

## May 2020

Dear Friend,

Thank you to the extraordinary number of you who have submitted the names of your loved ones and others lost to COVID-19 in advance of *Memorial For Us All*, a musical series premiering this Sunday, May 3 at 6:00 pm ET with a performance by Wynton Marsalis. If there are additional names you would like to add for future performances, <u>please do so here</u>.

Additional performances will take place at 6pm on Sundays May 10, 17, and 24<sup>th</sup>, and available on Lincoln Center's <u>Facebook</u> and <u>YouTube</u>, which can be accessed at <u>www.lincolncenter.org</u>.

*Memorial For Us All* is a secular community remembrance, welcoming all to celebrate the lives of those who have left us too soon. We invited you to join us in watching Sunday's first living memorial musical event from the safety of your home.

In the meantime, we hope you find the below roundup - our 7th to date - informative and comforting in these strange times.

Sincerely,

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Rev. Dr. Chloe Breyer Executive Director



#### **ICNY Weekly Roundup #7**

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW:

<u>United Sikhs Urges Those In Need To Use Hotline During COVID-19 Crisis (1-855-878-6333)</u>. Contact this hotline to receive home delivery on eligible items like food and over-the-counter medicines.

<u>NYS texting program for New Yorkers experiencing domestic violence</u>. Families Text 800-942-6906 or visit <u>www.opdv.ny.gov</u> to confidentially chat with a professional at any time day or night.

<u>iPads for School-Aged Remote Learners</u>. Families that want to request a device should call 718-935-5100 or complete the Remote Learning Device Request Form.

<u>#Ramadan2020 video</u>. Watch this video from NYC Comptroller Scott M. Stringer in dedication to our Muslim communities on the frontlines of this pandemic.

WHERE YOU CAN GIVE (AND RECEIVE):

<u>With #GivingTuesdayNow you can give HOPE to those who need it most</u>. Donate to The Salvation Army to help vulnerable populations.

<u>Donate to the First Responders Fund from HRI</u>. Assist COVID-19 health care workers and first responders with expenses and costs, including child care.

<u>Ramadan: A Month Of Charity And Compassion</u>. Join Muslim Volunteers for New York (MV4NY) for the next 30 days in a community-wide initiative to promote charity and compassion.

WHERE YOU CAN (VIRTUALLY) PRAY AND REFLECT:

<u>Virtual Meditation & Prayer Circle with Rev. Micah Bucey</u>. Join Judson Memorial Church and Rev. Micah Bucey for a daily Zoom meditation and prayer practice. <u>May 7 National Interfaith Prayer Service for Healing & Hope</u>. Religions for Peace USA invites you to pray for all those impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

HOW YOU CAN BE COUNTED:

<u>Census 2020 - Fill it out online, with the code you received in the mail</u>. Help ensure that New York receives adequate funding for our public health infrastructure and go to this <u>language assistance page</u> for assistance in over 50 languages.

#### **ICNY News**

5th Annual Social Work and Religious Diversity Conference

### Being Together: Building Community, Providing Care, and Sharing Sorrows, In-Person and Online



#### SAVE THE DATE Wednesday, July 22 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Conference for Mental Health, Social Service, and Spiritual Care Professionals.

Offering 6.5 Continuing Education Credit Hours for NY State LM/LCSWs.

Co-Sponsored by Interfaith Center of New York, the Jewish Board, and the Psychotherapy and Spirituality Institute.

Detailed information and registration coming soon!

Virtual Iftar May 8

#### LET US BREAK OUR FAST TOGETHER

# Virtual Iftar

The holy month of Ramadan is upon us — a time of fasting, introspection, and prayer. On May 8th, join us for a Virtual Community Iftar to explore and celebrate the lasting value of community unity in these troubled times. As we stand in solidarity with our Muslim neighbors of South Brooklyn, we are also collecting donations for a fund to assist families as they mourn the loss of loved ones and struggle to pay funeral costs as well as keep their families safe.

**RSVP** here

"Isolation is a Tool for Abusers" Faith Leaders on the Front Lines of the COVID-19 Domestic Violence Crisis



Three faith-based activists and service providers discuss the disturbing rise of domestic violence during the pandemic and the plight of victims who are at a higher risk due to social isolation and stay-at-home orders. We ask them how leaders of NYC's diverse faith communities can help.

Watch here

#### **Virtual Ramadan Events**

Listings Do Not Imply Endorsement

Live Interfaith Iftars



Join Islamic Networks Group online for a virtual fast-breaking (*iftar*) with representatives from three Abrahamic faiths discussing their holiday observances and how they are being adjusted this year. Following the panel, participants will have the opportunity to discuss their own holiday practices and how they have been impacted by the pandemic.



#### ICNYU Virtual Ramadan

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Register for virtual Ramadan programs at the Islamic Center at NYU that include Quran recitations, community iftars, and Jummah reflections.

Learn More

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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