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Welcome to **NYDISnet**, our bi-weekly e-newsletter. We hope this resource will keep you updated about the work of NYDIS and developments in disaster readiness, response and recovery initiatives here in New York City. If you have some news to share or an upcoming event to publicize please contact slockwood@nydis.org.

When an emergency situation arises in New York City - our office will send out a **NYDISnet ALERT** to all subscribers. The alert will include all official information available through the NYC Office of Emergency Management and news from our members and partners.

Please feel free to copy and distribute any information from **NYDISnet** that you find helpful. If you would like to distribute **NYDISnet** to your agency staff or faith community leaders please let us know - we're happy to provide that service free of charge.

Faithfully, Peter

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NYDIS NEWS AND EVENTS

■ NYDIS & OEM Promote National Preparedness Month

**National
Preparedness
Month**

NYDIS is joining the NYC Office of Emergency Management and a number of disaster service agencies in promoting September as National Preparedness Month — a nationwide effort to encourage New Yorkers and all Americans to take simple steps to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses, schools, and houses of worship.

Take the time this September to learn more about ways you can prepare for emergencies. For resources, check out our Preparedness Corner.

- Consider participating in a [preparedness event](#) near you, or review the [Ready New York guide](#).
- Read about [National Preparedness Month in NYC](#).
- Learn more about the [Ready New York campaign](#).
- Contact NYDIS for a Ready New York presentation or a training on congregational preparedness.

■ NYDIS Offers CD on 9/11 Recovery and Ground Zero Tour



Courage: A Pilgrim's Walking Tour of Ground Zero is a newly released CD offered through NYDIS that accompanies the listener through a journey at Ground Zero and includes not only walking directions, a map, and identification of key points on the landscape, but also provides first-person stories by participants who



worked tirelessly in the recovery effort and have struggled with the pain and suffering of the experience.

Produced by Courtney Cowart, Th.D., the CD is already being used by pastors, educators and therapists to lead study circles, teach courses, and as a catalyst for creative art and writing therapies, for sermon material, and as inspiration for faith-based volunteers.

The focus of the CD is on the discovery of real strength and resilience—where that comes from and what sustains it even in the most painful circumstances. Tracks include:

"Grief and Hope", "Sacrifice", "Love is Stronger than Death", "Forgiveness", "Kindness, the Soul of Compassion", "New Birth"

These are enhanced with music by acclaimed songwriter and singer Beth Nielsen Chapman and Emmy award-winning musician, composer and producer Gary Malkin.

Proceeds from the sale of the CD will be used to support NYDIS' disaster advocacy, planning, training, and long-term recovery initiatives.

To order *Courage: A Pilgrim's Walk of Ground Zero*:

Order online at www.nydis.org/visitnyc/5.php

Call: 212-669-6100

Cost: \$15 per CD + \$2 shipping and handling

■ NYDIS Executive To Speak at Conference in UK

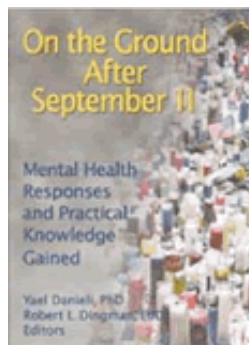


NYDIS Executive Director Peter Gudaitis is one of 20 Americans, and the only faith-based agency representative, invited by the Cabinet Office and the British Consulate to present at a joint UK-USA conference on Policy Implications for Emergency Planning, Mental Health & Catastrophic Events. The conference will be held at the Emergency Planning College in York, England, Sept. 12-15. Gudaitis will present on "Learning from Examples of Evidence-Based Planning," drawing on NYDIS' partnerships with the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, the Office of Emergency Management, and other faith-based and community-based disaster service providers.

For more info on the plan, go to:

www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/interapp/editorial/editorial_0566.xml

■ NYDIS & LDRNY Help Launch 9/11 Mental Health Book



Yael Danieli and Robert L. Dingman have compiled and edited a collection of first-person accounts on the mental health response to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. The book, *On the Ground After September 11: Mental Health Responses and Practical Knowledge Gained*, will be launched Friday, Sept. 9, 1:30-5 pm, at the Michael Schimmel Center for the Arts, Pace University downtown, across from City Hall.

The program includes brief presentations of distilled lessons learned at this fourth anniversary

by authors and by guests. Guest speakers include Ambassador Javier Ruperez (Executive Director of the United Nations Counter Terrorism Directorate), Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney, Richard Ben-Veniste (former 9/11 Commissioner), Dr. Lloyd I. Sederer (New York City Executive Deputy Commissioner for Mental Hygiene), Mary Fetchet (Mother of Brad Fetchet, 24, WTC2; Founding Director and President of Voices of September 11th), and other invited policy makers. The program will close by an open dialogue of all present.

