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**ICNY**  
Interfaith Center of New York

## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



Since last Fall, ICNY has been co-sponsoring interfaith vigils in Harlem and other parts of NYC at the sites where young people have been the victims of gun violence in our neighborhoods. At the conclusion of our Rabbi Marshall Meyer Retreat on Gun Violence in December 2021 we walked with diverse faith leaders across 116<sup>th</sup> st past locations of recent shootings outside Mama's Chicken and Dunkin Donuts. We are committed to doing our part to end this plague in NYC.

What is the connection between the gun violence in our neighborhoods and the increasingly frequent mass shootings that make our country tragically unique in the developed world?

*We live in a country where there are 120 guns for every 100 people. Despite being regulated in NYC, illegal guns are trafficked into our neighborhoods from out of state. ([Click here](#) for ICNY's statement and ongoing ways to assist the Buffalo Community.)*

After Buffalo and Uvalde, Tx and 211 other mass shootings since January 1, 2022 it is time to call our senators and tell them to pass a bi-partisan background check legislation recommended by Sen. Chris Murphy and Sen. Blumenthal. Then, we suggest calling a senator from ANOTHER state and telling him or her we need their vote on this as well. [Click here](#) to get contact information for key representatives.

ICNY is increasingly looking for ways to help end gun violence in our communities and has plans to equip diverse religious leaders to be nonviolence ambassadors and to provide pastoral support for young people at risk of shooting or being shot. I hope you will consider a gift at this time to [support these efforts](#). If you yourself are a faith leader and would like to take part in these trainings, which we hope to launch in late Fall, please email us at [info@interfaithcenter.org](mailto:info@interfaithcenter.org).

Finally, join other faith leaders at the [Diocese of Brooklyn's interfaith memorial for gun violence victims on June 5th](#) and at an [interfaith vigil on Capitol Hill the morning of June 8th](#). Also meet us in DC and at rallies across the country as we [March for our Lives on June 11th](#).

Sincerely,



REV. DR. CHLOÉ DREYER  
Executive Director

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**ICNY EVENTS**

# 25 Years of ICNY

You are cordially invited to the 2022

## JAMES PARKS MORTON INTERFAITH AWARDS



**HONORING**

**Ruby Bridges**

*Civil Rights Icon,  
Activist, Author, Speaker  
(via video message)*

**Amed Khan**

*Human Rights Advocate,  
Political Activist, Philanthropist*

**2022 FAITH JUSTICE HERO**

**Dr. Sarah Sayeed**

*Chair & Executive Director,  
NYC Civic Engagement Commission*

**Monday, June 20, 2022**

6:30 PM Cocktails, 7:30 PM Program & Dinner  
Tribeca Rooftop, 2 Desbrosses Street, NYC

Semi-formal and Traditional dress • Kosher and Halal meals available by advanced request  
Proof of vaccination required and masking will be encouraged

**James Parks Morton Interfaith Awards 2022**

**Monday, June 20**

**6:30 pm Cocktails followed by 7:30 pm Program & Dinner**

**Tribeca Rooftop, 2 Debosses Street, NYC**

[Click Here to Register or Place a Tribute](#)

Tickets and Tables are still available to join us on June 20th at the Tribeca Rooftop.

Please click the register button above to let us know that you plan to attend.

Still hoping to place a tribute in the printer journal as we celebrate 25 years of ICNY?  
Click the Register button above and email [info@interfaithcenter.org](mailto:info@interfaithcenter.org) with the text or image you would like included.

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**NEW YORK**  
**LAW SCHOOL**

# RACE, RELIGION, and the LAW

## The Role of Attorneys in Combating Hate Crimes

### DATE

Wednesday, June 8, 2022

### TIME

8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

### LOCATION

New York Law School  
Events Center, Second Floor  
185 West Broadway  
New York, NY 10013

### CLE

1.5 credits in Professional Practice (NY transitional and nontransitional) and 1.5 credits in Diversity, Inclusion, and Elimination of Bias (NY nontransitional)

### COST

Free of Charge

### MORE INFORMATION and to RSVP

[www.nyls.edu/RaceReligionLaw](http://www.nyls.edu/RaceReligionLaw)

New York City is witnessing a sharp increase in hate crimes against racial and religious minorities. Along with government agencies and community organizations, attorneys are working to combat this troubling trend. This CLE program will help attorneys understand the social and political forces that have led to the recent rise in hate crimes, as well as a range of legal, advocacy, and policy initiatives to combat hate crimes, including approaches drawing on restorative justice principles.

