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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



Ven. Ray Fa Shi and other members of the Buddhist Council of New York join diverse faith leaders, family members, and human rights advocates for an [Oct 17 Vigil in remembrance of the lives lost on Rikers Island this year](#). Since then the number of fatalities have grown to 18. [Register here for an upcoming event on November 3rd](#).

Dear Friend,

Democracy is a practice that needs to be exercised on a regular basis. Whatever your faith tradition, you can exercise that fundamental right by voting in the midterm elections, taking place

next Tuesday, November 8. **Learn about where to vote and how to vote early by [clicking here](#).**

When voting, please be aware that there are important referendums on the back of the ballot, including some questions from the Racial Justice Commission. Learn more at our event tomorrow, November 3rd: [What's on your Ballot](#) and [click here](#) to pledge to flip over your ballot in the NYC 2022 General Election. (When you make your pledge, please make sure you let them know that the Interfaith Center of New York sent you).

On October 31, 2022 26-year-old Gilberto Garcia became the latest fatality and eighteenth person to die on Rikers Island *just this year*. Approximately two people a month are dying on Rikers, which is why ICNY continues to host rallies and vigils to draw attention to this critical issue prioritized by faith leaders in our [2021 Racial and Economic Justice Compact](#). Join us for some part of the 18 hours of action in honor of 18 lives taken in New York City Jails this year, taking place tomorrow at City Hall [Thursday, November 3rd from 8 AM until midnight](#).

There will be a 7pm interfaith vigil commemorating the lives lost in DOC custody, and organizers have expressed a need for clergy participation. If you wish to participate or sign up for a specific timeslot, you can RSVP [here](#). **Clergy are especially needed from 6 to 8 pm.** This event is organized by the Jails Action Coalition, #HALTsolitary Campaign, Freedom Agenda, VOCAL-NY, and Visionary V.

Later in the month, on Nov. 19 from 1-3 PM ET, I hope you will join Circles of Support for kNOw Justice Here with activists, family members, academics, faith leaders, and elected officials discussing the painful impact of gun violence. Speakers will include **Rashon Johnson, Destini Phillipot, Pastor Gil Monroe, Dr. Jamein P. Cunningham, Oresa Napper-Williams, Apostle Staci Ramos, Estelle Skrykers-Santiago**. More details are below.

Please also save the date for ICNY's 40th Rabbi Marshall T. Meyer Retreat on Housing, taking place on December 15th with the NYC Comptroller Brad Lander's Office entitled **Housing Now: Faith Communities Call to Action**. For more details and to learn how your congregation can become involved, please contact Hanadi Doleh at Hanadi@interfaithcenter.org.

Sincerely,



The Rev. Dr. Chloe Breyer
ICNY Executive Director

ICNY PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

FLIP YOUR BALLOT *2022*

What's On My Ballot?

An Interfaith Conversation on the
Racial Justice Ballot Proposals

6:00 pm Thursday, Nov. 3

Union Theological Seminary
James Memorial Chapel Entrance
(90 Claremont, Manhattan, NY 10027)



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Upcoming NYC Primary Election

What's On My Ballot? An Interfaith Conversation on the Racial Justice Ballot Proposals

Thursday, Nov. 3: 6:00 PM Union Theological Seminary James Memorial Chapel (90 Claremont Ave, New York, NY, 10027)

In collaboration with NYC Racial Justice Commission's #FlipTheBallot initiative and FPWA, ICNY is hosting an Interfaith conversation on the Racial Justice Ballot Proposals being voted on in this upcoming NYC General Election. Speaking at the event will be Harold Miller - Executive Director of the NYC Racial Justice Commission, Min. Yolanda Richard - Director of Membership and Strategic Partnerships at the NYC Racial Justice Commission and Dominique Atchison - Director of Racial Justice Initiatives at ICNY.

[Click here](#) to pledge to flip over your ballot in NYC 2022 General Election, when you pledge make sure you let them know that the Interfaith Center of New York sent you.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Dominique Atchison Dominique@interfaithcenter.org.

