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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.

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.

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Faithfully, Peter

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## NYDIS NEWS AND EVENTS

- **NYDIS/OEM Ready NY Training August 13 in Brooklyn**



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



**THIS WEEK!** [Register Now!](#)

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

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

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

### ■ Mayor Seeks Causes of Heatwave Deaths

Interested in preventing such deaths in the future, Mayor Bloomberg has asked NYC's health commissioner, chief medical examiner and NYC OEM to investigate the 22 deaths caused by last week's heatwave and what measures the city can establish in future emergency planning. Before the heatwave broke, temperatures reached over 100 degrees, with the high humidity making it feel like 110 degrees. Over 28,300 people visited cooling centers on August 1st, and over 24,100 people visited them on August 2nd.



Read the entire NY Times article from August 7:  
[www.nytimes.com/2006/08/07/nyregion/07heat.html](http://www.nytimes.com/2006/08/07/nyregion/07heat.html)

### ■ NYDIS and NYC OEM Bring Ready NY to The Bronx

**Volunteers needed!** On Thursday, September 7, NYDIS will participate in a day-long National Preparedness Month event with the New York City Office of Emergency Management (NYC OEM). Disaster planning agencies, brought together by OEM under the Citizen Corps Council of NYC umbrella, will be stationed throughout the five boroughs, handing out Ready NY preparedness guides and other useful information, in order to help families develop household disaster plans. We need your help! We're looking for volunteers to help us hand out the materials. We will be stationed outside the Bronx Courthouse, at 161st Street & Grand Concourse, from 6:00 am to 7:00 pm.



If you would like to volunteer for this event, please contact:  
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[www.nyc.gov/html/oem/html/agencies/agencies\\_citizen.shtml](http://www.nyc.gov/html/oem/html/agencies/agencies_citizen.shtml)

### ■ NYDIS VP Guest Chaplain in New Orleans

The Rev. Dr. Martha Jacobs, NYDIS Vice President and Managing Editor of The HealthCare Chaplaincy's *PlainViews* e-newsletter, went to New Orleans last week to be the chaplain at *Heartsongs: A Retreat for Restoration and Renewal*. Sponsored by UCC Disaster's Hope Shall Bloom Fund, the group of 56 UCC lay women struggled with allowing themselves to begin to deal with their losses and, for some of them, a loss of connection with God. "Pictures do not do justice to the devastation that I saw as I was taken around the New Orleans area. And yet, as I heard these women's stories through tears and pain, I could not miss the sense of God's presence with them, even as they struggled to understand what was going on for them." Working on such a deeply personal level with these courageous women, Rev. Jacobs gleaned many insights about the healing process. "Even though we have always been there to support everyone else, it is a blessing to others when we allow them to help



us. Just when we think we have it all together, a Katrina happens and reminds us of what 'together' really means."

The Rev. Dr. Martha R. Jacobs, BCC

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

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

#### ■ 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.



- **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, September 12 - 2:30-5:00 pm**

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

Adja Sakho, Moderator

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#### ■ 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](#)).

- **Monday, August 21 – 1:00-3:30 pm**
- **Tuesday, September 5 – 3:00-5:00 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, August 10 – 9:30 am-12:00 noon**
- **Thursday, August 24 – 9:30-12:00 noon**
- **Wednesday, August 30 – 9:30-12:00 noon**
- **Thursday, September 7 – 9:30 am-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

- **Mayor Allots Aid After Queens Blackout**

On July 26, Mayor Bloomberg announced that there were quick and easy refunds available for consumer claims and an emergency loan program for small businesses.



Read the Mayor's press release:

[www.nyc.gov/html/om/html/2006b/pr262-06.html](http://www.nyc.gov/html/om/html/2006b/pr262-06.html)

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

- **White House Names New FBCI Director**

On August 3 President Bush announced the naming of Jay Hein as Director of the Office of the Faith-Based and Community Initiatives (FBCI). "Jay has long been a...champion of faith and community-based organizations. By joining my Administration, he will help ensure that these organizations receive a warm welcome as government's partner in serving our American neighbors in need," President Bush stated.



Read the White House announcement:

## ■ FEMA's Aid for Upstate NY Flood Victims

- **Tips from FEMA**

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has expanded the number of locations where flood victims can get information on low-cost, user-friendly methods to protect homes and businesses from future flooding.



