

Brookville Multifaith Campus



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

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

NEWS

April
2026

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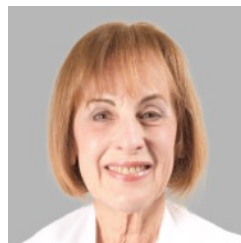
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Dr. Syed Asad, Co-Founder
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Vision Statement

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.

Reflections on a Sacred Season of Unity



Dr. Syed Asad

As we enter the first week of April, we find ourselves reflecting on a uniquely blessed period that has just passed — one that brought together sacred moments from different faith traditions in a powerful and meaningful way. This year, the conclusion of Ramadan around March 20, 2026, and the celebration of Eid al-Fitr closely align with the Christian season of Easter, offering a beautiful opportunity for shared reflection, understanding, and unity within our multifaith community.

The Meaning of Ramadan and Eid al-Fitr

For Muslims around the world, Ramadan is a deeply spiritual month marked by fasting from dawn to sunset, increased prayer, charity, and self-discipline. It is a time to step back from the distractions of daily life and focus on one's relationship with God, while also cultivating empathy for those who are less fortunate. The fast is not merely physical—it is also a commitment to ethical conduct, patience, humility, and generosity. Acts of kindness, whether through feeding the hungry, supporting charitable causes, or simply offering a kind word, are especially emphasized.

The completion of Ramadan is marked by the celebration of Eid al-Fitr, a day of gratitude and togetherness. Families and friends gather for prayers, share meals, and extend charity to ensure that everyone, regardless of circumstance, can partake in the celebration. Eid reminds us that spiritual growth is not meant to remain personal — it is meant to radiate outward, strengthening communities and uplifting those around us.

Easter: A Season of Renewal

At the same time, our Christian neighbors are observing Easter, one of the most significant celebrations in the Christian faith. Easter commemorates themes of renewal, hope, and the triumph of life over death. It is preceded by Lent, a period of reflection, sacrifice, and spiritual preparation — paralleling, in many ways, the discipline and introspection found in Ramadan. Both traditions emphasize self-restraint, compassion, and the importance of returning to core spiritual values.



Shared Purpose Across Traditions

What makes this time especially meaningful for the Brookville Multifaith Campus is not just the coincidence of dates, but the convergence of purpose. Across traditions, we see a shared call: to renew our hearts, to serve others, and to grow closer to the Divine. Whether through fasting, prayer, reflection, or celebration, these practices guide us toward becoming more mindful, more compassionate, and more connected human beings.

In a world often marked by division and misunderstanding, these overlapping sacred seasons serve as a gentle reminder of our common ground. While the languages of prayer and rituals may differ, the underlying messages remain strikingly similar—faith in something greater than ourselves, the importance of gratitude, the value of community, and the responsibility to care for one another.

Building Bridges in a Diverse Community

At MMS Global Foundation, we believe that these shared moments are opportunities to build bridges. When we take time to learn about each other's traditions and celebrate alongside one another, we foster not only tolerance but genuine respect and appreciation. A multifaith campus like Brookville is uniquely positioned to embody these ideals—creating a space where diversity is not just acknowledged, but embraced and celebrated.

Moving Forward Together

As we move forward into the spring season, we carry with us the lessons of Ramadan, Eid, and Easter. Let us continue the spirit of generosity by supporting those in need. Let us nurture the habits of reflection and mindfulness that these sacred times encourage. And let us strengthen our commitment to unity, recognizing that our diversity is a source of strength, not division. May this season inspire us all to walk forward with compassion, to serve with sincerity, and to build a community rooted in mutual respect and shared humanity.

With warm wishes for peace and harmony,

Syed N. Asad, MD

MMS Global Foundation



On March 15th beginning at 11:00 AM, a special Passover event took place in the Fellowship Hall on Brookville Multifaith Campus. It happened during the scheduled classes of the Interfaith Community of Long Island.

