

Brookville

Multifaith Campus

NEWS



Room for All
An Open and Affirming
Campus to the
LGBTQIA+ community.

*One house, many faiths, endless
opportunities for growth!*

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Vision Statement

Through learning opportunities, essential partnerships, and occasional shared worship, our campus welcomes all who want to learn, question and grow, while making a positive and lasting impact in the community and world.

Mission

To build a multifaith community of people from different faiths who connect to one another by embracing similarities while celebrating differences.

Find a Place to Belong

We invite you to discover a spiritual community made up of different religious groups. Each group maintains its own religious identity but fosters an open environment for learning, celebrating and honoring each distinct religion.

Easter - Highest Holy Day *by Rev. Vicky L. Eastland*

Before I became the pastor of Brookville Church which has broadened my ministry to include shepherding a multifaith campus that includes a Jewish congregation, I was not familiar with the term: High Holy Days.

Now I have come to understand that Easter is the highest holy day there is in the Christian faith. Easter is the culmination of Jesus' reason for coming to this earth. As a Christian, I believe that Jesus was not just a Jewish Rabbi who taught moral lessons on how to live as good humans, but that Jesus was truly the Messiah, the one sent from God to stand in our place for the forgiveness of our sins.

Holy Week, the week leading up to Easter was the road to the cross. It was the hardest week Jesus lived before his death. One of his closest disciples, Judas, betrayed him for money and Jesus was handed over to be put to death.

Jesus died the worse possible death of his time, death by crucifixion. After being beaten by Roman guards and flogged just short of death, he was forced to carry his own cross up a hill to then be nailed to it. One does not die from crucifixion because nails are driven through their hands and

feet, but rather by suffocation. When the person becomes so weak that they can no longer lift themselves up to take a breath, they die.

This is the saddest day in the Christian calendar. Most services performed on "Good Friday" are done in a dark sanctuary where black cloths cover all religious icons and at the end of the service the minister slams the pulpit Bible and exclaims, "It is finished!" Then everyone leaves in silence.



BUT... on Easter Sunday they return to a sanctuary filled with light, white lilies and often other spring flowers and it is a day of GREAT rejoicing for it is the day when Jesus rose from the grave; he was resurrected; he was dead but is alive again. We rejoice and sing hallelujah!

Christians would have no hope if our Messiah died and stayed in the grave.

It is the hope of the resurrection that gives us joy that Jesus robbed death of its victory. We believe that Jesus' resurrection is the hope of our own resurrection too, that one day we too will be resurrected into life eternal with God in heaven!

Hallelujah! Amen!

~ Rev. Vicky

SAVE THE DATE
Sunday June 4th at 12:30 PM
for the return of our
All Campus Spring Picnic



Opportunities of Ramadan

By Dr. Sultan Abdulhameed

Ramadan is a month of self-renewal. It gives us an opportunity to examine our lifestyle and re-center on principles of wisdom. We aim to emerge from the month healthier, with a stronger character, and making prayer more engaging and meaningful.

Let us discuss a few aspects of Ramadan that can help us.

(1) Better Eating Habits

Prophet Muhammad said *"Fast and you will become healthy."* At another time, when asked why he and his companions were so healthy, he said:

"We are a people who do not eat when we are not hungry, and when we eat, we do not fill ourselves". It is practical wisdom from which everyone can benefit because health is the most important asset anyone has. By choosing to go without food through the day, experiencing hunger and not eating, day after day for a month, a person can learn to say no to food even when not fasting.



Fasting can help us become healthy if we practice it the way it was intended, that is, learn to overcome the temptation of food. If, on the other hand, a person fasts during the day but overeats in the evening he or she has defeated the purpose of the fast.

To be healthy, we want to pay attention to what we eat or drink. Every aya in the Quran related to food begins with the advice that we eat what is *tayyib*, *that is*, pure and wholesome.

If you are weak or elderly, it is advisable to consult your physician to see if fasting is safe for you. In aya (2:184) people who are not able to not fast are asked to provide food for a needy person for each missed fast.

(2) Work Ethic in Ramadan

In previous centuries work that required mental focus was not common. But in modern times most professional work requires concentration for long hours. This includes people who work with machines or instruments in computer-based professions. Loss of mental acuity because of hunger, thirst or sleep deprivation can cause mistakes and loss of productivity. Allowing such losses to occur without informing your employer is contrary to the spirit of Ramadan. Contributing our best effort for the wages we receive is key to maintaining a person's integrity. It is important to inform your employer that you intend to fast and come to an agreement on how any deficiency in your work is to be compensated for.

