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

******Interfaith Center of New York*
Events*****

ICNY Annual James Parks Morton Awards & Gala Dinner

Date: Monday, June 6, 2011, 6:30pm

Location: Tribeca Rooftop, 2 Desbrosses Street, New York, NY (intersection of Hudson and Canal Streets)

We are celebrating the internationally acclaimed award-winning musician Wynton Marsalis! Master of Ceremonies: Nancy Giles, Actor & CBS News Sunday Morning Contributor.

Please contact Ellen Greeley via email or phone for ticket information (ellen@interfaithcenter.org OR 212 870-3511). You can purchase your ticket online at <http://www.icny.eventbrite.com>

Prepare New York Coffee Hour Conversation: Mourning in Jewish, Christian and Muslim Traditions

Date: [June 6, 2011](#), 6:30pm to 9pm

Location: [St. Paul's Chapel, Trinity Wall Street](#), 209 Broadway (at Fulton), New York City

Join in a coffee hour conversation organized by Jewish and Union Theological Seminaries. For more information call: 917-310-4923.

Prepare New York Coffee Hour Conversation: Healing is Jewish, Christian, and Muslim Traditions

Date: [June 13, 2011](#), 6:30pm to 9pm

Location: [St. Paul's Chapel](#) 209 Broadway at Fulton, New York City

Join in a coffee hour conversation organized by Jewish and Union Theological Seminaries. For more information call: 917-310-4923.

Prepare New York Coffee Hour Conversation: Two Mayors, Two Communities, Two Peoples: Building Bridges in the Middle East

Date: [June 14, 2011](#) from 7:30pm to 9:30pm

Location: [Anshe Chesed Synagogue](#) 251 West 100th Street (between Broadway & West End Ave.)

Speakers: Nazia Masrawa, Major of the Israeli Arab village of Kfar Qara; Chaim Gash, Mayor of the Israeli Jewish town of Pardes-Hanna-Karkur. Both are partners in Givat Haviva's "Shared Communities" project.

Do you have a work project at your house of worship?

One of the Interfaith Center's partners may organize an interfaith service day in connection with the tenth anniversary of September 11, 2001. If you have a project that could use some extra hands, and you would be willing to host a group of volunteers to work on it, please contact Annie Rawlings, Prepare NY Education Director for The Interfaith Center of New York: annie@interfaithcenter.org 212-870-3518.

*****Events Co-Sponsored by the Interfaith Center of New York*****

Special Workshop: Interfaith Dialogue on Symbolism

Date: Thursday, June 9th, 2011, 9am-Noon

Location: NYTS Conference Room A (#505), The Inter Church Center, 475 Riverside drive, 5th floor

Speakers include: Ven. T. Kenjitsu Nakagaki (Buddhist), Dr. MG Prasad (Hinduism), Naresh Jain (Jain), Rabbi Jo David (Judaism)

We are aware of the painful memories that the svastika (swastika) symbol represents in the west where it is seen by many as a symbol of the hate and genocide perpetuated by the Nazis. However, the svastika has also been an important ancient holy symbol of happiness, well-being, and good luck for Buddhists, Hindus, Jains and Native Americans for more than 2000 years.

The intention of the workshop is to bring awareness to the interfaith community about the rich history, meaning and culture of the svastika symbol despite its being hijacked and misused politically by Nazis Germany during the World War II. Correct knowledge and understanding is essential for our world. This workshop will give a space to have dialogue between the East and the West. We will have time for Q & A / discussion.

This dialogue is a component of Rev. T.K. Nakagaki's doctoral dissertation project at the New York Theological Seminary (NYTS).

Seats are limited. Please RSVP to TK Nakagaki (646-797-7982/ e-mail: nakagaki@earthlink.net). Thank you.

The Road That Teaches: Seven On-Stage Conversations About Faith and Pilgrimage at The Rubin Museum of Art

Date: Wednesday evenings June 1 - August 31, 2011, 7 p.m.