Panel discussions will explore governmental and community-based responses to hate crimes, and speakers will include legal scholars, attorneys, civic officials, advocates, and community leaders. The program will feature keynote remarks by **Judge Gary S. Katzmann**, Judge of the U.S. Court of International Trade, in honor of the late Judge Robert A. Katzmann, former Chief Judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

Take a Stand Against Hate

## **Race, Religion, and the Law: The Role of Attorneys in Combating Hate Crimes**

**Wednesday, June 8, 8:30 am - 12:30 pm**

**New York Law School, 185 West Broadway, NY, NY 10013**

**Free and Open to All, but Registration is Required**

[Click Here for Details and Free Registration](#)

ICNY and New York Law School invite all New Yorkers to join us on Wednesday, June 8, to explore governmental and community-based responses to the troubling rise in hate crimes against racial and religious minorities -- including Asian-Americans, African-Americans, Jews, Muslims, Sikhs, and others. Speakers will include legal scholars, representatives of city agencies, and leaders of impacted communities. The program will feature keynote remarks by Judge Gary S. Katzmann, Judge of the U.S. Court of International Trade, in honor of the late Judge Robert A. Katzmann, former chief judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

Religious and civic leaders, social justice advocates, and community members are welcome to join the conversation, along with attorneys in all legal practice areas. Attorneys can earn CLE credits, and all New Yorkers can help to build a just and inclusive city.

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**IN 2018 YOU MARCHED WITH  
US TO END GUN VIOLENCE.  
4 YEARS LATER, WE'RE  
MARCHING AGAIN.**

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR,  
JUNE 11, 2022**

**March in Washington, DC  
and in your community.**

**Text MARCH to 954-954**

By providing your mobile phone number you agree to receive info and updates via automated text messages at your mobile number from or on behalf of the March For Our Lives team (including your local chapter). Consent is not a condition of purchase. Msg & data rates may apply. Txt STOP to 954-954 to opt-out.

**MARCH  
FOR OUR  
LIVES** 

Cure Violence March

**March for Our Lives**

**Saturday, June 11th: 12:00 - 1:00 pm EST**

**Washington Square Park, New York, NY 10012**

[Click Here to Sign Your Name on to the Movement](#)

After Buffalo, Uvalde & 211 others since 1-1-2022, Join us and ICNY's 2019 Awardees **March For Our Lives** on June 11 in NY & across the country for a demonstration to demand universal background checks now.

Let these Senators know we need them on board: [Click Here](#).

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**EVENTS FROM OUR ICLA FELLOWS**





Office of  
Neighborhood  
Safety

**NYC** Criminal  
Justice



**TRUE 2 LIFE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH LEGAL AID  
SOCIETY PRESENTS**

# Voices from the Concrete

**ANTI GUN VIOLENCE FORUM &  
ARTISTIC EXPRESSION SHOWCASE**

**Date: June 3rd, 2022**  
**Time: 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**  
**Location: Central Family Life Center**  
**59 Wright Street SI NY 10304**

**Moderator: Rev. Dr. Demetrius S Carolina -  
Executive Director**

**Panelist:**

1. *Mike Perry- Program Manager True 2 Life*
2. *Malcom Penn- Program Supervisor True 2 Life*
3. *Nayondeli Negron-Violence Interrupter supervisor True 2 Life*
4. *Dr. Charmine Z Dodd, Psy. D*
5. *Ranti Ogunleye, Initiatives Manager, Office of Neighborhood Safety , Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice*
6. *Dr. Elaine Rodriguez, Director of Community Outreach in the Department of Emergency Medicine*



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**THE  
LEGAL AID  
SOCIETY  
CRIMINAL  
DEFENSE**

Anti-Gun Violence Forum and Artistic Expression Showcase

## **Voices from the Concrete**

Friday, June 3rd : 5:00 - 8:00 pm EST

**Central Family Life Center: 59 Wright Street, Staten Island, NY 10304**

[Click Here to submit your registration via Email](#)

This will be a two-part event with a community forum and artistic showcase for the Stapleton neighborhood of Staten Island, highlighting the importance of the local “Cure Violence” anti-gun violence program. Young people will be encouraged to express themselves artistically on issues that affect their community.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



Response to the Bronx Fire

## **Touray Tower Fire & Alarms Project Launch**

### **Launched on May 9th, 2022**

To mark the 4-month anniversary of the deadly Bronx fire that resulted in the deaths of 17 members of the African community, community representatives and organizations will gather to launch a program to install over 1000 smoke detectors in low-income neighborhoods across New York City. The initiative called Touray Tower Fire & Alarms Project (TTFAP) is being led by Bridging Africa and Black America Inc. (BABA Inc), and is one of several community response programs that have been established to help vulnerable families residing in inadequately-heated buildings.