(3) Engaging in Self-Evaluation

It was reported by Abu Huraira in the book of Bukhari that Prophet Muhammad said: "Anyone who fasts in the month of Ramadan with faith and engages in self-evaluation will be forgiven his or her previous sins."

Self-evaluation means you think about the issues in your life and about how you can resolve them. Self-evaluation helps because it makes us focus on possible solutions to the difficulties we face, and to ask for God's help in overcoming obstacles in our lives.

Ramadan offers several ways to improve our lives. We can focus on one or more of these paths during this month. You can do this even if you are not able to fast. Ramadan is a month of blessings because it provides opportunities to improve our lives.

Join us

Every Friday at 1 PM for Prayer (hybrid)
Every other Sunday at 2 PM for Quran study (zoom)

The poster has a white background with a subtle geometric pattern. A large, stylized archway in the center is filled with a blue and white geometric pattern. The archway is outlined in gold. Golden confetti is scattered across the top of the poster.

**Muslim Reform
Movement Organization**

invites you to

Eid Prayer

Friday, April 21, 10:30 AM

Brookville Multifaith Campus
Fellowship Hall

*Refreshments will be served.
ALL are welcome!*

Hybrid event - email:
muslimreform@hotmail.com
for the Zoom link

Passover

By Rabbi Scott Matous

Passover (Pesach in Hebrew) is known as the “Holiday of Freedom.” It commemorates the emancipation of the Israelites from slavery in ancient Egypt. The eight-day festival of Passover is celebrated in the early spring, from the 15th through the 22nd of the Hebrew month of Nissan, which usually falls sometime in March or April. (This year it corresponds to April 5th – April 13th.) Passover is regarded as the “birth” of the Jewish nation, and its lessons of struggle and identity continue to form the basis of Jewish consciousness today.

The holiday begins with a Seder (which means “Order”), a festive meal, and is designed to give each person the experience of “going from slavery unto freedom.” We read from the Haggadah, the special book which tells the Exodus story and recounts the Ten Plagues. We eat foods which are symbolic of slavery: matzah as the bread of affliction, salt water as the tears of oppression, bitter herbs as the harshness of slavery. We recline in our chairs to express our freedom. The youngest child asks Four Questions. We recite the prayer of thanksgiving and praise and end the Seder with the hope of “Next Year in Jerusalem!” By following the rituals and traditions of Passover, we have the ability to relive and experience the true freedom that our ancestors gained.

But you’re sitting at the Seder table, and you feel empty, completely lost! You may be keenly aware that this occasion is meant to be a deeply spiritual experience, a redemption from your personal enslavement to the Pharaoh within who wishes to hinder your journey to Mount Sinai, but the only thought occupying your mind is: “When are we finally gonna get to dig into the chicken soup and brisket?” Across the table sits Cousin Moish who is positively ecstatic, totally entranced by the words of the Haggadah, and you feel totally clueless.



Before you despair, take a moment to digest the following thought (a thought which is easier to digest than all that matzah and wine!): Some 3300 years ago in Egypt, the Jews who sat around the Seder tables were in exactly the same predicament as you find yourself right now! It is safe to assume that the Seder table in Egypt wasn't overflowing with inspiring words of Torah. Instead, everyone sat around the table anticipating the miracle of Redemption, which Moses promised would be coming their way that very night. They were not spiritual people, but they had a deep-seated faith in Gd, and a solid commitment to changing their lives, to embark on the spiritual trek to receiving the Torah.

Jewish holidays are very different than their secular counterparts; they are not a commemoration of, but rather a reliving of an event. The same Divine revelation which triggered the miracles of Redemption in Egypt long ago is present every year on the night of Passover. We, too, can be redeemed. We need only to emulate our ancestors, to foster our faith in the impending redemption and commit to changing ourselves. So, remember, if you're feeling lost at the Seder table, that's exactly why you are sitting there! With my best wishes for a Happy Passover!

Love and Blessings,
Rabbi Scott Matous



The New Synagogue of Long Island
The Synagogue for Spiritual Judaism

Passover Seder

Tuesday, April 4th at 6:00 pm.