Daniel H. Bush, former NYDIS Director of 9/11 Recovery and Advocacy, has contributed a chapter as have staff from a number of NYDIS members and partners.

A light lunch will be provided and the book will be available for sale.

Please RSVP by Sept. 6 to:
YAELD@aol.com or (212)737-8524.

For directions to Pace, go to:
appserv.pace.edu/execute/page.cfm?doc_id=154

■ 9/11 Unmet Needs Roundtable Updates

• In-Service Training for Case Workers

In-Service Training is required for case workers who have never presented a case at the Roundtable, and is recommended as a refresher for experienced case workers who have previously presented cases.

- 9:30-11:30 am at NYDIS - **Tuesday, August 30**
- 9:30-11:30 am at NYDIS - **Tuesday, September 13**
- 9:30-11:30 am at NYDIS - **Tuesday, September 27**

• Next Meetings of the Roundtable

The NYC 9/11 Unmet Needs Roundtable brings together donors with agencies providing case management to 9/11 victims. Case Workers who would like to present a case must sign-up by Friday prior to the meeting of the Roundtable.

- 9:30 am - **Thursday, September 1**
- 9:30 am - **Thursday, September 15**
- 9:30 am - **Thursday, September 29**

To sign up for In-Service Training or to present a case, contact:
Maggie Jarry, Moderator
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mjarry@nydis.org


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COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS

■ Polish Immigrants Working at Ground Zero Report Illnesses



Polish immigrants in NYC who served as rescue and recovery workers at Ground Zero after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks spoke out Tuesday night at a meeting at the Consulate of the

 Republic of Poland. The meeting was aimed at shedding light on the increasing number of illnesses among these workers and finding them more help. St. Mark's Place Institute for Mental Health, also known as Unitas, helped organize the event.

NYDIS and Mt. Sinai Medical Center who have been working together for the past year to find funding for medical treatment and the everyday bills workers can't pay if they can't work also spoke out.

To read the full story, go to:

www.disasternews.net/news/news.php?articleid=2763

■ Florida Renews Call for Volunteers

Responders in Florida are urging people to volunteer to help with long-term recovery from last year's hurricanes.



Read the full story at:

www.disasternews.net/news/news.php?articleid=2773

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FROM OUR MEMBERS AND PARTNERS

■ 9/11 Anniversary Observances and Resources

- **ARC Announces Online 9/11 Anniversary Events Calendar**

The American Red Cross Sept. 11 Recovery Program (SRP) has posted an online "2005 September 11 Anniversary Events" Calendar. The calendar is located on the SRP website under "Resources," and will receive weekly updates until Sept. 5.

Check out the calendar at:

www.redcross.org/september11/help



For info or to update or add events, contact:

Ian Hartman-O'Connell

HarmantOConnellI@usa.redcross.org

646.826.3224

- **Episcopal Diocese Offers Liturgical Materials for 9/11**

Special prayers, bulletin inserts, and other liturgical materials for the fourth anniversary of 9/11 which falls on Sunday this year are available on line at:

www.diocesenyny.org

www.liturgy.diocesenyny.org



- **Father Judge Walk of Remembrance Set for Sept. 4**



The Fourth Annual Sept. 11 Father Mychal F. Judge Walk of Remembrance will be Sunday, Sept. 4, beginning at Engine 1 and Ladder 24, 142 West 31st St. (between 6th and 7th Ave., Manhattan) with a recital of the rosary, followed by a Catholic Mass. The Walk then proceeds to

the World Trade Center site, stopping at various firehouses and police precincts along the way.

People of all faiths are welcome to walk in remembrance of

those who lived and died on Sept. 11, 2001.

For more info, contact:

NYPD Detective 1st Grade Steven McDonald: 347-386-9400

Bill Schillinger (FDNY retired): 917-902-6689

Capt. John D. Bates (Metro Pilots): 516- 238-0952

www.firefamilytransport.org/pages/walk-of-remembrance_9-04.htm

- **Jewish Healing Center Holds Interfaith Memorial Service**



The NY Jewish Healing Center of the Jewish Board of Family and Children's Services is holding an Interfaith Memorial Service to commemorate the fourth anniversary of 9/11, on Sunday, Sept. 11, 7-8:15 pm at Stephen Wise Free Synagogue, 30 W. 68 St, NYC.

For more info, please call

Rabbi Simkha Y. Weintraub, LMSW

212-399-2320, x 215

www.jhhrn.org

- **LDRNY Offers List of Services, Prayer Resource**

Lutheran Disaster Response of NY has a list of 9/11 Services being held by Lutheran congregations on their website at:

www.ldrny.org/resources/resources8.asp



Prayers by Lutheran Pastor Tom Taylor are also on the website at: www.ldrny.org/topnews/topnews_feature.html

- **Mayor/Governor Announce 9/11 Anniversary Plans**



Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg and Governor George E. Pataki have announced NYC's plans to commemorate the fourth anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attack. As with previous ceremonies, the observance will take place at the World Trade Center site on the morning of Sunday, Sept. 11.

