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

Interfaith Center Events

The Interfaith Center of New York is organizing the Interfaith Service at Occupy Wall Street for Sunday, November 13 at 3:30 pm in Zuccotti Park. If you are interested in participating, contact Katherine Clark kclark@interfaithcenter.org or Annie Rawlings annie@interfaithcenter.org. See the bottom of the newsletter for more information on Faith-based support for Occupy Wall Street.

Domestic Violence Trainings

The Interfaith Center of New York and CONNECT is offering free educational workshops, support and technical assistance to religious leaders who recognize that domestic violence is an issue in their community and who wish to develop skills to respond safely and effectively to crises when they arise as well as educate their communities so that further abuse can be prevented.

In a series of educational workshops, religious leaders will explore the tactics and dynamics of abuse, crises intervention, and how to prevent domestic violence, including how to raise awareness about abuse in pre-marital counseling, youth groups, and the entire faith community. After religious leaders have completed the workshops, we will offer support and technical assistance as they develop Building Peaceful Families initiatives in their own community.

For further information:

Tel: 212.870.3515; E-mail: alyssa@interfatihcenter.org

Remaining Sessions:

Session 5: Wednesday, November 2, 1pm – 5pm

Session 6: Wednesday, November 9, 1pm – 5pm

Sessions are BY ENROLLMENT ONLY.

“Coffee Hour” Training

This two-hour course provides the basic skills needed to host a public discussion (otherwise known as a [CoffeeHour Conversation](#)) in the context of Prepare New York (PrepareNY.com).

The Coffee Hours were – and continue to be – crucial in enabling people to embrace constructive and respectful understandings of 9/11 in connection with the tenth anniversary of the 9/11 attacks. As Prepare New York's efforts toward hope and healing continue, participants will hear about the efforts and achievements of this first-of-a-kind Interfaith Coalition of New York-based organizations, and will be given the tools to facilitate public conversations to celebrate religious pluralism, and counter Islamophobia, anti-"other" bias, and misconceptions of other minority faith communities.

This training is ideal for youth programs. We will come to your venue.

Contact: Katerina Ragoussi kragoussi@auburnseminary.org

Host a Thanksgiving "Coffee Hour"

This Thanksgiving season, ICNY encourages you to celebrate religious and other forms of diversity in our city. Gather with friends, neighbors, coworkers from different faiths or cultures. Give thanks together for the gifts you bring to one another. Tell us about your gathering: take a photo, make a video, write about your experience. Send photos, films, stories to Annie Rawlings: annie@interfaithcenter.org.

Prepare NY's "coffee hours" continue through the Thanksgiving season. You can participate! Contact Annie for more information: annie@interfaithcenter.org.

Standing Up To "Appearance-ism", Stereotyping, Xenophobia, Islamophobia - A brown-bag lunch featuring Anya Cordell.

Time: Wednesday, November 9, 12:00 noon – 1:30 pm

Location: The Interchurch Center – Sockman Lounge (1st Floor) W. 120th Street/Riverside Drive in Manhattan.

Anya Cordell, the recipient of the [2010 Spirit of Anne Frank Award](#), is a speaker, writer, and activist working passionately against any group being designated as "Other".

She focuses on the universal experience of the injustice of "appearance-ism" (appearance-based judging of ourselves and others), as a core issue to inspire everyone to combat all types of bias. Anya's journey led her, a Jewish woman, to reach out to strangers after 9/11, founding The Campaign for Collateral Compassion to raise awareness of today's current chilling climate, fomenting a backlash against Muslims, Sikhs, Hindus and others.

She inspires audiences to forge unlikely alliances to combat "anti-Other-ism" with programs, effective strategies, and initiatives tackling "appearance-ism", teasing, bullying, homophobia, age-ism, xenophobia, Islamophobia, racism, self-hate, and all stereotyping. For more information, contact Annie Rawlings: annie@interfaithcenter.org

Anya has some availability for other speaking engagements while she is in New York City November 7 through 11. Contact her directly: info@appearance-ism.com.

