

# Brookville Multifaith Campus



*A Pathway to Mutual  
Understanding*

## NEWS

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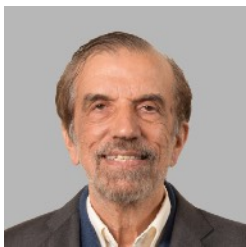
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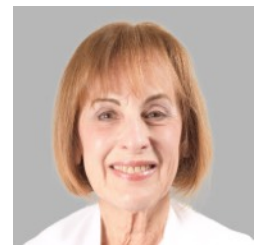
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### **Vision Statement**

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. Together we promote cross cultural understanding, peace building, and a strong commitment to service. Each group maintains its own religious identity but fosters an open environment for learning, celebrating and honoring each distinct religion.

## Some thoughts from campus leaders



Rev. Vicky  
Eastland

### Hope Keeps Us Going

*"What strength do I have, that I should still hope?  
What prospects, that I should be patient?" ~Job 6:11*

If anyone understood pain it was Job. He lost everything and everyone. Even his friends turned their backs on him, claiming he must have done something terrible for God to have punished him so severely. But Job had done nothing to deserve his pain. He was an upright man who loved God.

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Rabbi  
Stuart Paris,  
HaKohen

### Tu B'Shevat

*"Every blade of grass has its Angel that bends over it and whispers, "Grow, grow.""  
~The Talmud*

*Tu B'Shevat*, or the "New Year of the Trees," is Jewish Arbor Day. The holiday is observed on the 15<sup>th</sup> day (*tu*) of the Hebrew month of *Shevat* (this year corresponding to January 17<sup>th</sup>). *Tu B'Shevat* was an agricultural festival, marking the emergence of spring. The holiday has become a tree-planting festival in Israel, in which Israelis and Jews around the world plant trees in honor or in memory of loved ones and friends.

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Christine  
Mankes

### It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year!

The holiday season brings excitement and lots of fun activities to the Interfaith Community of Long Island (IFCLI)! Our children participated in the first-ever Brookville Christmas Pageant! Taking on the roles of Joseph, Mary, shepherds, sheep, the Christmas star, angels and the three wise people, our children brought life to the Christmas story as told by our IFCLI children in our multifaith campus sanctuary.



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## Hope Keeps Us Going ..continued from page 2

As we go into a new year, we are weary and wondering what we have done to deserve such pain; why is God so mad at the world? The pandemic rages on; the loss of over 825,000 lives in the U.S. and over five million world-wide is unfathomable! Global warming is wreaking havoc on our earth with an ever increasing number of tornadoes and hurricanes as well as sea levels rising due to the ice caps melting. What viruses will emerge that have been frozen for centuries that will cause more pandemics? Some days it feels like Armageddon.

In the midst of all this suffering, I still have hope. As a Christian I trust that God is still in control. Much of what we are facing is due to our own actions and choices as the human race. We have been given free-will and have done a pretty good job at messing things up.

But that is why redemption is so necessary, why Jesus came to heal our world. Christians just

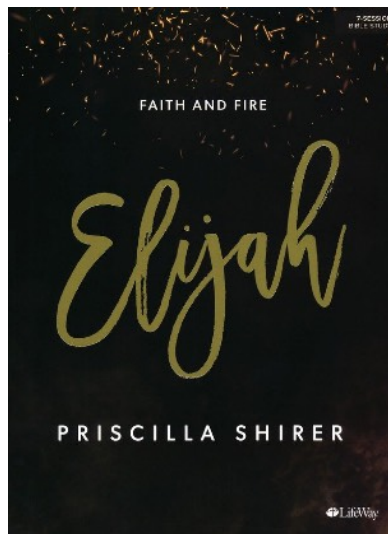
celebrated the birth of our Savior. He came as a humble child, but went on to affect the world so profoundly that 2,000 years later his teachings and example are still alive and changing lives.

We are soon entering the season of Epiphany where the manifestation of Jesus Christ is revealed to the Gentiles (non Jews) represented in the Magi who followed the star from the East to worship Jesus.

