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| April        | GENOCIDE AWARENESS MONTH  
A month that marks important anniversaries for past and contemporary genocides. Throughout the month, individuals, communities and organizations join together to commemorate and honor victims and survivors of mass atrocities. |
| April 5      | Rama Navami (Hindu)  
Celebrates the birthday of Rama, King of ancient India, hero of the epic Ramayana, and seventh incarnation of Vishnu. |
| April 9      | Palm Sunday (Christian)  
Observed the Sunday before Easter/Pascha to commemorate the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. |
| April 11-14  | Theravada New Year (Buddhist)  
In Theravada countries the New Year is celebrated on the first full moon day in April. |
| April 11-18  | Passover/Pesach (Jewish)  
The eight-day “Feast of Unleavened Bread” celebrates Israel’s deliverance from Egyptian bondage. |
| April 13     | Holy Thursday (Christian)  
Also known as Maundy Thursday, it is celebrated on the Thursday before Easter commemorating the Last Supper, at which Jesus and the Apostles were together for the last time. |
| April 14     | Good Friday (Christian)  
Known as Holy Friday in Eastern Christianity, it commemorates the crucifixion of Jesus on the Friday before Easter/Pascha.  
**Vaisakhi (also spelled Baisakhi – Sikh)**  
The festival which commemorates the founding of the Sikh community as the Khalsa (community of the initiated). On this day, Sikhs gather and celebrate Vaisakhi at their local Gurdwaras (Sikh house of worship) by remembering this day as the birth of the Khalsa. |
| April 16     | Easter (Christian)  
Known as Pascha in Eastern Christianity, it celebrates the resurrection of Jesus. |
| April 21     | Day of Silence  
Students take a day-long vow of silence to protest the actual silencing of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) students and their straight allies due to biases and harassment. |
| April 21-May 2 | Festival of Rívádan (Bahá’í)  
Annual Festival commemorating the 12 days when Bahá'u'lláh, the prophet-founder of the Bahá’í faith, resided in a garden called Rívádan (Paradise) and publicly proclaimed His mission as God’s messenger for this age. The first (April 21), ninth (April 29) and twelfth (May 2) days are celebrated as holy days when Bahá’ís suspend work. |
| April 23     | Yom Hashoah (Jewish)  
“Holocaust Remembrance Day” memorializes the heroic martyrdom of six million Jews who perished in the Nazi Holocaust. |
| April 23     | Armenian Martyrs’ Day  
Memorializes the genocide of some 1.5 million Armenians between 1915 and 1923 in Turkey |
## Local Events with a Diversity focus

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| Hands on Holidays  
Downtown Baltimore Jewish Community Center presents a fun lesson on Passover | April 5, 2017 | Enoch Pratt Free Library- central | [http://calendar.prattlibrary.org/event/hands_on_holidays_passover_3273#.WN2JkJHzruUk](http://calendar.prattlibrary.org/event/hands_on_holidays_passover_3273#.WN2JkJHzruUk) |
| Bunny Bonanza  
Games, activities and crafts  
Breakfast with the Easter Bunny  
| WAMMFEST  
Celebrate women and minorities through media | April 19-22 | Towson University | [http://wammtu.com/about/](http://wammtu.com/about/) |
| Golden Dragon Acrobats  
| Ferocious Beauty:  
| Seventeen Men  
Portraits of black soldiers from the Civil War | to June 4, 2017 | Evergreen Museum | [http://www.museums.jhu.edu/calendar.php](http://www.museums.jhu.edu/calendar.php) |
| Shifting Views: People & Politics in Contemporary African Art  
An exhibit of contemporary art, where each artist offers pointedly political perspectives on the lives of Africans and their diasporic descendants. | To June 18, 2017 | The Baltimore Museum of Art | [http://baltimore.org/events/shifting-views-people-politics-contemporary-african-art](http://baltimore.org/events/shifting-views-people-politics-contemporary-african-art) |
| Out of this World  
| Imagining Home  
| Queer Interiors  
Works on LGBTQI+ home life; pays homage to Baltimore album quilts and the AIDS quilt. | to August 31, 2017 | Baltimore Museum of Art | [https://artbma.org/exhibitions/commons-collaboration-QueerInteriors](https://artbma.org/exhibitions/commons-collaboration-QueerInteriors) |
| Now, That’s Cool!  
Exhibit celebrating 10 Years of Maryland African American history and culture. | To December 31, 2017 | Reginald F. Lewis Museum | [http://baltimore.org/events/now-thats-cool](http://baltimore.org/events/now-thats-cool) |