Email [info@babaunity.org](mailto:info@babaunity.org) to get involved.

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**



Maimonides Health

Pastoral Education

## **New CPE Program in the Heart of Brooklyn**

**The Inaugural unit will be an extended CPE unit that starts in September 2022, and ends in May 2023**

[Click Here for an Application](#)

The Chaplaincy Department of Maimonides Medical Center is thrilled to announce the creation of a new innovative CPE program, open to persons of all spiritual traditions, housed in one of New York's historic Jewish hospitals.

People in crisis need comfort, support, counseling, and guidance. Chaplains and other spiritual caregivers are trusted to be a key source of this support. But how do spiritual caregivers learn to offer support?

CPE offers students – seminarians, clergy, and caregiving professionals – intensive training on how to offer spiritual care. We equip students to respond to the needs of people facing extremis. CPE at Maimonides utilizes psychological concepts, our spiritual tradition, as well as intensive multi-faith multi-cultural engagement. Students will also use creative arts as means of spiritual expression, reflection, and connection. The educational model of CPE involves providing care and reflecting on that care with the help of a learning community and an ACPE Certified Educator. Students cycle from caregiving to learning to caregiving once more – with a refined and growing competence.

**The program is open to people of all of traditions and backgrounds**, whether already serving as clergy in houses of worship or those who are currently religious students in Yeshiva, Seminary, Divinity School, etcetera. Applications will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis to determine if this clinical setting is a good match for the student's learning needs.

The tuition of \$500 is due on the first day of the program.

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. [Click Here](#) to apply

[Click Here](#) for more information.

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**PRESS CONFERENCE**

# **CALL FOR PEACE ON STATEN ISLAND**

**WE ARE DEMANDING AN END  
TO THE VIOLENCE AND DISRESPECT**

## **JUNE 10TH**

**BOROUGH HALL** **5PM**  
**#STOPGUNVIOLENCE**



FOR INQUIRIES AND ASSISTANCE PLEASE CONTACT:

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Cure Violence

**Call for Peace on Staten Island: Press  
Conference**

**Friday, June 10th: 5:00 pm EST at Staten Island Borough Hall**

As a continuation of events for Gun Violence awareness month. Leading this conference is True 2 Life, the cure violence team on Staten Island ( from the Mayor's office to combat gun violence). There will be family members affected by gun violence present, Community leaders and clergy. We want to put a voice to the cause of keeping our streets safe for the future. Our children, youth and young people are dying and before the summer starts and we want to speak up against this and all violence.

For more information email [toni.donegan@gmail.com](mailto:toni.donegan@gmail.com).

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**CONNECT Invites You to Attend**

# CREATING TRAUMA- INFORMED CONGREGATIONS

What is trauma-informed care and why does it matter now more than ever for congregations?

**Tuesday, June 14, 2022**  
**10 AM-1PM EST via Zoom**

**With Rev. Dr.  
Danielle J. Buhuro**

Executive Director and CPE  
Supervisor, Sankofa CPE Center, LLC



This course provides participants:

- Proficiency in facilitating trauma-informed care to faith communities
- Reflection on how their unique spiritual or religious identities have been impacted by traumas
- Reflection of how sacred texts can be laced with trauma and how liberation theologies can be utilized for spiritual teaching and healing.

**REGISTER:**

**<https://bit.ly/3P7uy0u>**

*If you have any questions, please contact Danielle Williams at [dwthiam@connectnyc.org](mailto:dwthiam@connectnyc.org).*

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Trauma-Informed Training for Faith Communities

**Creating Trauma-Informed Congregations**



**Tuesday, June 14th : 10:00 am - 1:00 pm EST on Zoom**

[Click Here to Register](#)

What is trauma-informed care and why does it matter now more than ever for congregations?

Join CONNECT NYC for, Creating Trauma-Informed Congregations with Rev. Dr. Danielle J. Buhuro to learn more about trauma informed programming in faith communities. This training teaches participants proficiency in facilitating trauma-informed care to individuals and faith communities indirectly impacted by the three realms of Adverse Childhood Experiences: household trauma, community trauma and environmental trauma. Students will reflect on and gain self-awareness of how their unique pastoral or religious identity, strengths and growing edges have been impacted by traumas they've experienced in life.

Lastly, this training provides reflection of how sacred texts can be laced in trauma and what liberation-focused theological strategies can be utilized when preaching and teaching from these sacred texts in congregational settings.

*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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