At sundown, the "Tribute in Light" will return for one night on Sept. 11, in memory of those lost and as a symbol of the spirit of our community. It will be located at a new site this year at West and Morris Streets in Lower Manhattan.

For more info, go to:

www.nyc.gov/html/om/html/2005b/pr304-05.html

- **One Day's Pay Sponsors National Day of Service**



One Day's Pay is a national nonprofit working to establish 9/11 as a National Day of Voluntary Service, Charity and Compassion. People are encouraged to take time out of their day to help a friend in need, give blood, donate to a charity, volunteer time, or just be kind to others.

For more info or suggestions, go to:

www.nycremembers.org/index.php

- **STAR NY and Pace University Host Event**

STAR NY and Pace University's Counseling Center are hosting workshops and exhibits for



trauma healing and self care on Saturday, Sept. 10, 8 am-4:30 pm at 1 Pace Plaza. There will be music, food, and exhibits on Tai Chi, Yoga, and

Reiki.

For more information, contact:

Jackie Womack
212.227.8484

starnyc@emu.edu

- **For More 9/11 Remembrance Events, go to:**

www.where-to-turn.org

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PREPAREDNESS CORNER

- **National Preparedness Month Actions:**

- **Make a Plan**
- **Get a Kit**
- **Be Informed**
- **Get Involved**

For help with actions, go to:

www.ready.gov/npm/individuals.htm

www.ready.gov/npm/faqs.htm

- **National Preparedness Month Events**

  		
9/1	Ready New York Kick-Off at Grand Central Station	Manhattan, 7am-7pm
9/8	State Senate Office District 19	Brooklyn, 10am-4pm
9/12	Picnic in the Park - A Senior Health Fair	Devoe Park, Bronx, 10am-2pm
9/12	Ready New York at Mount Zion Baptist Church	Brooklyn, 5pm
9/12	"In the Balance" series airs on PBS	WNET, Channel 13, 10pm
9/14	Dept. of Homeland Security Regional Preparation & Readiness Conference	Long Island, NY, 7am-12:30pm
9/14	Annual Senior Stroll in Gateway National Park	Staten Island, 10am
9/14	Together We Prepare (Chinese)	Manhattan, 4:30pm-7pm
9/17	Weed & Seed Program, John Adam Houses	Bronx, 10am
9/17	Senior Wellness Expo, 1727	Manhattan

	Broadway	
9/17	Consumer Action Day, Riverbank State Park	Manhattan, 11am-3pm
9/17-18	Richmond County Fair	Staten Island, 11am
9/18	Columbus Avenue Festival (66th-86th Streets)	Manhattan, 11am-6pm
9/19	"In the Balance" series airs on PBS	WNET, Channel 13, 10pm
9/21	MetroTech Corporate Fair	Brooklyn, 10am-3pm
9/22	American Red Cross Commuter Outreach	Transportation hubs, 5pm-8pm
9/24	Baby Safety Fair	Staten Island, 12pm

For more information, visit [OEM's upcoming events](#) page.

- **Ready New York Guides Available in Hard Copy or Online**



To order Ready New York household preparedness guides, call 311.

To view or download household preparedness guides, go to:

www.nyc.gov

- **OEM Unveils Hurricane Awareness Campaign**

To remind New Yorkers about the coastal storm hazards they face and the importance of taking steps to prepare for the hurricane season, OEM has introduced a new hurricane awareness ad campaign.



Read the [press release](#), [view the ad](#), and learn more about coastal [storms and hurricanes](#).

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JOB OPPORTUNITIES IN DISASTER SERVICES

- **Emergency Preparedness Specialist**
NYC Office of Emergency Management

For job description and info, go to:

www.nyc.gov/html/oem/html/about/jobs_health_specialist.html



For information, contact:

Maryann Marrocolo

Director of Plan Management

mmarrocolo@oem.nyc.gov

- **One Part-Time AmeriCorps Position Available at NYDIS**

NYDIS seeks applicants for one part-time AmeriCorps opening that runs one year, from now-May 2006. The position is open in our Disaster Planning and Training Office. Qualifications include bachelor's degree or equivalent experience.

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

To apply, email or fax:
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Fax: 212-669-6101



No phone calls.
For info on NYDIS, go to:
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WE RECOMMEND...