Location: Rubin Museum of Art 150 West 17th Street, New York, NY

For tickets and updated details visit: www.rmanyc.org/theroadthatteaches

JUNE 8, 7 p.m. \$15

Richard Kearney + Joseph Prabhu

Philosophers Richard Kearney and Joseph Prabhu explore the interstices of the world religions in an attempt to find common ground.

JUNE 22, 7 p.m. \$15

Abbot Mark Patrick Hederman + Sanford Drob

An advocate of an alternative church to replace the Catholic church in Ireland, the abbot of Glenstal Abbey meets with a psychologist whose engagement with Jewish mysticism and psychology has led to three books on interpretations of the Kabbalah.

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.

JULY 20, 7 p.m. \$15

Hughie O'Donoghue + Jonathan Haidt

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

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.

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.

*****Other Events and
Announcements*****

Compassion in Modern Times: Awakening the Mind, Softening the Heart

Dates: June 17 – 19, 2011

Location: The Reading Room, NY Academy of Medicine, New York, NY

A Three Day Series of Talks on Compassion by Tibetan Buddhist Teacher and Author Dzigar Kongtrul Rinpoche. Compassion cuts to the very core of what connects us as human beings. Explore compassion as philosophy and practice in this three day, 'open attendance' format program, which includes teachings, discussion and a special Sunday morning guided meditation session led by highly regarded Buddhist teacher, scholar and author. For more information: www.mangalashribhuti.org/nyc (646) 470-9259

The New-York Historical Society Presents "Making Our Democracy Work: A Judge's View" with Associate Supreme Court Justice Stephen G. Breyer

Date: Tuesday, May 31, 6:30 pm

Location: New York Society for Ethical Culture, 2 West 64th Street at Central Park West

How does the Constitution, an 18th-century document, relate to and dictate the laws of a 21st-century society? Through the analysis of past cases, including those concerning slavery, the Cherokee Indians, and detainees at Guantánamo Bay, Justice Stephen Breyer examines the Court's arduous—and often turbulent—journey to establish its legitimacy as guardian of the Constitution and explains how the Court can continue promoting a workable democracy going forward.

Tickets: \$20 (N-YHS members \$10). To order tickets, call SmartTix at (212)868-4444 or <http://www.smarttix.com/show.aspx?showcode=mak5D5&ss=1>.

2011 Envision Conference: Caring for the Community of Creation: Climate Change, Environmental Justice and Prophetic Faith

Dates: June 16-18

Location: Interchurch Center, 475 Riverside Dr. New York, NY

You are invited to come out to ENVISION 2011, a faith gathering on "*Caring for the Community of Creation*" that will be between June 16-18th at the The Interchurch Center (475 Riverside Drive) in New York City. ENVISION 2011 will help participants become "bridge builders" among Christian communities and academic disciplines for the sake of the good creation. Scientists, activists, theologians, and church leaders will sit at common tables to discuss how they can better protect the environment and work for environmental justice. Randy Woodley (George Fox University), Dale Irvin (New York Theological Seminary), Lisa Sharon Harper (New York Theological Seminary), Elizabeth Yeampierre (UPROSE), and Gary Dorrien (Union Theological Seminary) among others, will be speaking. This gathering is modeling the kind of faith-rooted activism that we need to see more of - to both heal the Christian community and God's Creation. If you are interested in thinking outside the box and addressing the environmental crisis, be sure to register today at www.nyts.edu/envision and the facebook page <http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=205562486133009>. For further questions email Janet Martin at janethmartin@gmail.com

The Genius of Islam

Date: Thursday, June 2, 2011 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Location: Park51, 31 West 27th Street, 9th floor New York, NY 10001

A special presentation, discussion & book signing with acclaimed author Bryn Barnard

The Muslim world has often been a bridge between East and West, but many of Islam's crucial innovations are hidden within the folds of history. In this important book, Bryn Barnard uses short, engaging text and gorgeous full color artwork to bring Islam's contributions gloriously to life.