Hope came to the world in the form of a baby and died as a man on the cross, three days later to conquer death by rising again. When things seem dark and we lose our way, all we need to do is look up! Jesus is sitting at the right hand of God interceding on our behalf.

This is not the end. The story of humankind is not over. Let us not give up hope that better days are coming. ~Rev. Vicky

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### COMING IN FEBRUARY

A series of seven online Bible Studies on the prophet Elijah. If you would like more info, please email [brookvillechurch@gmail.com](mailto:brookvillechurch@gmail.com).



Listen to this [video](#) for inspiration

## Bible Study

Would you like to be part of our Zoom Bible Study? Come as you are - wherever you are, to a screen near you and join others who wish to learn together. Bi-weekly Tuesday evenings (6:30-7:30 p.m.) Email [vickyleastland@gmail.com](mailto:vickyleastland@gmail.com) for the Zoom link.



## Tu B'Shevat ...continued from page 2

*Tu B'Shevat* is a holiday that brings us back to nature. After all, this is a time of year when we could easily lose sight of the beauty of nature. The sky is often gray. The days are often short. *Tu B'Shevat* reminds us that spring is going to happen after all, the blue sky will come back, and flowers will bloom again. It is a holiday that hinges on hope and possibility. The tree is a symbol of life; belief in the face of doubt; strength amidst uncertainty. Life is a process of growth; you really stop only when you're dead. As we adapt to circumstances, as we vault hurdles and overcome obstacles, we constantly change and grow. Every new experience we encounter, every new acquaintance we make, leaves a remnant in our soul, and transforms us into the people we are.

The Torah compares the human being to a tree: "*Man is a tree of the field.*" (Deuteronomy 20:19) *Tu B'Shevat*, allows us to see just how similar to a tree we are. Perhaps the Torah is referencing this ability to constantly develop and grow. A tree might look rooted and static, yet in truth it is an ever-changing, dynamic living being. The tree's surface becomes pitted and scarred by the impact of weather and environment, yet a tree constantly grows. It's a nonstop process of change and adaptation. Every moment renders the tree microscopically larger; every year brings a new ring.

*Tu B'Shevat* is an appropriate time to appreciate the greatness of creation, and to honor it. *Tu B'Shevat* is the day when the sap begins to rise through the tree; we can't see the fruit yet, but we are celebrating the process of growth itself. It's the day when the trees are no longer nourished by last

year's waters and begin to be nourished by the "new" year's waters. It is a time that is in between the winter and the spring, not quite day or night. When we look at the trees, we are meant to think of ourselves in that same place, between our past and our future. Let's open ourselves up to more opportunities for growth as the sap rises and the new water flows. The 15th of *Shevat* marks a turning point, a time when under all that cold and snow the sap of the trees is rising, readying for spring.

Just like a small seed can turn into a tall tree, so too the human being has infinite potential to grow, develop and change. We have the ability to

produce a strong productive personality which, like fruit, will have a positive impact and be of benefit to others around us. We may sometimes feel like a small seed, but there is nothing stopping us from becoming a tall fruit-bearing tree. We all go through our own personal winter. Even if you find yourself in the

most bitter of places, stand tall, stick to your values and share some sweetness for others to enjoy! No one's looking for tough times, but when they come along, don't lose hope. We never know what light might emerge.

There is no better day to begin planting our own personal tree of growth. Happy planting!

"As my ancestors planted for me, so too I plant for my children and my children's children."

~The Talmud

~ Rabbi Stuart A. Paris, HaKohen



## 12 Oy Fathers! of Satisfaction

According to etymonline.com, the origin of the word satisfaction is "the performance of an act set forth by a priest" inspiring reconciliation with God.

In each of the 12 months of 2022, former Catholic priest, Bill McBride, and Jewish cantor, Irene Failenbogen will attempt to bring smiles of satisfaction to audiences with the performance of their 2-act musical comedy entitled, "Oy Father!"

