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### DEAR FRIENDS OF NYDIS:

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.

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

**PETER B. GUDAITIS, M.DIV.**  
*Executive Director & CEO*

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## NYDIS NEWS AND EVENTS

- NYDIS/OEM Ready NY Training August 13 in Brooklyn



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Islamic Society of Bay Ridge, Brooklyn: 6807 5th Ave.

Register:

[www.nydis.org/oem2006](http://www.nydis.org/oem2006)

#### ■ **NYDIS Provides Coordination for NW Queens Blackout**

Over the past week NYDIS has been supporting the coordination of agency efforts with NYC Office of Emergency Management (OEM) and The American Red Cross (ARC) throughout the blackout in the NW Queens. Due to the loss of ten major feeder cables, 100,000 people were without power for the past week. As of July 25, OEM reported that 98% of power has been restored. NYDIS has been supporting interagency communications and coordinating the efforts of Houses of Worship in providing services. Con Ed reported crews working 24/7 to get all customers back online. The NY Times reported this morning that some officials are calling for a NY State declaration of emergency and the resignation of the utility's chief executive.

If your congregation is in need of assistance, please contact us:

Peter Gudaitis, Executive Director

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To File A Claim for Food Spoilage Losses Online:

[www.coned.com/customercentral/lawclaims.asp](http://www.coned.com/customercentral/lawclaims.asp)

#### ■ **NYDIS on Comedy Central with Jon Stewart**

Did you catch our ED on *The Daily Show with Jon Stewart*? Peter was "interviewed" by correspondent Samantha Bee in a satire skit on the allure of disaster betting on the



Internet that was aired on the Thursday, July 20 show. *The Daily Show*, a mock news program, reports on the foibles of the real world with a humorous edge and has a reputation as one of the sharpest political commentary shows on TV.

[www.daillyshow.com](http://www.daillyshow.com)

#### ■ **NYDIS & HSC Co-Host NYC Meetings with DHS**

On Thursday, July 13, Keith Rothfus, Director of the Center for Faith Based & Community Initiatives at the Department of Homeland Security, held several meetings here in NYC to evaluate the needs of faith-based and community based agencies providing disaster services locally or nationally. The President asked DHS to review departmental programs, policies and activities to determine the extent of any barriers to the participation of faith-based and community organizations in times of crisis. Mr. Rothfus met with NYC leaders to explore how DHS can better work with NYC organizations. After private meetings with Church World Service, Episcopal Relief and Development, HSC,



NYDIS and the Secure Community Network, Mr. Rothfus met with the senior leadership of both HSC and NYDIS networks. Commissioner Bruno of NYC OEM also attended. The agencies represented included: American Red Cross, Black Equity Alliance, New York Board of Rabbis, Catholic Charities NY, DCS-NY, HSC, NAJC, NYDIS, Safe Horizon, Salvation Army, and the Sikh Coalition.

[www.fbcj.gov](http://www.fbcj.gov)

#### ■ NYDIS Board Appoints House Anthropologist

In their meeting on July 13, NYDIS' Board of Directors appointed Joshua Moses as House Anthropologist. This role will entail bi-monthly reports to the Board and Executive Director on current research and potential areas of collaboration for NYDIS in the areas of community- and faith-based disaster readiness, response and recovery. Mr. Moses, with a Masters in Community Development from Cornell University, is currently a Ph.D. candidate in anthropology at the Graduate and University Center of CUNY. He has published papers for the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene's Policy Reports on *Faith Leaders and Mental Health Professionals: Forging Linkages for Improved Mental Health Services* (2004), and *The Needs and Interests of NYC's Working Clergy and Mental Health Disaster Preparedness* (2005; both with Kim Hopper).

#### ■ Upstate NY Flood Recovery Resources Online

On July 14, NYDIS sent out a second NYDISnet Alert, "[One Week After The Upstate NY Flood Declaration – Recovery Information](#)", stating that the president has now declared a federal disaster in twenty upstate NY counties, up from twelve.