Download (pdf):

[www.nydis.org/resources/materials/Upstate\\_Flood\\_Home\\_Repair.pdf](http://www.nydis.org/resources/materials/Upstate_Flood_Home_Repair.pdf)

- **One Month Left to Register for FEMA Disaster Aid**

New Yorkers affected by the June flooding have only 30 more days to register with FEMA for possible federal disaster assistance. Registrations cannot be accepted after the September 1, 2006.

Download (pdf):

[www.nydis.org/resources/materials/Upstate\\_Flood\\_Deadline.pdf](http://www.nydis.org/resources/materials/Upstate_Flood_Deadline.pdf)

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

## ■ Upstate NY Flood Victims Receive Help From All Faiths

- **Mennonite Volunteers Provide Hope**

Alvin Miller of Madison Mennonite Church in Munnsville, NY organized a group of 30 volunteers from his church, saying they wanted to help any way they could. "We just came down here for the day and we've been removing debris and cleaning mud out of basements," said Miller, his shirt and pants speckled with mud. "We must have worked on eight or nine houses today." Miller said his team may be back, as this kind of work is part of what his church does. "This is all tied into our beliefs and our religion. When someone's in need, we help."



He added that the help doesn't always just mean digging mud out of a basement either. "Some folks just want to talk. I try to tell our group that work like this mudding out isn't always the most important. We also want to listen to people."

Read the full story on the Disaster News Network:

[www.disasternews.net/news/news.php?articleid=3240](http://www.disasternews.net/news/news.php?articleid=3240)

<http://www.mennoniteusa.org>

- **CRWRC Helps Clean Up In Sidney, NY**

Doug VanDerMeulen agreed that it's sometimes hard to find the positive after disasters. "It is hard to throw away someone's belongings and life away, to put it out on the curb," said VanDerMeulen, the site coordinator in Sidney, NY, for Christian Reformed



World Relief Committee (CRWRC). "But we do bring hope. When we get a home cleaned out and ripped down to its studs - a starting point - the family can at least smile a little." VanDerMeulen estimates more than 400 homes were affected and said he's happy to bring hope to the survivors, with CRWRC especially targeting low income, the elderly and disabled people and families to help. "We do it for the ones who can't do it themselves."

Read the full story:

[www.disasternews.net/news/news.php?articleid=3244](http://www.disasternews.net/news/news.php?articleid=3244)

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

- **JCC & Nechama Bring Relief to Conklin, NY**

Michael Walker, a disaster volunteer coordinator for the Binghamton Jewish Community Center, said helping out flooded community members is something everyone should do. "This is our community," said Walker, who's also serving as the local volunteer coordinator of national Jewish disaster relief organization Nechama. "If we don't step up to help, who will? This is our responsibility." Nechama sent in a disaster relief trailer to supply the volunteers until August 11 and now they just need more volunteers to use the provided tools. "We'd like to get five or six more houses cleaned out. We have the tools, but without the people it's pointless." The flooding damaged hundreds of homes along the Susquehanna River and its tributaries around Conklin. "This is part of the Jewish way," said Meryl Sasnowitz, a volunteer from nearby Binghamton. "You just help people. When you see a need, you help them."



Read the full story on the Disaster News Network:

[www.disasternews.net/news/news.php?articleid=3242](http://www.disasternews.net/news/news.php?articleid=3242)

Visit the Nechama website to learn about all their relief efforts:

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

- **Endwell Church of Christ Gives and Receives Help**

Ed Jones moved to Endwell, NY from Florida three years ago to get away from hurricanes. Now he's just been through the worst flooding he's ever seen. And yet despite all the work he has to do on his home, Jones was at the Endwell Church of Christ meeting with other volunteers to go clean out another flooded community member's home. Endwell Church of Christ Pastor Robert Russell said, "He's helping others even though his house is damaged - that's pretty amazing." Pastor Russell has seen plenty of generosity pour into his church since the flooding, with many donations from Churches of Christ Disaster Relief, and he shies away from attention to his church's work, saying they want no credit for it. "We're doing it because a flood happened and it's needed. The need came to us. What kind of people would we be if we didn't help?"



Read the full story:

[www.disasternews.net/news/news.php?articleid=3247](http://www.disasternews.net/news/news.php?articleid=3247)

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

## ■ Upstate NY Flood Recovery Resources Online

The NYDIS website has resources, news and updates on the flood recovery situation:

[www.nydis.org/recovery/12.php](http://www.nydis.org/recovery/12.php)

## ■ Promote ARC's 9/11 Link on Your Website

The American Red Cross (ARC) wants to remind you that people affected by 9/11 can still receive financial assistance for mental health and substance abuse treatment. The deadline to enroll in the 9/11 Mental Health and Substance Abuse Program is January 2, 2007. In order to increase awareness of the program they are asking you to provide a link from your website to [www.9-11mentalhealth.org](http://www.9-11mentalhealth.org) as soon as possible.



