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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

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

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9/11 5TH ANNIVERSARY

■ **NYDIS' 9/11 5th Anniversary Message**

Dear Friends:

Once again, the Anniversary of September 11th is upon us. For most of you - our NYDISnet subscribers - this date marks the beginning of a long journey from the horrors of that day toward healing and recovery. This day has become an opportunity to

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humbly bend a knee or bow our heads in prayer and reflection – to mourn loved ones; to remember the sacrifice of those men and women who saved so many; and, lastly, to look back over the past five years and acknowledge the work we each have done to heal our own wounds, as well as the care we have provided to so many thousands of survivors and recovery workers. On this occasion, NYDIS' members and staff would like to ask you to join us in prayer for those who lost their lives on September 11th. Come stand with us as we pay tribute to the recovery providers - to those caregivers and human service agencies whose dedication and skill have helped so many toward sustainable recovery.

Now, let us remember, mourn, and honor. Blessings,

Peter

■ NYDIS' 9/11 Interfaith Memorial Service



INTERFAITH MEMORIAL SERVICE
SAVE THE DATE
SEPTEMBER 11, 2006
6:00 TO 7:00 PM
Homilist — The Rev. Dr. James A. Forbes, Jr.
Senior Minister of The Riverside Church
ST. PAUL'S CHAPEL AT GROUND ZERO

In observance of the fifth anniversary of September 11th, NYDIS will host an Interfaith Memorial Service that will also pay tribute to 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 thousands of 9/11 survivors and the injured 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.

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9/11 EVENTS AND COMMEMORATIONS

● 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 learn about registration:

www.pace.edu/aftershock

Meghan French

212.346.1025
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www.pace.edu

- **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/WTC5N%20Anniv_Public_Program1.pdf

www.survivorsnet.org

- **9/11 Environmental Town Hall Forum**

Thursday, September 7
6:30-8:30 pm
St. Paul's Chapel

9/11 ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION

"Affected But Neglected: The Impact of 9/11 on Community Health", a forum presented by 9/11 Environmental Action, will address the need for federal action for Ground Zero workers that have been suffering severe health impacts as a consequence of their exposure there. Medical experts will explain the health effects and community leaders will want to hear from attendees about their health experiences and concerns. NYDIS is proud to endorse this program.

Download the Flyer (pdf):

[911ea.org/Flier for Sept. 7, 2006 Town Hall v.Aug.30.portrait.pdf](http://911ea.org/Flier_for_Sept._7,_2006_Town_Hall_v.Aug.30.portrait.pdf)

Contact the NY State Advocate for Injured Workers:
800.580.6665
Or NYCOSH:
212.330.9031

www.911ea.org

- **Heroes' Life-Size Portraits in 9/11 Exhibit**

Thursday, September 7-Sunday, October 1
NYC Fire Museum
278 Spring St., Manhattan



Joe McNally's "Faces of Ground Zero, Portraits of the Heroes of September 11, 2001," was shot a few blocks from Ground

Zero in the immediate aftermath of 9/11. These giant Polaroid portraits measuring 9' x 4', represent firefighters and other uniformed rescuers, survivors, care givers, politicians, students and families of victims; and they convey an overwhelming sense of resilience, hope, and strength. The museum will be open continuously from 10:00 am on Sunday, September 10 through 5 pm on Tuesday, September 12. On Monday, September 11, the museum will be open from 5:00 am to 10:00 am exclusively for family members of 9/11 firefighter victims, subjects of the portraits and their families, reopening at 10:00 am to the public.

www.nycfiremuseum.org/index.php

- **Brooklyn Arts Council's 9/11 Art Exhibits**

Thursday, September 7-Saturday, September 30
Various locations in Brooklyn



Marking the 5th Anniversary of September 11, and in homage of the 2001 exhibit "Here is New York," Brooklyn Arts Council presents "Here Was New York: Twin Towers in Memorial Images" in 12 galleries across Brooklyn. It includes photos of wall murals, homemade shrines, fridge or mantle displays, custom painting on trucks, logos, graffiti, tattoos, merchandise display, window stickers, and T-shirts.

Dates and gallery hours:

www.brooklynartscouncil.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=b3twintowers&ts=09052006080236

- **Trauma Group's Reflection & Remembrance Meeting**

Friday, September 8
9:00-11:00 am
50 Broadway, 10th floor



The Disaster Trauma Working Group's fifth 9/11 anniversary Reflection and Remembrance Meeting, "The Five Year Marker of Time After Mass Disaster: Considering a Global Perspective", will look at the five year point after mass disaster within a global context, focusing on collective tragedy beyond NYC, along its extended arc of impact. Presented by the NYC Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers.

