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Faithfully, Peter

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NYDIS EVENTS & NEWS**NYDIS Welcomes Buddhists & Salvation Army as Members**

At the May 19th Board of Director's meeting NYDIS accepted membership applications from the Buddhist Council of New York and the Salvation Army of Greater New York. The Buddhist Council will be represented by The Venerable Bhante Kondanna their Council President. The Salvation Army will be represented by Roger Rishawy, Director of Emergency Disaster Services for their Greater New York division. Please join us in celebrating their membership as we continue the work of building partnerships for readiness, response and recovery for all New Yorkers. Any faith-based networks or service providers who provide disaster services may apply for members by contacting Peter Gudaitis, the Executive Director at 212-669-6100 or pqudaitis@nydis.org.

**NYDIS Welcomes Two New Staff**

On May 16th NYDIS was pleased to welcome two new staff (pictured with Executive Director Peter Gudaitis) - Maggie Jarry (center) as Director of Disaster Recovery and Advocacy and Sister Rahma Walker (right) as Executive Assistant. Ms. Jarry comes to NYDIS from Lutheran Social Services where she served as Program Coordinator

for their Refugee and Immigrant Programs and prior to that in their 9/11

recovery programs. She is currently finishing her Masters in Non-Profit Management at the New School. Ms. Walker, a graduate of Columbia University, comes to NYDIS from Islamic Circle of North America – Relief (ICNA-Relief) where she served as the Residential Unit Manager for their UMMAH Muslim Women’s Health Network shelter in Jamaica, Queens. Please join us in welcoming them to NYDIS.

Maggie Jarry may be reached at 212-669-6105 or mjarry@nydis.org.
Rahma Walker may be reached at 212-669-6102 or rwalker@nydis.org.

Civil Rights Dialogue on Racial Profiling Post 9/11

The New York Chapter of the National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum (NAPAWF) is pleased to announce a civil rights discussion on the subject of racial profiling since 9/11, with a particular interest in the impact of racial profiling on Arab, Muslim, and Sikh communities and families. NYDIS is co-sponsoring this event.



DATE: JUNE 8

TIME: 6:30-8:30 pm

LOCATION: TBA

SUGGESTED DONATION: \$5-\$10

FEATURED PANELISTS:

Khurram Wahid, Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR);
Amardeep Singh, Sikh Coalition; Rachel Meeropol, Center for Constitutional Rights (CCR); Joe Yee & Fong Yee, parents of Chaplain James Yee, Justice for James Yee Ad-hoc Committee; Maya Sen, Blue Triangle Network; Aisha al-Adawiya, Women In Islam, Inc.; Advisory Board member of CAIR Aarti Shahani; Families for Freedom

CO-SPONSORED BY:

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For more information email Tara Lai Quinlan at:

taraquin@aol.com

Or visit:

www.napawf.org

NYDIS Advocacy Impacts Allocation of 9/11 Block Grants



Governor Pataki and the Lower Manhattan Development Corporation (LMDC) have released details of how they plan to allocate the remaining \$800 million in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds given to

New York City in the wake of Sept. 11. NYDIS, among many community groups, has been advocating for the money to be used to address housing and 9/11 related health issues in low-income communities, particularly Chinatown and the Lower East Side—communities neglected and ignored by earlier allocation decisions. The most recent plan represents a partial victory with \$50 million promised for low-income housing, \$30 million for Parks and Playgrounds, \$150 million for the East River Waterfront, \$20 million to a K-8 public school on Beekman Street, and \$45 million for Community Enhancement. The days ahead are still

critical as details to this plan are worked out.

For details on the LMDC announcement, go to:
www.renewnyc.com/displaynews.aspx

To read NYDIS' editorial, go to:
www.nydis.org

DPO & NYDIS Host Dialog for Chaplains-MH Providers

On Tuesday, May 24, 9:00 am-1:00 pm, NYDIS-Disaster Psychiatry Outreach co-sponsored: "Evolving Perspectives on 9/11: A Dialog for Chaplains and Mental Health Providers Who Served at Ground Zero." Eighty chaplains and mental health providers attended. Presenters Todd Essig, Ph.D. (top), Supervising Psychoanalyst, William Alanson White Institute, and The Rev. T. Kenjitsu Nakagaki, Head Resident Minister, NY Buddhist Church, Jodoshinshu Temple, gave reflections on their 9/11 work and spoke about challenges faced during the recovery operation at Ground Zero. A discussion from the floor followed the presentations and emphasized the importance of ongoing dialog between the two disciplines. The event was made possible by the American Red Cross and Episcopal Relief and Development.