Easy-to-follow instructions on how to incorporate a special banner on your website:

[www.9-11mentalhealth.org/linkto.html](http://www.9-11mentalhealth.org/linkto.html)

For questions about the web banner or the program, contact:

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[www.9-11mentalhealth.org](http://www.9-11mentalhealth.org)

## ■ Senator Clinton Addresses 9/11 Responders' Health Issues

On July 28, Senator Clinton called on FEMA to establish a coordinated long term recovery program for future disasters. As a result of ongoing reports that volunteers and first responders at Ground Zero following 9/11 are suffering from debilitating physical and mental health problems, Senator Clinton asked FEMA and the Senate to address the medical and mental health needs of victims and first responders to disasters. Senator Clinton said, "...we must determine what long-term medical and mental health needs should be tracked, monitored, and treated after significant natural or manmade disasters."



Read Senator Clinton's entire statement:

[clinton.senate.gov/news/statements/details.cfm?id=259930](http://clinton.senate.gov/news/statements/details.cfm?id=259930)

## ■ NYC PBA Launches WTC Registry

The Patrolmen's Benevolent Association has set up a registry to monitor the health of policemen who were responders at Ground Zero. The purpose of this website is to gather information currently available regarding illnesses responders are experiencing as a result of 9/11 and related exposures, including self reports by members and others, which will be reported in the PBA World Trade Center Health Registry, as well as to make available other published literature on WTC- related illnesses. Also posted will be information





relating to existing federally funded monitoring programs.

Read the New York Post article on the PBA's establishment of the website:

[www.nycpba.org/press/nyp/nyp-060723.wtc.html](http://www.nycpba.org/press/nyp/nyp-060723.wtc.html)

Report illnesses to the PBA Registry or inquire about WTC health-related issues:

212.298.9162

[www.nycpba.org/wtc/index.html](http://www.nycpba.org/wtc/index.html)

#### ■ **9/11 Health Issues Reported by CDC in April**

As a reminder of the importance of the post-9/11 health issues that are currently being revealed, the April 7 issue of the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report* featured "Surveillance for WTC Disaster Health Effects Among Survivors of Collapsed and Damaged Buildings." It presented the initial findings from the WTC Health Registry, which was established to monitor the status of 9/11 survivors, and details a variety of health concerns from the more than 70,000 enrollees.



Download the CDC Report (pdf):

[www.cdc.gov/mmwr/pdf/ss/ss5502.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/pdf/ss/ss5502.pdf)

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

#### ■ **New Organization for Women in Emergency Management**

The Emergency Management Professional Organization for Women's Enrichment (EMPOWER) was launched with the goal to identify the unique roles women play in the emergency management community and to develop opportunities to help women advance in their careers. The organization plans to provide a forum to strengthen women's presence in the emergency management field and to provide a platform to share experiences, build skills, review best practices and expand their knowledge.



[www.empower-women.com/index.html](http://www.empower-women.com/index.html)

#### ■ **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/oem](http://www.nyc.gov/oem)

#### ■ **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:

[www.femaanswers.org](http://www.femaanswers.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 Mpfu, Community Liaison, Congressman Owens:  
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[www.house.gov/owens/index.htm](http://www.house.gov/owens/index.htm)

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### **FROM OUR MEMBERS AND PARTNERS**

#### ● **New Ground Day Camps Share Photos with LDRNY**

Children from around the New York area are attending New Ground Day Camps for the fourth summer in a row. Started after 9/11 as a way to help children process what had happened, New Ground is organized by Koinonia NYC, an LDRNY partner.



To see the list of sites, and view photos:

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

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### **PREPAREDNESS CORNER**

- **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)

- **DHS' Updated Emergency Preparedness Website**

The Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) 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)

- **Heatwave Tips from NYC OEM**

- New Yorkers should, whenever possible, stay out of the sun. When in the sun, wear sunscreen (at least SPF 15) and a hat to protect your face and head. Dress in lightweight, light-colored, loose-fitting clothing that covers as much skin as possible.
- Drink fluids, particularly water, even if you do not feel thirsty. Your body needs water to keep cool. Avoid beverages containing alcohol or caffeine.
- Avoid strenuous activity, especially during the sun's peak hours, 11:00 am to 4:00 pm.
- Cool down with repeated cool baths or showers.
- Never leave children, seniors, or pets in a parked car during periods of intense summer heat.
- Make a special effort to check on neighbors, especially seniors and those with special needs.
- Report open fire hydrants by calling 311.