**NYDIS has established an online resource center and will keep it updated on a regular basis. If you have information or resources to post on our website, contact:**

**Yvette Perry, Director, Communications**  
**212.669.6115**  
[yperry@nydis.org](mailto:yperry@nydis.org)

**Please go to the NYDIS website for resources, news and updates on the flooding crisis:**  
[www.nydis.org/recovery/12.php](http://www.nydis.org/recovery/12.php)

#### ■ NYC Katrina Evacuee Resources Online

**A comprehensive list of news, updates and resources on Katrina evacuees in NYC and information on NYDIS' Katrina Evacuee Recovery Program updated weekly:**  
[www.nydis.org/katrina](http://www.nydis.org/katrina)

#### ■ NYC Katrina Unmet Needs Roundtable

- **NYC Katrina In-Service Training for Case Managers**

In May, NYDIS was awarded funding through 2006



to staff and host the NYC Katrina Unmet Needs Roundtable. Case managers working with Katrina or Rita survivors are required to attend an in-service training prior to presenting at the Roundtable. The purpose of these trainings is to provide case managers with a better understanding of the workings of the Roundtable and to help increase the likelihood that a client's needs could be funded.

- **Tuesday, August 1 – 2:30-5:00 pm**

- **NYC Katrina Unmet Needs Roundtable**

The NYC Katrina Unmet Needs Roundtable aids case managers in securing cash assistance and to share resources to best meet the unmet needs of disaster victims so that they may regain self-sufficiency and recover from the impact of a disaster. The Roundtable helps to facilitate long-term recovery by supporting clients' recovery plans. Case managers who would like to present at the NYC Katrina Unmet Needs Roundtable may submit a request the Friday prior to the Roundtable meeting.

- **Tuesday, August 8 – 2:30-5:00 pm**

To sign up for In-Service Training or to present a case:

Adja Sakho, Moderator

212.669.6108

[asakho@nydis.org](mailto:asakho@nydis.org)

- **NYC 9/11 Recovery Resources Online**

**A comprehensive list of 9/11 resources for victims, responders, and relief workers updated monthly:**

[www.nydis.org/recovery/11.php](http://www.nydis.org/recovery/11.php)

- **NYC 9/11 Unmet Needs Roundtable Updates**

- **Online 9/11 Client Inquiry Form**

To access the form, go to:

[www.nydis.org/unmetneeds/7.php](http://www.nydis.org/unmetneeds/7.php)



- **9/11 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. All training sessions take place at NYDIS ([map](#)).

- **Tuesday, August 8 – 3:00-5:00 pm**
- **Monday, August 21 – 1:00-3:30 pm**

- **NYC 9/11 Unmet Needs Roundtable Schedule**

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. Due to the influx of cases which need presenting, the 9/11 Unmet Needs Roundtable will be adding an additional Wednesday date each month. There will now be three meetings a month, instead of two.

- **Thursday, July 27 – 9:30 am-12:00 noon**

- **Thursday, August 10 – 9:30 am-12:00 noon**
- **Thursday, August 24 – 9:30-12:00 noon**
- **Wednesday, August 30 – 9:30-12:00 noon**

To sign up for In-Service Training or to present a case:  
Maggie Jarry, Moderator  
212.669.6105  
[mjarry@nydis.org](mailto:mjarry@nydis.org)

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## COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS

### ■ **FEMA Proposes Restructuring Emergency Cash Relief**

DHS is revamping some of its disaster relief programs in order to curtail issues of fraud and implement better evacuation procedures. Plans include lowering the cap for emergency cash relief to families in need from \$2,000 to \$500 per family and developing a better system to control access to hotel rooms. NYDIS' concern is to see that the families with legitimate needs receive emergency assistance without delay.



For more information:

[www.nytimes.com/2006/07/24/washington/24fema.html](http://www.nytimes.com/2006/07/24/washington/24fema.html)

### ■ **Lebanese Evacuees Airlift Arrives in NY Area**

As of July 24, the NY Times reports that 400 Americans who left Lebanon because of the fighting there arrived at McGuire Air Force Base during the weekend, with more scheduled to arrive this week. The federal government was paying to take them to Newark Liberty International Airport or a nearby hotel, and officials helped to arrange transport home. The Port Authority of NY and NJ helped the American Red Cross set up a staging area at the Newark airport. NYDIS is currently coordinating the Houses of Worship in the Lebanese-NYC community that are able to accept these people for shelter.

Read the entire article:

[www.nytimes.com/2006/07/24/nyregion/24mbrfs-005.html](http://www.nytimes.com/2006/07/24/nyregion/24mbrfs-005.html)

### ■ **Upstate NY Floods Recovery Network**

FEMA has released a tri-county Flood Assistance guide, produced by 2-1-1 of the Hudson Valley, encompassing Sullivan, Orange, and Ulster counties.