[Click Here to Register](#)

Housing Now

FAITH COMMUNITIES' CALL TO ACTION

Thursday, December 15th, 2022

40th Rabbi Marshall T. Meyer Retreat

Time: 9am-2pm on zoom | 4pm-6pm in person



For more information email:
Hanadi Doleh, hanadi@interfaithcenter.org



NYC Housing Conference

Housing Now: Faith Communities Call to Action

Thursday, December 15: 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM on Zoom and 4:00 - 6:00 PM in person

Please save the date for ICNY's 40th Rabbi Marshall Meyer Retreat on the Housing Crisis and faith communities in partnership with the NYC Comptroller's Office upcoming on Dec. 7. Learn how your congregation can become involved.

Contact Hanadi@interfaithcenter.org for more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Close Rikers Rally and Vigil

Day of Action: End NYC's Death Penalty

**Thursday, November 3 : 6:00 AM - Midnight @ City Hall Park
(Broadway &, Chambers St, New York, NY 10007)**

Please join family members of people killed by NYC jails, survivors of Rikers, and allied organizations at City Hall Park on Thursday, November 3rd for 18 hours of action in honor of the 18 lives taken by New York City jails this year. As the humanitarian crisis of Rikers continues, this event will be calling on Mayor Adams and other officials to release people from city jails, stop sending people to these deadly jails, and protect the human rights of all New Yorkers.

Throughout the day there will be commemoration of the lives lost at Rikers and The Boat, holding speak outs, doing outreach, and incorporating art and performance. Some of the main events during the day will be:

- 11am rally & press conference
- 7pm vigil in honor of lives taken by NYC jails
- 11:30pm closing ceremony

Other activities throughout the day will include:

- 9am Afro-Puerto Rican drumming with Dr. Drum
- 10am Resistance Revival Chorus
- 12:30pm Spoken word performance with Messiah Ramkissoon
- 8pm - 10pm - Film Screenings - "RIKERS: An American Jail" and "The Interview"

This event is organized by the Jails Action Coalition, #HALTsolitary Campaign, Freedom Agenda, VOCAL-NY, and Visionary V

To register [click here](#) or the button below.

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Soul Shop: Ministering to Faith Communities Affected by Suicide

Community Resource for Suicide Prevention/Education

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**Wednesday, November 9 : 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM EST @ First Presbyterian Church
(12 West 12th Street, New York, NY 10011)**

It's estimated that one out of every two people in a given congregation has personally been affected by suicide. Soul Shop trains faith community leaders to offer support, hope and connection to those in their congregations. Co-sponsored by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, Soul Shop equips participants with the resources and guidance they need to foster hope and healing in their community.

For more information or if you have any questions reach out to Sarah Jamgotch at SJamgotch@afsp.org or (616) 330-9046.

[Click Here to Register](#)





MANHATTAN
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Holocaust, Genocide and Interfaith
Education Center

FREDERICK M. SCHWEITZER LECTURE

Commemorating Kristallnacht: When History Interrupts Our Lives: Kristallnacht, 84 Years Later

Featured Speaker: Victoria Barnett Ph.D., Frank Talbott, Jr. Endowed Visiting Professor at the University of Virginia



WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2022 | 7 p.m.

Kelly Commons, Room 5C



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VICTORIA J. BARNETT Ph.D., is the Frank Talbott, Jr. Endowed Visiting Professor at the University of Virginia. She served as the director of the programs on Ethics, Religion, and the Holocaust at the U. S. Holocaust Memorial Museum from 2004-2019, and was one of the general editors of the multivolume *Dietrich Bonhoeffer Works*, English Edition.

