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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 Brings NYC OEM 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. NYDIS needs 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: Autumn Brown, Disaster Planning Program Assistant

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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 Participates in Citizen Corps Annual Planning**

On August 15 and 16, FEMA Regions I and II held their annual Citizen Corps Strategic Planning Meeting. This was a collaborative discussion to address state, regional, and urban area challenges and priorities; to review the status of citizen preparedness; and to create sub-committees focused on regional priorities. Autumn Brown, NYDIS' Community Outreach and Training Coordinator, represented the needs of faith communities and faith-based organizations.



[www.nyc.gov/html/oem/html/agencies/agencies\\_citizen.shtml](http://www.nyc.gov/html/oem/html/agencies/agencies_citizen.shtml)

#### ■ **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  
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)



- **NYC 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, September 5 – 3:00-5:00 pm**
- **Monday, September 18 – 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, August 24 – 9:30-12:00 noon**
- **Wednesday, August 30 – 9:30-12:00 noon**
- **Thursday, September 7 – 9:30 am-12:00 noon**
- **Thursday, September 21 – 9:30 am-12:00 noon**

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

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## COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS

### ■ New 9/11 Recovery Worker Compensation & Registry

On August 14, Governor Pataki signed a bill that sets up a workers' compensation registry for workers and volunteers who did rescue, recovery or cleanup work after 9/11 and eliminates the two-year cut-off for filing a workers' compensation claim. By registering, workers and volunteers who are not sick will have the right to obtain workers' compensation if they become sick in the future. Those who are sick, but missed the 2003 deadline to file a claim, can register and file a claim at the same time. The new law also applies to volunteer workers. Anyone who has already been turned down for 9/11-related workers' compensation can file a new claim or register

under the new law. The deadline to file a claim or to register with the Workers' Compensation Board under the new law is August 14, 2007.

Information to file a claim or to register:  
NYS Workers' Compensation Board  
877.632.4996

Fact sheet about the new law (pdf):  
[www.nycosh.org/environment\\_wtc/WTC/2006WCFactSheet.pdf](http://www.nycosh.org/environment_wtc/WTC/2006WCFactSheet.pdf)

#### ■ **FEMA's Crisis Counseling Grant for Upstate NY Floods**

FEMA has funded a \$393,804 grant to NYS provide immediate crisis counseling services for those affected by the late June flooding. Crisis counseling helps people deal with emotional reactions, such as sadness or anger, caused by stressful situations. Some primary services provided by the grant include: brief educational or supportive contact, individual and group crisis counseling, public education, assessment and referral, and community networking and support. The deadline for registration with FEMA is September 1, 2006.



To register for federal and state assistance:  
800.621-FEMA (3362) from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm

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

#### ■ **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 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)

## ■ WTCMF & NY/NJ PA Begin Construction at Ground Zero

On Thursday, August 17, The World Trade Center Memorial Foundation (WTCMF) and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey (NY/NJ PA) began construction of the footings for the Memorial and Museum at ground zero. The NY/NJ PA is managing the construction of the Memorial and Museum and the Foundation is finalizing the design, planning operations, creating the Museum, and fundraising for the project.



[www.buildthememorial.org/site/PageServer?pagename=homepage2](http://www.buildthememorial.org/site/PageServer?pagename=homepage2)

## ■ DHS Raises Threat Level for UK/US Flights

After raising the threat level to "Severe", the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced on August 13 an adjustment in the aviation threat level to "High" for flights from the UK to the US. The US threat level is "High" for all domestic and international flights, and the ban on liquids and gels in carry on baggage remains in full effect. "The security measures already taken have allowed us to address an imminent threat of attack for flights between the UK and the US..." said Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff.



Read the August 13 DHS Press Release:

[www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/interapp/press\\_release/press\\_release\\_0981.xml](http://www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/interapp/press_release/press_release_0981.xml)

Read the August 10 NYDISnet Alert:

[www.nydis.org/NYDISnet/08-10-06.php](http://www.nydis.org/NYDISnet/08-10-06.php)

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

## ■ TSA Refines Carry-On Luggage Ban

The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) will now permit small doses of non-prescription liquid medications through the security checkpoint and onboard airplanes. Passengers will also be required to remove their shoes so they may be X-rayed with their carry-on bags. Low blood sugar treatments including glucose gel for diabetics are now permitted, as well as baby food.



