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COMMITTEE FOR  
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Thursday, January 14, 2021

**Today! CEF Zoom happy hour from 5-6 p.m. ET** – Join your CEF community for a virtual happy few minutes (at least) at CEF’s [Zoom happy hour on today, January 14, from 5-6pm ET](#). Feel free to drop in and visit with your education friends for a while – we’ll have break-out rooms that you can visit to chat with people in smaller groups. [Here is the Zoom link to join starting at 5pm.](#)

### I. Policy Intelligence and Education News

- **Obama Education officials announced for Domestic Policy Council roles** – The Biden-Harris Transition [today announced](#) that Carmel Martin and Catherine Lhamon will be Deputy Directors of the Domestic Policy Council. Both had roles in the Department of Education in the Obama Administration.

### II. Advocacy

- **Creating an advocacy calendar - please submit your events to highlight on social media this year** – As part of CEF’s advocacy on social media we have been highlighting our members’ advocacy initiatives, designating a “CEF Member of the Week” on Twitter and Instagram. [We are asking CEF members to submit information on your events that we can then highlight.](#) We’re keeping a master calendar of events and will be in touch with you as we get close to your event to get approved material - language and images – that we can use and then link to your own sites. Please submit information about your upcoming events – virtual advocacy days/weeks, conferences, briefings, presentations, etc., – at the link below (some of the requested data isn’t relevant for virtual events, but we’re hoping eventually we’ll be back to in-person activities!).

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfJoXZv5Lf-Oud6rXKHZ613r4HDpJ0KeaFI9eqLO88IzbpTPQ/viewform>

### III. Events

- **Today! CEF Zoom happy hour from 5-6 p.m. ET** – Join your CEF community for a virtual happy few minutes (at least) at CEF’s [Zoom happy hour this afternoon from 5-6pm ET](#). Feel free to drop in and visit for a while. Here is the [Zoom link to join anytime from 5-6pm ET](#).
- **Yahrzeit Zoom memorial for Joel Packer on Jan. 21 from 5-6:30 p.m. ET** – Carolyn Henrich is holding a day of remembrance for former CEF Director (and long-time participant) Joel Packer from 5-6:30 p.m. on January 21, the Hebrew calendar date of Joel’s Yahrzeit, the one-year anniversary of his death. She is inviting Joel’s friends in the education community to join the Zoom remembrance,

which will have a brief service to remember Joel, honor his memory, and provide an opportunity to share stories about him. The [Zoom link to join is here](#).

- **CEF's upcoming schedule -**
  - **Thursday, Jan. 14** – 5:00-6:00 p.m. ET, [CEF Zoom happy hour](#). Feel free to drop in to chat!
  - **Friday, Jan. 15** - 9:30-11:00 a.m. ET, [Zoom Friday meeting](#). Guest speakers: House Education and Labor Committee Democratic staff.
  - **Friday, Jan. 22** – No CEF Meeting.
  - **Friday, Jan. 29** - 9:30-11:30 a.m. ET, [Zoom quarterly committee meeting](#). This is the first chance for CEF's committees (Advocacy and Hill Teams, Social Media, Research, Membership and Bylaws, and Gala planning) to meet and work on plans for the year. We will hold monthly planning calls with each committee throughout the year.
  - **Friday, Feb. 5** - 9:30-11:00 a.m. ET, [Zoom Friday meeting](#). Primer on the "Budget Reconciliation Process: What it Could Mean for Education"
  - **Friday, Feb. 12** - 9:30-11:00 a.m. ET, [Zoom Friday meeting](#). Guest speaker TBD.
  - **Friday, Feb. 19** – No CEF Meeting during the congressional recess.