Cosponsored Events

Know Your Rights and Responsibilities Forums

ICNY is a member of the steering committee for [One Nation](#) which has partnered with the [Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs](#) and [The New York Community Trust](#) to create [One NYC One Nation](#). Know Your Rights and Responsibilities Forums are a vital component of this joint partnership. One NYC One Nation provides tools to better access city government, train emerging leaders, promote financial empowerment, and support college readiness through targeted immigrant civic engagement zones. The forums are aimed at informing immigrant New Yorkers about city services and opportunities to become more involved in their communities.

Click here for a [program overview](#).

Neighborhood Leadership Institutes

The [Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs](#) and [The New York Community Trust](#), in partnership with [Citizens Committee for New York City](#), are offering free skill-building workshops for emerging immigrant leaders. The workshops will cover navigating city government, the fundamentals of organizing communities and grassroots fundraising. Groups will be invited to apply for micro-grant funds and project planning assistance to undertake a community improvement project upon completion of the Neighborhood Leadership Institute. The Neighborhood Leadership Institutes target priority neighborhoods with fast-growing immigrant communities.

Click here for a [program overview](#).

“Building an Inclusive New York: How Far Have We Come? Where Can We Go From Here?”

Date: November 6, 2011

Time: 12:30 – 2:00 p.m.

Location: St. Bartholomew's Church, 325 Park Avenue (between 50th and 51st), room 42

Info:

Gerry Bogacz, planning director for the New York Metropolitan Transportation Council (NYMTC) since 1997, is a survivor of two attacks on the World Trade Center. He is an active member of the 9/11 Community for Common Ground Initiative, which brings together volunteers from the 9/11 community – family members, survivors, recovery workers – and seeks to highlight the common ground shared by different religious and cultural groups.

Hesham El-Meligy, an interfaith and community leader from Staten Island, is a founding member of the Building Bridges Coalition of Staten Island, the New York Neighbors for American Values Coalition, and the National Coalition to Protect Civil Freedoms. A member of Staten Island Clergy Leadership, he is the current coordinator for the Coalition for Muslim School Holidays and a trustee to the Muslim Foundation of America. He received the "Peacemaker" award from Peace Action in 2009.

Moderator: The Rev. Buddy Stallings, Vicar, St. Bartholomew's

This event is free and open to all; no reservations are needed. For more information, see <http://www.stbarts.org/episcopal-peace-fellowship/> or write epfsb@gmail.com.

Interfaith Diwan and Dinner: Come Learn with the Sikh Community

Time: November 17, 2011 from 7pm to 9pm

Location: Manhattan Sikh Association

Street: 104 E. 30th Street (between Park and Lexington) New York (Manhattan)

Contact: hannah.shirey@unitedsikhs.org or nomi.teutsch@unitedsikhs.org Phone: 646-688-3525

Info: Come learn about the world's 5th largest but little-known religion, Sikhism (or Sikhi). The door is always open to non-Sikhs to join in Sikh's activities and prayer, but on November 17th special programming will accompany the traditional service so that Sikhs and non-Sikhs can learn together. Join us for an introduction to Sikhi at a diwan, a service that includes a reading of the sacred text (The Guru Granth Sahib), singing and chanting, and a Q&A session during langar, a community meal central to the Sikh tradition of equality and service.

RSVP, if possible. Door is open to walk-ins. Organized By: UNITED SIKHS, Prepare NY, Faith Act Fellowship, Manhattan Sikh Association, Tony Blair Faith Foundation

Other New York Events

Diwali (Festival of Lights) In Commemoration of the 10th Anniversary of 9/11

Date: November 6, 2011

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Location: Castle Clinton (17 Battery Place, New York, NY 10005)

Contact: 718-460-8484 Ext. 112

Info: The Hindu Temple Society of North America will be celebrating the theme of Diwali (Festival of Lights) in commemoration of the 10th Anniversary of 9/11 on Sunday, November 6th by lighting 3000 candles at Castle Clinton (Battery Park) at 4:00 PM.