- **Hurricane Preparedness**

- **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)

- **Latest Update on Season's Hurricane Forecast**

Colorado State University hurricane forecaster, Dr. William Gray, updated his yearly hurricane outlook on August 3, lowering the numbers he predicted earlier this summer. His new forecast calls for 13 named storms for the remainder of the season, with seven of those being hurricanes; three of the seven will be "intense." The predictions were lowered "due to small changes in June-July atmospheric and oceanic fields that indicate conditions are less favorable for tropical cyclone development in the tropical Atlantic." The previous 2006 Atlantic hurricane forecast released on May 31 called for 17 named storms, nine of which would be hurricanes. Five of those nine were predicted to become intense hurricanes. Tropical Storm Chris formed in the Caribbean earlier this week but has weakened since.



Read the full story:

[www.disasternews.net/news/news.php?articleid=3253](http://www.disasternews.net/news/news.php?articleid=3253)

[typhoon.atmos.colostate.edu](http://typhoon.atmos.colostate.edu)

- **National Hurricane Survival Initiative Launched**

Emergency officials from the National Hurricane Center (NHC), The Salvation Army, the National Emergency Management Association (NEMA), and other agencies, have launched an educational initiative to arm hurricane-vulnerable residents with life-saving information. Despite the past two historic and devastating hurricane seasons, this new regional survey reveals a dangerously high percentage of residents in hurricane-vulnerable states still aren't prepared, don't take the threat of hurricanes seriously, and have significant gaps in what they know about hurricanes, even those who live within 30 miles of the coast. Of those surveyed, 56% don't feel vulnerable to a hurricane or related tornado or flooding, 60% have no family disaster plan, 68% have no hurricane survival kit, 83% have taken no steps to make their homes stronger, and 13% said they might not or would not evacuate even if ordered to leave.



See the results of the survey:

[www.hurricanesafety.org/newpoll.shtml](http://www.hurricanesafety.org/newpoll.shtml)

- **Hurricane Website**

The Hurricane Preparedness website will teach you about hurricane hazards and which safety actions to take, at work, at home, on the road, or on the water.



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

- **New Study Examines Workplace Preparedness**

The Center for the Study of Traumatic Stress (CSTS) has released findings from a study that examined the present status and needs for terrorism preparedness in the workplace. The Alfred P. Sloan Foundation of NYC supported the study, Workplace Preparedness for Terrorism, which analyzed data from CEO's, directors of corporate security, occupational health and employee assistance, human resources and communications of US corporations to identify barriers and opportunities for achieving employee preparedness. Dr. Robert J. Ursano, CSTS Director, stated that the study showed the importance of "...the need for evidence-based interventions for disaster response, especially in assessing the quality of outsourced services, and awareness that corporations exist within larger communities whose combined resources are essential for responding to population-based events such as Hurricane Katrina and the threat of weapons of mass destruction and a pandemic."



Read the complete report (pdf):

[www.nydis.org/resources/materials/CSTS\\_Workplace.pdf](http://www.nydis.org/resources/materials/CSTS_Workplace.pdf)

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

- **Pandemic Flu Preparedness**

- **Bloomberg and Leavitt Sign Flu Agreement**

On July 27, Mayor Bloomberg and HHS Secretary Michael Leavitt signed a resolution committing NYC and the federal government to planning efforts for a possible pandemic flu.



Download the video:

[www.nyc.gov/portal/index.jsp](http://www.nyc.gov/portal/index.jsp)

- **Federal Help for NY Flu Planning**

NYS received \$3,205,759 and NYC received \$2,466,271 in phase one funding from the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to use for pandemic planning activities. NYS will also receive additional funds of \$7,792,266 and NYC \$5,799,926 from the revised phase two of HHS's local and state allocations, based on a formula adjusted for population.



Download the Allocation Distribution Charts:  
[www.pandemicflu.gov/plan/states/newyork.html](http://www.pandemicflu.gov/plan/states/newyork.html)

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

- **West Nile Virus**

- **West Nile Case Reported in NYC Area**

A Staten Island man received treatment on August 4 for the West Nile virus, becoming the first case to be identified this year. NYC's Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) has been spraying pesticides throughout the city and has urged the use of mosquito repellent.



