



## ***March 2018 Interfaith Center of New York Newsletter***

### **Message from ICNY Executive Director**

Dear Friends,

As sometimes happens, Easter and Passover will overlap this year—a reminder that the journey to freedom is a commonly-held theme among faith traditions. [In the same week that United States Customs and Immigration Services took the phrase "a nation of immigrants" out of its mission statement](#), ICNY worked with the **New York Immigration Coalition** on a [multi-faith press conference calling for Congress to pass the Dream Act](#). Rabbi Marisa Elana James of Congregation Beit Simchat Torah observed that “The Bible is filled with stories of people who had to leave the place of their birth and find a new home so that their families could flourish.” **The Rt. Rev. Mary Glasspool, Bishop Assistant of New York** recalled the Episcopal Church's baptismal vow to "strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being."

It has been six months since, [Amanda Morales and her three children](#) entered **Holyrood Episcopal Church--Iglesia Santa Cruz** in Washington Heights to seek physical sanctuary from deportation. Cinthya Santos-Briones, a photographer with [New Sanctuary Coalition](#) has documented their time in sanctuary in a [photo essay of Amanda and her family's daily life](#) in the **The Nation**. It includes text from [Dulce Carvajal, Amanda's eldest daughter](#). For people afraid of deportation and detention and their supporters, **Legal Services NYC - Bronx** have provided an excellent **Know Your Rights** presentation that can be shared in [English](#) and in [Spanish](#).

A few days after the State of the City Address, our partners at the **Micah Institute** held a “**Spirit of the City**” event at the Riverside Church where diverse religious leaders delivered their own assessment of the successes and challenges New York City faces--from affordable housing to public education, police-community relations, economic injustice and more. You can [read City Limit's coverage here](#). The entire text, is available [here](#).


Finally, like so many around the country, ICNY has been both devastated by the mass shooting at **Marjorie Douglas Stoneman High School** in **Parkland, Florida** and inspired by the courage of the student survivors who have called out the [complicity of both the NRA and political leaders in the scourge of deadly mass shootings](#). Follow your kids to Washington DC on March 24th or stay in NYC for the [March for Our Lives](#).

The Interfaith Center of New York is planning for our [2018 James Parks Morton Interfaith Award Dinner on June 11th at the Tribeca Rooftop](#). We are also looking for assistance in this work and will be hiring a **Development Associate/Event Manager** this month. For more information, [visit this link](#).

Best wishes,



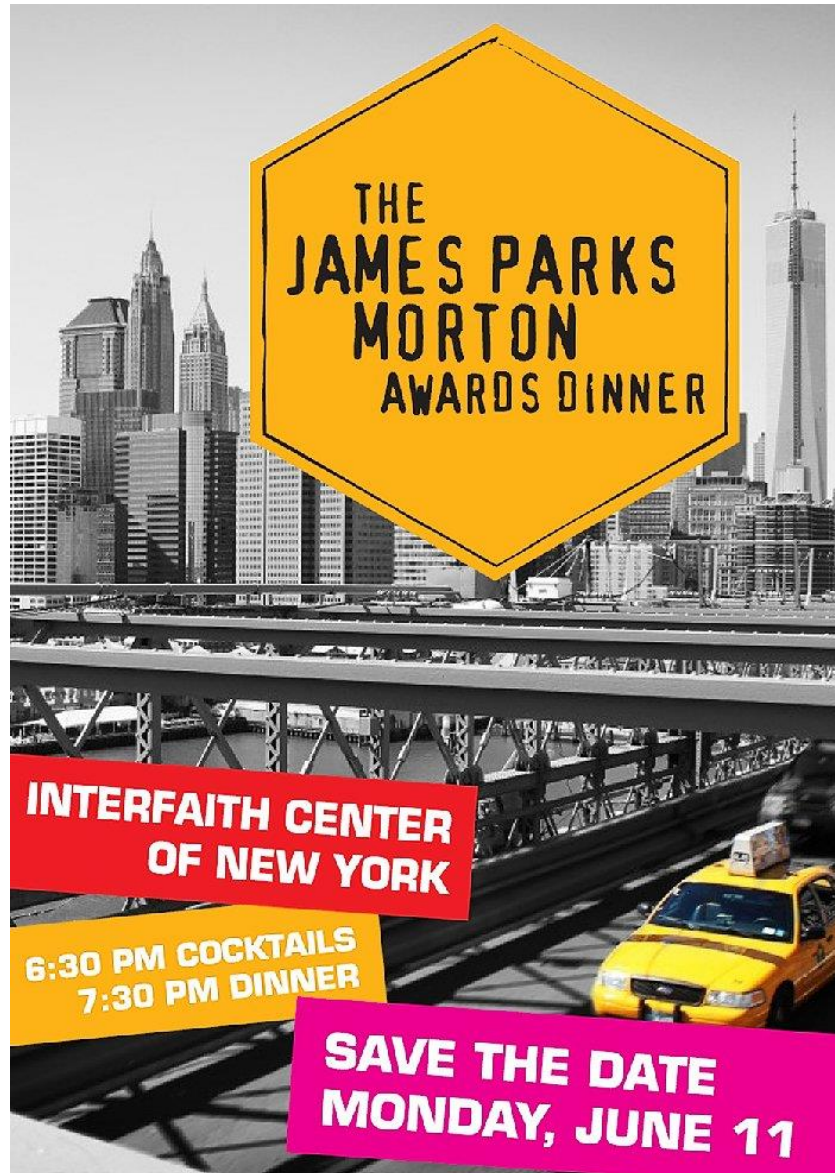
The Rev. Dr. Chloe Breyer  
Executive Director  
The Interfaith Center of New York