Download the guide (pdf):

[www.nydis.org/resources/materials/Upstate\\_Flood\\_Sul\\_Ora\\_Uls.pdf](http://www.nydis.org/resources/materials/Upstate_Flood_Sul_Ora_Uls.pdf)

### ■ **ARC's 9/11 Grants Program Gets High Rating**

The Urban Institute's final report on the evaluation of the American Red Cross Recovery Grants Program (RGP) has just been published. In 2004, ARC launched the RGP,





which was designed to support community-based nonprofit organizations that offer services related to longer-term needs associated with 9/11. Services included mental health and wellness programs, financial planning, employment assistance, and other services that enhance self-sufficiency and long-term recovery. The results show that clients were very satisfied, with 78% rating the overall helpfulness of services as excellent and 63% felt they were better off because of the assistance.

Download the report (pdf):  
[www.redcross.org/images/pdfs/RecoveryGrantsSurvey.pdf](http://www.redcross.org/images/pdfs/RecoveryGrantsSurvey.pdf)



[www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)  
[www.urban.org](http://www.urban.org)

■ **Mayor and NYC OEM Promote New Coastal Storm Plan**

Mayor Bloomberg and Office of Emergency Management (OEM) Commissioner are promoting NYC's updated Coastal Storm Plan (CSP). The revised CSP, last updated in 2004, is the result of more than nine months of intense review and planning by OEM and various city, state, federal, non-profit and for-profit agencies. This comprehensive update incorporates lessons learned by first responders sent to Louisiana and Mississippi after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.



Read the Press Release:  
[www.nyc.gov/html/om/html/2006a/pr223-06.html](http://www.nyc.gov/html/om/html/2006a/pr223-06.html)

[www.nyc.gov/html/om](http://www.nyc.gov/html/om)

■ **NYC OEM's Coastal Storm Presentations in Each Borough**

Get advice from trained emergency management professionals on how to create a disaster plan. These events are free and open to the public and will be happening in communities that are most vulnerable to storm surge in the event of a coastal storm. After the presentation, community partners will be available to answer questions. Topics covered include: What is a coastal storm?, Why do coastal storms pose a risk to NYC?, Evacuation process, Sheltering, Personal Preparedness, and Recovery.



This house of worship will be hosting the presentation:

Bronx/City Island: Wednesday, August 9, 5:00 pm, Trinity Methodist Church, 113 Bay Street

For a complete list of events by borough (pdf):  
[www.nydis.org/resources/materials/NYC\\_OEM\\_Storm\\_Presentations.pdf](http://www.nydis.org/resources/materials/NYC_OEM_Storm_Presentations.pdf)

[www.nyc.gov/om](http://www.nyc.gov/om)

■ **FEMA Multi-Year Flood Hazard ID Plan (MHIP)**

MHIP is a five-year initiative by FEMA to remap US flood plans and provide updated digital flood hazard data and maps for areas with flood risk and make it accessible to



the public on the internet. The completion of flood map updates extends to 2010.



Learn how map modernization effects local communities and get continued access to the latest version:

[www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/fhm/mh\\_main.shtm](http://www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/fhm/mh_main.shtm)

#### ■ **New FEMA Reimbursement Aid for Katrina Evacuees**

FEMA has been ordered to reimburse Gulf Coast evacuees for the full amount of fair market rent, including utilities. *Watson v. FEMA* requires the agency to pay amounts for utilities for all recipients of Temporary Housing Assistance under the Section 408 program. Prior to this ruling, FEMA would only provide reimbursement where utilities were included as part of the rental charge. FEMA must notify recipients of Section 408 assistance that they may use FEMA assistance for utilities, and is prohibited from terminating assistance on the basis of the fact that an evacuee used FEMA funds for utilities.



View the entire order:

<http://www.femaanswers.org>

#### ■ **Jewish Agencies Succeed in Receiving DHS Funds**

Ron Kampeas' article in last week's issue of *The Jewish Week* reported that DHS was not authorizing money to Jewish institutions for antiterrorism funding that Congress had already authorized. The United Jewish Communities (UJC) lobbied for the \$25 million mandated in the 2006 budget. Since this article was published, JTA reported on July 20 that Michael Chertoff, DHS Secretary, has promised to release the funding. Senator Barbara Mikulski, co-sponsor of the original legislation (with Senator Arlen Specter), states in Mr. Kampeas' article, "This is a federal investment in added security to help protect organizations at risk of terrorist attacks."



