



## June 2018 Interfaith Center of New York Newsletter

### Message from ICNY Executive Director

Dear Friends,

Please join us one week from today for ICNY's Gala celebration at the Tribeca Rooftop at 6:30 pm. [Tickets](#) are still available for the [2018 James Parks Morton Interfaith Awards Dinner](#) on June 11th at the Tribeca Rooftop. We hope to see you there!

At a rally in New York City in response to news earlier this month that Homeland Security has separated over 700 children from their parents seeking asylum on the South West border, ICNY's Program Associate Hanadi Doleh said,

*"The Interfaith Center of NY is . . . horrified at the practice of separating immigrant families as they seek a better life in the United States. The profound importance of family unites us all across faith lines. Speaking personally as a Muslim during the holy month of Ramadan, I would ask our immigration officials to remember the words of the Prophet Mohammad, peace and blessings be upon him, who said that 'keeping relations with family members prolongs one's life and increases one's sustenance.' "*

Senators Charles Schumer (212-486-4430) and Kirsten Gillibrand (212-688 6262) need to hear more from us about immigration and sanctuary. As Hanadi concluded, "with the wisdom of New York's diverse faith traditions in mind, we call on ICE to stop all family separations in New York and around the country."

Shaema Alomari is a fifteen year old girl from Yemen with severe cerebral palsy whose case had been cited in the oral argument at the US Supreme Court against the current Travel Ban. After having been denied entry into the U.S. for medical treatment, her family was granted a waiver just days after the Supreme Court argument gave it publicity. After landing at JFK Airport in NYC last Saturday, the [Yemeni American Association welcomed Shaema and her family](#), greeting them with flowers, balloons and a crowd of supporters and reporters.

As Ramadan winds down there are a few more interfaith and public iftar Ceremonies. These include, the [Office of the Brooklyn Borough President's iftar](#), Thursday June 7th and also on June 7th, the [LGBTQ community center Iftar](#)

In conclusion, events connected to the Poor People's Campaign taking place in June include:

Week 5 - [Everybody's Got a Right to Live: Education, Jobs, Income, Labor, Housing, and the Right to Organize](#)

Week 6 - [A New and Unsettling Force: A Fusion Movement Rising Up](#)

Week 7 -- PPC NYS will be sending buses from around the state to Washington D.C. on Saturday, June 23 for a Global Day of Solidarity and Mass Rally on the National Mall. [You can click here now to sign up](#), and details will be available soon.

Best wishes,



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

## ICNY Events

*Don't miss your chance to join the event of the year!*



Come meet the United Nations' Deputy Secretary-General, ICNY's first Board Chair, and student activists from Parkland, Florida.

Tickets and tables are still available for Monday, June 11, 2018; act fast to secure your spot at Manhattan's Tribeca Rooftop for an evening of cocktails, dinner, and a celebration of those who work towards peace and dignity for all.

Click [HERE](#) to become a table host or ticket holder now! Tickets start at \$500 (\$250 for religious leaders and nonprofit professionals - limited number still available.)

To learn more about this event and our esteemed honorees, please visit <http://www.interfaithcenter.org/2018-gala>

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## ICNY Co-Sponsored & Featured Events

### *Immigrant Solidarity Training: How to Support Detained Immigrants*



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**Date:** Wednesday, June 13, 2018

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

**Location:** East End Temple, [245 East 17th Street, New York, NY 10003](#)

Co-Sponsored by First Friends of New Jersey & New York and the Interfaith Center of New York, this training will be held at East End Temple, 245 East 17th Street in Manhattan. First Friends is an organization that links volunteers with immigrants who are being detained. Learn how you can support immigrants, meet with them regularly at a detention center, and help them return to their lives after their release.

Light snacks will be provided beforehand, at 6:00 pm.