The New Synagogue of Long Island

Brookville Multifaith Campus
2 Brookville Road ~ Glen Head, NY 11545

We will not be having a meal, but rather dessert.

If you are interested in attending, please let us know by Monday, April 3rd.

To RSVP, click [HERE](#).

Please email Barbara Reiter (bnr1020@gmail.com) to let her know what you will be bringing.

If you are planning to attend, please print the **Haggadah** for all family members and bring it with you to the seder.

Love and Blessings,
Rabbi Scott Matous
Cantor Irene Failenbogen

Join us for Shabbat on
May 5, 7:00 PM

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of Long Island*

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Thanks to Mario for removing a large section of the crabapple tree in the parking lot after it was damaged in a storm.

St. Paul's Reformed Church in North Babylon, an outreach ministry that houses the North Babylon Food Pantry, Emma's



Table (a feeding ministry), 3 Narcotics Anonymous support groups, as well as Boy and Girl Scout troops, is in need of a new boiler.

This church needs to have heat in order to maintain its vital outreach activities in the community.

To learn more, go to the [Go Fund Me page](#) and consider making a donation.

IFCLI Community *By Christine Mankes*



It's exciting to have so many fun spring events to look forward to! Our calendar is filled with events such as children's classes, youth-led services, parent events and more! These events serve to connect us and provide us with a support system and sense of community. We have our faith leaders, parents and children joined together in a network that embraces similarities between both Jewish and Christian traditions while respecting their differences.

It has been two years since our current steering committee was formed and has been working hard to create programming and events for children and adults alike! We continue to look to our membership and to those who can contribute their talents, expertise, or simply a willingness to help, even in a small way. The work that you do with us matters. By lending a helping hand, you are not only helping yourself, your spouse and your own family, but also our greater community.

Interfaith Community of Long Island Upcoming Events

4/2 - 10 AM - Palm Sunday (youth-led service)

4/4 - 6 PM - Passover Seder in our shared Fellowship Hall

4/9 - 10 AM - Easter Service followed by an Easter Egg Hunt for the children

4/16 - 11 AM - Children's Classes

4/29 - Parents Night Out! (more info to follow!)

5/21 - 11 AM - Children's Classes

6/4 - 12 PM Identity and Transition Commencement with All Campus Spring Picnic following

Mark your calendars!

Interfaith religious education classes on

Sunday, 4/16 at 11am! All are welcome! Registration is still open!

Please let us know if you are attending by sending a message on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/ifcli/> or by using the contact form at our website <http://www.interfaithli.org/home>

How can I stay informed regarding the Interfaith Community?

EMAIL

Please check your email for updates. If you would like to be added to our email distribution list, please email allison@interfaithli.org.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ifcli>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/interfaithcommunityli/>

Please check our website at <https://www.interfaithli.org/home> for a full calendar

BRAG BOX

Congratulations to Cassie Johanson who will be attending Pennsylvania State University in the fall.



Congratulations to both Jasper and Sam Weinberger who were in their high school musical "Something Rotten" at the Waldorf School of Garden City. Jasper played Nick Bottom, a leading character and Sam was the infamous William Shakespeare. Way to go, guys!



Jasper as Nick Bottom who was always trying to be better than Shakespeare.



On Sunday March 26th Cantor Irene and Rev. Bill shared their musical love story with yet another audience at a beautiful venue at the The Center at Maple Grove.



Sam as William Shakespeare with Rev. Vicky after the performance

If you have something you would like to brag about please send your submissions to brookvillemfc@gmail.com by the 20th of the month prior. We'd love to celebrate with you!

**SUNDAY, MAY 21,
2023**

**CELEBRATING
THE LIFE
&
ACHIEVEMENTS
OF
DR. FAROQUE
KHAN**

Luncheon



**LIMITED
SEATING!
REGISTRATION
ENDS MAY 1ST**

\$100 Minimum Individual +Admin Fee

Optional Sponsorships Available

- \$800 Full page ad. (+2 tickets)- Non-profit Org**
- \$1,000 One table of 10 seats**
- \$2,500 Journal- Full page ad. (+4 Tickets)**
- \$5,000 Journal- Full page ad. (+10 Tickets)**
- \$7,500 Journal- Full page ad. inside back/ front cover (+10 Tickets)**
- \$10,000 Journal- Full page ad. back cover (+10 Tickets)**

A portion of the proceeds will be donated in Dr. Khan's honor to AFK Foundation co-founded by him.

