

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Rabbinical College of Quebec - Montreal

2009-2012 High School Diploma

Lubavitch Mesivtah Chicago - Chicago, IL