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## ICNY Events

***Save the Date:***  
***21st Annual James Parks Morton Interfaith Award Dinner***



Save the date, as we will be celebrating our 21st Anniversary Gala Dinner and James Parks Morton Interfaith Awards ceremony on Monday, June 11, 2018 at the Tribeca Rooftop, 2 Desbrosses St., New York, NY 10013; 6:30 pm cocktails, and 7:30 pm dinner. Ticket information will be available in a few weeks.

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## ICNY Co-Sponsored & Featured Events

*Micah Faith Table Lunch*



**Date:** Thursday, March 15, 2018

**Time:** 12 noon - 2 pm

**Location:** Riverside Church, Room 10T, [490 Riverside Drive, New York, NY 10027](#)

**Advocacy and Action from Islamic Perspectives:  
What to Expect From Our Muslim Sisters and Brother in the Movement**

On March 15, 2018 at 12:00 noon at Riverside Church during the Micah Institute's monthly gathering, a panel of Muslim faith leaders and community action agents will speak about their personal experiences with advocacy and social engagement and what they understand their faith to say about each individual's responsibilities in these areas.

As we work together in the interfaith movement to promote the welfare and well-being of all of the residents of our city, it is important for us to understand what we can and should expect from one another and what our respective faith traditions enable us to do. Imam Talib Abdur-Rashid of the Mosque of Islamic Brotherhood and Hanadi Doleh from Park 51 will be part of the panel. Other participants are still being confirmed.

This is an important conversation for all of us and we look forward to you being present. Please confirm your attendance with Rev. Joel A. Gibson at [joelagibson@gmail.com](mailto:joelagibson@gmail.com).

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***Micah Institute seeking a Seminary Intern for Spring 2018***



## The Micah Institute at The Interfaith Center of New York

**Organizational Description:** Founded in 2010, the Micah Institute at the Interfaith Center educates and organizes faith leaders to fight poverty and injustice.

**Internship Description:** The Micah Institute seeks a called and gifted seminary intern to join its growing and dynamic team this spring. The Micah intern will play a critically important role in advancing Micah's efforts to build a vibrant faith-rooted organizing movement in New York City, with a ripple effect in New York State and the nation. The **two primary responsibilities** of the Micah intern will be to **assist the Director** in the administration and communication tasks essential to carrying out specific Micah initiatives and to **be the support staff for the Community Visits project**. This supervised ministry opportunity will be a part-time position with a stipend.