Read the original article in Jewish Week:

[www.thejewishweek.com/news/newscontent.php3?artid=12684](http://www.thejewishweek.com/news/newscontent.php3?artid=12684)



Read the "Breaking News" from JTA:

[jta.org/page\\_view\\_breaking\\_story.asp?intid=3565](http://jta.org/page_view_breaking_story.asp?intid=3565)

#### ■ **9/11 Clean-Up Workers Expo**

Saturday, August 5  
10:00 am – 3:00 pm  
Metropolitan Hospital/Draper Hall  
1918 First Avenue, Manhattan



Come to an informational expo with agencies providing services to Ground Zero clean-up workers and their families. Learn up-to-date information on the services and benefits still available.

Contact NYCOSH 9/11 Immigrant Project Coordinators:

Luzdary Giraldo  
212.227.6440 x18 in New York City  
[lgiraldo@nycosh.org](mailto:lgiraldo@nycosh.org)

Carmen Calderon  
631.435.1857 on Long Island  
[ccalderon@nycosh.org](mailto:ccalderon@nycosh.org)

### ■ Major Owens' Town Meeting on Emergency Preparedness

On Thursday, August 10 at 7:00 pm, Congressman Major R. Owens of the 11th District in Brooklyn, will be holding a Town Meeting at the First Baptist Church (on Livonia) at 357 Chester Street. There will be brief presentations on Emergency Preparedness by NYDIS and the American Red Cross.



Contact Zo Mpofu, Community Liaison, Congressman Owens:  
718.773.3100

[Zo.mpofu@mail.house.gov](mailto:Zo.mpofu@mail.house.gov)

[www.house.gov/owens/index.htm](http://www.house.gov/owens/index.htm)

### ■ Department of Agriculture Lacks Plan for Flu Detection

The New York Times reported on June 21 that the inspector general of the Agriculture Department said that the agency lacks a comprehensive plan for detecting avian flu in poultry and wild birds. In an audit, the office found that the department relied too heavily on voluntary testing by the poultry industry and reports from state agriculture departments.

Read the entire article:

[www.nytimes.com/2006/06/21/washington/21flu.html](http://www.nytimes.com/2006/06/21/washington/21flu.html)

### ■ USDA's Role in Flu Implementation Plan

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) works together with Federal, State, and industry partners to protect the U.S. against the rapid spread of highly pathogenic H5N1 avian influenza (AI).



The USDA's full statement about their role (pdf):

[www.usda.gov/documents/AI\\_Fact\\_Sheet\\_Implementation\\_Plan.pdf](http://www.usda.gov/documents/AI_Fact_Sheet_Implementation_Plan.pdf)

[www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usdahome](http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usdahome)

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## FROM OUR MEMBERS AND PARTNERS

### ● The Salvation Army Continues to Help NYS Flood Victims

Currently, The Salvation Army is still servicing the flooded area in Orange and Sullivan counties from the Port Jervis Corps Community Center. They have received requests for food, clothing, clean-up equipment and supplies from 15 families. People needing assistance should contact The Salvation Army at 845.856.3214 during weekday hours of 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.



Contact Roger Rischawy, The Salvation Army Greater NY:



212.337.7459

[Roger.Rischawy@use.salvationarmy.org](mailto:Roger.Rischawy@use.salvationarmy.org)

- **British Conducting Evacuation Study**

Announced by the NYC DOHMH's WTC Health Registry, British fire safety researchers looking to improve building regulations, designs and evacuation procedures around the world are seeking help from Registry enrollees who evacuated from the WTC on 9/11. Funded by the British government and three British universities, the study's experts plan to conduct face-to-face interviews with participants to learn more about the evacuations. The British team describes the study as the "largest of its kind ever taken."