The list of the latest procedures:

[www.tsa.gov/travelers/airtravel/assistant/new-procedures.shtm](http://www.tsa.gov/travelers/airtravel/assistant/new-procedures.shtm)

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

## ■ 9/11 Commission Chair Urges Vigilance

On Sunday, August 13, Meet The Press host, David Gregory, talked with 9/11 Commission chair, Gov. Tom Kean and vice-chair, Lee Hamilton on terrorism five years after 9/11, and in particular, after the UK threat discovered last week. Asked if we are any safer five years after 9/11, Gov. Kean responded, "I think we're safer, but we're not safe. There's still a number of things we should be doing



that we're not doing, and this should be a wake-up call. I mean this should, this just should, re-focus us on the whole thing."

Read the transcript:

[www.msnbc.msn.com/id/14273400/page/3](http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/14273400/page/3)

#### ■ **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)

#### ■ **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)

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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)

- **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)

- **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)

- **Pandemic Flu Preparedness**

- **Learn the 2 Different Types of Avian Flu**

On August 14, the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) put out a Fact Sheet about the two types of avian influenza (AI) that are both identified as H5N1. A difference exists in the virus classification; one is low-pathogenicity (LPAI) and the other is high-pathogenicity (HPAI). The HPAI H5N1 virus has infected people, most of whom have had direct contact with infected birds, but has not been detected in the US.



Read the USDA's Avian Influenza Fact Sheet:  
[www.usda.gov/wps/portal](http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal)

- **West Nile Virus**

- **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**

Next Training! [Register Now!](#)

**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:



- **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)

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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)

- **WTC Survivors' Network 9/11 5th Anniversary Program**

Wednesday, September 6-Sunday, September 10  
All locations in Manhattan



The World Trade Center Survivors' Network presents a commemorative program that will be centered on our common desire for "Hope, Healing and Renewal" and are open to the public. The programs include a Lessons Forgotten: Survivors Bear Witness discussion, the Third Annual Healing Concert and Art Expo, a New Definitions of Community conference, a Blood Drive, a Remembrance Walk, and an Interfaith Gathering and Survivor Tree Planting.

Download the details (pdf):

[www.survivorsnet.org/pdfs/](http://www.survivorsnet.org/pdfs/)

[WTC5N Fifth Anniversary Public Program.pdf](http://www.survivorsnet.org/pdfs/WTC5N_Fifth_Anniversary_Public_Program.pdf)

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

- **LDRNY's 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)

Contact Mikki Baloy:

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[mikki@ldrny.org](mailto:mikki@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)

- **JBFCs, BJ and Sts. Paul/Andrew's 9/11 Memorial Service**

Sunday, September 10, 7:00-8:15 pm  
The Church of St. Paul and St. Andrew  
Manhattan

The JBFCs New York Jewish Healing Center, Congregation B'nai Jeshurun and The Church of St. Paul and St. Andrew are presenting an Interfaith Memorial Service, "Remembering

Those Who Died on 9/11/01 on the Fifth Anniversary of the Attacks". Clergy, choral groups and family members of different faiths will join together for this program. All are welcome. NYDIS is proud to be a co-sponsor of this event.

Download the Flyer (pdf):  
[www.nyds.org/resources/materials/911\\_Interfaith\\_Service\\_06.pdf](http://www.nyds.org/resources/materials/911_Interfaith_Service_06.pdf)

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

Monday, September 11  
6:00-7:00 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. NYDIS' members, partners and national faith-based relief and recovery agencies 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>

- **MuBANY Hosts Panel on Five Years Since 9/11**

Saturday, September 16, 2:00–6:00 pm  
Fordham University School of Law Auditorium  
Manhattan

The Muslim Bar Association of New York (MuBANY) will host a major event addressing the legal consequences of 9/11, featuring two panel discussions on the Patriot Act, special registration, Guantanamo Bay, and the need for, and examples of, cooperation between law enforcement and affected communities, including Muslim, Arab, and South Asian. This is an opportunity to hear from government officials, civil libertarians, and attorneys at the forefront on these issues. The event is free and open to lawyers, law students, other legal professionals, and anyone interested.

How to become a MuBANY member:  
Afsaan Saleem at [afsaan@yahoo.com](mailto:afsaan@yahoo.com)  
Asim Rehman [arehman@debevoise.com](mailto:arehman@debevoise.com)

- **"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:  
[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**

- **Journal of Muslim Mental Health Free Online**

The inaugural issue of the Journal of Muslim Mental Health is now available for free online, providing an academic forum for exploring social, cultural, historical, theological, and psychological factors related to the mental health of the Muslim community. It will address the need for mental health professionals and institutions to provide a culturally and religiously responsive approach to their Muslim clients. Dr. Hamada Hamid, Managing Editor, states, "Because mental health professionals may have difficulty dealing with cultural and religious aspects of patients' lives, the Journal is intended to provide research, as well as practical advice, for patient care."