**Community Visits Project:** The Micah Institute Community Visits Project was launched in 2017 with day-long visits to Harlem and East Harlem, and will continue in 2018 and 2019 with visits to religiously, racially, ethnically, and national origin-diverse neighborhoods in the Bronx, Brooklyn, Queens, and Staten Island – order and dates of the visits to be determined. The goal of the Project is to deepen our knowledge and understanding of the needs and concerns of diverse NYC communities that are the focus of efforts by the Micah Table Economic Justice, Education, Housing, Immigration, and Police Reform Committees to serve as "moral messengers" to NYC elected officials, policy makers, and advocates – in order to ensure the adoption of policies and processes that give *all* New Yorkers access to the resources and supports they need. Planning and organizing our day-long neighborhood visits, which include bus and walking tours and meetings at religiously diverse congregations and CBOs, involves identifying the leaders and institutions to be featured, doing outreach to them and to Micah leaders to invite their participation, drafting the tour and visit agendas, and organizing and providing logistical support for the tours and meetings. To facilitate this process, Visits Committee leaders wish to engage a part-time paid seminary intern committed to interfaith work who would devote at least 6 hours a week to assisting lead visits organizers, with an emphasis on outreach to both institution and Micah leaders and on visits logistics. Selection of the upcoming 2018 visits should be completed in January, and organizing efforts should begin by late January or early February.

**Application Process:** Those interested in applying should send a letter of intent and a resume to Rev. Joel A. Gibson at [joelagibson@gmail.com](mailto:joelagibson@gmail.com).

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The Gabr Fellowship

## Other Events & Resources

*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 have final discretion about what events are included in the Newsletter. Please note that a listing here does not imply ICNY endorsement.*

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### ***Stations of the Cross Art Exhibit***



**Dates:** Now through April 1, 2018

**Time:** Various times (see website [www.artstations.org](http://www.artstations.org))

**Location:** At 14 locations throughout Manhattan

Stations of the Cross, a unique public art project, takes visitors of all faiths and backgrounds on a creative, contemplative, and spiritual journey across Manhattan. The exhibition weaves together 14 religious and secular art spaces, from The Cloisters museum to the National September 11 Memorial in Lower Manhattan. Each installation, or station, invites people of all faiths to consider injustice, with a focus on difficult journeys and the plight of immigrants and refugees.

***Ahmed Mater: Mecca Journeys***



**Date:** Now through April 8, 2018

**Times:** Wednesday, Friday-Sunday 11 am - 6 pm, Thursday 11 am - 10 pm

**Location:** The Brooklyn Museum, [200 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, NY 11238](https://www.brooklynmuseum.org)

*Ahmed Mater: Mecca Journeys* is organized by the Brooklyn Museum in partnership with the King Abdulaziz Center for World Culture (Ithra) and is produced in collaboration with CULTURUNNERS. Focusing on Mecca as both a symbolic site of worship and a contemporary urban center grappling with the consequences of unremitting growth, *Mecca Journeys* presents a portrait of the complex cultural dynamics at work in the city today.

Admission included with museum ticket:

Adults \$16 / Students (valid ID) \$10 / Adults 65 and over \$10 / Under 19 yrs free

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***Imp, Crusader, Dude, Priest: The Life of Pauli Murray***

**1940**  
Murray is hired by the Workers Defense League in their campaign to pardon Odell Waller, a black sharecropper convicted of murder. She returns to Virginia to raise money for legal fees and meets many prominent civil rights lawyers.

**1940**  
Fifteen years before Rosa Parks in Montgomery, Murray is arrested and jailed for protesting Virginia law requiring segregation on buses.

**1941**  
Murray enters Howard Law School and encounters overt sex discrimination from faculty and students. She coins the term "Jane Crow" to describe her experience of oppression based on gender and race.

**1942**  
Odell Waller is executed. Murray writes a letter to President Franklin D. Roosevelt on behalf of outraged leaders. She criticizes the President's failure to improve conditions for black southerners.

**HEAR Pauli Murray!**  
poet, scholar and traveling companion of "Mother" Anne Waller  
ON \_\_\_\_\_  
1. **Odell Waller is Innocent!**  
Special attention of a case that has shocked America. Odell Waller is in Virginia today under sentence of death.  
2. **How the Poll Tax Affects You!**  
Did you know that every voter in California is a victim of the poll tax?  
**ABOUT PAULI MURRY . . .**  
She is a well known writer and talented scholar. Her regular column, "Jane Crow" in the New York Times, is a sensation!  
**Thursday, May 22, 1941, 8 p. m.**  
**First A. M. E. Church**  
Corner Kings and Kensington Streets  
Rev. Deane, Pastor  
**ADMISSION FREE**

