



## INTERFAITH CENTER OF NEW YORK

Dear Friend,

While hospitalization rates for COVID-19 may have plateaued in the last three days, the rate of coronavirus related deaths in New York City are the highest since the pandemic began. As the virus continues to ravage our city and its residents, here are two things worth highlighting this week:

First, while 99% of NYC's houses of worship are respecting the requirements of social distancing, one percent are ignoring the pleas of health officials and putting their communities and ours at risk of infection. You can help keep your fellow New Yorkers safe: *Please call 311 to report any gathering you see along these lines.*

Also, a number of faith leaders have expressed concerns about those who have lost their lives to the virus and if they will be returned to their bereaved families. On a call this week with faith leaders, Commissioner Marco Carrion of the Mayor's Office of Community Affairs assured listeners that funeral directors will continue their work and remain able to retrieve the deceased from hospitals around the city. Those people whose remains are not claimed by a family member, however, will come under the custody of the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner.

Below you will find resources for counseling, donating, receiving practical help, and getting support for virtual Passover Seders, a Ramadan Interfaith Iftar sign-up, and online Holy Week services. *If you are celebrating any of these sacred holidays, we wish you peace and blessings, and we invite you to pray for the families of those who have died of COVID-19 and for victims of this disease without friends and family nearby. Together, let us honor their memories.*

Sincerely,



Rev. Dr. Chloe Breyer  
Executive Director

#### WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW:

[\*New York Residents' Spiritual Care Hotline \(877-697-7297\)\*](#). Operated by the Baptist Convention of New York and the Southern Baptist Disaster Relief, New York Residents' can now access this Spiritual Care Hotline for COVID-19.

[\*Text "worthy" to 741741\*](#). A 24/7 crises text line for those who are experiencing challenges during the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

[\*Safe Horizon domestic violence hotlines, helpline, and SafeChat\*](#). If you need help, speak with an advocate on a 24/7 hotline: 1-800-621-HOPE (4673).

[\*Helping Your Community During COVID-19\*](#). The Sikh Coalition's list of resources on how to safely volunteer and provide support during this time.

[\*Streaming Service\*](#). Options for digital streaming services for houses of worship that want to live-stream their ceremonies and other live events.

[\*Sign Up For Governor Cuomo's Coronavirus Updates\*](#). Get email updates on the evolving COVID-19 situation from New York State.

#### WHERE YOU CAN GIVE (AND RECEIVE):

[\*Sponsor Shelf-Stable Meal Bags\*](#). Donate to "God's Love We Deliver" to sponsor shelf-stable food components for one week of nutrition.

[\*COVID-19 New York City Relief Fund\*](#). Donate to a GoFundMe campaign on behalf of Food Bank for NYC.

[\*Coronavirus Appeal by Muslim Community Patrol & Services: Help Feed the Elderly and Immunocompromised\*](#). Help provide hot meals for the elderly and immunocompromised every week.

[\*Retired Health Professionals Survey/Sign Up\*](#). Qualified health professionals and related professionals can sign up to supplement the current hospital capacity.

[\*Muslim Community COVID-19 Response Hotline: Volunteer Form\*](#). The Muslim Community Network (MCN) is seeking volunteers for its new response hotline for the Muslim Community, starting 4/10 (888-409-0036).

## WHERE YOU CAN (VIRTUALLY) PRAY AND REFLECT:

[Online Zazen and Dharma events](#). New York Zen Center for Contemplative Care will offer daily online events via Zoom.

[The Hindu Temple Society of North America – Online chanting and Prayer](#). The Hindu Temple will lead an online chanting and prayer every day.

## WHERE YOU CAN (VIRTUALLY) COMMEMORATE THE HOLIDAYS:

### Passover (Pesach)

[Sayder LIVE! Lab/Shul's Virtual Second Seder](#). Join Rabbi Amichai for a second night Passover Seder.

[COVID-19 Updates at Central Synagogue](#). Information on Central Synagogue's virtual services, programs, events, and other offerings.

Temple Emanu-EL is [livestreaming their free Congregational Seder](#) at 5:00 pm EDT on Thursday 4/9 on both their website linked above and on their Facebook page.

The 92nd Street Y (92Y) hosts [a free digital Community Seder](#) on Thursday 4/9 starting at 7:30 pm EDT.

[AJC Haggadah Supplement 2020](#). Passover prayer and a Seder responsive reading in the age of coronavirus.

### Easter

[Middle Virtual Gatherings](#). Celebrate holy week with Middle Collegiate Church, including a virtual Easter Egg hunt.

[Good Friday Services with Presiding Bishop Michael Curry](#). Pre-register for holy week services at the Church of the Heavenly Rest.

[Holy Week and Easter 2020](#). Trinity Church Wall Street will hold holy week services, including Morning Prayer, 12:05 pm Holy Eucharist, and Evening Prayer.

### Ramadan

[Welcome to My Table](#). Sign up your household to share an Iftar meal online with another household.

## HOW YOU CAN BE COUNTED:

[Live Free](#). A national movement of the Faith in Action network to address the causes of violence and crime in our communities and [Holy Week](#), a collective

action based on the seven stations of the cross, including Scripture-based actions.

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

[Get Out The Count: Strategies For Optimizing 2020 Census Participation Among Older People.](#) Download a toolkit for 2020 Census outreach to older populations and [click here](#) for a flyer.

### 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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