Contact the study team:

212.484.1329

[www.wtc-evacuation.com](http://www.wtc-evacuation.com)

[www.nyc.gov/html/doh/html/wtc/index.html](http://www.nyc.gov/html/doh/html/wtc/index.html)

- **LDR Seeks Volunteers to Rebuild After Hurricanes**

Another hurricane season is upon us, but the rebuilding work from the 2004 and 2005 storms is far from over. Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) is committed to the long-term recovery of the areas affected by these disasters, a commitment that could last as many as 10 years. Volunteers are needed at LDR sites in Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Texas. Volunteers must be 16 or older, in good health, have a good attitude, and be willing to work hard. The conditions, especially with summer's heat and humidity, are less than glamorous, but the work is rewarding.



If you're interested in putting together a work crew:

[www.ldr.org/volunteer](http://www.ldr.org/volunteer)

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## PREPAREDNESS CORNER

- **DHS' Updated Emergency Preparedness Website**

On July 17, DHS's Ready Campaign launched an updated version of its website. Homeland Security's Under Secretary for Preparedness, George W. Foresman, announced, "At Ready.gov individuals can find information and resources that detail some of the basic things they can do to keep their family safe for emergencies large and small." The redesigned Ready website includes updated emergency preparedness resources, including special preparedness information for pet owners, senior citizens, and individuals with disabilities and special needs. It also provides Americans with increased state and local information so they can learn about the types of emergencies that are more likely to happen in their area and



the plans that have been established to deal with these emergencies.

[www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov)

- **Hurricane Preparedness**

- **Hurricane Website**

The Hurricane Preparedness website will teach you about hurricane hazards and which safety actions to take. This information is important at work, at home, on the road, or on the water. According to Max Mayfield, Director, National Hurricane Center, "Preparation through education is less costly than learning through tragedy."



[www.nhc.noaa.gov/HAW2/english/intro.shtml](http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/HAW2/english/intro.shtml)

- **NYC OEM's New Hurricane Brochure and Map**

NYC OEM has released the updated *Ready New York: Hurricanes and New York City* brochure for the 2006 hurricane season, outlining basic steps New Yorkers can take to prepare for a hurricane, as well as a map of the city's evacuation zones and 65 hurricane evacuation center sites.



Download the brochure (pdf):

[http://www.nyc.gov/html/oem/downloads/pdf/hurricane\\_brochure\\_english\\_06.pdf](http://www.nyc.gov/html/oem/downloads/pdf/hurricane_brochure_english_06.pdf)

Download the map (pdf):

[http://www.nyc.gov/html/oem/downloads/pdf/hurricane\\_map\\_english\\_06.pdf](http://www.nyc.gov/html/oem/downloads/pdf/hurricane_map_english_06.pdf)

- **Downloadable Ready NY Preparedness Guides**

OEM's Ready New York preparedness campaign is designed to help New Yorkers better prepare for all types of emergencies. The following preparedness guides and brochures are available online:



- Household Preparedness Guide
  - Hurricanes and New York City
  - Beat the Heat
  - Seniors & People with Disabilities
  - Emergency Planning for Small & Mid-Sized Companies
  - Pet Preparedness
  - Ready New York: Pocket Guide

To download these guides, [click here](#).

[www.nyc.gov/html/oem](http://www.nyc.gov/html/oem)

- **Public Health Preparedness Database**

The Rand Corporation, under contract from the US Dept. of Health and Human Services Office of Public Health Emergency Preparedness (HHS-OPHEP), has established a searchable database of



exercises used to evaluate public health preparedness. The website will be expanded over the coming months to include additional exercises as they become available and to feature reports, tools, and resources to support preparedness activities.

Database:

[web3.rand.org/health/php/search.asp](http://web3.rand.org/health/php/search.asp)

Criteria Guidelines:

[www.rand.org/health/projects/php/criteria.html](http://www.rand.org/health/projects/php/criteria.html)

[www.rand.org/health/projects/php/index.html](http://www.rand.org/health/projects/php/index.html)

- **Help for Your Mental Health**

The American Psychological Association offers a range of information on everything from managing traumatic stress to coping with terrorism. It also provides guidelines for children, resource links and help in finding a psychologist:



800.964.2000

[www.apa.org](http://www.apa.org)

- **NYC's New Plan to Contain Flu**

Mayor Bloomberg and NYC Health Commissioner Thomas Frieden announced a blueprint for identifying an outbreak, containing its spread and how to distribute medical supplies. The mayor, emphasizing the importance of early detection, said that the health department (DOHMH) would act as the lead agency to coordinate NYC's response.