Commemorating Kristallnacht: When History Interrupts Our Lives: Kristallnacht, 84 Years Later Annual Frederick M Schweitzer Kristallnacht Lecture

**Wednesday, November 9 : 7:00 PM EST @ Manhattan College Kelly Commons room
5C and via Zoom**

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The Circles of Support Advisory Board presents

kNOw Justice Here

activists and family members, academics, faith leaders, and elected officials discuss the painful impact of gun violence on black and brown communities and potential solutions of hope for community safety

November 16, 2022 ~ 1:00-3:30 pm ET

to be held at Exodus Transitional Community, 2271 3rd Ave, New York, NY 10035
and streamed online
www.circlesofsupport.org
thomas@circlesofsupport.org 917-645-7236



come to hear more about
advocacy for change
criminalization of victims
policing
public safety
resources for impacted families
violence intervention programs
and more

Conversations on Community Safety

kNOw Justice Here Conference

Wednesday, November 16 : 1:00 - 3:30 PM EST @ Exodus Transitional Community

(2271 3rd Ave, New York, NY 10035)

Join Circles of Support for kNOw Justice Here, where activists and family members, academics, faith leaders, and elected officials will discuss the painful impact of gun violence on black and brown communities and potential solutions of hope for community safety.

Come to this conference to learn more about advocacy for change, criminalization of victims, policing, public safety, resources for impacted families, violence intervention programs and more.

For more information or if you have any questions reach out to Thomas@circlesofsupport.org.

Day of Service for Asylum Seekers Temple Shaaray Tefila - Nov. 20 from 1-5pm

Join New Yorkers who are stepping up to help arriving migrants for a Day of Service, Learning and Thanks.



Hosted by Temple Shaaray Tefila at 250 E. 79th Street.

Join with members of the Synagogue Coalition on the Refugee and Immigration Crisis, Manhattan Together, local churches and NYC faith based organizations to do this good work.



Schedule of Activities:

1pm- Pack Welcome Food Bags with shelf-stable food and Personal Hygiene Kits. Make cheese sandwiches. Sort donated clothing for Men, Women and Children.

3pm - Hear from Ilze Thielmann, Director of Team TLC-NYC and Ruth Messinger about the current situation confronting the asylum seekers, NYC's response and volunteer opportunities.

4pm- Interfaith Thanksgiving Service - ALL ARE WELCOME!

HOW TO HELP

- 1) Come to help sort, pack and learn.**
- 2) Donate funds to buy Welcome Food Bags and Personal Hygiene Kits (\$30/set)***
- 3) Donate Specific Clothing:** *(Bring with you on 11/20 or drop it off 11/13-19)* https://docs.google.com/document/d/13CapmGdb4dFC_E6G7CNvf8X1Q5E80P8t6K0VbtgWu0k/edit?usp=sharing.
- 4) Buy Needed Items:** *(To be delivered directly to Shaaray Tefila)* <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1zi5r8yC54Tc8jPhQyCkBI0G6LG5yumqY80Wo-LzE-XA/edit?usp=sharing>.

*Contact carol.crossen@gmail.com or jolie.schwab@gmail.com for more details on donating or volunteering.

Please bring Proof of Vaccination

Resource Collection for Asylum Seekers

Day of Service for Asylum Seekers

**Sunday, November 20 : 1:00 - 5:00 PM EST @ Temple Shaaray Tefila
(250 East 79th Street, New York, NY 10075)**

Shaaray Tefila is hosting an interfaith gathering with the Synagogue Coalition, various churches and faith based organizations, and Manhattan Together, to support the migrant Asylum Seekers who are arriving on buses daily in New York City.

From 1-3 PM, we will join as a community to package welcome food bags and personal hygiene kits, make cheese sandwiches and sort donated clothing. At 3 PM we will hear from Ruth Messinger (ICNY Board Member) and Ilze Thielmann from Team TLC-NYC with the latest update on the Asylum Seekers situation. At 4 PM, we will gather in prayer as a community for a Thanksgiving Interfaith Service.

How to help:

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We hope you will join us for this day of service, learning, and gratitude. All are welcome at 1 to help sort and pack.

For more details on donating or volunteering , please reach out to Carol.Crossen@gmail.com or Jolie.Schwab@gmail.com.

This event requires proof of vaccination.