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*Micah Faith Table Lunch*



**Date:** Thursday, June 21, 2018

**Time:** 12 noon - 2:00 pm

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

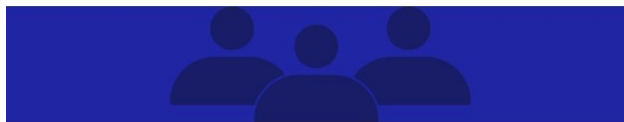
The Micah Institute will be presenting a panel discussion on "Injustices of Incarceration and Challenges of Reentry" at its monthly faith leaders luncheon on June 21, 2018 at 12:00 noon at Riverside Church. This is a subject that faith community has often taken a lead in, but much more can and needs to be done.

Invited panelists include Kathy Boudin, Mika'il DeVeaux, and Jennifer Elisson-Lackard.

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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## ***2018 Democratic Primary Debate Night with Candidates***



*2018 Democratic Primary*

# ***DEBATE NIGHT***

**Date:** Thursday, June 21, 2018

**Time:** 7-9 pm

**Location:** Jewish Center of Jackson Heights, [37-06 77th St, Jackson Heights, NY 11372](#)

All are invited to attend a 2018 Democratic Primary Debate Night featuring following candidates, which is sponsored by the Interfaith Center of New York, Jackson Heights People for Public Schools, Jackson Heights Beautification Group, and New Immigrant Community Empowerment:

NYS Assembly D39: Catalina Cruz\*, Aridia Espinal, Yonel Leteille

NYS Senate D13: Moin Choudhury, Andy Marra, Jose Peralta, Jessica Ramos\*

NY Congressional D14: Joseph Crowley, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez\*

NYS Governor: Andrew Cuomo, Cynthia Nixon

\* indicates confirmed attendance

RSVP: [naureen921@gmail.com](mailto:naureen921@gmail.com)

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**2018 Summer 18-CEC Certificate Program  
"Spiritually-Informed Psychotherapies"**



**Dates:** Every Wednesday, June 13 through July 25 (except for July 4)

**Time:** 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

**Location:** The Trinity Parish Center, [2 Rector Street, New York, NY 10006](#)  
(note that the entrance is on Trinity Place)

The Psychotherapy & Spirituality Institute joins with The Interfaith Center of New York to offer a summertime continuing clinical education certificate program in spiritually-informed psychotherapies. This program gives qualified professionals providing mental health or pastoral care services an opportunity to undertake structured and sustained study of key intersections between spiritual wisdom and psychological insight.

In a seminar setting, students will consider a wide array of topics relevant to practice including intimacy, family life, diversity, addictions, conflict, grief, and trauma incorporating spiritual perspectives into each area. A brief final integrative paper will allow students to apply what they have learned to their own work. This program is meant to enrich professionals' clinical practice and deepen their understanding of how spiritual dynamics figure in holistic care. 18 CEC's are available to LMSWs, LCSWs, LMFTs, and LMHCs in New York State. Graduates of the summer certificate program will become PSI alumni and program affiliates.

More information and registration is available at:

<https://psinyc.org/2018-summer-certificate-program/>

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## 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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## ***United States of Love Over Hate: A Ramadan Supper Series***



**Dates:** Ramadan 2018 (mid-May to mid-June)

This year, Shoulder to Shoulder has teamed up with Se7enFast, the Islamic Society of North America, and The People's Supper for *The United States of Love over Hate: A Ramadan Supper Series*. The primary goal of this effort is to identify, support, and connect people to Iftars open to interfaith guests across the United States, in order to help facilitate local relationship-building among Muslim and non-Muslim communities. We will offer guidance to those already planning Iftars, as well as guidance and support to those looking to put together Iftars (including both larger community dinners as well as home-based dinners).

How do I participate?

1. REGISTER a community Iftar
2. HOST a home-based supper
3. ATTEND a community or home-based Iftar
4. DISPLAY a "Love Your Neighbors" sign during Ramadan (and beyond!)
5. Use #LoveOverHate #MyRamadanDate on social media to share about your suppers!