Read the NYC DOHMH Press Release:  
[www.nyc.gov/html/doh/html/pr2006/pr069-06.shtml](http://www.nyc.gov/html/doh/html/pr2006/pr069-06.shtml)

- **NYC DOHMH Virus Alert**

Please download and pass on NYC's Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) alert regarding West Nile Virus.

Download alert (pdf):  
[www.nydis.org/resources/materials/DOHMH\\_West\\_Nile\\_Virus\\_Alert.pdf](http://www.nydis.org/resources/materials/DOHMH_West_Nile_Virus_Alert.pdf)

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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**

**THIS WEEK! [Register Now!](#)**

**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)

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

Sunday, August 20-Friday, August 25  
Rosen Centre Hotel  
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  
Michael Schimmel Center for the Arts  
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)

Meghan French

212.346.1025

[mfrench@pace.edu](mailto:mfrench@pace.edu)

[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)

- **LDRNY Plans 9/11 5th Commemoration**

Friday, September 8, 5:30 pm  
Holy Trinity  
Manhattan



Lutherans from around the Metro NY area will gather to mark the 5th commemoration of 9/11. The event is sponsored by LDRNY, a joint ministry of the Metropolitan New York Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Atlantic District of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod to help those affected by 9/11. It will include special music and reflections from the Rev. Dr. Stephen P. Bouman, Bishop of the Synod and President of LDRNY, and the Rev. Dr. David H. Benke, President of the District and Vice President of LDRNY.

To read the full news release:  
[www.ldrny.org](http://www.ldrny.org)

- **Voices of September 11th Forum: Remember and Renew**

Sunday, September 10, 9:00 am-3:30 pm  
Marriott Financial Center Hotel  
Manhattan at Ground Zero



For 9/11 families, rescue workers and survivors, Voices of September 11th invites you to their annual Information Forum and Commemorative Luncheon "Remember and Renew" to mark the 5th Anniversary. The Forum will include panel discussions on the WTC Memorial/Museum, the 9/11 Living Memorial Project, and the Survivors Network; as well as resiliency workshops and an opportunity to connect with other family members. The Commemorative Luncheon will be held immediately following the Commemorative Events at Ground Zero.

For more information:  
866.505.3911  
[email@voicesofsept11.org](mailto:email@voicesofsept11.org)

[www.voicesofsept11.org](http://www.voicesofsept11.org)

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

Monday, September 11  
6:00-9:00 pm  
St. Paul's Chapel at 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)

- **NEMA 2006 Annual Conference**

Monday, September 18-Friday, September 22  
Perdido Beach Resort  
Orange Beach, AL



This conference provides an opportunity for emergency managers to discuss the many challenges that face us today, share solutions, grow professionally and network with peers. Attendees will hear from those involved in shaping the future of homeland security and emergency management, strengthen relationships with partner organizations, and address all-hazards emergency preparedness with leadership in Washington.

Registration information:  
[www.nemaweb.org/?1592](http://www.nemaweb.org/?1592)  
Contact Leah Baldwin:  
[lbaldwin@csq.org](mailto:lbaldwin@csq.org)

<http://www.nemaweb.org>

- **"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.

Conference application:

## WE RECOMMEND

- **Safety After the Floods**

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)



- **FEMA's New DVD: *Getting Ready For Disaster***

FEMA has released a new citizen preparedness DVD, *Getting Ready For Disaster - One Family's Experience*. The DVD guides viewers through important steps of disaster preparedness and includes how to make a plan and a disaster supplies kit, information for those with disabilities, and how to help children cope.



Order *Getting Ready For Disaster* from FEMA: 800.480.2520

<http://www.fema.gov/areyouready>

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



Please join contributor, Loyan Beausoleil, who will discuss her chapter, "The Youngest Witnesses", at the 6th Street and Avenue B Community Garden on September 11.

Order the book:

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

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## **JOB OPPORTUNITIES IN DISASTER SERVICES**

- **COAC, Social Service Family Counselor**

Experienced worker to provide individual and family counseling to families impacted by 9/11.



Counselor will complete psycho-social and needs assessment, concrete services and referrals, with some case management. Spanish fluency desired and MSW or related degree requested. This is a full-time position.

If you are interested, please fax Resume and Cover Letter to:  
Joann Buttaro, Program Director  
Fax: 212.714.2838

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

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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)

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