There was a strong "hands on" learning part of the experience. Students crafted Seder plates for all participants. The event was open to everyone on the Brookville Multifaith Campus.

The Haggadah we used was designed by Rabbi Paris for the New Synagogue of Long Island. Rabbi Irene led the activities.



Dear congregants of New Synagogue of Long Island:

We are approaching another Passover in our Jewish Calendar. This occasion is a mix of so many feelings and emotions. We gather to celebrate the liberation of the Jewish people from slavery to freedom but also we are challenged to reflect on our own lives and the rest of the world with compassion and sympathy. This month of Nisan is the month of speech. We are advised to choose words wisely and use words to encourage and support ourselves and others.

As we sit around the tables to celebrate with our families our Passover Seders, let's continue to tell the stories of our ancestors with courage and honesty, with songs and words of chesed, loving

kindness, and let's keep coming together as a community to grow and blossom.

Next Shabbat service will take place on April 10th at 7:00 pm. We will be reading Parashat Shemini from the Book of Leviticus and ponder about the theme of "Mindfulness in Jewish Tradition". You are invited to bring something to eat for our Pot luck Oneg Shabbat.

If you have any questions you can reach Rabbi Irene at irenetunes@aol.com or 646-592-7930.

Sameach and a Zizen Pesach to you and your family.

Rabbi Irene Failenbogen
New Synagogue of Long Island

A Memorial Service for Dr. Sultan Hameed was held on March 29, 2026

People gathered at the Brookville Multifaith Campus and from around the world via Zoom to honor and remember Dr. Sultan. He was a husband, father, friend, scientist, professor, spiritual leader, author, and mentor to many. Everyone whose life he touched is part of his extraordinary legacy.

Dr. Sultan's leadership in the Muslim Reform Movement Organization (now known as the Muslim Renewal Community) and his presence on the Brookville Campus deeply influenced its identity as a Multifaith Community. He was an amazingly humble man, who had an outsized influence on those he met. The memory of his presence is deeply imprinted on all of us at Brookville. Dear Dr. Sultan, with fervent thanks for all your good deeds, we call out to your spirit "assalamu alaykum!"



The Life and Legacy of Dr. Sultan Hameed (reprinted with permission from memorial service bulletin)

Dr. Sultan Hameed lived a life defined by knowledge, reflection, and purpose, As an atmospheric scientist and professor at Stony Brook University, he dedicated himself to understanding the natural world and sharing that knowledge with others. His work in science reflected a deep respect for the complexity and balance of our environment.

But beyond his academic accomplishments, Dr. Hameed was a man of thought and principle. Through his writing, especially in *The Quran and the Life of Excellence*—he emphasized that true success begins within. He believed that personal growth, discipline, and moral clarity were the foundations of a meaningful life.

Dr. Hameed had a rare ability to connect scientific understanding with spiritual insight, showing that both could work together to deepen our awareness of the world and our responsibility within it.

He was known for his humility, his calm presence, and his ability to engage others in thoughtful and meaningful conversation. His influence extended far beyond the classroom, touching the lives of colleagues, students, and friends.

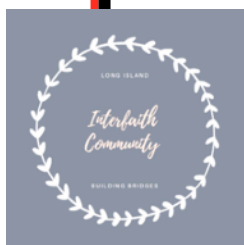
His legacy is one of intellect, integrity, and quiet excellence - a legacy that will continue to inspire all who knew him and those who encounter his work in the future.



Interfaith Community of Long Island

Classes will be held at 11:00 AM on Sundays:

- April 19
- May 17
- June 7 (picnic)



How can I stay informed?

EMAIL

Please check your email for updates. If you would like to be added to our email distribution list, please email ifcoflongisland@gmail.com

New members are always welcome!

Registration for membership and classes is still open. Please send us an email at ifcoflongisland@gmail.com

or message us on our Instagram or Facebook pages.

