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Confirmed Candidates for ICNY's April 8 Manhattan DA Forum  
Top (L-R): Tali Farhadian Weinstein, Liz Crotty, Tahanie Aboushi  
Bottom (L-R): Diana Florence, Alvin Bragg, Lucy Lang

## April 2021

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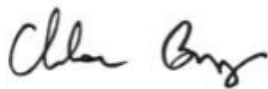
[Holi](#), [Holy Week](#), [Passover](#), and [Nowruz](#) overlap this year in a sacred moment of hope and possibility. Throughout and beyond the pandemic, ICNY is committed to building on these common themes of liberation, rebirth, hope, and compassion to promote a healthier, more peaceful, and more equitable city.

The faith-based work for racial equality continues. For eight years, faith communities in NYS and the #HALT Solitary Campaign have pushed to eradicate the [torturous and disproportionately impactful practice of long-term solitary confinement](#). We are grateful that on March 31, 2021, [Governor Cuomo signed the HALT Solitary Act](#) into law.

Opportunities for criminal justice reform continue with the upcoming 2021 city elections. Please join us on April 8th at 6 pm with your questions for our upcoming "[Voices from Underserved and Overpoliced Communities Manhattan DA Candidate's Forum](#)."

Also, join Asian New Yorkers of different faiths and the Buddhist Council of NY, ICNY, The New York Board of Rabbis, Religions For Peace USA, the Mayor's Office, and many others on Sunday, April 11, 2021, at 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM for a Love Walk pilgrimage around Chinatown. The walk will begin and end in Foley Square, making socially distant stops for prayer and reflection at houses of worship and impacted businesses along the way. For more information, visit the [Buddhist Council of New York's FB page](#).

Looking ahead, be sure to SAVE THE DATE for ICNY's annual James Parks Morton Interfaith Awards online gala at 7 pm on Monday, June 21st, 2021. [Registration](#) is now open, and our honorees will be announced soon. Please consider making [a gift](#) or [becoming a sponsor today](#) and stay tuned at [interfaithcenter.org/gala](http://interfaithcenter.org/gala). Sponsors are invited to a pre-gala virtual gathering at 6:30 pm and will be listed on the invitation.



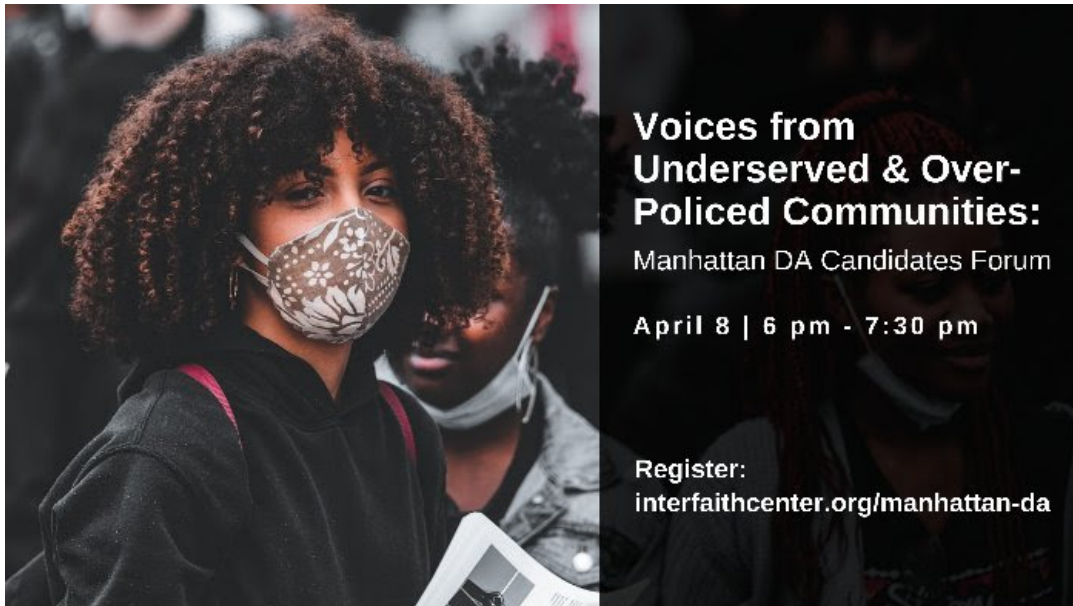
Rev. Dr. Chloe Breyer  
Executive Director