Download the Pandemic Influenza Preparedness and Response Plan:

[www.nyc.gov/html/doh/html/cd/cd-panflu-plan.shtml](http://www.nyc.gov/html/doh/html/cd/cd-panflu-plan.shtml)

[www.nyc.gov/html/doh/html/home/home.shtml](http://www.nyc.gov/html/doh/html/home/home.shtml)

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## SAVE THE DATE

- **NYDIS/OEM Ready NY Training**



*Helping Houses of Worship Better Prepare in the Event of a Disaster*



NYDIS has teamed with the NYC OEM to provide six exciting and informative Ready New York events throughout the year on emergency preparedness. These free events focus on an all-hazards approach to personal, congregational, and community preparedness and are open to everyone of all faiths in each community. Refreshments will be served.

## Dates, Times, and House of Worship Locations

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**Sunday, August 13, 6:30-8:30 pm**

Islamic Society of Bay Ridge, Brooklyn: 6807 5th Ave.

**Tuesday, September 12, 6:30-8:30 pm**

St. Helena's Roman Catholic Church, Bronx: 1315 Olmstead Ave.

**Tuesday, October 10, 6:30-8:30 pm**

Salvation Army-Harlem Temple, Manhattan: 540 Lenox Ave.

To register to attend one of these events:

[www.nydis.org/oem2006](http://www.nydis.org/oem2006)

For more information about the events, call NYDIS:  
212.669.6100

For more information about the NYC Office of Emergency Management's Ready New York Program:

[www.nyc.gov/readyny](http://www.nyc.gov/readyny)

- **STAR-NYC's Trauma Awareness/Resilience Seminar**

Part II: Wednesday, August 2-Friday, August 4



Strategies for Trauma Awareness and Resilience (STAR) presents a two-part Introductory Training in Trauma Awareness and Resilience. Part I focused on the Trauma Healing Journey and Part II will focus on Peacebuilding and Restorative Justice. The Part II sessions will be held at Manhattan Church of Christ, 48 East 80th St. in Manhattan. Registration fee is \$75. (Register by July 14.) Breakfast and lunch is provided free.

Religious leaders and caregivers dealing with traumatic situations are invited to apply. Download the application (doc):

[www.nydis.org/resources/materials/STAR\\_application.doc](http://www.nydis.org/resources/materials/STAR_application.doc)

For more information (pdf):

[www.nydis.org/resources/materials/STAR\\_invitation.pdf](http://www.nydis.org/resources/materials/STAR_invitation.pdf)

[www.emu.edu/ctp/star-intro.html](http://www.emu.edu/ctp/star-intro.html)

- **NOVA's 32nd Annual Conference**

Sunday, August 20 - Friday, August 25

Rosen Centre Hotel  
9840 International Drive  
Orlando, FL



Celebrating the theme of "Victim Advocates and NOVA: The Voyage Continues," you will learn how to be better advocates, counselors, and managers. The workshops will provide best practices among victim service professionals and those in law enforcement, health and mental health professions, the clergy and the disaster assistance community.

Register online:

[sectrans.trynova.org/confreg06](http://sectrans.trynova.org/confreg06)

[www.trynova.org](http://www.trynova.org)

- **Pace University Hosts 9/11 Conference**

Wednesday, September 6-Friday, September 8  
10:00 am

Michael Schimmel Center for the Arts  
Spruce Street between Park Row and Gold Street  
Lower Manhattan



Pace University will present "100 Conversations: Aftershock - Rethinking the Future Since 9/11," which will focus broadly on the consequences of 9/11, and will include forums, presentations, and an exhibition on rescue, recovery, and response. Confirmed speakers are David Gergen, Doris Kearns Goodwin, and Lee Hamilton.

To receive complimentary admission, pre-register at:

[www.pace.edu/aftershock](http://www.pace.edu/aftershock)

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[www.pace.edu](http://www.pace.edu)

- **Preparedness Technologies & Tools Conference**

Wednesday, September 6-Friday, September 8  
Hyatt Regency Hotel  
Atlanta, GA



The 8th Annual Technologies for Critical Incident Preparedness Conference, sponsored by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Department of Justice (DOJ) and Department of Defense (DOD), will highlight the technologies and tools available for the disaster responder community. Register by September 1.