Madelyn Miller, LCSW, ACSW – Conference Chair
mgmiller96@aol.com

www.naswnyc.org/disaster.html

- **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

Contact Mikki Baloy:

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mikki@ldrny.org

- **Peaceful Tomorrows Public Panels**

Friday, September 8-Thursday, September 14
Various Locations



A series of public events at Columbia University, Fordham University, Long Island University, New York University, Unitarian Universalist Church of All Souls, New York Society for Ethical Culture, and other locations around the City.

Schedule and more information:

www.peacefultomorrow.org/article.php?id=693

- **WTC Memorial Foundation's Photo Exhibits**

Friday, September 8-Saturday, October 7
2 exhibits at different locations



With the support of the Port Authority of NY and NJ, the WTC Memorial Foundation is presenting a photography exhibition, "here: remembering 9/11", features amateur and professional photographs that capture the loss that happened in NYC. The display is located at the perimeter fence of the WTC site at Church Street. From September 8 until October 7, "9/11 and the American Landscape: Photographs by Jonathan Hyman", will feature personal tributes and memorials created across the country in response to the attacks. This will be located at 7 WTC, at 250 Greenwich St. on the 45th Fl.

www.buildthememorial.org

- **9/11-Oklahoma City Exchange Concludes in NYC**

Saturday, September 9-Tuesday, September 12
Various locations

The World Trade Center United Family Group, comprised of 9/11 families, survivors and rescue workers from all over the US, provides emotional support and protects the legacy of the victims. Six members of the Oklahoma City bombing will offer their friendship and support. The exchange program kicks off with a Welcome Dinner on Saturday, September 9, and proceeds to different events including the 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony at Ground Zero on Monday, September 11.

Go to the website for details and telephone numbers:
www.coalitionof911families.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

www.voicesofsept11.org

- **Interfaith Memorial Service at Sts. Paul/Andrew's**

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

The JBFC 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.nydis.org/resources/materials/911 Interfaith Service 06.pdf](http://www.nydis.org/resources/materials/911%20Interfaith%20Service%2006.pdf)

- **GMA Morning Show Live at St. Paul's Chapel on 9/11**

Monday, September 11
6:30-10:00 am
St. Paul's Chapel

Good Morning America will be broadcasting live from St. Paul's Chapel and invites 9/11 Service Providers to be the audience. If you are a 9/11 response, relief or recovery worker, please let GMA know if you would like to attend.

Contact Jennifer Wlach to RSVP:
212.456.7466
Jennifer.L.Wlach@abc.com

- **9/11 Unity Walk**

Monday, September 11
5:00-7:30 pm
Union Square Park



The Unity Walk, which began last year in Washington, DC, has now grown to include walks this year in NYC, Pittsburgh, London, Islamabad, Istanbul, New Delhi and Amman, as well as a student movement on 500 universities. Meet at the Gandhi Statue at Union Square Park and walk to Ground Zero, stopping at various places of worship.

Download the Flyer (pdf):
www.911unitywalk.org/images/nyc%20unity%20walk%20flyer1.pdf

www.911unitywalk.org

- **Faithful Response Film on Recovery**

Monday, September 11
6:00 pm
475 Riverside Drive, Manhattan



David Grand, Ph.D., clinical director of Faithful Response has worked with many survivors of 9/11. His documentary, *Come Hell or High Water*, focuses on recovery after traumas such as 9/11. All are invited to this free screening.

www.ldrny.org/topnews/topnews_film-screening.html

- **Buddhist Annual Floating Lanterns Ceremony**

Monday, September 11
6:00-9:00 pm
Hudson River at W. Houston St.



The New York Buddhist Church (NYBC) presents the 9/11 WTC Memorial Annual Floating Lanterns Ceremony. Led by Rev. TK Nakagaki, this ancient custom in the water is a symbolic representation of respecting the lives that have gone before us; and also represents a light of hope for peace and harmony.

Download the Flyer (pdf):
www.newyorkbuddhistchurch.org/documents/2006_floating_lanterns.pdf

www.newyorkbuddhistchurch.org

- **New School Holds 9/11 Readings**

Monday, September 11
8:00 pm
66 West 12th St.