<http://www.shouldertoshouldercampaign.org/ramadan-campaign/>

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***Ahmed Mater: Mecca Journeys***



**Dates:** Now through June 17, 2018

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

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

*Ahmed Mater: Mecca Journeys* is organized by the [Brooklyn Museum](https://www.brooklynmuseum.org/) 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 / Ages 19 and under free

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### ***Faith-Based Lobby Day for Bail Reform***



**Date:** Wednesday, June 6, 2018

**Time:** 7am - 7pm

**Location:** Albany, NY

On June 6, faith communities from across the state will travel to Albany to lobby lawmakers for fair fixes to the bail system. Transportation from NYC and lunch will be provided.

There is an urgent need for bail reform across our state: our jails are overcrowded and filled with New Yorkers who are being cruelly and unnecessarily punished simply because they do not have enough money to pay for their freedom. Join faith communities and the [Katal Center for Health, Equity, and Justice](https://www.katalcenter.org/) in Albany on June 6 to lobby lawmakers for fair fixes to the bail system!

For more info, please contact Sean Hill at [sean@katalcenter.org](mailto:sean@katalcenter.org).

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## ***Democracy Sunday Goes to Court***



**Date:** Sunday, June 10, 2018

**Time:** 3:30 - 6:00 pm

**Location:** Marlene Meyerson JCC Manhattan, [334 Amsterdam Ave \(at 76th Street\), New York, NY 10023](#)

Join Slate Senior Editor and host of the award-winning podcast Amicus, Dahlia Lithwick, for a deep dive into the state of the federal court system, the major decisions expected from the current Supreme Court term, and the actions we can take to support a fair and independent judiciary. \$15 members/\$20 public.

With an unprecedented number of federal judicial nominations making their way through Congress, the current administration is rapidly reshaping the federal courts. As the Senate forgoes its long-standing tradition of bipartisan vetting ahead of these lifetime appointments, there may be dire consequences for the next generation.

Admission \$20 for the public. For more information: [jccmanhattan.org/democracy](http://jccmanhattan.org/democracy)

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## ***Project Harmony - English Camp in Jerusalem - Looking for Volunteers of Different Faiths***





**Dates:** June 24 - July 26, 2018

**Location:** Jerusalem

Project Harmony, with two locations - in Jerusalem and in Wadi Ara - is seeking full-time General Counselors, Athletics Specialists, and Arts Specialists for Summer 2018. Project Harmony ([www.projectharmonyisrael.com](http://www.projectharmonyisrael.com)) is an immersive English language summer camp for youth of all religions, which works in collaboration with the [Hand in Hand network of Arab-Jewish integrated schools](#) in Israel.

Project Harmony English Camp will run from June 24-July 26, 2018, from 8:30 am-3:30 pm. The first week is devoted to staff training, and camp is in session Sundays through Thursdays during the month of July. General Counselors will be responsible for a group of 10-12 kids ages 9-14 at all times, guiding them between activities and ensuring that they are safe, engaged, and having fun. The position is unpaid, but can be used for college credit.

Project Harmony is not able to pay a stipend for our volunteers at this time. We do, however, provide as much logistical help as possible in the form of optional group travel and lodging packages and support from our fundraising team to help defray the costs of your trip.

Job listing is available at:

<https://www.idealists.org/en/nonprofit/8729a4decd5a4c1389267dcc410298c4-hand-in-hand-center-for-jewish-arab-education-in-israel-jerusalem?>

Please e-mail [staff@projectharmonyisrael.com](mailto:staff@projectharmonyisrael.com) for more information.

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### ***83rd Birthday Celebration of His Holiness the Dalai Lama XIV***



**Date:** Friday, July 6, 2018

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

**Location:** Marriott Essex House, [160 Central Park South, New York, NY 10019](#)

The Gaia Holistic, The Tibet Fund, and Orphans International Worldwide wish to invite you once again to our annual celebration of His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama's birthday and his vision of World Peace through Compassion.