Contact Lisa Hecker, Conference Manager:

[lhecker@ctc.org](mailto:lhecker@ctc.org)

To register online:

[www.regonline.com/eventinfo.asp?EventId=88623](http://www.regonline.com/eventinfo.asp?EventId=88623)

- **NYDIS Hosts Interfaith 9/11 Memorial Service & Dinner**

Monday, September 11  
6:00-9:00 pm  
St. Paul's Chapel  
209 Broadway  
Manhattan at Ground Zero



In observance of the fifth anniversary of September 11th, NYDIS will host an Interfaith Memorial Service followed by a Tribute Dinner for the national faith-based relief and recovery agencies that came to the aid of the people of this City and Nation. These agencies and NYDIS' members and partners served and continue to serve the tens of thousands of victims

of 9/11 and the thousands of injured and sick recovery workers who sacrificed so much to serve others. To acknowledge our loss and need for continued healing, to celebrate the survivors, and to recognize the enormous human and material aid offered to New York by the national faith-based relief agencies and our partners over the past five years – we will gather to worship and commune together this September 11th at Ground Zero. The homilist will be The Rev. Dr. James A. Forbes, Jr., Senior Minister of The Riverside Church.

For more information:  
Peter Gudaitis, Executive Director  
212.699.6100  
[pgudaitis@nydis.org](mailto:pgudaitis@nydis.org)

[www.nydis.org/resources/headlines/07-25-06.php](http://www.nydis.org/resources/headlines/07-25-06.php)

- **"Five Years Beyond 9/11" Conference:  
Creating Vital Connections as We Approach the Future**

Wednesday, October 4  
8:15 am-7:30 pm  
Interchurch Center at 475 Riverside Drive  
Manhattan



This all-day conference for spiritual, mental health, and human service caregivers, planned by 27 agencies that provided 9/11 relief and recovery services, will address "lessons learned" and develop a more inclusive collaboration for disaster response in the future.

[www.nydis.org/resources/headlines/07-19-06.php](http://www.nydis.org/resources/headlines/07-19-06.php)

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## WE RECOMMEND

- **Safety After the Floods**

As the flooding continues to pose risks to New Yorkers in the aftermath of last week's storms in New York State, the Emergency Management Office of the NYS Department of Health provides health and safety advice to residents:



[www.health.state.ny.us/press/releases/2006/2006-06-30\\_post\\_flood\\_advice.htm](http://www.health.state.ny.us/press/releases/2006/2006-06-30_post_flood_advice.htm)

Download FEMA's booklet, "Dealing With Mold and Mildew in Your Flood Damaged Home" (pdf):

[/www.fema.gov/pdf/rebuild/recover/fema\\_mold\\_brochure\\_english.pdf](http://www.fema.gov/pdf/rebuild/recover/fema_mold_brochure_english.pdf)



- **Website Provides Jewish Community Security News**

The Secure Community Network (SCN) website is part of the Jewish community's response to heightened security concerns in the US. SCN's



main functions are rapid information sharing in crisis situations and enhancing security at Jewish organizations and institutions to protect against terrorism and other threats. Federal, state and local law enforcement agencies recognize SCN as a primary vehicle to facilitate sharing of information and policy protocols. SCN professionals offer expertise, guidance and assistance to Jewish organizations and institutions and operate the SCN crisis communication system that allows rapid dissemination of critical information to SCN members.

Contact the SCN office:  
212.352.0274  
[scandesk@scancsgc.org](mailto:scandesk@scancsgc.org)

[www.scnus.org](http://www.scnus.org)

- **Role of Non-Profits in Katrina Relief Effort**

*Weathering the Storm: The Role of Local Nonprofits in the Hurricane Katrina Relief Effort*, a report commissioned by the Nonprofit Sector and Philanthropy Program of the Aspen Institute, discusses the role of local nonprofit agencies and religious congregations in the Hurricane Katrina relief effort, and gives recommended actions for policymakers and foundations and corporate donors in responding to catastrophic events.