The New School University is hosting an evening of readings and conversations featuring New School President and

member of the 9/11 Commission, Bob Kerrey, and other speakers, who will read from "The 9/11 Commission Report" and "102 Minutes: The Untold Story of the Fight to Survive Inside the Twin Towers." Free admission.

www.nsu.newschool.edu/02_special.htm

- **HBO Film: "Brothers Lost"**

Monday, September 11
8:00 pm
Cinemax Cable Channel



A filmmaker examines his own loss on 9/11 by documenting that of others. Filmmaker Sean McGinly lost a brother in the WTC and to make sense of his loss, interviewed 31 other men who lost brothers on that terrible day, who felt, "Each interview somehow made me feel closer to my brother Mark."

The NY Daily News review by Denis Hamill:
www.nydailynews.com/entertainment/movies/story/440769p-371314c.html

- **AFSC & 9/11 Families Present Free Concert for All**

Wednesday, September 13
6:30-8:30 PM (reception to follow)
Friends Meeting House
Rutherford Place at East 15th St. Manhattan



The American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) and September 11th Families for Peaceful Tomorrows present an evening of music following the 5th anniversary of 9/11. "The Road Not Taken and the Road Ahead: An Evening of Music for Reflection and Celebration" will feature Brazilian singer Maucha Adnet and her Brazilian jazz trio and The G Quartet, performing Baroque and Classical pieces.

Anne Durston, Project Coordinator
ADurston@afsc.org
212.598.0965

www.afsc.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

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NYDIS NEWS AND EVENTS

■ NYDIS/OEM in The Bronx to Promote Preparedness

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 will be outside the Bronx Courthouse, at 161st Street & Grand Concourse, from 6:00 am to 7:00 pm.



For more information:

Autumn Brown, Disaster Planning Program Assistant
212.669.6110

abrown@nydis.org

www.nydis.org/resources/headlines/08-29-06.php

www.nyc.gov/html/oem/html/agencies/agencies_citizen.shtml

■ NYDIS/OEM Ready NY Training September 12 in The Bronx



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



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

St. Helena's Roman Catholic Church

1315 Olmstead Ave., The Bronx

Register:

www.nydis.org/oem2006

■ NYC 9/11 Unmet Needs Roundtable Reaches \$5M in Aid

As of August 10, the NYC 9/11 Unmet Needs Roundtable has distributed over \$5 million dollars in cash assistance and vouchers to aid 9/11 victims in their long-term recovery. The Roundtable continues to distribute approximately \$70,000 per month in assistance and brings together donors and case work agencies to ensure financial assistance when all other means are no longer available. NYDIS provides staff and office space to support the Roundtable and oversees the distribution of funds on behalf of several donor organizations.



9/11 Resources Page on NYDIS website:
www.nydis.org/9-11recovery/11.php

■ 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

■ 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



- **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](#)).

- **Monday, September 18 – 1:00-3:30 pm**
- **Tuesday, October 3 – 2:30-5:00 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, September 7 – 9:30 am-12:00 noon**
- **Thursday, September 21 – 9:30 am-12:00 noon**
- **Wednesday, September 27 – 9:30 am-12:00 noon**
- **Thursday, October 5 – 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

■ 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

■ 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**
- **Tuesday, October 3 - 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

■ 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

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COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS

■ Mayor Announces Citywide 9/11 Health Effort

On September 5 Mayor Bloomberg announced a series of new initiatives to strengthen the City's response to emerging health issues related to attacks on the World Trade Center. The three-point effort calls for: the establishment of a WTC Environmental Health Center at Bellevue Hospital, the expansion of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene's World Trade Center Unit, and the creation of an internal Mayoral review panel to ensure maximum coordination between City agencies and assess the sufficiency of state and federal resources to address ongoing health needs.



Read the Press Release:

www.nyc.gov/html/doh/html/pr2006/mr319-06.shtml

■ DOH Releases 9/11 Health Guidelines

On August 31 the Health Department released updated



clinical guidelines for NYC health care providers on how to treat adults exposed to the WTC disaster. These guidelines also recommend screening approaches to improve detection of illness possibly associated with WTC exposures. They provide information to help assess exposures, assist in diagnosis and treatment, provide preventive services, and refer for consultation or specialty care.



Download the Guidelines (pdf):

www.nyc.gov/html/doh/downloads/pdf/chi/chi25-7.pdf

Read the Press Release:

www.nyc.gov/html/doh/html/pr2006/pr082-06.shtml

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

Thanks to a new law, most workers and volunteers who did rescue, recovery or cleanup work after 9/11 are now eligible to register with the Workers' Compensation Board. 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 both to people who did paid or unpaid work. 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.