The dinner is not a fundraiser but rather a gathering of compassionate people in celebration of the life work of His Holiness the Dalai Lama. Reception, dinner, entertainment and flag ceremony will be all presented at only \$180 per person, with subsidy by the Gaia Holistic Foundation.

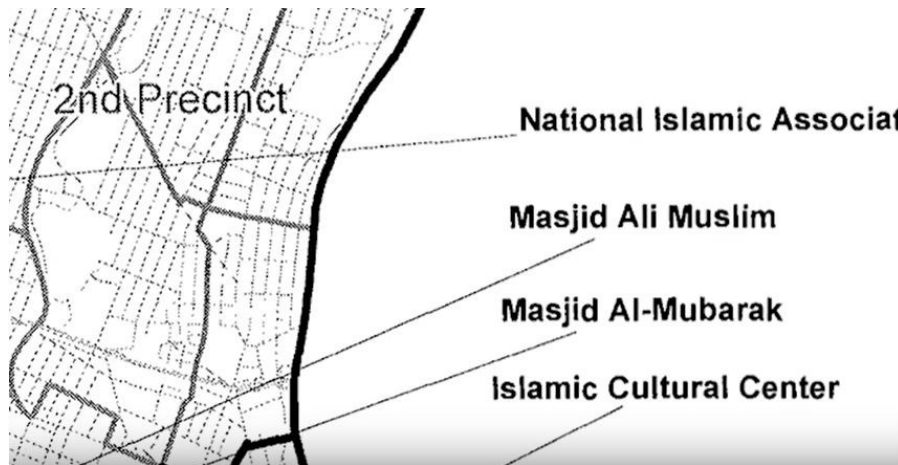
For reservations, please call 212-799-9711.

World Peace through Compassion Awards will be awarded to legendary Native American hero Chief Arvol Looking Horse and Eric Ripert, a renowned chef and co-owner of New York restaurant Le Bernardin.

For more details, [see this online flyer](#).  
[View a video of last year's celebration](#).

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### ***New Criminal Justice Short Film on Muslim Profiling, Hassan v. NYPD***



The new short film HASSAN v. NYPD, which was created with support from The Atlantic Philanthropies, highlights the crucial work of Muslim Advocates and Center for Constitutional Rights on criminal justice and defending religious liberties in America. You can [watch HASSAN v. NYPD online](#) and/or sign up here to [host a screening](#) for your organization or your community!

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### ***The Centro Pro Unione Summer School in Rome***



**Dates:** June 25 - July 13, 2018  
**Location:** Rome

The Centro Pro Unione Summer course is designed to introduce participants to the ecumenical and interreligious movements from a Catholic perspective. It will offer a historical and theological overview of the issues that divide Christians as well as the bonds that unite them.

The course, which is in English, is for men and women who are in preparation for ministry or religious life, who are in the mission field, who are ecumenical officers or members of ecumenical commissions, or who are looking for a sabbatical experience led by qualified professors and ecumenists.

The cost of the course, which earns up to 6 graduate credits, is US\$300, which is payable at the time of application. Upon acceptance of application, a list of possible lodgings in Rome will be mailed or faxed. Booking of lodging is the responsibility of applicant. The cost of transportation (from North America), lodgings, and meals will be approximately US\$3,500. For more information, please visit:

<https://www.prounione.it/en/formation/summer-school-rome/>

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### ***Kids4Peace International Is Looking for Staff***



Dates: August 1-13, 2018

Location: Blue Star Camps, Hendersonville, North Carolina

Kids4Peace ([k4p.org/international-camp](http://k4p.org/international-camp)) is an interfaith youth organization that works to provide a space for interfaith learning (primarily within the Jewish, Christian, and Muslim faith traditions), as well as programs that empower youth to become advocates and leaders for social change in their communities.