The plan is the product of a creative intuition of Cantor Irene and her belief that the sanctuary of the New Synagogue of Long Island and The Brookville Church as well as the Muslim Reform Movement Organization can serve as a spiritual home for artistic expression on a regular basis.

This original theatre production, with words by Rev. Bill and music by Cantor Irene, proved to be a fun-raiser and fund-raiser for the Brookville Multifaith Campus a few years ago. It will continue to provide joy and funding for the community thanks to a cooperative arrangement with the artists.

The first performance will be on January 23, 2022 at 2PM. Tickets will be made available through the Brookville Church office and the [Oy Father](https://www.irenetunes.com) page of [irenetunes.com](https://www.irenetunes.com) website.



A heartfelt thank you goes to all those who contributed to the holiday bonuses for the Brookville staff.

Your generosity is extremely touching and heartwarming!

Thank you so very much!!

Love,  
*Rev. Vicky, Carol Goglia,  
Linda Hees and  
Rigo Melara*

Congratulations to Branch and Nancy Worsham who just celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary on January 2nd!





## It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year! ....continued from page 2



After the service and Christmas Pageant, we all headed over to Fellowship Hall for our interfaith holiday celebration! Kids enjoyed making Hanukkah crafts, playing dreidel and decorating homemade gingerbread cookies. We all feasted on potato latkes, jelly donuts, bagels, Christmas cookies and other yummy treats.

We are truly blessed to be a part of such a special group of people. The friendships that have been created, among both adults and children, share the common bond of an interfaith tradition that is grounded in love, cooperation and kindness. We wish all of our multifaith campus members a blessed and Happy New Year! Please check our website and Facebook and Instagram pages for more information about upcoming events!



**New members are always welcome!**

Registration for membership and classes is still open.

Please send us a message on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/ifcli/> or by emailing the steering committee chair, Allison at [allison@interfaithli.org](mailto:allison@interfaithli.org)





## Christmas Pageant Returns!

Thank you to all of the children and youth who participated.

Here is the cast:

<b>Mary -</b>	Rosalie Mankes
<b>Joseph -</b>	Gavin Elish
<b>Shepherds -</b>	Colton Kalvert Jack Kelleher
<b>Sheep -</b>	Jake Bilawsky Max Bilawsky
<b>Angels -</b>	Ava Antoneillo Sienna Mainhart Violet Mainhart
<b>Eastern Star -</b>	Abby Decker
<b>Wise People -</b>	Olivia Antoneillo Penelope Kalvert Weston Kalvert
<b>Narrators -</b>	Sefora Elish Cassie Johanson
<b>Singing Trio -</b>	Penelope Kalvert Sefora Elish Cassie Johanson





## Christmas Eve

December 24, 2021 was like no other. It was the first Christmas Eve candlelight worship that was hybrid (both in person and on Zoom). James and Raju Eastland spent many hours working on the technology to make the online experience the best it could be. After purchasing many items on Amazon, including a professional microphone there were test runs before the 24th.



After Raju set up his camera, external microphone, an external backup battery for his camera (because the camera battery only lasts 40 minutes) and got everything connected to my computer and the projector, we were finally ready to go. At least we thought we were. Earlier on Christmas Eve, Raju and I went over to the church to finish our set up for the hybrid service and realized that the experience may look and sound good to those on Zoom, but for those in person the videos would not sound good coming through the speaker on the projector. Rigo, had popped in to see if things were all set for the service and jumped in to help us solve the last problem. He ran back to his apartment and got a bluetooth speaker that we connected to the projector. Now the sound quality was great for those who would be worshipping with us in person.

Raju not only donated his time and equipment, but he also was the technician who ran the equipment during the service. We practiced the timing of the videos and had them all lined up on the computer screen ready to go and then his mom proceeded to get things out of order during the service and caused great stress for Raju as he tried to keep up with the changes.

It takes a lot of work to have a quality hybrid worship service. It is one of those things that the pandemic has thrust upon us, but we are trying to roll with the punches as best we can. So, I want to say a BIG thank you to my husband and son for all the time and effort they spent helping make our Christmas Eve service special.