- If you feel you or someone you know was profiled for a search on the subway, check out the Know Your Rights page at: www.nyclu.org/mta_searches_main.html
- The Natural Hazards Research and Applications Information Center at the University of Colorado offers a plethora of information, resources, and research on disasters at: www.colorado.edu/hazards

To read article on faith-based response to 9/11, go to:
www.colorado.edu/hazards/qr/qr147/qr147.html

- Check out the Century Foundation report on Terrorism, Mental Health and September 11 at: www.tcf.org
- The NYDIS statement on the London Bombing is still on our website, as well as resources and other helpful info on disaster recovery and preparedness. Go to: www.nydis.org
- **Where to Refer 9/11 Victims for Case Management**
The following agencies are continuing to offer case management services:
 - **American Red Cross**
Call Center: 877-746-4987
Will pre-screen callers and make referrals to case management agencies providing client services
www.redcross.org
 - **Catholic Charities - Archdiocese of New York**
Julie Andrade: 212-795-6860 ext. 26
www.catholiccharitiesny.org
 - **Catholic Charities - Diocese of Brooklyn (and Queens)**



Lester Szymanski: 718-337-6590

www.catholiccharitiesny.org

- **Islamic Circle of North America - Relief**

General: 718-523-5100

Special needs, referrals and financial assistance for mental health related cases

www.reliefonline.org



- **Lutheran Social Services - Project Life**

General: 800-729-9209

Elba Felix/Marc Herstein: 212-748-3521 / 3520

www.ldrny.org

- **Safe Horizon**

Toll Free Hotline: 866-689-HELP (4357)

Will pre-screen callers and make referrals to case management agencies providing client services.

www.safehorizon.org



- **The Salvation Army World Trade Center Recovery Program**

Diana DoSantos: 718-523-3315 ext. 15

Email: diana_dosantos@salvationarmy-wtc.org

www.salvationarmy-newyork.org



- **Where to Refer 9/11 Victims for Mental Health Services**

There are a number of services readily accessible for persons who have been impacted emotionally by 9/11 and would benefit from individual or group counseling and support. Below is a list of current programs and contact information:

- **Islamic Circle of North America - Relief**

General: 718-523-5100

Referrals for mental health related cases



- **Karen Horney Clinic**

Dr. Tracy Simon, 212- 838-4333 ext. 218

www.karenhorneycenter.org

- **Mental Health Association of NYC**

General: 800-LIFENET (800-543-3638)

Spanish: 877-AYUDESE (877-298-3373)

Asian: 877-990-8585

www.9-11mentalhealth.org

The 9/11 Mental Health and Substance Abuse Program

Provides financial assistance and referrals for mental health and substance abuse treatment to downtown residents, rescue and recovery workers, those who lost a family member, students attending nearby schools, and anyone who worked below Chambers Street or was in the area on 9/11. Funded by the American Red Cross September 11 Recovery Program and administered by the Mental Health Association of New York City.

- **Safe Horizon Counseling and Support Services**

www.safehorizon.org



9/11 Recovery Programs

Provide crisis intervention and mental health services to anyone affected by events of 9/11. Services are available to adults, children, families and communities.

- **Family Assistance Center 9/11 Counseling and Support Services**

Heather Trish, 212-729-5516

Individual counseling and support groups to anyone affected by 9/11, including family members of victims, those injured, evacuated, or displaced and anyone who witnessed the events of 9/11.

- **Project Rescue & Recovery**

General: 347-328-8110

Provides mental health and psychiatric services to any staff or volunteer involved with 9/11 rescue and recovery efforts and their families.

- **September 11th Support Hotline**

866-689-HELP (4357)

Provides information, support and referral to mental health for individuals affected by 9/11. Service available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Bilingual staff and interpretation services are available.

- **Counseling Center**

347-328-8110

NYS-licensed mental health clinic in downtown Brooklyn specializes in meeting the complex needs of individuals and families who have been victims of crime and abuse or impacted by a traumatic event such as 9/11. Qualified teams of multi-lingual licensed mental health professionals and psychiatrists staff the center.

- **Child and Adolescent Trauma Treatment Services (Cats Program)**

212-729-5555

Provides mental health treatment and services to children and adolescents, ages 7-18, affected by trauma, domestic violence, community violence, or physical/sexual abuse.

- **St. Vincent WTC Healing Services**

General: 212-346-2582

Chinese speaking: 646-286-2686

Offers free and confidential counseling and support services for adults, adolescents, and children who have been impacted by 9/11, located at 170 Broadway Suite 1208, New York, NY 10038

www.svcmc.org



- **The Infant/Toddler/Preschool Post-9/11 Initiative**

Deborah Carroll, Clinical Coordinator, 212-809-6252 ext 207

Screenings, counseling and referrals for children, ages 2-8, who may be having post 9/11 difficulties and who lived/attended or live/attend school below Canal Street.

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.

To donate on line, go to the NYDIS homepage and click on "Make a Donation": www.nydis.org

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