If you or your congregation would like to help us buy additional toiletries and shelf staple foods, the package being putting together costs \$30 per asylum seeker and you may donate funds for these prior to Nov. 7. Contact Jolie.Schwab@gmail.com if you are interested Checks can be made out to Temple Shaaray Tefila. Shelters are still filling with migrants and if the items we pack are not needed at the Port Authority, they will be sent to the migrant populations in the shelters. Also, direct donations to Team TLC-NYC can be made to ttlcnyc.org/donate

ANNOUNCEMENTS



The Cathedral
Church of **Saint John**
the Divine

Collection for those in need

Ongoing Collection of Fall/Winter Clothes @ St. John the Divine

Monday-Saturday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM, Sunday: 3:00 -5:00 PM

St. John the Divine (1047 Amsterdam Ave, New York, NY 10025)

Cathedral Community Cares at St. John the Divine has a clothing closet where for free we give away clothing, shoes and accessories to homeless, 3 tier, low-income and migrant clients. We are in desperate need FOR FALL AND WINTER gently used, worn and washed FALL WINTER clothing, shoes and accessories. Please donate the goods to the security booth at 111 Street and Amsterdam Avenue up the long driveway to the booth and they will call out staff to receive them or simply place in the office.

For more information email info@stjohndivine.org.



Office of Faith & Community Partnerships at The Mayor's Office

DONATION DRIVE FOR ASYLUM SEEKERS

DONATED SUPPLIES WILL BE PROVIDED TO
NEWLY ARRIVED ASYLUM SEEKERS IN NYC

WHAT TO DONATE

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MANHATTAN:
MISSION CHURCH JOHN 3:16
518 West 168th Street, New York, NY
Tuesday & Saturday 10AM – 5PM
Phone: 914-310-8948

BROOKLYN:



NEW PACKAGED CLOTHING:

Pants, Long sleeve shirts, Socks,
Underwear, for children, men,
women (ALL SIZES)



TOILETRIES & HYGIENE ITEMS:

Diapers, Deodorants, Menstrual
products (unopened), Baby wipes

For more information please email:
cfcf@cityhall.nyc.gov or call 212-346-6335



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DROP OFF LOCATIONS

BROOKLYN:

IGLESIAS JOVENES CRISTIANOS

8700 18th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11214
Sunday 12PM – 4PM
Phone: 718-795-5645

THE BRIDGE

1894 Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11210
Tuesdays & Wednesdays 10AM – 4PM
Phone: 917-804-3942

BRONX:

NEW LIFE CHURCH

2757 Morris Avenue, Bronx, NY 10468
Phone: 718-562-2230
(please call before drop off)

QUEENS:

SALVATION ARMY JAMAICA COMMUNITY CENTER

90-23 161st Street, Jamaica, NY 11432
Monday – Thursday 10AM – 2PM
Phone: 914-217-3277

STATEN ISLAND:

THE CENTRAL FAMILY LIFE CENTER

59 Wright Street, Staten Island, NY 10304
Phone: 718-273-8414

Resource Collection for Asylum Seekers

Donation Drive for Asylum Seekers Arriving in NYC

The Mayor's Office of Faith Based and Community Partnerships have set up drop off locations throughout the City to help support the newly arrived migrants and asylum seekers.

What to donate:

New Packaged Clothing - pants, long sleeve shirts, socks, underwear, for children, men and women (all sizes).

Toiletries and Hygiene Items - diapers, deodorant, menstrual products (unopened), baby wipes.

Where to Donate: List of drop off points in all five boroughs available in the above flier.

With 15000 migrants now here are at a breaking point - if your house of worship would love to join our *Adopt-A-Shelter* program, let The Mayor's Office of Faith Based and Community Partnerships know. They have the locations and now need matches.

For more information please email ofcp@cityhall.nyc.gov.