## Cosponsored Events

**Voices from Underserved & Over-Policed Communities:  
Manhattan DA Candidates Forum**

April 8, 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm EST



The Rev. Dr. Alfonso Wyatt of the Greater Allen AME Cathedral will moderate the evening. We commit to ensuring that the next Manhattan District Attorney hears the voices of low-income people, justice-involved individuals, communities of color, and diverse faith leaders.

The following NYC mayoral candidates are confirmed to attend:

- Tali Farhadian Weinstein
- Liz Crotty
- Tahanie Aboushi
- Diana Florence
- Alvin Bragg
- Lucy Lang

*Note:* Candidates are pictured above.

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## Tenant Rights Legal Forum

April 12, 7:00 pm EST

tenant rights legal forum

MONDAY, APRIL 12<sup>TH</sup>

JOIN US LIVE ONLINE 7PM EST | 6PM CST | 4PM PST

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LEARN MORE INFORMATION FROM HOUSING RIGHTS ADVOCATES ABOUT YOUR OPTIONS.

ASK QUESTIONS AND LEARN ABOUT UPCOMING HOUSING POLICIES AND ISSUES RELATED TO COVID-19.

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Learn more information from housing rights advocates about your options.

Watch

## Immigrants Rights Legal Clinic

April 19, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm EST

IMMIGRANTS RIGHTS LEGAL CLINIC

A presentation by  
New York Law School Asylum Clinic

This presentation will address immigrants' rights if immigration enforcement comes to their home, if law enforcement asks about their immigration status, or if they are arrested. In addition, under faculty supervision, students will provide



free individual immigration consultations for interested congregants and provide referrals for non-profit organizations.

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## Micah Institute: 2021 Elections Meeting

April 20, 1:00 pm EST

The flyer features a green background with a white circular graphic containing a clipboard icon. The top left corner has the Micah Institute logo, which includes a stylized flame and the text 'MICAH INSTITUTE' and 'New York City • New York State'. The central image shows a group of people in a meeting setting. The text on the flyer reads: 'URGENT ORGANIZING MEETING: NYC ELECTIONS & THE FAITH VOTE!', 'Your vote counts, use your voice.', 'April 20th, 1PM', 'Register By Emailing: JoelAGibson@gmail.com', and 'www.micahinstitute.org'. A Zoom logo is also present.

An interactive meeting where faith leaders are invited to learn about the New York City 2021 elections and participate in a strategic discussion to draft an interfaith platform for racial justice, which will highlight our community's priorities and be put forth to those who are seeking to lead our city.

We will also discuss upcoming candidate forums and how to ensure our people are educated and turned out to vote this election cycle. After the elections, we plan on continuing to organize to ensure our platform priorities become a reality in our city.

