

The Interfaith Center has entered the summer with a bang with the launch of our totally revamped website: <http://interfaithcenter.org>

Please come check it out, we would love to hear any feedback or comments.

A great new feature of the new website is our eblast submission form, found at <http://interfaithcenter.org/eblast>. This form allows you to share info about your event with us simply and quickly so that we can share it with our whole e-blast list!

Below we list upcoming programs sponsored by the Interfaith Center of New York, followed by events that may be of interest in the New York area. A listing does not imply endorsement.

## Interfaith Center of New York Events

### **Become A Partner of Prepare New York**

Prepare New York is a community-building initiative created to promote connection between New Yorkers, with particular attention to religious pluralism and the need to counter religious intolerance in this tenth anniversary year following the attacks of September 11, 2001. We are inviting houses of worship and community organizations all over New York City to host "conversations" in support of this goal sometime between now and the end of this year. There will also be an interfaith event on 9/11/11 (details to be announced soon), and a new Prepare NY video is coming in early July. (For more information see [www.prepareny.com](http://www.prepareny.com))

**Action Partners** are organizations who agree to support the goals of Prepare New York. **Congregational Partners** are congregations who agree to support the goals of Prepare New York. Click here to send me an email to sign up, or to request more information: [annie@interfaithcenter.org](mailto:annie@interfaithcenter.org) .

And....don't forget to sign up as an individual member at [www.prepareny.com](http://www.prepareny.com) .

**Prepare NY Coffee Hour Conversations Are Underway** (<http://prepareny.com/page/coffeehour-conversations>)

## Interfaith Center of NY Co-sponsored events

### Take Action on Unjust Deportations:

Ask President Obama to sign an Executive Order to prevent deportation by signing a petition at <http://www.pencampaign.com/>

June 30<sup>th</sup> is the New York Immigration Coalition's Day of Action on Deportation. The Interfaith Center of New York is a member of the New York Interfaith Network for Immigration Reform, an endorser of the Pen Campaign.

### The Road That Teaches – 7 conversations at the Rubin museum

Location: Rubin Museum of Art. 150 West 17<sup>th</sup> street, NY, NY 10011

Seven on-stage conversations this summer

*Wed, July 13, 7 p.m. \$20*

Andrew Cohen + Howard Bloom

Is faith a function of the individual or of society? The pioneer of EnlightenNext and the media analyst discuss.

*Wed, July 20, 7 p.m. \$15*

Hughie O'Donoghue + Jonathan Haidt

A British artist and a psychologist explore memory, myth, and morality.

*Wed, July 27, 7 p.m. \$15*

Tenzin Wangyal Rinpoche + Eliza Griswold

The first lama to bring the Bön dzogchen teachings to the West meets the award-winning poet (author of *The Tenth Parallel*) to explore the knife-edge where eastern belief systems, Islam and Christianity meet.

*Wed, August 10, 7 p.m. \$15*

Bishop Pat Buckley + Satya Dev Negi

The excommunicated and dissident Irish priest sits down with Satya Dev Negi the Director of the Emory-Tibet Partnership from Emory University.

Presented in association with the Institute for Art, Religion and Social Justice and Imagine Ireland

[www.rmanyc.org/theroadthatteaches](http://www.rmanyc.org/theroadthatteaches) for more info

### **The Ruben Museum of Art presents: Lunch Matters – Art of Faith**

Location: Ruben Museum of Art. 150 West 17<sup>th</sup> street, NY, NY 10011. Wednesdays at 1pm. \$10 admission.

*July 6<sup>th</sup>*

Judaism: Part 1

Illuminations production for Sky Arts, 2008, UK, 25 minutes. The first chapter of the Art of Faith series explores the intersections between architecture and Judaism. We visit Masada and Toledo, the Old-New Synagogue in Prague and the Bevis Marks Synagogue in London

*July 13<sup>th</sup>*

Judaism: Part 2

Illuminations production for Sky Arts, 2008, UK, 29 minutes. We start our journey at the Dohany Street Synagogue in Budapest and end at the Beth Shalom Synagogue in Philadelphia with pitstops in Liverpool and New York City. Post film discussion moderated by Joy Kestenbaum

*July 20<sup>th</sup>*

Christianity: Part 1

Illuminations production for Sky Arts, 2008, UK, 25 minutes. This film marks the first of two episodes introducing Christian architecture. We begin the voyage at St. Catherine's Cathedral Monastery in Mount Sinai, moving on to the Basilica of San Vitale in Ravenna, followed by Durham Cathedral and the Cathedral of Our Lady of Chartes. **Moderated by the Interfaith Center's Executive Director, The Rev. Chloe Breyer!**

*July 27*

Christianity: Part 2

Illuminations production for Sky Arts, 2008, UK, 29 minutes. This film covers Christian architecture in a number of cities ranging from Moscow to Seattle. Post-film discussion moderated by Bob Jaeger.

## **Other Interfaith Events Around NYC**

### **Brown Bag Discussion: Grassroots Peace building in Somalia**

Location: One UN Plaza (DC-1), Julia Taft Conference Room, 20<sup>th</sup> Floor. Thursday, 30 June 2011, 1-2:30pm

Mr. Antti Pentikainen, Conflict Transformation Director of Religions for Peace (RfP), has been heavily engaged with peace and conflict issues in Somalia for several years. At present, RfP is facilitating an on-going dialogue process with Somali elders and religious leaders as part of a grass-root peacebuilding initiative in Somaliland, Puntland and South-Central Somalia. These traditional elders' structures are important constituencies with significant potential for establishing peace in a country like Somalia where national governance structures are so fragile and divided. But, the UN and international actors often have difficulty reaching out to these communities given the level of local knowledge required and long-term contact needed to build relationships and trust.