**Dates:** March 1-21, 2018

**Time:** Daily 10 am - 6 pm

**Location:** St. Paul's Chapel, [209 Broadway, New York, NY 10007](https://www.trinitywallstreet.org/artasadvocacy)

An interactive exhibit chronicling the life and legacy of Pauli Murray, poet, human rights activist, attorney, teacher, and priest. Murray refused to sit in the back of the bus 15 years before Rosa Parks, and her groundbreaking legal writings were instrumental in *Brown v. Board of Education*. The exhibit explores Murray's multifaceted identities and how she aspired to integrate them into a single life of purpose and transformation. Opening reception Thursday, March 1, 6-8 pm.

Free and open to the public.

<https://www.trinitywallstreet.org/artasadvocacy>

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**Harlem Pride & Friends @ Langston Hughes House**





**Date:** Friday, March 2, 2018

**Time:** 6:00 - 8:30 pm

**Location:** Langston Hughes House, [20 East 127th Street, New York, NY 10035](#)

HARLEM PRIDE welcomes LGBT friends and neighbors to a presentation, "The LGBT Life & Langston" by Harlem historian and Columbia University Community Scholar John Reddick, reflecting on Langston Hughes' LGBT friends, colleagues, and romantic associations viewed through the camera lens of his friend, long-time correspondent and photographer Carl Van Vecthen.

Also, it's a great opportunity to visit the interior of Langston's home and enjoy a reception including the witty presence of fellow writer and sometime Hughes nemesis "Zora Neal Hurston" as she joins the festivities!

[Click here for more details](#)

[Tickets are available online:](#) \$20 donation / \$15 students & seniors

Reception courtesy Kai & I Catering, Inc.

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### ***Freedom of Expression and Respect for Religious Beliefs***

**Date:** Sunday, March 4, 2018

**Time:** 3:00 - 5:00 pm

**Location:** [64 Union Avenue, Amityville, NY 11701](#)

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Women's Association of Long Island chapter invites you to our (*ladies only*) Interfaith Meeting on Freedom of Expression and Respect for Religious Beliefs, featuring guest speakers representing Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, Judaism, and Sikhism.

Please give us your contact information so we can reach you if we have questions about this event.

Sadia Ahmed, Outreach Coordinator for Women Auxiliary of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, Long Island chapter.

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### ***March Mass Meeting with Ravi Ragbir***



**Date:** Sunday, March 4, 2018

**Time:** 5:00 pm

**Location:** Park Avenue Christian Church, [1010 Park Ave, New York, NY 10028](https://www.google.com/maps/place/1010+Park+Ave,+New+York,+NY+10028)

During the civil rights movement, Mass Meetings were gatherings of faith leaders in churches where they would plan and mobilize their next non-violent direct action. In the spirit of the Mass Meetings, the Park Avenue Christian Church hopes to provide a space for grace for un-churched activists to experience a spiritual community

where they can love and be loved, getting the spiritual nurture they need for a lifetime of sustainable activism. A 5 pm evening gathering holds great appeal for people who are searching for a community of like-minded revolutionary friends to grow together with, in our journey for justice. It's vital that you and your friends join this Movement for Revolutionary Love. At the March 4 Mass Meeting, we will hear from Ravi Ragbir. Ravi is an immigrant rights activist and organizer who serves as the Executive Director of the [New Sanctuary Coalition of New York](#), where he works directly with those who are facing deportation to empower them in the struggle to remain in the US.

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### ***Immigrants & the Sanctuary City: Then and Now***



**Date:** Tuesday, March 6, 2018

**Time:** 6:30 - 8:30 pm

**Location:** Museum of the City of New York, [1220 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10029](#)

Join historians, activists, and experts including Dr. Mae Ngai, Professor of Asian American Studies and History at Columbia University; immigration rights activist and leader Ravi Ragbir; activist leader Ana Maria Archila of the Center for Popular Democracy; and Bitta Mostofi, Acting Commissioner of the New York City Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs, to contextualize the current climate for immigrants in New York in relation to the city's historic identity as the nation's melting pot. Moderated by WNYC reporter Matt Katz.

This program accompanies our ongoing exhibition "Activist New York." To view more programs in this series, [click here](#).