UPCOMING EVENTS ON 9/11 RECOVERY

Union to Hold Meeting for 9/11 Immigrant Asbestos Workers

Local Union 12A together with the NY Committee for Occupational Safety and Health (NYCOSH) is sponsoring a day of information, food and music on Saturday, June 4, 10 am-6 pm, for immigrants who were 9/11 asbestos workers. The event will be held at Riccardo's, 21-01 24th Ave., Astoria. Presentations will be given by Mt. Sinai Hospital, NYDIS, and the American Red Cross.

For meeting information, call:
Local 12 A
718.937-3203

or Carmen Calderon
NYCOSH
212-627-3900, x 19.



For fact sheets, information about health and safety rights for workers, the latest news about health and safety policy, go to www.nycosh.org

September Space Offers Talk on Survivor's Guilt



September Space's Survivor Speaker Series will offer a talk by Dr. Flora Hogman, a Holocaust Survivor and Clinical Psychologist, on **Thursday, June 23, 6:30-8:30 pm**, at its

facility, 520 8th Ave, 11th flr. Her topic is "Finding Meaning in Survival and Dealing with Guilt." The program format includes a one hour lecture followed by a question and answer period.

To RSVP call: (212) 563-7570

or Email:

programmanager@septemberspace.org

September Space & Faithful Response Offer EMDR Presentation



Dr. David Grand, Clinical Director of Faithful Response, internationally known expert in the practice of Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR) and author of a book on the power of EMDR

in healing, will give a presentation on this innovative clinical treatment for trauma on **Thursday, June 30, 6:30-8:30 pm**, at September Space, 520 8th Ave, 11th flr, Manhattan.



Please RSVP for this event by calling: (212) 563-7570

Or email:

programmanager@septemberspace.org

For more info, go to:

www.septemberspace.org

Mt. Sinai Reopens WTC Screening Enrollment



Mt. Sinai Hospital will begin accepting new patients into the World Trade Center Worker and Volunteer Medical Screening program. The program ended last year but was revived by a federal grant. Thousands of recovery workers have been diagnosed with physical and mental ailments, showing the demand for medical care.

If you think you might qualify, call 888-702-0630.

For more info or to download eligibility forms, go to: www.wtcexams.org

WTC Permanency Project Offers Support Group

The World Trade Center Permanency Project is offering a weekly psychotherapy support group on **Mondays, 6:30-8:00 pm**, at 589 Eighth Ave, 15th flr, Manhattan. The group is free of charge and open to adults 18 years or older who have been experiencing difficulties as a result of the Sept. 11 attacks.

For more info, contact:

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From Our Members and Partners

- **LDRNY Hosts Post-Show Reception for Baloy's Show *eleven***

Mikki Baloy, LDRNY coordinator, is preparing for the debut of her one-woman show, *eleven*, which opens **June 7** at the Brick Theater in Williamsburg, Brooklyn. *Eleven* tells the story of the wave effects of 9/11. Baloy, who worked in the financial district before coming to LDRNY, speaks from her firsthand experience. On **June 11**, LDRNY is sponsoring an after-show reception following the 2:45 p.m. performance. If you want to see *eleven*, June 11 is a good day for LDRNY friends and supporters to go. LDRNY friends and supporters will meet outside the theater after the show and go to the Acquasanta restaurant for a reception.



To RSVP to the reception email:
Mikki@LDRNY.org

or call 1-866-864-1600

To read more or for ticket information, go to www.LDRNY.org

- **Your Prayers Are Requested**

Please pray for LDRNY Executive Director John Scibilia and his family. John's father, Sal, passed away Thursday, May 26, after battling cancer and other complications. A Prayer Service was held Sunday, May 29, in Williston Park, NY. In lieu of flowers, John asks that donations be made to LDRNY. Condolences may be sent to John at: LDRNY, 22 Cortlandt, 20th flr, New York, NY 10007.