For information to file a claim or to register, contact New York Committee for Occupational Safety and Health (NYCOSH):
212.227.6440 x23 (English)
212.227.6440 x24 (Spanish)

Fact sheet about the new law (pdf):

www.nycosh.org/environment_wtc/WTC/2006WCFactSheet.pdf

■ **New Study: 7 Of 10 WTC Rescuers Suffer Lung Problems**

Mount Sinai Medical Center issued the results of the largest study on 9/11-related health effects on Tuesday, September 5. It found that nearly seven out of every ten WTC rescuers suffered lung problems during or after their work at Ground Zero, and high rates of lung "abnormalities" continued years after. The study focused mostly on the so-called "WTC cough," which has become a major concern. Among responders who had no health symptoms before the attacks, 61% developed lung symptoms while working on the toxic pile. The Mount Sinai program examined nearly 12,000 people.



Full report available Thursday, September 7:

www.ehponline.org

■ **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 as soon as possible.

For questions about the web banner or the program, contact:
Jennifer Cronin
212.614.6328
jcronin@mhaofnyc.org

www.9-11mentalhealth.org

■ **My Good Deed: One Day's Pay Project**

People can now volunteer their time by performing an  act of kindness in September to honor the memories of those lost on 9/11. A new website has been designed and anyone can register their volunteer project.

Registration:
www.mygooddeed.org/join

www.mygooddeed.org

■ **Safe Horizon Continues to Support 9/11 Survivors**


Providing support to 9/11 victims, families and friends, Safe Horizon's services include free confidential counseling, community crisis and trauma response, and through their partnerships with other 9/11 service providers, continue to offer many services that they have been providing since 9/11, and have added new programs as the needs of those affected have changed.



Access information about their services:
getinvolved.safehorizon.org/site/PageServer?pagename=911_fiveyearsater

www.safehorizon.org

■ **Where To Turn, Website Resource for 9/11 Survivors**

A grassroots clearinghouse that serves the  families of victims with 9/11-related information. The site offers support groups and services with nearly 300 verified links.

Contact Dennis McKeon:
info@where-to-turn.org

www.where-to-turn.org

■ **Mailman School's 9/11 Resiliency Program**

The Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health's National Center for Disaster Preparedness offers the Resiliency Program (TRP) which provides services to mediate the mental and behavioral consequences of 9/11 on adults, children, families and communities. TRP also provides training and workshops to agencies that provide



support to those impacted by 9/11.

212.781.1046

www.ncdp.mailman.columbia.edu

■ **NYS Senator Duane's Preparedness Forum**

On Tuesday, September 19, at 6:30 pm, NYS Senator Thomas Duane of the 29th District in Manhattan, will be holding a Community Forum at the Upper-West Side's Council Senior Center at 241 West 72nd Street. This is the first of a series of Forums Senator Duane will hold in each neighborhood in his District. The goal of the forums is to get people information on how to be prepared for emergencies of all kinds, and to give them the opportunity to get their questions answered. There will be a brief presentation on Emergency Preparedness by NYDIS.

Contact Adam Riff, Legislative Aide:

212.633.8052

adam@tomduane.com

www.senate.state.ny.us/senatehomepage.nsf/senators

■ **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.



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

212.298.9162

www.nycpba.org/wtc/index.html

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FROM OUR MEMBERS AND PARTNERS

- **Sikh Coalition's Annual Diversity Essay Winners**

The Sikh Coalition announced the winners of this year's Diversity Essay Competition.

Open to youth, regardless of ethnicity, race, religion or cultural background, nearly 1700

submissions were submitted from 30 countries. The Competition helps students, teachers, parents and their communities engage in a dialogue about issues affecting everyday lives. This year the topic was: Racial, ethnic or religious profiling makes the world more secure; and they were asked to argue for or against this position by using



suitable material collected through interviews, publications and the like is, with an interest in religion, liberty, and a just society of free and responsible individuals.

To learn about the winners and read the winning essays:
www.sikhcoalition.org/essay.asp

- **St. Vincent de Paul's HOPE for Disaster Victims**

When the next disaster strikes, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will have a new emergency relief vehicle to help disaster victims. HOPE, which stands for Help Our People Eat, is a 42-foot-long, state-of-the-art mobile feeding kitchen donated by Bear Creek Country Kitchens, that has just been deployed to the Gulf Coast to serve those still suffering the lingering effects of Katrina and Rita. Operating under SOUs with FEMA, ARC, and other agencies, it may be connected to community water and electrical systems, as well as serve as a mobile office for emergency services, the initiation of case work, and the coordination of other disaster relief organizations. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is seeking sponsors to offset the cost of outfitting and maintaining HOPE.