Download the Inaugural Issue for free:

[journalsonline.tandf.co.uk/openurl.asp?genre=issue&issn=1556-4908&issue=currentsample](http://journalsonline.tandf.co.uk/openurl.asp?genre=issue&issn=1556-4908&issue=currentsample)

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Contact Dr. Hamada Hamid:

[journal@muslimmentalhealth.com](mailto:journal@muslimmentalhealth.com)

- **Safety After the Upstate NY 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)

- **Post Your Resources on NYDIS.org**

Do you have a useful resource for caseworkers, recovery providers and clients that you would like to submit? The [NYDIS Resource Library](http://www.nydis.org) 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, which can be posted on NYDIS.org by clicking on the "Resources" Tab. You will then find directions on how to "[Submit a Resource](#)".



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

- **Book Review: *Freedom from Fear***

Believing that Americans should prepare themselves without scaring themselves, Gregory Thomas reveals the real probabilities and consequences of commonly feared terrorist events. He also offers advice on talking to kids about terrorism, and he emphasizes how



knowledge and preparation reduce anxiety. With a Foreword by Lee H. Hamilton, former Vice Chair of the 9/11 Commission.

Order the book from Random House:  
[www.randomhouse.com/catalog/display.pperl?isbn=9780375426032](http://www.randomhouse.com/catalog/display.pperl?isbn=9780375426032)

- **New Post-Katrina Study on Economic Needs in LA**

On August 8, the Brookings Institution Katrina Index released the study, "One-Year Review of Key Indicators of Recovery in Post-Storm New Orleans," a review of key social and economic indicators on the progress of recovery in the New Orleans region since Hurricane Katrina. Although New Orleans shows signs of rebirth, indicators point to much-needed progress in basic city services, infrastructure, and affordable housing for workers in order to move the region's economy forward.



Read the Study:  
[http://www.brookings.edu/metro/pubs/200512\\_katrinaindex.htm](http://www.brookings.edu/metro/pubs/200512_katrinaindex.htm)

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## **JOB & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

- **NYBR, Jewish Pastoral Counselor - Mississippi**

The New York Board of Rabbis is seeking a Pastoral Care professional to act as a Jewish counseling resource to both the Jewish and non-Jewish communities in Mississippi for two years. The Counselor will work closely with Jewish professionals and clergy of Mississippi, training them on the long term, psychological, emotional, and spiritual impact of disasters, such as Hurricane Katrina.

Learn more about this position (pdf):  
[www.nydis.org/resources/materials/Job\\_NYBR.pdf](http://www.nydis.org/resources/materials/Job_NYBR.pdf)

To apply, fax or email your Cover Letter and Resume to:  
Rabbi Stephen Roberts, Associate Executive Vice President  
Fax: 212.983.3531  
[SRoberts@nybr.org](mailto:SRoberts@nybr.org)

- **LUMDRM Calls on Faith-Based Groups to Volunteer in LA**

Faced with an August 29 deadline to gut their homes, tens of thousands of people in New Orleans seek help from faith-based agencies. Marva Mitchell, director of the Uptown Station of the Louisiana United Methodist Disaster Response Ministry (LUMDRM), says that "We've been sending out volunteer teams and we have helped many people. But if we had five times as many teams, ten times as many, we still wouldn't even come close to helping



people meet this deadline." She and other faith-based response leaders are urging people to think about volunteering in New Orleans, and to think about coming back more than once.

Read the entire story on the Disaster News Network:  
[www.disasternews.net/news/news.php?articleid=3263](http://www.disasternews.net/news/news.php?articleid=3263)

[www.laumcstormrelief.com/templates/System/default.asp?id=32649](http://www.laumcstormrelief.com/templates/System/default.asp?id=32649)

- **Join UCC's Trips to Volunteer in Disaster Recovery**

Are you interested in hands-on mission to help communities recovering from disaster? Spring Disaster Response Mission trips to the Gulf States are now being planned for the Spring of 2007, by the New York Conference of the United Christian Charities.



Conference Office:  
315.446.3073

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

- **COAC, 9/11 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.



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

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