\$20 for adults; \$15 for seniors, students, and educators (with ID); \$10 for Museum members - includes Museum admission. [Buy tickets here](#).

For group discounts for 10 or more, call 917-492-3395 or e-mail [programs@mcny.org](mailto:programs@mcny.org).

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## *Celebrating Excellence - Empowering Hope*



**Date:** Saturday, March 10, 2018

**Time:** 7:30 - 9:30 pm

**Location:** Christ Church, [524 Park Avenue \(at 60th Street\), New York, NY 10065](#)

Performing world artists and friends invite you to share an evening of "Celebrating Excellence" which they will host, and which will include special guest artists giving 'cameo' performances ranging from finest classical works to contemporary new-sounds premier presentations. The Ralph Bunche International Medal awardees for 2018 will also be recognized on this unusual evening which will move from Europe to NYC for its 20th anniversary. Looking forward to welcoming you on Saturday, March 10, to share a great evening of music among friends.

Founding President of Voices of African Mothers Nana Fosu-Randall is among the honorees receiving the 2018 Ralph Bunche International Medal.

Organized by the International Human Rights Consortium's Salem Peace Institute & Center Enterprises. Free.

World Music Stars and special Premier Performances begin at 7:30 pm.

Special performances by Scarlet Rivera.

[Complimentary tickets available on Eventbrite](#)

See our new website currently being updated at [www.salempeaceinstitute.org](http://www.salempeaceinstitute.org)

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***Defending Constitutional Rights:  
Religious Freedom and Police Accountability***

**Date:** Saturday, March 10, 2018 (snow date Sunday, March 11)

**Time:** 2:00 pm

**Location:** Ethical Culture Society of Westchester, [7 Saxon Wood Road, White Plains, NY 10605](#)

Two lawyers and a community activist will address legal issues and recent court cases that have particularly affected Muslims and communities of color and the ramifications for the civil rights of all. Panel discussion will be followed by Q&A. Sponsored by the Westchester Coalition against Islamophobia (WCAI). Free and open to the public.

RSVP to [wcai@socialjusticeseparaters.net](mailto:wcai@socialjusticeseparaters.net) to receive notification of postponement due to snow, or consult [ethicalsocietywestchester.org](http://ethicalsocietywestchester.org) by 10 am on March 10th.

Panelists: Omar Mohammedi, Esq., Partner, OTM Law and President, Association of Muslim American Lawyers; Kerry Dziubek, Esq., Counsel, Arnold & Porter; Jon Moscow, writer and community activist with NY Coalition Against Islamophobia and JVP-Northern NJ.

More information available at <https://ethicalsocietywestchester.org>

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***March Mass Meeting with Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis***



**Date:** Sunday, March 11

**Time:** 5:00 pm

**Location:** Park Avenue Christian Church, [1010 Park Ave, New York, NY 10028](https://www.google.com/maps/place/1010+Park+Ave,+New+York,+NY+10028)

These [#MarchMassMeetings](https://www.instagram.com/marchmassmeetings) throughout the month of March are a spiritual gathering for activists committed to collective social change. On March 11 we will hear from the Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis, Senior Minister at Middle Collegiate Church, a 1000-member multiracial, welcoming, and inclusive congregation in New York City. Rev. Dr. Lewis is an activist, preacher, and fierce advocate for racial equality, economic justice, and LGBTQ equality. Middle Church and Jacqui's activism for these issues has been featured in media such as *The Today Show*, *The Washington Post*, and *The New York Times*.

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***3rd Annual Passover in a Mosque***



**Date:** Tuesday, March 20, 2018

**Time:** 6:30 - 9:30 pm

**Location:** Islamic Society of Mid Manhattan, [154 East 55th Street, New York, NY 10022](https://www.google.com/maps/place/154+East+55th+Street,+New+York,+NY+10022)

Please join us for our 3rd Annual Passover in A Mosque!

The Passover celebration of freedom and justice provides us a special opportunity to come together and demonstrate our unity, despite the current divisive political climate. Our unique interfaith Passover Seder combines the traditional Haggadah story reading with group discussions and time to reflect on our own stories and challenges. We will be welcomed by Imam Ahmed Dewidar, led in the Haggadah reading and ritual by Rabbi Lauren Grabelle Herrmann, and then enjoy a delicious halal/kosher meal.