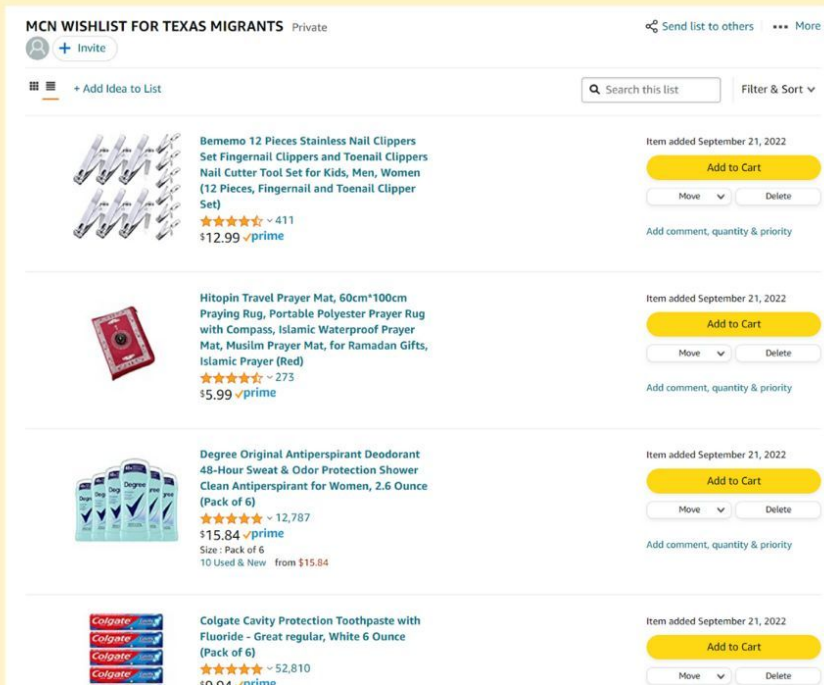
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Muslim Community Network

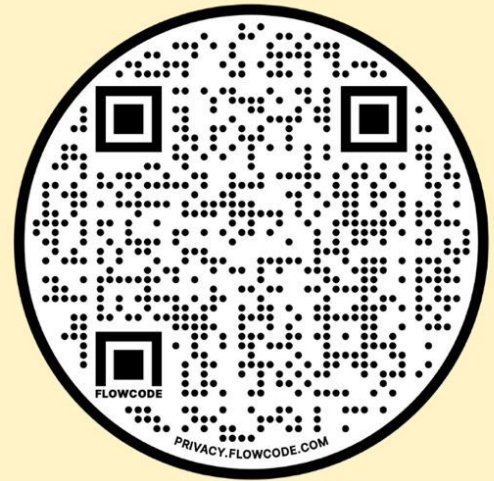
PURCHASE ESSENTIAL ITEMS FOR ASYLUM SEEKERS AND MIGRANTS COMING IN FROM TEXAS

Asylum seekers are in need of essentials such as undergarments, shoes for men, women, and children, body wash, toothbrushes, deodorant, blankets, and more. **You can**

help by purchasing an item from the Amazon wish list.



**CLICK THE LINK IN OUR BIO
TO PURCHASE ITEMS FROM
THE LIST, CLICK HERE, OR
SCAN QR CODE BELOW**



**By making a purchase, you are directly contributing to helping migrants in need
that do not have a support system.**

We must stand together to advocate and help those in need.

All purchases made will directly go to migrants.

For any questions, please contact Maryam@mcnny.org

Resource Collection for Asylum Seekers

Purchase Essentials for Asylum Seekers Arriving in NYC

As many of you know, [New York City has received over 12,000 asylum seekers](#) in the past two months from Texas. While the majority are Latinx from Central America, many are our Muslim brothers and sisters from West Africa. The asylum seekers are randomly dropped off at Port Authority without essential needs like shoes, hygiene products and etc.

Muslim Community Network has launched an [Amazon wishlist](#) to secure essential items for these migrants and asylum seekers to ease the transition process. The wishlist includes essentials such as winter coats, undergarments, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, body wash, shoes, prayer mats, blankets, and more.

By making a purchase, you are directly contributing to helping migrants in need that don't have a support system.

Here is the link to make a purchase: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/17SIY5IGCoLKB?ref_=wl_share.

If you have any questions you can email Maryam@mcnny.org.

[Click Here for the Amazon Wishlist](#)



**Department of
Youth & Community
Development**

Survey to aid faith-based organizations

Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD) Faith-Based Organization Survey

The Office of FaithBased and Community Partnerships (OFCP) is partnering with the Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD) to help smaller organizations partner with the DYCD to help match orgs with access to space, funding, resources.

Your responses will help to plan a Citywide response to support faith-based organizations like yours that may be interested in providing further social services to your communities in collaboration with New York City government.

Please take the time to fill out [this survey](#).

[Click Here for the Survey](#)

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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