This is not a fundraiser.

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FOR TICKETS**

**or
SCAN
eventbrite**



**The Cotillion
440 Jericho Turnpike
Jericho, NY 11753**

**Begins at 12:00 pm
Registration, Networking**

CAMP WARWICK SUMMER 2023



CAMP SUNRISE

Week 1: June 25–30

Week 2: July 2–7

Week 3: July 9–14

Week 4: July 16–21

Week 5: July 23–28

VOLUNTEER!

Become a
Camp Sunrise
Volunteer

Earn volunteer hours, learn new skills, have leadership opportunities, choose 1–5 weeks, be part of a supportive and close knit team, have SO MUCH FUN! Need to be 15+ years old

DAY CAMP

Week 1: June 26–30

Week 2: July 3–7

Week 3: July 10–14

Week 4: July 17–21

Week 5: July 24–28

Week 6: July 31– Aug. 6

Week 7: Aug. 7–11

Week 8: Aug. 14–18

Week 9: Aug. 21–25

Camp registration links, the volunteer application, and the staff application can be found on our website:

www.campwarwick.org

BECOME A STAFF MEMBER

Create meaningful relationships with campers and fellow staff, grow in leadership skills and opportunities, share your gifts and talents, and have the best summer of your life!

IN CAMP

Week 1: July 30–
Aug. 1

Entering 3rd–entering 6th grades

Week 2: Aug. 6–11

Entering 7th–entering 12th grade

The Next Chapter



Everybody knows their age and can often remember when something happened that connects to the current time. As we continue to gather memories of the years building up behind us many of the older years slip into a foggy

memory place. It is easy to say, "I keep getting older and forget more each day," but we don't want to lose those dearest memories.

Young peoples' lives are wrapped up in their school life. That is a total experience because it starts at Pre K (or even a year sooner) and on from Kindergarten through all of the schools teaching grades 1 through 12 -- a total of 14 or 15 years of school. Promotion to the next grade was simple in my time. The first academic celebration was graduation from high school. Nowadays I cannot keep track of the modern, almost annual events of children celebrating moving up from Pre-K and through elementary school. I can accept that there is value in a simple celebration, but the fuss of pageantry and diplomas and inviting families to attend seems to be over the top unnecessary.

The graduation from colleges actually starts counting time when the high schoolers apply to enter the next college class available which ends four years later. This year the students applied to enter their school of choice as being the class of 2027, but the athletic departments use the calendar differently.

The military academies are set up the same way, but there is a historical connection with the class graduation year that is more significant than anything else they will ever encounter. As time carries the officers through their careers they normally are promoted to the next pay grade as long as they are able to show their merit. Eventually an officer who has stayed in might become a general, but all promotions after captain are competitive and when one is passed over a couple of times they realize it is the end of being promoted.

However they have been members of a West Point class since entering the Academy and reunions are set up every five years for every class. This year is sixty-five years since my class of 58 graduated and the class is having a reunion. All of us still living have either left the Army or retired from it. Most colleges have a quarterly magazine during all of those years and the news of our activities has been in it. That stopped just a few years ago and now it is published quarterly online. The magazine has not stopped, it continues as a bond for all of the current living grads.

Nancy and I are not attending the 65th reunion because we know how much walking occurs at a reunion. We keep in touch with some close friends. There are physical limitations that Nancy and I have reached. I don't even want to drive that far anymore.

I go to a Planet Fitness Gym five or six times a week and there are too many younger grads who show up most mornings too. They don't care to visit our school so much now because getting inside the gates and finding parking is very difficult. Since Covid-19 most military bases have kept many of the rules of careful assembly in large groups. The rules are lessening up this year to allow visiting athletic teams and fans to have competition.

Crowds have been difficult to deal with and having reunions became troublesome years ago. Now there are several reunions in the spring on "off" weeks where only some classes can attend. The big events around graduation and football season are often overwhelming because the base (or campus anyplace else) is small and all of the students live on base and most of the instructors do also.

So Nancy and I have opted out of visiting West Point again. It is a lovely place, full of tradition, but not so comfortable anymore.

But we still say, BEAT NAVY at every opportunity.

~Branch Worsham