



# INTERFAITH CENTER OF NEW YORK

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## October 2019

Dear Friend,

Why is our work to overcome prejudice so important?

To begin with, we believe no one should be targeted and killed because of his religious clothing. We were deeply saddened to hear of the death of Officer Sandeep Dhaliwal, the first Sikh to be able to wear his turban and other articles of faith as a Sheriff's deputy in Harris County, Texas. In solidarity, we invite our newsletter readers to [#WearBlueforDeputySingh](#) and to click the hashtag to learn of the vigils taking place across the country and other ways you can support Deputy Singh's community and family.

Here at the Interfaith Center, we are determined more than ever to protect New Yorkers of all faith traditions, which is why we are thrilled to announce our [partnership with the New York Law School](#). Together we will proudly train the next generation of legal

advocates to ensure that the vastly diverse immigrant communities of New York in particular will be well-served by religiously literate attorneys and law students alike. [Click to read the press release and stay tuned for news of how we are bringing our expertise to the legal community.](#)

Looking for a way to advocate locally for your fellow men and women of all faiths? Join ICNY and others in supporting the closure of Rikers' Island. [Learn more of our demands here](#), and lend your support [by contacting Onellilove Alston](#), who spearheaded that letter with Bronx Connect.

Another way to demonstrate your belief in diversity and equality is to lend your support to ICNY as a dedicated monthly donor. **ICNY is deeply invested in the safety of New York. Will you invest in your city, too?** Monthly giving starting at \$10 includes our new and popular logo lapel pin, but a gift of \$1 or \$5 a month can help have a positive impact. Click [HERE](#) to become a member of the Sustainer Circle today.

Thank you for staying with us on our journey to make New York safe for religious diversity.

Best Wishes,



Rev. Dr. Chloe Breyer



**Cosponsored Events**  
*Listings Do Not Imply Endorsement*

**Diwali Interfaith Celebration:  
Devoted to the Sanctuary Movement  
and Keeping families together**

*October 22*



Date: October 22

Time: 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Location: Brooklyn Borough Hall Rotunda (209 Joralemon St, Brooklyn, NY 11201)

Hosted by Sadhana: Coalition of Progressive Hindus and ISKCON NY, along with NYC Commission on Human Rights and Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs. Cosponsored by The Interfaith Center of New York, The Micah Institute, Caribbean Equality Project, One Spirit Interfaith Seminary, and Bhuvaneshwar Mandir.

## The Epidemic of Traffic Injuries and Deaths: The Role of Faith Communities

*October 24*



Join Brooklyn Borough President Eric L. Adams, Families for Safe Streets, ICNY, and religious leaders of every faith to learn about the epidemic of traffic injuries and deaths, featuring a special clergy training for SERMONS FOR SAFE STREETS on how you can be part of the solution by supporting crash victims and preventing future carnage.

[Learn More](#)

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## Other Events

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### RDJ Refugee Shelter Inaugural Cocktail Reception: #ChangeTheNarrative

October 9



RDJ Refugee Shelter is holding our inaugural cocktail reception, #ChangeTheNarrative, to highlight the positive contributions recent immigrants are making to the US economy and society. The program features a panel discussion about the rewards and challenges of being an immigrant entrepreneur.

[Learn More](#)

## My Faith/Your Faith Teen Fellowship

*October 20*



My Faith/Your Faith is a fellowship open to NYC teens in grades 8 - 12. Teens from different faith backgrounds join together and decide on a social justice focus for the year (youth homelessness, immigrant rights, etc). Join us for the Jewish Holiday of Sukkot.

[Learn More](#)

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## Who's Next? Screening

*October 29*



*Who's Next?* examines how the lives of Muslim-Americans have been affected in the aftermath of the September 11th terrorist attacks. The film shines a light on the bigotry endured by Muslim Americans, particularly during Donald Trump's presidency.

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### 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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