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

[@interfaithcommunityli](https://www.instagram.com/interfaithcommunityli)

Online BIBLE STUDY

Beginning
2-11-2026

Brookville Multifaith Campus, and beyond...

To receive the Zoom link, email
brookvillechurch@gmail.com

Wednesdays, 7-8 PM



Learn more about the book of Acts



Muslim Renewal Community

Virtual Quran Study

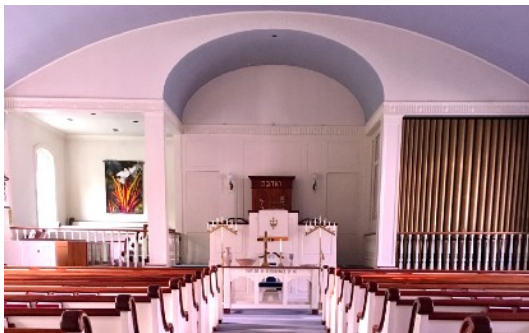
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM every other Sunday,

All are welcome!

For Zoom link, please email
muslimrenewalcommunity@outlook.com

Please join us at Brookville Church every **Sunday at 10 AM** for our **Worship Celebration.**

Come in person or on Zoom. For a zoom link, email brookvillechurch@gmail.com



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SYNAGOGUE OF THE MONTH SHABBAT SERVICE 5786

The New Synagogue of Long Island / The Synagogue for Spiritual Judaism
Rabbi Irene Failenbogen

Friday, April 10th at 7:00 PM

[Zoom Shabbat Service](#)
[Shabbat Service Booklet](#)

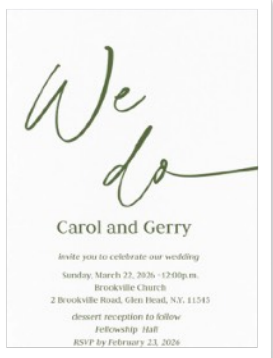
We have no membership dues or fees. All are welcome.

Please support The New Synagogue of Long Island as generously as you can. Your contributions are the lifeblood of The New Synagogue. Please help us keep alive our inspiring teachings of Spiritual Judaism.

To make an online donation, please [click here](#)
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To Our Church and Campus Family,
Your presence and love, along with our families and friends, made our day perfect! We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your support for us, as we start the next chapter of our lives!



We want to send special thanks to Rev Bill, who officiated our service. It was beautiful, Bill! Thank you.



Thank you Carlos for all the 'behind the scenes' set up, and for making our campus look perfect.

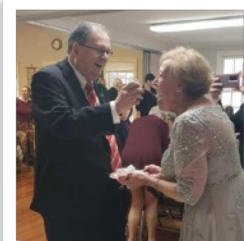
HUGE thanks to Lisa and Dave Denison, who, along with my family, spent Saturday afternoon and all day Sunday setting up the church and Fellowship Hall, making sure the tables were set before the service started, and Nancy Kelleher who organized the cleanup after it was over.



Thanks to all who helped with the cleanup when we were done.

We have always been aware that it takes a village... but to be on the receiving side, having our village make our day go seamlessly perfect, is humbling. We are blessed beyond measure to our family.

With love,
Carol and Gerry





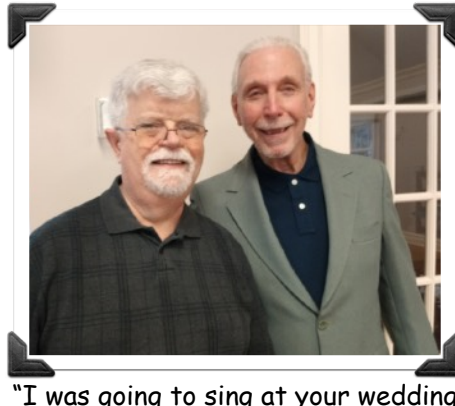
"We are so honored to be a part of your celebration! Having spent years growing up with Carol we are excited to officially welcome Gerry into our family. XOXO" the Cirkers



