



July 2016 Interfaith Center of New York E-Announcements

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Message from ICNY Executive Director

Dear Friends,

On behalf of The Interfaith Center of New York's staff and board, I would like to express our deep gratitude to everyone who contributed to ICNY's JPM 2016 Fundraising Campaign. Thanks to your generosity ICNY raised even more than we did at last year's JPM Annual Awards Dinner and met our final \$25,000 matching grant in less than a week. Whether you gave to the Interfaith Center for the first time or continued an ongoing commitment, you have put us on solid footing as we continue to educate teachers and social workers, advocate for religious freedom, and bring together religiously diverse youth to help make our city safe from religious intolerance.

In Washington DC, intolerance was unfortunately on display again last week in the premise of Senator Ted Cruz's Senate Judiciary hearings "Willful Blindness—The Consequences of Agency Efforts to De-Emphasize Radical Islam in Combating Terrorism." See statements submitted for the record from [Amnesty International](#), [Muslim Advocates](#), and [The Interfaith Center of New York](#).

Back in New York this month, the Interfaith Center is delighted to be welcoming twenty-five National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Scholars from around the country. Under the direction of ICNY's Dr. Henry Goldschmidt, these K-12 teachers from public, private, and parochial schools will be listening to scholars and diverse religious practitioners and visiting houses of worship across the city. They will be taking ideas and materials back with them to enrich their own courses on religious diversity at home.

Finally, ICNY is still accepting registrations for our day-long [Rabbi Marshall Meyer Retreat](#) at the Ganesh Temple in Flushing, New York on July 7 from 9:30-4. The conference will enable religiously diverse youth to speak out for the future of a more

inclusive New York City. Youth and adults committed to this topic are welcome. For more information, contact Iman Boukadoum at Iman@interfaithcenter.org.

Best Wishes,



Rev. Chloe Breyer
Executive Director
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Youth Speak Out

The 32nd Rabbi Marshall Meyer T. Retreat for Social Justice

~~ Please Share with Youth Leaders and Groups ~~

Youth Speak Out
On Religious Diversity & the Future of New York



New Yorkers age 14-24 please join us on Thursday, July 7.
Share your story and speak your mind at a free conference.

Date: Thursday, July 7

Time: 9:30 am - 4:00 pm

Location: The Hindu Temple Society of North America, 45-57 Bowne Street, in Flushing, Queens (transportation available)

The Youth Speak Out conference is the 32nd *Rabbi Marshall T. Meyer Retreat for Social Justice*, The Interfaith Center of New York's flagship program for local community leaders. This one is for the leaders of tomorrow - young New Yorkers, age 14 to 24, of all religious or secular backgrounds. Please join us to meet your peers

from diverse communities, share your experiences of growing up in New York, learn from youth leaders and each other, and develop positive responses to the recent rise in religious bigotry and xenophobia.

Some of the speakers at this event will be:

Sara Fredman Aeder, of the Edgar M. Bronfman Center for Jewish Life at New York University (NYU)

Aber Kawas, Youth Lead Organizer at the Arab American Association of New York

Imam Khalid Latif, Chaplain for New York University and Executive Director for the Islamic Center at NYU

Sharon Lin, full stack developer, designer, writer, and social advocate.

Dr. M.G. Prasad, spiritual disciple of yogi-seer Sriranga Sadguru & Professor of Mechanical Engineering at Stevens Institute of Technology

Jaspreet Singh, member of the Junior Sikh Coalition

Rishi Singh, Director of Youth Organizing at DRUM- Desis Rising Up & Moving

Rev. Dr. Alfonso Wyatt, founder of Strategic Destiny and consultant to the Casey Family Programs Faith-Based Child Welfare Initiative

Vegetarian lunch and snacks will be provided for all participants at the Ganesh Temple Canteen. **Questions?** Contact Iman Boukadoum, the Interfaith Center of NY's Director of Community Partnerships, at 212-870-3515 or iman@interfaithcenter.org.

Register here: <http://interfaithcenter.org/youth-speak-out>

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Other Events



If you have an upcoming event that you think ICNY's audience might like to know about, please notify us by [filling out this event form](#). We will try to include events in future bulletins.

Comment Portal for NYPD Proposed Body Camera Policy



NYPD
New York City Police Department

Policing Project
NYU School of Law

The Policing Project at New York University School of Law is pleased to announce that an online portal is now open for the public to comment on the NYPD's proposed body camera policy. This fall, the NYPD is launching a 1,000-camera pilot of its body-worn camera (BWC) program in select precincts throughout the city. In order to ensure that its body-worn camera program responds to the interests and concerns of the communities it serves, the NYPD has asked the Policing Project to assist the department in gathering public feedback.

The comment and questionnaire portal will be available online from now until July 31, 2016 at: www.nypdbodycameras.org

After the portal is closed, the Policing Project will prepare a report for the NYPD summarizing all of the feedback received. The NYPD then will prepare a public response, explaining how the department adjusted its policy in response and why. The NYPD's effort to solicit public input is an important step for strengthening police-community relations, one that could serve as a model for other departments around the country looking to involve their communities in the policymaking process.

Martyrdom of the Bab



Date: Saturday, July 9

Time: 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm

Location: Bahá'í Center of NYC, 53 E 11th St, New York, New York 10003

Commemoration of the Martyrdom of the Bab, the Prophet Herald of the Bahá'í faith. [The Facebook event is here.](#)

Religious Freedom Center, Newseum Institute
Courses for Religious Leaders and Educators



Dates: Fall 2016 and Spring 2017

Location: 14 week blended learning graduate online courses with 3-day onsite immersion experience at the Newseum in Washington DC.

The Religious Freedom Center of the Newseum Institute is a nonpartisan national initiative focused on educating the American public about the religious liberty principles of the First Amendment. The Religious Freedom Center offers onsite and online classes that prepare religious & civic leaders and educators for effective and principled leadership in a religiously diverse society. Students may enroll in classes for graduate and continuing education credit. They may also receive certificates in Religion and Public Life. For more information, see <http://www.religiousfreedomcenter.org/about/initiatives/leaders/>.

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ADL Calendar of Observances

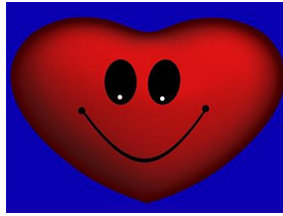


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July 1	LAILA AL-QADR • Islamic "The Night of Power" marks the night in which God first revealed the Qur'an to the Prophet Muhammad. Often fixed as the 27th day of the Islamic month of Ramadan, Sunnis may also observe it on the 21st, 23rd, 25th or 29th. Shi'ites observe it on the 19th, 21st or 23rd of Ramadan.
July 4	INDEPENDENCE DAY Anniversary of the United States Declaration of Independence in 1776.
July 6	EID AL-FITR • Islamic The "Feast of the Breaking of the Fast" marks the end of Ramadan, the holy month of fasting from dawn until dusk. (There may be variances depending upon juridical differences).
July 9	MARTYRDOM OF THE BĀB • Bahá'í Observance of the anniversary of the execution by a firing squad in Tabriz, Persia, of the 30-year-old Siyyid 'Alí-Muhammad, the Báb, the prophet-herald of the Bahá'í Faith.
July 19	DHARMA DAY • Buddhist Also known as <i>Asala Puja</i> , it commemorates the historical Buddha's first discourse following his spiritual awakening.
July 26	ADA (AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT) DAY Commemorates the 1990 signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act, which guarantees equal opportunity for people with disabilities.

The complete ADL Calendar of Observances for 2016 is available [here](#).

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