



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

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

Dear Friends,

We are deeply grateful to all of you who made a gift to help us secure a matching grant of \$25,000 this past week, the last in our fiscal calendar for the 2017/18 season. Thanks to your generosity, The Interfaith Center of New York was able to raise over \$53,000 towards our budget gap. Thank you for helping us make our goal! For those of you who also attended our James Parks Morton Interfaith Awards Dinner last month please see our [photo highlights](#) and [gala video playlist](#).

Hateful rhetoric and deadly attacks on refugees and immigrants continue this summer. In Boise, Idaho, nine refugees including six children were stabbed in a vengeance attack by a former resident of their apartment complex. [The International Rescue Committee is accepting support for the families](#). Hundreds of immigrant children separated from their parents still languish in shelters and in foster care in East Harlem and the Bronx. If you would like to volunteer to help these children here in New York City you can [fill out this form compiled by Catholic Charities](#) before Friday, July 6. Most importantly, continue to call our elected officials as well as those in other states until all 2,000 children are returned to their parents. Many thanks to the [Women's March](#), the [New York Immigration Coalition](#), and so many other groups that organized actions and rallies to #EndFamilySeparation in New York City and DC last Thursday and Saturday.


Locally, ICNY is proud to share the work of our Interfaith Civic Leadership Academy - 19 fellows from diverse faith traditions developing extraordinary projects to boost civic involvement in their communities:

- [Naureen Akhter](#) organized a [standing-room-only candidate's forum in Jackson Heights, Queens](#) featuring candidates including former Congressman Joe Crowley and Congresswoman-elect Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez.
- Beth Hermelin, another ICLA fellow, did an event "[Training to Support Detained Immigrants](#)" at East End Temple in Manhattan.

Best wishes,



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

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# KIDS FOR A BETTER FUTURE

**MARCHING FOR OUR LIVES, By Satya Shaw**



On June 11th, 2018, three kids from Kids for a Better Future (KBF), Jackson Heller, Grady Belt, and myself, picked up Parkland student activists Ryan Deitsch and Chris Grady from LaGuardia airport. They were in NY to receive an award from Interfaith

Center of NY, at their gala. Jackson, Grady and I were also going to the gala that night. KBF is a NY-based kid-run organization that each year supports a different organization which addresses children's rights. At our last meeting of this school year, we voted unanimously to support March for Our Lives next year. We decided that it is a timely and important issue because of the school shootings that have been taking place, and because this movement for gun control is led by youth. Gun control is definitely an issue we can put all of our hearts into.

[Read more of Satya's Blog here.](#)

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## ICNY Co-Sponsored & Featured Events

### *Micah Faith Table Lunch*




**Date:** Thursday, July 19, 2018

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

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

The Micah Institute will be showing the important ICNY video on policing in a multi-faith New York City at its monthly faith leaders luncheon. 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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## 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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### ***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 Gaia Holistic Foundation.

For reservation, please call at 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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### ***Not Without My Hijab Stage Play***



**Date:** Saturday, July 14, 2018

**Time:** 3:00 pm, 5:30 pm and 8:00 pm

**Location:** Brooklyn Academy of Music-BAM, [321 Ashland Place, Brooklyn, NY 11217](#)

Not Without My Hijab is a stage play that takes an inside look at a struggle faced by more young people than perhaps we realize. As Aneesa is torn between donning her hijab with confidence while navigating life as a teen and not wearing it but continuing to practice her faith, she confronts the question: Just how important is the hijab to her faith?

**Tickets:** \$35 Adult / \$25 Child

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### ***We Are All New York (WAANY) Fellowship***



**Date:** Application Deadline July 19, 2018

The WAANY Fellowship is a 10-month professional development and networking program for non-profit, faith, government, and community leaders throughout the five boroughs of New York City.

The WAANY Fellowship is dedicated to advancing New York City's diverse leaders and empowering them to become change agents to strengthen their communities and the city at large. Through their shared experiences and participation in the WAANY Fellowship, fellows come to understand that through building, broadening, and strengthening ethnic, cultural, and religious ties in NYC they can work together to affect positive change in their communities. Ultimately, the fellows become strong leaders and bring back valuable lessons to their communities, their organizations, and help to build a more cohesive city. [Click here for more info & to apply.](#)

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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).

This position is unpaid, but transportation costs, training, house and meals are provided. The 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 here.](#)

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### ***25th Annual Interfaith Peace Gathering Commemorating Hiroshima & Nagasaki Atomic Bombings***



**Date:** Sunday, August 5, 2018

**Time:** 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

**Location:** Judson Memorial Church, [55 Washington Square Park S., New York, NY 10006](#)

Rev. Dr. T. K. Nakagaki, a Japanese Buddhist priest, Hiroshima Peace Ambassador, Peace Correspondent of Nagasaki, President and Founder of Heiwa Peace and Reconciliation Foundation of New York, former President of the Buddhist Council of

New York and former Vice Chair of the Interfaith Center of New York, has organized this Annual Interfaith Peace Gathering in Manhattan since 1994. This commemorative ceremony will include local Buddhist, Shinto, Christian, Jewish, Hindu, Muslim and Native American religious leaders, along with musicians and choirs from Japan and the United States. All are welcome with free will donation.

[A flyer for this event is available here.](#)

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### ***Women in Faith Fellowship***



**Date:** Monthly on Wednesdays, starting September 26th

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

**Location:** [225 West 34th Street, Suite 1607, New York, NY 10122](#)

Are you a professional woman committed to her faith tradition or engaged in a spiritual practice? Or do you know someone who is? Then check out the Women in Faith Fellowship, now recruiting for the 2018-2019 Cohort.

Women in Faith, through ten monthly evening sessions and a half-day retreat, brings together professional women of different faiths and spiritual practices to understand other faiths and deepen their own, build relationships across cultural boundaries, and impact their communities. [Click here for info & to download an application.](#)

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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 here.](#)


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





## July 2018

- July 4**                    **INDEPENDENCE DAY**  
Anniversary of the United States Declaration of Independence in 1776.
- July 9**                    **MARTYRDOM OF THE BĀB • Bahá'í**  
Observance of the anniversary of the execution by a firing squad in Tabríz, Persia, of the 30-year-old Siyyid 'Alí-Muhammad, the Báb, the prophet-herald of the Bahá'í Faith.
- July 22**                    **TISHA B'AV • Jewish**  
Mourning of the destruction of the First and Second Temples in Jerusalem in 586 BCE and 70 CE.
- July 26**                    **AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) DAY**  
Commemorates the 1990 signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act, which guarantees equal opportunity for people with disabilities.
- July 27**                    **DHARMA DAY • Buddhist**  
Also known as *Asala Puja*, it commemorates the historical Buddha's first discourse following his spiritual awakening.

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