

July 2019



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Dear Friend,

This month ICNY welcomes our fifth cohort of 25 public, private, and parochial school educators from throughout the United States, who will spend three weeks exploring and studying with us in the Religious Worlds of New York summer institute. They'll learn to teach about the everyday life of American religious diversity, then bring the lessons they learned here back to their students and communities in CA, AZ, MD, MI, NY, NJ, FL, VT, MN, KS, TN, TX, OH, and ME. Partnering with the National Endowment for the Humanities and Union Theological Seminary since 2012, ICNY has trained over 100 teachers who work with many thousands of students, some in parts of the country where religious diversity is not widely accepted or understood. To find out more about the program, our summer scholars, the curriculum, and the application process, visit [www.religiousworldsnyc.org](http://www.religiousworldsnyc.org).

As we celebrate freedom this July 4th, faith communities around the country are protesting the disconnect between our nation's founding principles of liberty, equal opportunity, and the pursuit of happiness and our subhuman treatment of migrant children and families at the U.S. border, as well as the ongoing threat of deportation hanging over our tax-paying, school-attending, community-building neighbors, and fellow New Yorkers on the weekend following July 4th. Please call your Senators and Congress members and ask them to prevent deportations, and please join us for nationwide actions on July 2nd ([Close the Camps](#)) and July 12th ([Lights For Liberty](#)).

Thank you to everyone who made our annual James Parks Morton Interfaith Awards Dinner such a success. For photos of the evening, [please follow this link](#).

Best Wishes,

Rev. Dr. Chloe Breyer



### Featured Events

## Breakfast Seminar for Interfaith Leaders: Worker Protections in NYC

July 8



The Department of Consumer and Worker Protection (DCWP), the Interfaith Center of New York, and the Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies (FPWA) are hosting a breakfast with interfaith organizations to discuss the work of DCWP, which fights for every worker in NYC.


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## Mental Health First Aid & Opioid Overdose Training for Faith Community Leaders

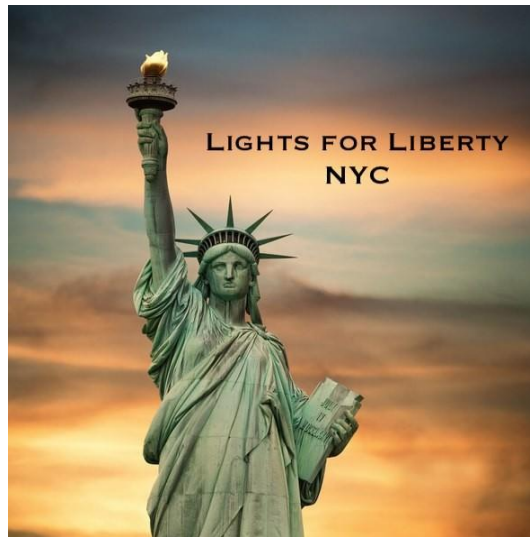
July 10



NYDIS and The Salvation Army Greater New York Division offers a free 8 day Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) training certification for clergy, staff & volunteers from congregations & faith-based organizations. All  materials and breakfast are included. Participants may bring a brown bag lunch or eat out nearby during lunch hour.

## Lights for Liberty: NYC (Foley Square)

*July 12*



Lights for Liberty is working with local organizations who have been doing the work around immigrants' rights and related issues. Vigils are seen as a nonviolent way to raise awareness of a cause and to motivate change, as well as uniting and supporting those attending the vigil.

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### **Additional Events**

## Queens Interfaith Breakfast

*July 7*



Break bread with your neighbors. Connect with people of different faiths. You are invited to share your concerns and build cross-cultural solidarity at this monthly interfaith breakfast organized by the Queens Bahá'í Faith Community and Flushing Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers).

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## Gun Safety Panel Discussion at Stephen Wise Free Synagogue

*July 9*



Join the Domestic Civil Liberties Task Force for a panel discussion with Moms Demand Action, New Yorkers Against Gun Violence, and Street Corner Resources (still pending) to learn more about what these organizations are doing to advocate for gun sense legislation, increase access to mental health resources, and reach out to communities most affected by gun violence - and how you can support their work.

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## Free Summer Fun at Ruppert Park

*July 16*



Organized by Muslim Volunteers for New York, Inc., with support provided by the Partnership for Parks, The Parks Equity Initiative & CM Ben Kallos. Playground associates will be present to engage children of all ages with fun activities and games.

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### ADL CALENDAR OF OBSERVANCES



The complete ADL Calendar of Observances for 2019 is available [here](#).

### Join Our Mission!

The Interfaith Center of New York (ICNY) works to overcome prejudice, violence, and misunderstanding by activating the power of the city's grassroots religious and civic leaders and their communities.

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