If you are interested parties in supporting HOPE:
Roger T. Playwin, National Executive Director
Society of St. Vincent de Paul
314.576.3993

View/download photos (doc):
www.svdpusa.org/Portals/0/HOPE%20Debut.doc

www.svdpusa.org

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PREPAREDNESS CORNER

- **Downloadable Ready NY Preparedness Guides**

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



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

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

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

- **Hurricane Preparedness**

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

NYC OEM's *Ready New York: Hurricanes and New York City* brochure for the 2006 hurricane season outlines 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

Download the map (pdf):

http://www.nyc.gov/html/oem/downloads/pdf/hurricane_map_english_06.pdf

- **Hurricane Website**

With the peak of the Atlantic hurricane season upon us, scientists at the National Hurricane Center are reiterating their prediction for an above-normal number of storms and warn this year's relatively quiet start is not an indication of what the remainder of the season has in store. "This year's three named storms may pale in comparison to the record nine storms that formed through early August 2005, but conditions will be favorable for above-normal activity for the rest of this season, so we are not off the hook by any means," said Ret. Navy Vice Adm. Conrad Lautenbacher, NOAA administrator.



www.noanews.noaa.gov/stories2006/s2678.htm

- **Pandemic Flu Preparedness**

- **New FluChip for Rapid Flu Strain Detection**

Scientists from the University of Colorado at Boulder and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have developed a microchip-based test that successfully distinguished among 72 influenza strains, including the H5N1 Avian Flu strain, in less than 12 hours. "This state-of-the-art research is vital to our efforts to protect the nation's health, and it



may provide a new tool in our toolbox in the fight against influenza," says CDC Director Julie Gerberding, M.D.

www.nih.gov/news/pr/aug2006/niaid-28.htm

www.nih.gov

- **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

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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 Week! [Register Now!](#)

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

St. Helena's Roman Catholic Church, The 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

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

- **NEMA 2006 Annual Conference**

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



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.

Contact Leah Baldwin:

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:

www.nydis.org/resources/headlines/07-19-06.php

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WE RECOMMEND

- **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](#) 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

- **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



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.



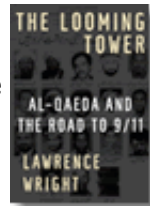
Order *Getting Ready For Disaster* from FEMA:
800.480.2520

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

www.scnus.org

- **Book Review: *The Looming Tower***

A narrative history of the events leading to 9/11, *The Looming Tower: Al Qaeda and the Road to 9/11* looks at the people, the plans and intelligence failures that led to the attacks. Lawrence Wright tells the story through four men's lives: the two leaders of Al Qaeda, the FBI's counterterrorism chief and the former head of Saudi intelligence.



This New York Times best-selling book deepens our knowledge of these events by taking us behind the scenes that will only add to our understanding of 9/11 and help us deal with continuing terrorist threats.

Read the August 6 New York Times Book Review Cover Story:

www.nytimes.com/2006/08/06/books/review/06filkins.html

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JOB & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- **NYDIS, Office Volunteers**

We are seeking two office volunteers to support the Finance department and to answer phones for 20-hours per week in our office. Positions begin immediately.



To apply, please email your Cover Letter and Resume to:
pgudaitis@nydis.org or fax to 212.669.6101.

- **ARC, LA Ready Response Volunteers**

To be ready on very short notice to provide relief in Louisiana if a hurricane hits this year, the American Red Cross is pre-recruiting and training 100 volunteers trained and ready to help if necessary.



Louisiana Ready Response Teams may be called upon between now and November 30 and will need to be "on-call", ready to deploy within 24 hours.

Please contact the ARC:
212.875.2255

LAResponseTeam@nyredcross.org

- **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

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

- **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

- **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 Buttarro, Program Director

Fax: 212.714.2838

www.coac.org

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MAKE A GIFT TO NYDIS

- **Support NYDIS' Ongoing 9/11 Recovery Efforts**

If you'd like to make a donation to assist NYDIS in its ongoing 9/11 Recovery efforts and support the NYC 9/11 Unmet Needs Roundtable, [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

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