Tickets: <https://3rdpassoverinamosque.eventbrite.com>

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***Flying Phoenix Qigong with Sifu Terence Dunn  
(Heavenly Healing Chi - "Fei Feng San Gung")***



**Dates:** March 22-25, 2018

**Times:** Day 1: 7 pm-9 pm, Days 2 & 3: 9 am-9 pm, Day 4: 9 am-12 pm

**Location:** Eastover Estate & Retreat Center, [430 East Street, Lenox, MA 01240](#)

Flying Phoenix Qigong is an immersive workshop-retreat that teaches Flying Phoenix Heavenly Healing Chi (Fei Feng San Gung), a rare and extraordinarily powerful medical Qigong system that was created more than 400 years ago by renowned Taoist monk Feng Dao Deh.

Terry Dunn is an expert instructor in Chinese martial, yogic, and healing arts, with more than 40 years of training. Since 1990 he has popularized Tai Chi through his highly acclaimed and original "Tai Chi for Health" and "Chi Kung For Health" DVD programs. Educated at Yale and Harvard, he wrote the first medical protocol in American medical history applying therapeutic Tai Chi/Qigong to accelerate recovery from major surgeries. In 2000 he became the first Tai Chi trainer for the NBA.

For more details and registration, please [click here](#).

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***Rohingya Crisis and the International Community***





**Date:** Wednesday, March 28, 2018

**Time:** 5 - 8 pm

**Location:** [2 Court Square, Long Island City, NY 11101](#)

The International Law Society invites you to attend our conference on the Rohingya crisis at City University School of Law. The Rohingya have been called the "world's most persecuted minority." Officially, Myanmar's government does not recognize the Rohingya as lawful citizens. Since August 25, 2017 over half a million Rohingya have fled to neighboring Bangladesh to escape killings, arson, and other mass atrocities. The Human Rights Watch have accused the Burmese security forces of carrying out a campaign of ethnic cleansing against Rohingya Muslims in Rakhine State.

The conference will feature several speakers who will discuss the plight of Rohingya, the international community's responsibility, and the application of international law to address the crisis.

Free event. Light dessert reception to follow. [Click here to register.](#)

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### ***Russell Berrie Fellowship in Interreligious Studies***



The Russell Berrie Fellowship targets priests, women religious, and members of the laity for the purpose of studying at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas (Angelicum) to obtain a License Degree or a Diploma in Interreligious Studies. The goal of the Fellowship Program is to build bridges between Christian, Jewish, and other religious traditions by providing the next generation of religious leaders with a comprehensive understanding of, and dedication to, interfaith issues.

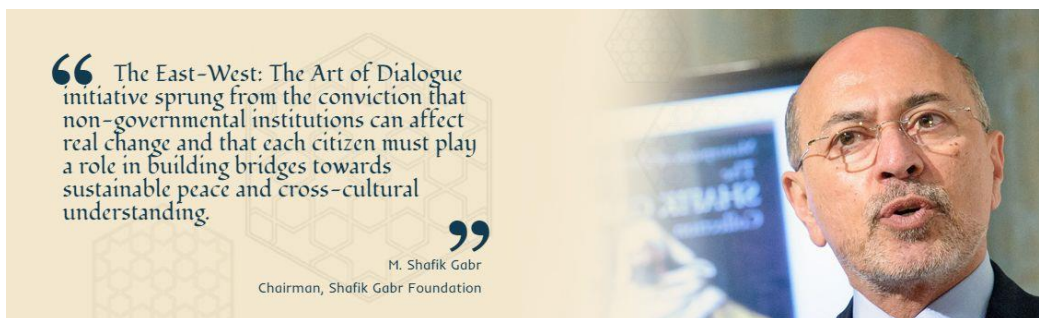
The award provides one year of financial support for new Russell Berrie Fellows. It is intended to cover tuition, a modest living stipend and book allowance, examination fees, and travel to and from the recipient's home country. Applicants of all faiths and backgrounds from around the world – including students currently enrolled at the Angelicum – who have a demonstrated interest in Interreligious Studies are encouraged to apply. The application deadline is **April 20, 2018**.

Program information and application materials can be found at [www.iie.eu/berrie](http://www.iie.eu/berrie).

