June 2020

Dear Friend,

Greetings. This Sunday’s #MemorialForUsAll will be featuring Opera star Ailyn Pérez at 6pm. Spanish-speaking New Yorkers are dying of COVID-19 at a higher rate than any other group in our city. **We invite you to submit the names of your loved ones here by 5 pm TODAY** — no other identifying information will be requested.
It has been brought to our attention by the Buddhist Council of New York that Asian New Yorkers continue to be harassed and assaulted because of COVID-19. Cambodian, Korean and Chinese neighbors are afraid to go out of their homes, not just because of the threats of the coronavirus, but because they fear being attacked.

The heart of the Interfaith Center of New York’s mission is to fight prejudice and violence in New York. These reports of hate incidents perpetrated against Asian Americans in our community are particularly disturbing given that they come from people often underreporting these kinds of attacks. These are members of our community who have distributed masks, fed frontline workers, suffered disproportionately — economically and socially — because of the stigma associated with COVID-19. As New Yorkers, we must do better.

Sincerely,

Rev. Dr. Chloe Breyer
Executive Director
NUEVA YORK, NY (27 de mayo de 2020) – La estrella de ópera Ailyn Pérez dirigirá la quinta emisión de Memorial For Us All, un concierto semanal de recuerdo para la comunidad - una colaboración entre los líderes interreligiosos y Lincoln Center - para honrar y celebrar los difuntos de COVID-19. En medio de esta pandemia sin precedentes, aunque muchos rituales que apreciamos ya no son posibles, Memorial For Us All ofrece unidad, consuelo y sanación a través de la música, una forma de arte entrelazada con muchos de nuestros rituales mas queridos en todo el mundo.

La actuación de Pérez estará disponible el domingo, el 31 de mayo a las 6:00pm ET en las páginas de Instagram, Facebook, y YouTube del Lincoln Center y bajo demanda en el sitio web del Lincoln Center, aquí. La cantante alabada de ópera interpretará “Amor Eterno” de Juan Gabriel, “Estrellita” de Manuel M. Ponce, “Asturiana” de Manuel de Falla, y “Vocalise” de Sergei Rachmaninoff.

Cualquier persona que haya perdido a un ser querido durante esta pandemia está invitada a enviar el nombre de un amigo o familiar para ser honrado aquí. Desde el lanzamiento de Memorial For Us All, el 3 de mayo con un recuerdo dirigido por Wynton Marsalis, miembros de la comunidad de la ciudad de Nueva York y más allá han enviado más de 1350 nombres de seres queridos para ser recordados en las transmisiones.

Aclamado por el New York Times como artista que “comanda el escenario” y “una soprano importante,” Ailyn Pérez está en demanda en los principales teatros de ópera y capitales culturales del mundo. Ganó el Premio Richard Tucker de 2012, convirtiéndose en la primera ganadora hispana en los 35 años de historia del premio. Una biografía completa está disponible AQUÍ.

Las actuaciones pasadas de Memorial For Us All han sido lideradas por la leyenda del jazz Wynton Marsalis, el chelista Yo-Yo Ma y las estrellas de Broadway Norm Lewis y Kelli O’Hara.

Memorial For Us All

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ICNY Weekly Roundup #11

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW:

Interim Guidance for Communities of Faith. General considerations from the CDC for how faith communities can practice their beliefs and keep their staff/congregations safe.
Recovery Will Take More Than Money. An article from The Nation that explores, through the lens of the COVID-19 pandemic, how the U.S. government has failed society and how we can recover.

Community Support Resources. The New York Public Library has collected a list of links to share important information and help.

Safety Planning Tips. The Urban Resource Institute is providing safety tips for domestic violence victims during COVID-19.

WHERE YOU CAN GIVE (AND RECEIVE):

Donate Blood. New York State is strongly encouraging eligible and healthy New Yorkers to donate lifesaving blood.

COVID Bail Out NYC. Donate to help an all volunteer, emergency grassroots initiative post bail, and provide post-release support, for medically vulnerable people held in NYC jails.

NY State of Health Marketplace. NY State of Health is offering information on securing health coverage for individuals, small businesses, brokers, and assistors.

WHERE YOU CAN (VIRTUALY) PRAY AND REFLECT:

A Moment to Pause: Interfaith Meditation and Prayer. Register with Faith In New York and take a moment to offer prayers and meditations for one another and our communities during the COVID-19 crisis.


Virtual Memorial Guide. A free guide to creating an online memorial for your loved ones.

HOW YOU CAN BE COUNTED:

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.

NYC Communities of Faith Census Phonebank. Sign up to join NYC communities of faith and fellow faith leaders to encourage New Yorkers to fill out the census!
This year's gala will be an online-only event

**Monday, June 22, 7:00 pm EDT**

Honoring
Anna Deavere Smith
Marian Wright Edelman

This event is free and open to all. Sponsors are invited to a pre-event video gathering and viewing party starting at 6:30pm.

- Register Here
- Register with a Gift

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The 5th Annual Social Work and Religious Diversity Conference
Being Together While We’re Apart:
Building Community and Providing Care, in the Pandemic and Beyond

Conference for Mental Health, Social Service, and Spiritual Care Professionals – All are Welcome

Online in Zoom, due to public health conditions

Wednesday, July 22, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm EDT

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

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

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

Join us to learn from diverse religious leaders and faith-based service providers. Work with colleagues in small groups, to share and reflect on your own experiences of building community and providing care during the COVID-19 pandemic. Explore the psychological and spiritual challenges of social isolation, as well as innovative strategies for online connection.

Register Here

Online Events
Listings Do Not Imply Endorsement

The Paul Feig Z’L Tikkun Leil Shavuot
May 28-29
Come together with people from across the spectrum of Jewish Life for a free, revelatory night of study, film, music, dance, yoga, and more in celebration of Shavuot. Bring your own cheesecake and come for an hour or stay the night.

Learn More

Public Health Emergency Plan Writing: COOP for Congregations Webinar
May 28

To better prepare for the current public health threat facing congregations & faith-based nonprofits from COVID-19 (novel coronavirus), NYDIS is offering this free 2.5 hour webinar on Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) writing.

Learn More

WellLife Network Webinar Registration
June 2
In this webinar, WellLife Network, in collaboration with Stony Brook University, will discuss the following four topics:

- Overview of Grief and Loss
- The Impact of COVID-19 on Grieving and Mourning
- Explore the Changing Process of Mourning for Lost Loved Ones
- Integrating these Changes into Our Lives Going Forward

Who’s Next?

Jewish-American director Nancy Cooperstein Charney examines how the lives of Muslim-Americans have been affected by the aftermath of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, focusing on six Muslim families. Family separations, threats of deportation, airport detentions and travel restrictions have become part of the daily lives of thousands of American Muslims. If one group can be singled out, then who’s next?
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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