"Congratulations & wishing you many years of happiness! We are thrilled to have Carol join the family " XOXO Gerry's family & friends



"Wishing you many years of health and happiness" Love, The Schombs Family



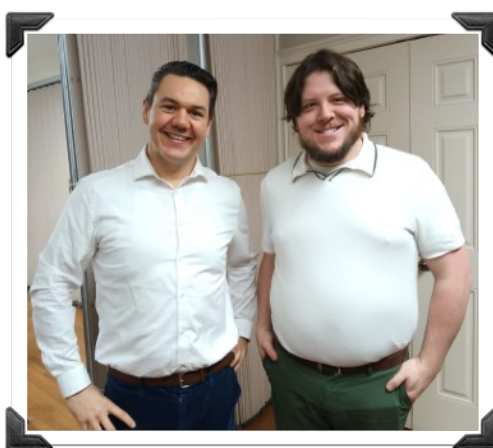
"I was going to sing at your wedding but I was advised 'not to'. Congratulations, you make a wonderful couple." -Hank



Congrats to Aunt Carol & Gerry! Wishing you so much love and happiness. We love you!"- Kirby



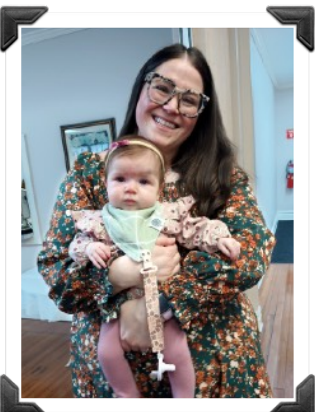
"Congratulations from your Lawrence St. crew. We love you guys!"



"Congratulations to the hot new couple, Carol & Gerry! May your marriage be blessed every day for as long as you both shall live!"- Jake



"Congratulations Carol & Gerry. Mom & Dad are looking down and smiling." - Love You, George





"All the joy in the world be yours Carol & Gerry! All our love always" - Dave & Lisa



"Wishing you both a beautiful new beginning filled with love, peace & God's continued blessings." -Elena, Rinny, Alexis, Ivette,



"We are so blessed to be in your lives. Wishing you both a long and prosperous marriage!" -Lee & Katie



"Congratulations Carol & Gerry! Wishing you both all the love & happiness in the world. Love you!" Annie & Dave Taylor



"They bring out the best of each other." Mary & Kevin Sloan



"Congratulations and Best Wishes - You both are meant to be. Love all around" - The Latzen Family



"Congratulations! It was a beautiful wedding for two beautiful people!" Love, The Kelleher Family



"We are so proud of you and privileged to be part of your love's story. We love you!!" Irene & Bill



Easter SUNDAY

Come celebrate at
Brookville Church
Sunday April 5
at 10 AM

Faith and Hope at Easter

Faith and hope are sometimes used in the same sentence and could easily be thought of as interchangeable. Their meanings are similar and the ways that they impact our lives are similar. But there are differences, as well.

In my mind, faith is more about believing what something *is*, and hope is more about believing what something *will be*. I think that faith is more about the *nature* of things but hope is about the *potential* of things.

For example I have faith that if I plant seeds in the ground, and all of the needed things are in place, the seeds will sprout. That's faith. But my *hope* is that the plants that sprout will be bountiful and produce well. That hope is based on experience, but there is no guarantee.

Faith has an aspect of certainty, even in an uncertain world, but hope realizes that many different outcomes are always possible. In this example I *hope* my plants will be fruitful, but anything could happen, including bad weather, pests, or not enough nutrients in the soil. I have faith in the growing process, but the number of vegetables that I will harvest is not yet determined.

There are many things in life that give me hope. A beautiful spring day, the bulbs that are already coming up in my garden, the return of so many birds, simple acts of kindness done for others, advocacy for those in need and the generosity of spirit that I see all around, all give me hope.