To register for an open webinar on March 6 to learn more about the Fellowship Program, please [click here](#).

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## *The Gabr Fellowship*



**When:** Application deadline May 31, 2018

**Locations:** Cairo, Egypt; New York, New York; Washington, DC


The Gabr Fellowship is a cross-cultural exchange program that brings together emerging leaders from the United States and Egypt to engage with policymakers, academics, members of civil society, religious leaders, and others. Participants also implement their own action projects, which allow them to facilitate ongoing dialogue and engagement between the two regions.

Each year the Shafik Gabr Foundation organizes the Gabr Fellowship, a dynamic exchange program with a mission to empower talented emerging leaders. This annual intensive program brings together approximately 20 young professionals from the United States and Egypt, and has expanded over the years to include candidates from the United Kingdom, France, Lebanon, and Jordan.

Following the program, Fellows will work collaboratively and implement Action Projects that help to close the divide between the East and West and stem the erosion of public understanding.

<https://eastwestdialogue.org/fellowship/how-to-apply/>


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The complete ADL Calendar of Observances for 2018 is available [here](#).






## March 2018

March	Full Month	<b>NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH</b> Honors women as significant agents of historical change.
March 1		<b>PURIM • Jewish</b> The "Feast of Lots" marks the salvation of the Jews of ancient Persia from extermination.
March 2– March 20		<b>NINETEEN-DAY FAST • Bahá'í</b> Baha'is between 15 and 70 years of age do not eat or drink from sunrise to sunset and set aside time for prayer and meditation.
March 2		<b>HOLLA MOHALLA • Sikh</b> An annual event which is a martial arts parade historically coinciding with Holi, the Hindu festival of colors. Celebrations related to Holla Mohalla may be held in various locations over several weekends preceding the actual date of the holiday.
March 2		<b>HOLI • Hindu</b> A spring festival in India and Nepal dedicated to the god of pleasure, also known as the festival of colours or the festival of sharing love.
March 8		<b>INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY</b> Celebration of the economic, political and social achievements of women worldwide.
March 17		<b>ST. PATRICK'S DAY • Christian</b> Feast day of the patron saint of Ireland. In the U.S., a secular version is celebrated by people of all faiths through appreciation of all things Irish.
March 20		<b>VERNAL EQUINOX</b> The date when night and day are nearly the same length. It marks the first day of the season of spring.
March 20		<b>NOWRÚZ • Zoroastrian</b> A traditional ancient Iranian festival celebrating the first day of Spring and the Iranian New Year. Also celebrated as New Year's Day in Baha'í tradition (Naw-Ruz).
March 25		<b>PALM SUNDAY • Christian</b> Observed the Sunday before Easter/Pascha to commemorate the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem.
March 25		<b>RAMA NAVAMI • Hindu</b> Celebrates the birthday of Rama, king of ancient India, hero of the epic Ramayana, and seventh incarnation of Vishnu.
March 28		<b>KHORDAD SAL • Zoroastrian</b> The Zoroastrian celebration of the birth of Zoroaster, the founder of the Zoroastrianism religion. The holiday is specifically celebrated in India and Iran, immediately following the Persian new year, Nowrúz.
March 29		<b>HOLY THURSDAY • Christian</b> Also known as <i>Maundy Thursday</i> , it is celebrated on the Thursday before Easter commemorating the Last Supper, at which Jesus and the Apostles were together for the last time before the Crucifixion.
March 30		<b>GOOD FRIDAY • Christian</b> Known as <i>Holy Friday</i> in Eastern Christianity, it commemorates the Crucifixion of Jesus on the Friday before Easter/Pascha.
March 31 – April 7		<b>PASSOVER/PESACH • Jewish</b> The eight-day "Feast of Unleavened Bread" celebrates Israel's deliverance from Egyptian bondage.
March 31		<b>MAGHA PUJA • Buddhist</b> Also known as <i>Sangha Day</i> , it commemorates the spontaneous assembly of 1,250 disciples, completely enlightened monks, in the historical Buddha's presence.
March 31		<b>CESAR CHAVEZ DAY</b> Honors Mexican American farm worker, labor leader and activist Cesar Chavez (1927–1993) who was a nationally respected voice for social justice.

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