Mr. Pentikainen will share some insights from his experience along with recommendations that the elders and religious leaders have provided on how to achieve peace in Somalia. Mr. Pentikainen has previously spoken on Somalia at CSIS in Washington, for the diplomatic community at the UN and in other venues. Please join us.

Please be informed that there will be one organized pick-up at 12.45 p.m. in the DC-1 lobby for participants who do not have a UN pass which is needed to enter the building. We regret that arrivals after that time cannot be picked up and escorted into the building and will not be able to attend.

**2011 Summer Health Fair**

Location: Co-Op City - Dreiser Center 'Auditorium B' (2nd Floor). 177 Dreiser Loop – BX 10475 .  
Wednesday, July 13th, 9:30am-3:00pm.

The Dept. of Health, has determined that the Bronx has one of the highest rates of asthma, diabetes and childhood obesity in all of NYC's five boroughs. It also has the highest percentage of children and teens living with a parent with AIDS, or who have lost one or both parents to the disease. The Bronx also has the highest number of teen births and the highest infant mortality rate in all of New York City. For this very reason we are asking that you participate in our 2011 Health Fair, and join us in preventing illness by staying informed and healthy.

Free Health Screenings and Exhibits

Something for everyone...Information on:

- Alcohol/Drug Abuse Prevention/Treatment • Breast Cancer Prevention • Senior Home Care
- Domestic Violence • Financial Issues (Social Security/Medicare) • Nutrition • Exercise for Seniors

- And much more!

**For Adults:**

- Blood Pressure Screening
- Blood Sugar (Glucose) Screening • Cholesterol Screening • Exercise Analysis • Prescriptions – Ask About Yours! **For Children:** • Child Safety Information & Coloring Books.

**Harmony Day July 3rd Picnic**

Location #1: Miller Field, Staten Island. July 3<sup>rd</sup>

Location #2: Prospect Park, Brooklyn, July 3<sup>rd</sup>

This Independence Day weekend, come out and have fun by joining us for a **free** picnic at the Staten Island Miller Field in New Dorp or in Brooklyn's Prospect Park.

Starting at Noon and ending at 5 PM, it will be a day in the sun (or shade) to have fun with family, friends, and neighbors.

All are welcome and will be treated to lots of free delicious hotdogs, hamburgers, salads, fruits, and drinks, including Kosher, Halal, and Vegetarian options so everyone can come out and enjoy themselves.

There will be fun for the whole family, but especially games and live performances for children, in addition to the available swings, slides, and playground. There will be recipe exchange, a free raffle, and parking at the Staten Island location is free.

For more info and to RSVP, contact Natalie Chap at [nchap@commoncause.org](mailto:nchap@commoncause.org) or 917-346-2649 (call this number if you can't find us) or visit

[www.commoncause.org/ny/july3picnic](http://www.commoncause.org/ny/july3picnic) or [www.GetToKnowYourNeighborSI.org](http://www.GetToKnowYourNeighborSI.org)

Please RSVP so we can prepare enough FREE food :), and that will also enter you in the FREE picnic raffle: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/5KNQZHJ>

**CONNECT Faith and Riverside Church invite you to: Summer Film Festival  
Made in the Image of God: Power, Mutuality, and Intimate Justice**

Location: The Riverside Church. 490 Riverside Drive, NY, NY 10027. Room 411. Sunday July 17<sup>th</sup> and August 21<sup>st</sup>, 1-3pm

July 17: *Killing Us Softly 4: Advertising's Image of Women* (45min) In this highly anticipated update of her pioneering *Killing Us Softly* series, the first in more than a decade, Jean Kilbourne takes a fresh look at how advertising traffics in distorted and destructive ideals of femininity. The film marshals a range of new print and television advertisements to lay bare a stunning pattern of damaging gender stereotypes -- images and messages that too often reinforce unrealistic, and unhealthy, perceptions of beauty, perfection, and sexuality, and contribute to violence against women.

August 21: *Take My Eyes/ Te Doy Mis Ojos* (In Spanish, with English subtitles) ( 109 min)  
Critically acclaimed for its unclichééd treatment of domestic violence, this film won seven Goya Awards in 2004, including Best Picture, Best Director, Best Lead Actor and Best Lead Actress. In this powerful story about one woman's journey to safety and empowerment, the director unveils the complex dynamics of abuse from multiple angles: the young son, the abusive husband, and the woman who must make complicated and painful decisions. This film was also nominated for the Ariel Award in 2005 in the category *Best Iberoamerican Film*.

**Peace Pole Dedication: An Interfaith Gathering for Reflection & Hope**

Location: 53 St. Marks Place. August 28<sup>th</sup>. 2pm-5:30pm

Our Journey Will Begin at **Saint Peter's Catholic Church**

53 St. Marks Place (Between Nicholas Street & Westervelt Avenue)

We will then walk to **Al-Ihsan Mosque**

406 – St. Mark's Place

On foot we will continue on to **The Staten Island Ferry Terminal**

For more Information call (718) 816-1998 or

visit our website: ***buildingbridgessi.org*** for this and other BBCSI events

### **Reduce Waste at Your House of Worship**

Want to protect the earth by increasing recycling at your house of worship or faith-based school? GreenFaith's free Waste Audit resource can help. It's fun, easy - and memorable - and a great way to get your youth group involved.

Visit: <http://greenfaith.org/resource-center/stewardship/waste-reduction-and-recycling/waste-audits> for more info or to sign up!