A Prayer Breakfast for Living Wages

Date: Thursday November 3, 2011

Time: 9:00 am to 10:30 am

Location: Park Avenue Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) 1010 Park Avenue & 85th Street
New York, New York 10028

Contact: 212-288-3246, ext. 102 www.parkavenuechristian.com

Info: The Living God is moving powerfully in our City at this moment, please come prepared to pray together for the passage of the Fair Wages for New Yorkers Act in the City Council. We are getting excited about "Many Voices, One Goal: A Gathering for a Living Wage" that will take place at Riverside Church on Monday, November 21, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. With our faithful prayers, active advocacy and the power of God, we will achieve the Victory!
RSVP: Rev. Gail Davis winimge@aol.com or 347-267-7465.

"Many Voices, One Goal": Good Jobs for New York

Date: Monday, November 21st, 6:30pm

Location: The Riverside Church – 490 Riverside Drive

Info: Join faith leaders, community members, workers, labor leaders, and elected officials to call for passage of the Fair Wages for New Yorkers Act! In the news last week we learned the poverty rate in New York State has increased to 16%, the highest in thirteen years. Today nearly 1 in 6 New Yorkers are living in poverty, and many are *working adults*. The need for a living wage is more urgent now than ever. When our tax dollars go to create jobs, we should raise job standards, not keep people poor.

Add *your voice* to the growing number of supporters calling for economic justice in our city. Now is the time! RSVP: Stephanie Basile: [212-684-5381](tel:212-684-5381) / sbasile@rwdsu.org

Arabic for Kids

Date: Every Sunday starting October 9, 2011

Time: 3:30 pm – 4:30 p.m.

Location: Park 51 (51 Park Place New York, NY 10007)

Event Contact: info@Park51.org

Info: Arabic Classes for Kids (Arabic Learning Treasure Chest included)

Every Sunday Starting: October 9, 2011

3:30 pm – 4:30 pm

10 classes for 1 child: \$250

10 classes for 2 children: \$400

Free Immigration Clinic, Central Brooklyn

Date: Thursday, November 10

Time: 6pm - 9pm

Location: Mt. Zion Church of God (7th Day) 203 E 37th St (Btw Church Ave / Linden Blvd)
Brooklyn, NY 11203

Event Contact: Church office: (718) 284-1097 Email: flatbushevents@gmail.com

Info: The NYC Immigrant Advocacy Initiative (NYCIAI) was launched in 2007 as a collaborative effort between the City Bar Justice Center and New York Chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers Association. NYCIAI holds immigration clinics throughout the city. On Thursday, November 10, 2011, 6-9pm at the Mt. Zion Church of God Fellowship Hall, 203 E 37th St (Btw Church Ave & Linden Blvd) in Brooklyn, residents will be given free 20-30 minute appointments with experienced immigration attorneys, who will consult them about their various immigration concerns.

Faith Support for Occupy Wall Street

OWS OUTREACH WEEKEND - Currently OWS organizers are planning an "outreach weekend" where occupiers will go out in twos and threes to various communities around the city to offer volunteer work on the weekend of November 11-13. If you or your community has a unique location/volunteer opportunity you feel might be appropriate, please contact Julien Harrison (julienrharrison@gmail.com) in the OWS outreach committee with your idea.

WINTER IS COMING - and finally, as a reminder, if you or your community is able to offer material support to OWS in Zuccotti Park this winter, either through gifts of blankets, or through

physical space (industrial kitchens in high demand), or through volunteers, please contact our Support Committee leader, Juan-Carlos Ruiz (sanctuary69@gmail.com).

SUNDAY AFTERNOON INTERFAITH SERVICES CONTINUE: 3:30 pm at Zuccotti Park. If you are interested in participating, contact: please contact Rev. John Merz (ascensionbrooklyn@gmail.com) or Eric Jackson (ejackson@drew.edu).