Preparedness Corner

Hurricane Season Opens with Predictions of Intense Storms



As hurricane season opened Wednesday, experts worsened the forecast and warned people to prepare. Meteorologists were already saying this year's Atlantic hurricane season will be above normal, but this week they increased their forecast and are predicting 15 named storms, with four of them being intense hurricanes.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration also released an Atlantic hurricane prediction earlier this month, calling for seven to nine hurricanes, with three to five becoming major hurricanes.

"We know people will have a strong reaction this time around with the hurricane season," Lesli Remaly, a disaster response and recovery liaison for Church World Service, explained. **"We've been suggesting to the interfaiths that they make preparedness a focal point this season, with the emphasis being that when you're prepared, it's not as traumatic...it's not only about having your physical homes ready but also to prepare folks emotionally for the notion that the season is upon us."**

To read the full story, go to www.disasternews.net/news/news.php?articleid=2647

For related articles, go to:

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Post-hurricane learnings discussed
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Camp Noah program gears up

ARC Launches Twelve Days Of Hurricane Season Preparedness



Florida's American Red Cross chapters have launched a hurricane preparedness campaign focused on preparing Floridians for the 2005 hurricane season. Entitled the "Twelve Days of Hurricane Season," the campaign recommends the purchase of a different disaster preparedness or mitigation item each day over the first twelve days of hurricane season, June 1-12. During this same time period, Florida's Hurricane Preparedness Sales Tax Exemption will allow individuals and families to purchase many of these supplies without paying sales tax.

For more information, visit www.FloridaPreparesNow.org

Download Ready New York: Hurricanes and New York City

To learn more about how you can better prepare for this hurricane season, download and review the NYC Office of Emergency Management's brochure on hurricanes and the companion Hurricane Evacuation Zones map today.



"Hurricanes and New York City" is available in five languages (in [PDF](#) format):

English	brochure	map
Español	brochure	map
Креюл Ајислен	brochure	map
中文(繁體)	brochure	map
Русский	brochure	map

Job Opportunities in Disaster Services

- **Two Full-Time AmeriCorps Positions Available at NYDIS**



NYDIS seeks applicants for two full-time AmeriCorps openings that run one year, from June 2005-May 2006. Two member positions are open in our Disaster Planning and Training Office. Qualifications include bachelor's degree or equivalent experience.

The AmeriCorps living stipend is \$10,497, plus transportation, health insurance, childcare subsidies and a \$4,700 education award upon completion of the program.

To apply, email or fax:

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- **Two Part-Time AmeriCorps Positions Available at NYDIS**

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The AmeriCorps living stipend is \$6,000, plus transportation, health insurance, childcare subsidies and a \$2,750 education award upon completion of the program.

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- **One Full-Time AmeriCorps Position with NYC VOAD**

NYC VOAD seeks applicants for one full-time AmeriCorps opening that runs one year, from June 2005-May 2006. The member will serve in the offices of NYDIS under the direction of the NYC VOAD Board of Directors. Qualifications include bachelor's degree or equivalent experience and an interest in interagency disaster preparedness.

The AmeriCorps living stipend is \$10,497, plus transportation, health insurance, childcare subsidies and a \$4,700 education award upon completion of the program.

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- **Volunteers Needed at Tribute Center near Ground Zero**

9/11 community members, including family members, survivors, residents, recovery workers, and 9/11 volunteers are welcome to

register for information about the Tribute Center Volunteer Program. The Tribute Center is an exhibition and learning center that will open near Ground Zero next year.

For more, visit:
www.911families.org

September 11th Families Association

or send an email to:
TributeVolunteers@911families.org

We Recommend...

- Check out www.where-to-turn.org website. Especially useful is the info on legislation and news relating to 9/11 issues.
 - Now you can listen to Disaster News Network reports on your computer or MP3 player. Go to www.disasternews.net/podcasts. A new weekly Podcast is posted every Monday afternoon. News interviews are posted at other times during the week.
 - For case management and mental health resources, go to: www.nydis.org/9-11recovery/9.htm
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Make a Gift to NYDIS



If you'd like to make a donation to assist NYDIS in its mission of providing faith-based disaster services, [click here](#), or send a check to NYDIS at 22 Cortlandt Street, 20th Flr, New York, NY 10007. Contributions are tax deductible. It is a great way to honor or memorialize someone and we will send an acknowledgement of your gift.

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