Download the Report (pdf):

[www.aspeninstitute.org/atf/cf/{DEB6F227-659B-4EC8-8F84-8DF23CA704F5}/NSPPNonprofits%20and%20Katrina.pdf](http://www.aspeninstitute.org/atf/cf/{DEB6F227-659B-4EC8-8F84-8DF23CA704F5}/NSPPNonprofits%20and%20Katrina.pdf)

[www.aspeninstitute.org](http://www.aspeninstitute.org)

- **Submit Your Resources to NYDIS.org**

Do you have a useful resource for caseworkers, recovery providers and clients that you would like to submit? The [NYDIS Resource Library](#) on our website contains a large compilation of disaster resources including downloadable documents, links to useful websites, and references to printed publications. We welcome your agency's resources. To make a submission, please visit our website and click on the "Resources" Tab. You will then find directions on how to "[Submit a Resource](#)".



[www.nydis.org](http://www.nydis.org)

- **New 9/11 Scholarship Provides Education Opportunity**

The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation September 11th Scholarship is dedicating \$1 million to provide educational assistance to dependents and spouses of people killed or permanently physically disabled in the 9/11 attacks. This grant may cover tuition, required fees, books, room and board, or other educational costs. Grants of up to \$15,000 are available by semester for undergraduate study at any two-year, four-year, technical, or trade school in the US and applicants must



demonstrate unmet financial need. The deadline is October 13.

Application materials:

[http://www.jackkentcookefoundation.org/jkcf\\_web/content.aspx?page=Sept](http://www.jackkentcookefoundation.org/jkcf_web/content.aspx?page=Sept)

[www.jackkentcookefoundation.org](http://www.jackkentcookefoundation.org)

- **Book Review: *Forever After: NYC Teachers on 9/11***

At 8:00 am on 9/11, over 8,700 children and 400 teachers showed up for school in downtown Manhattan as they did every morning. Within two hours, more than 5,000 students and nearly 200 teachers were running for their lives. *Forever After* presents the untold stories of what happened in NYC schools on that day in moving first-hand accounts that reveal the amazing wisdom and courage of public school teachers and school leaders who cared for and protected the children. Edited by Teachers College Press with Maureen Grolnick, Consulting Editor and with a Foreword by educator Maxine Greene.



Order the book:

[store.tcpspress.com/0807747157.shtml](http://store.tcpspress.com/0807747157.shtml)

- **HHS' Emergency Privacy Decision Tool for Disabled**

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has published a new web-based interactive decision tool designed to assist emergency preparedness and recovery planners in determining how to access and use health information about persons with disabilities consistent with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) Privacy Rule. "Being able to coordinate health information appropriately and in advance will help save lives," HHS Secretary Mike Leavitt said. By helping users focus on the source of the information being disclosed, to whom it is being disclosed, and for what purpose, users will better meet the needs of the elderly or persons with disabilities in the event of an evacuation.



The Decision Tool: HIPAA Privacy Rule & Disclosures for Public Health Emergency Preparedness:

[www.hhs.gov/ocr/hipaa/decisiontool](http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/hipaa/decisiontool)

[www.hhs.gov/news](http://www.hhs.gov/news)

- **Children's Disaster Preparedness Booklet Online**

The Florida Institute for Family Involvement (FIFI) has developed *Disaster Preparedness for Families for Children with Special Needs*, a 10-page booklet to assist families to prepare and be ready. It is divided into three sections: thinking ahead, disaster planning and preparation, and response and recovery.



Download the booklet (pdf):

[www.fifionline.org/images/PDF%20Files/](http://www.fifionline.org/images/PDF%20Files/)



## JOB OPPORTUNITIES IN DISASTER SERVICES

- **NYDIS, Part-Time Writer/Researcher**

We are seeking a part-time writer/researcher to assist the preparedness team in developing a series of disaster preparedness materials for Clergy/Religious Leaders. The position is needed 10-20 hours per week for July, August and September, and there may be the opportunity for work after September. Duties include internet research, cataloging resources and writing/editing.



If you are interested in learning more about this position:  
[www.nydis.org/about/15.php](http://www.nydis.org/about/15.php)

To apply, please email your Cover Letter, Resume, and Writing Sample to:  
[pgudaitis@nydis.org](mailto:pgudaitis@nydis.org) or fax to 212.669.6101.

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## MAKE A GIFT TO NYDIS

- **Support NYDIS - Donate Online**

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 Fl., New York, NY 10007. NYDIS is a 501(c)(3) corporation and contributions are 100% tax deductible. It is a great way to honor or memorialize someone and we will send an acknowledgement of your gift.



To donate online, go to the NYDIS homepage and click "Make a Donation":

[www.nydis.org](http://www.nydis.org)