Easter is the ultimate time for hope. The idea that cruelty, torture and death do not get the final word gives me ample reason for hope for a future that is better than today, and that, to quote a friend, "Whatever difficulties we experience today will eventually pass".

At Brookville, we have many faiths, but we can all share in the hope for a bright future together.

~Linda Hees, guest contributor



Death Cafe'

Sunday,
April 26,
11:30 am

What is
Death
Cafe'?

It's a space where people
can come together to talk openly
about death and dying, without
judgement or any agenda.



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ALL ARE WELCOME!

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BRAG BOX



Congratulations to David Hees who raised \$888 for Special Olympics in a Polar Plunge on March 28 at Today Beach.

He managed to get a cameo shot on the [News12 report for the event.](#)



Congratulations to Shari Johanson for winning the Golden Reel Award for her music editing of the Documentary, "Billy Joel: And So it Goes: Part One".

The Golden Reel Awards recognize outstanding achievement in sound and music editing from the Motion Picture Sound Editors and are considered a very prestigious honor within the industry.

We are so proud of you, Shari!

Brookville Multifaith Campus Financial Appeal

Our campus is a rare and beautiful space - many faith traditions gathering in one place. Maintaining our space requires ongoing attention. We have a goal of raising \$36,000 to keep our shared space available for all.

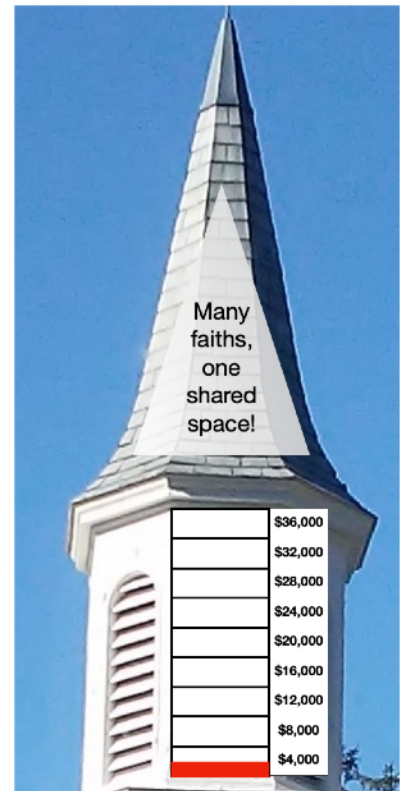
Please consider a monthly contribution of at least \$36, or a one time annual contribution of \$400. Every contribution, large or small, will make a difference to our community

Donations for the Brookville Multifaith Campus Financial Appeal can be made via:

- Venmo @ Brookville-Church (7478)
- [Givebutter](#)
- Personal check made out to "Brookville Church" and sent to:
Brookville Church
2 Brookville Road
Glen Head, NY 11545

Every gift is greatly appreciated!

Raised so far:
\$3,300.00



Living and Learning

Synchronicity, a Gift of the Spirit



April 21, 1946 was Easter Sunday and the day my dear husband Richard was born. Rich's mom, Florence, frequently recounted how he was born on Easter and baptized on Mother's Day.

Florence was an amazing woman, raised in the Lutheran church, she

became a Catholic to appease the family of her soon-to-be husband James. Although James rarely went to church, Florence was a devout and faithful Catholic. After James died in 1958 at the age of 40, she became a single parent and raised their three children, aged 11, 12, and 13. I often reflect on the wonderful job she did particularly having to raise two teenage sons, who both turned out to be such loving and responsible men. And then on May 11, 1974, Florence at the age of 53 died during open heart surgery at a New York City hospital. She was a woman who adored her family and was deeply loved by all who knew her.