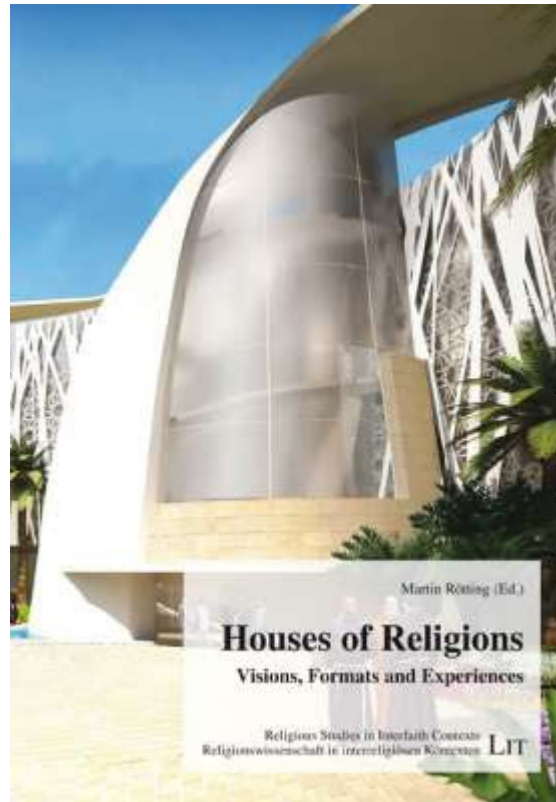
Join us by emailing Rev. Joel Gibson, Executive Director of The Micah Institute: [JoelAGibson@gmail.com](mailto:JoelAGibson@gmail.com).

[Learn More](#)

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## ICNY Featured in New Book Launch "Houses of Religions"

April 28, 9:30 am EST



Join ICNY's Executive Director and directors from interfaith centers from Bern, Hannover, Berlin, Vienna, Stockholm, Munich, London, Jerusalem, Taipei, and Abu Dhabi for the Zoom book launch of *Houses of Religions: Visions, Formats, Experiences* (Lit Verlag, 2021), edited by Professor Martin Rotting, University of Salzburg.

Contributors offer perspective on interfaith work in urban settings around the world and in some cases, promise to create a space with religious meaning for everyone in the city.

[Launch](#)

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Community Events

A listing does not imply endorsement.

## Honor Our Heroes 2021

April 3, 7:00 pm EST



An award and benefit event to support the work of Justice For All and programs aiming to stop genocide.

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**OurHealthNYC**

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OurHealth**NYC**

## Join Us To Create a New Model of Healthcare

**Dr. Omar M. Lattouf**  
Founder/Chair  
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**Bruce Degn**  
Executive Director  
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Dr. Debbi Almontaser and Bridging Cultures is helping to launch

“OurHealthNYC,” conceived by New York-based surgeon, Dr. Omar Lattouf.

Watch

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## The 2021 Parliament of the World's Religions

October 17-18



The 8th Parliament of the World's Religions, hosted for the first time virtually, will bring together people of faith from around the world in an instant. The virtual Parliament is a safe way to gather the world's global interfaith movement and celebrate the enduring spirit and work of religious and spiritual communities striving toward a more just, peaceful, and sustainable world.

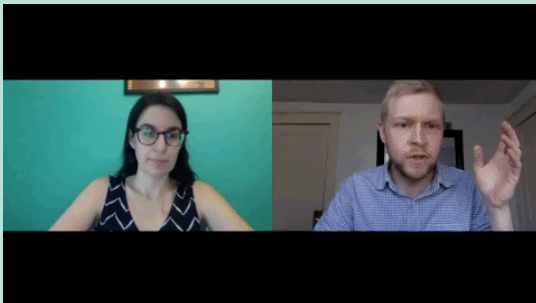
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### Interfaith Matters Podcast & Blog

*Podcast*

#### Whose Faith Matters? Protecting Religious Liberty for Everyone

Host AJ DeBonis explores the changing meanings of "religious liberty" with Liz Reiner Platt, director of [The Law, Rights and Religion Project](#).





Watch



*Blog*

## Town Hall

Daughters4Justice and other women faith leaders across New York City meet with NYPD Commissioner Dermot Shea, Chief Jeffrey Maddrey, and Chief Juanita Holmes on gun violence and other issues.

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*Blog*

## Passover 2021: The God Who Sees and Knows

Onleilove Alston, ICNY's Racial Justice Organizing Fellow, shares how her faith and celebrating the Passover holiday inspires her work for racial justice.

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