Kids4Peace is looking for volunteer summer camp counselors (age 18+, of all faiths) for our international camp located in North Carolina (all room, board, transportation, and training expenses paid). Apply below!

This position is unpaid, but the following are included in the role:

Transportation costs to/from camp covered

Training provided

Housing provided (during staff training and for duration of camp)

Meals provided (dietary restrictions accounted for)

Willingness to provide documentation of work and/or references post camp

Position does require training in SafeKids procedures and is contingent upon passing a national US background check. Arabic and Hebrew language skills not required, but welcome.

[View full job listing here.](#)

Apply to volunteer at: [https://k4p.formstack.com/forms/ic\\_counselorapp\\_2018](https://k4p.formstack.com/forms/ic_counselorapp_2018)

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## *Parliament of the World's Religions*



**Dates:** November 1 - 7, 2018

**Location:** The Metro Toronto Convention Centre, Toronto, Canada


The Parliament of the World's Religions was created to cultivate harmony among the world's religious and spiritual communities and foster their engagement with the world and its guiding institutions in order to achieve a just, peaceful, and sustainable world.

The theme of the 2018 Parliament is "The Promise of Inclusion, The Power of Love: Pursuing Global Understanding, Reconciliation, and Change." More than 10,000 people will participate in the Parliament, which will last for seven days and comprise more than 500 programs, workshops, and dialogues, alongside music, dance, art and photography exhibitions, and related events presented by the world's religious communities and cultural institutions.

Speakers will include His Holiness the 17th Gyalwang Karmapa, Ogyen Trinley Dorje, Dr. Karen Armstrong, Cardinal Thomas Collins, and many more.

More info and ticketing information are available at <https://www.parliamentofreligions.org/parliament/2018-toronto/toronto-2018>

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



## June 2018

June	Full Month	<b>LGBT+ PRIDE MONTH</b> Commemorates the anniversary of the June 28, 1969 Stonewall riot in New York City, the incident that initiated the modern gay rights movement in the United States. Pride Day is the last Sunday in June.
June 10		<b>RACE UNITY DAY</b> • Bahá'í Observance promoting racial harmony and understanding and the essential unity of humanity.
June 11		<b>LAILA AL-QADR</b> • Islamic "The Night of Power" marks the night in which God first revealed the Qur'an to the Prophet Muhammad. Often fixed as the night before 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.
June 12		<b>ANNE FRANK DAY</b> Birthday of young Jewish girl whose diary describes her family's experiences hiding from the Nazis through assistance of gentile friends.
June 12		<b>LOVING DAY</b> Observes the anniversary of the 1967 United States Supreme Court decision <i>Loving v. Virginia</i> which struck down the miscegenation laws remaining in 16 states barring interracial marriage.
June 14		<b>FLAG DAY</b> Anniversary of the adoption of the United States flag by Congress in 1777.
June 15–17		<b>EID AL-FITR</b> • Islamic The "Feast of the Breaking of the Fast" marks the end of Ramadan, the holy month of fasting from dawn until dusk.
June 19		<b>JUNETEENTH</b> Originally commemorating the announcement of the abolition of slavery in Texas in 1865, it is now celebrated throughout the U.S. to honor African-American freedom and achievement.
June 20		<b>WORLD REFUGEE DAY</b> Raises awareness about the plight of refugees and displaced persons.
June 21		<b>FATHER'S DAY</b> Children of all ages show appreciation for their fathers and father figures.
June 21		<b>SUMMER SOLSTICE</b> In the northern hemisphere, the longest day of the year. It marks the first day of the season of summer.
June 26		<b>ANNIVERSARY OF LEGALIZATION OF SAME-SEX MARRIAGE IN THE UNITED STATES</b> On June 26, 2015, in the case of <i>Obergefell v. Hodges</i> , the Supreme Court ruled that the fundamental right to marry is guaranteed to same-sex couples.

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