May 11 ... a date that continues to have deep resonance in our family for a number of reasons. The backstory involves something that Rich and I had decided not to do. We both were raised Catholic, but we began to question much about our religious tradition and decided not to have our children baptized. In a Catholic family not having children baptized was anathema. We weren't trying to shock people, but we were struggling with our emerging values and beliefs post-Vatican II and following the tumultuous 60's. When Florence realized that the children weren't baptized, unbeknownst to us, she baptized them both in her kitchen sink, which we later thought was very touching and loving. In Catholic theology, we were taught that if a baby died and hadn't been baptized, the child would go to a place called limbo, a nice place to be, but not as close to God as one would hope. It all seemed rather silly to us.

Yet during this time, Rich and I continued to search for a spirituality that resonated with our souls.

I became deeply involved with a Christian volunteer organization, FISH, a name secretly used by the early Christians to avoid detection. We provided emergency food and transportation to people who needed help. Similarly Rich was employed by the Department of Social Services working to assist people living on the margins. We both became advocates working to promote social justice. As I responded to such basic and pressing human needs, I began to experience amazing moments of connection with God.

I believe that God, being the very essence of Love, must be especially present when we extend loving care to one another. Increasingly I was growing in my own personal spirituality and began to attend, of all things, a Catholic charismatic prayer group. People were speaking in tongues, and there were other amazing experiences that were very new to me. I came to a point in the group when I decided to be "baptized in the spirit," which was one of the opportunities provided. As people prayed over me, I said: "Lord, make me an instrument of your peace." Here I was being baptized again, and our children weren't!

As these events were going on in our life, it was then that Rich's mom, Florence, learned that she needed open heart surgery. Rich and his sister Kathy drove her into Manhattan for the surgery, and she in fact hand-wrote her last will and testament only days before she left. Her passing in 1974 was a deep family trauma. May 11th in 1974 was the day before Mother's Day.

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Living and Learning

Synchronicity, a Gift of the Spirit, continued...

During the year following Florence's death, Rich and I began contemplating what type of religious instruction and connection we wanted for our children. My positive experience at the Catholic prayer group led us to consider having them baptized Catholic. Jeanne was 2, and Steve was 4. Then a very special knowing occurred to me. On a day of spiritual retreat in the upper room of the Cenacle in Lake Ronkonkoma, it suddenly dawned on me. The day for them to be baptized would be May 11, the first anniversary of their Nana's death, which was Mother's Day in 1975. Mother's Day, the special day which Florence so often remembered as being when Rich had been baptized.

The pastor of the church was very helpful when I expressed concern that our kids would be much older than the babies being baptized at the same time. He was quite supportive and commented that Stephen and Jeanne would take their cue from us. As long as we were okay with this, they would be fine. I went to a religious goods store, found two white stoles with Holy Spirit logo and draped them on our children's shoulders. I remember the pastor saying how great they looked. Their godparents, a former nun married to a former priest, were friends that we had met via La Leche League. Our God is certainly a God of many surprises!



So, May 11 became a day of deep connection for us as we continued to feel Rich's mom present with her most loving spirit. Consequently, years later when Jeanne and Damian's son Peter was baptized, again it was on Mother's Day, May 11. And when Bridgette made her first communion, it was May 11 again. Finally, when our son Steve met his beautiful wife Kathy, we learned that her birthday was May 11! Synchronicities, I believe are gifts of the Spirit. They help us to endure struggles, overcome obstacles, and rise above what are often foolish misunderstandings.

Thank you, Florence, for keeping watch over your dear family for all these many years.

You are one of our angels!

*~ Dolores Tibbets,
Brookville Church Elder*

Brookville Multifaith Campus
invites you to come together to talk about some of the bigger questions in life in a comfortable, judgement-free setting, with people from various backgrounds.

Spiritual Discussion Group

- What is the meaning of life?
- What does it mean to live a moral life?
- Is there life after death?
- What's the difference between spirituality and faith?
- What is the role of religion in the world today?
- Is doubt the opposite of faith?
- How does prayer work?

March 5 - April 30
Thursdays, 2-3 PM, in person
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