The Genius of Islam is the definitive guide to a fascinating topic. For more information: katerina.lucas@park51.org or call 646.808.2236.

2011 Bronx Gun Buy Back

Date: Saturday, June 4, 2011, 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Locations:

Grace Temple

2401 Marion Avenue Bronx, NY 10458 Pastor Olusegun Aposeo(718-367-6937)

Bronx Pentecostal Church

1755 Watson Avenue Bronx, NY 10473 Bishop Clarence Jones (718-822-6929)

Our Lady of Grace Church

3985 Bronxwood Avenue Bronx, NY 10466 Father Levelt Germain (718-652-4817)

Turn in operable hand guns for a \$200 Cash Card.

Women in Islam, Inc. 10th Annual Dr. Betty Shabazz Awards Ceremony

Honoring Women Who Dedicate Their Lives to Helping Others

Date: Sunday, June 26, 3-6 PM

Location: Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, 515 Malcolm X Boulevard at 135th Street
New York, NY

Reserve tickets & pay in advance: <http://drshabazzawards.eventsbot.com/>

To pay by check or cash and for additional information, email rsvp@womeninislam.org or go to www.womeninislam.org. Tickets: \$35.

Dr. Betty Shabazz Award Honorees:

Congresswoman Yvette Clarke

New York City, 11th District

Tayyibah Taylor

Founder, Editor-in-Chief and Publisher, Azizah Magazine

Compass Award Recipients:

Faiza Ali

Community Activist

Kayhan Irani

Artist and Activist, Artivista

Aliya Latif

Research Associate, Islamic Center of NYU

Metropolitan NY Religious Campaign Against Torture Presents: "Torture in New York State Prisons?"

Date: Tuesday, June 21st at 7PM

Location: Riverside Church 490 Riverside Drive New York, New York 10027

This important event will focus on conditions within New York State Prisons and the use of solitary confinement and its impact on prisoners. Writer Mary Beth Pfeiffer and Jack Beck will speak on their areas of expertise.

Sponsors: MNYRCAT - Metropolitan NY Religious Campaign Against Torture, RHR-NA - Rabbis for Human Rights North America, MNYRCAT and RHR-NA are affiliates of NRCAT, the National Religious Campaign Against Torture. For more information: Patricia Chernoff patriciachernoff@verizon.net or Linda Rousseau rousseauulinda@gmail.com

"Journey of the Universe" Documentary Screening

Date: Thursday, June 2 at 6:30 p.m.

Location: United Nations, , North Lawn Building, Conference Room 3 (enter at the UN Public Entrance at 46th Street and First Avenue).

Admission is free but you must be registered to attend. To register send a message with your name and affiliation to info@nyo.unep.org. The documentary tells the 14-billion-year story of cosmic, Earth and human emergence, and will be shown at the United Nations in observance of World Environment Day, followed by discussion with filmmakers Brian Swimme, Mary Evelyn Tucker and John Grim. To learn more about the film: <http://www.journeyoftheuniverse.org/>

Youth For Understanding Is Now Accepting Applications to Host Outstanding International Scholarship Recipients for 2011-12 School Year!

6 students from a variety of countries (5 Muslim and 1 Christian), are the winners of the Kennedy-Lugar YES (Youth Exchange and Study) Scholarship! These extraordinary students will spend one academic year living with an American host family and studying at an American public High School. They are selected for this honor, based on their academic records and ability to present themselves as "cultural ambassadors". The K-L YES program was conceived following the events of 9/11 and has been immensely successful since it's inception in 2003. YES scholars leave their exchange year with a better understanding of American culture and educational opportunities. Likewise, all the host families are changed forever in their ability to understand global concerns. Host a student today by contacting Rebecca Sommer-Petersen at rpetersen@yfu.org (617) 868-3660 at the "Youth For Understanding" Northeast District Office.