I'm also thankful for Carol, our Minister of Music who got the choir together ahead of time to record and to Lisa Denison and BJ and JJ Worsham for being our choir. Thank you to Jack, William and James Kelleher who helped greet people, light the candles and turn down the lights for our candle lighting ceremony. Lastly, thank you to Marianna and John Suozzi who lit the Christ candle on our Advent Wreath while leading us in scripture and prayer.

Brookville Church is blessed with wonderful people who helped make our Christmas Eve hybrid worship one to remember.

*~ Rev. Vicky*



(Pictures courtesy of the Schombs family)





Thank you to the crew at Spectrum Design for printing the shirts and bags that we sold to help Raise the Roof on the fellowship hall.

Their mission is "To create meaningful and inclusive employment opportunities for people on the Autism Spectrum."

Along with their partner businesses, Spectrum Bakes and Spectrum Suds they provide valuable services to the community.



What is the difference between Winter Storm Warning, Winter Storm Watch and Winter Weather Advisory??

**[www.ready.gov/winter-weather](http://www.ready.gov/winter-weather) has the answer!**

You can find information on preparation and safety before,

## SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE



Join the in person meeting every **Saturday at 9 PM.**

For more info call Carol B. at (516) 428-0479.

# Raise the Roof

The Fellowship Hall, where we share food and fun, educate children and provide space to our community, is in need of significant roof repair, costing \$16,500.

As of this publication, more than 75% of the funds have been raised!!

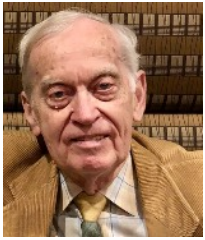
If you have already contributed - **Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!**

If you want to help you can send a check to Brookville Church, 2 Brookville Rd, Glen Cove, NY 11545 Or go to the Raise the Roof campaign on [Givebutter](https://www.givebutter.com)

Although the pandemic has kept us apart, we will all come together under the same roof again soon.

Let's make it a non-leaky one!

## The Next Chapter



Branch Worsham

Last month's Chapter was a short piece about our family's love of boating. This month I will write about another favorite activity we have. It actually started with Nancy long before we met;

her mother would take her along on trips to antique shops and visits to others' homes that had antique furniture.

Our first years together were similar to most young couples, living in apartment buildings in towns or on military bases. Our first home was not quite larger than a young couples apartment but it seemed large enough for the family we intended to have -- until an extra baby was added and another bedroom was needed. We had been collecting conventional furniture appropriate for a family with four kids. Moving into a reconfigured Old Westbury barn was our opportunity to decorate with antiques.

All of that was over fifty years ago; now the children have grown and we have downsized from the barn-house to a retirement home which is back to the apartment size we first lived in. Since our move to New Jersey in 2020 Nancy has been opening boxes and chests to decide what we still have and what to do with them. Just this week she found an apron that was made by Nancy's Grandmother for her Mother during WW2. It is red, white and blue with a pocket that has a V (for Victory). Nancy remembers having her own matching one but it was not found in the chest. Our daughter, Marie, remembers playing with that apron..

The chest holding the apron is just as interesting; it is made from camphor wood and likely came from China to America on a clipper ship in the China Trade of the 1830-1860 era. There were so many of those chests brought here that they are still readily available from antique shops and E-Bay. Good ones have dragons carved on the front, back or top of the lid with leaves and ferns carved all over. When the lid is lifted up the aroma of the camphor wood is still strong; such a chest is worth \$1000-\$1200. It might seem a low value, but that is due to the large number available for sale. Others, with less or no carving range down to \$200. Many people don't understand that the dollar value of an antique is often immaterial to its old age, quality or history of the object.

We are fond of and proud of the connections our family has with many long time personal family antiques. There is often an interesting relationship that one old item has when it is enhanced by another antique such as the simple, 80 year old World War Two apron that was kept in a family linen chest which is 150-170 years old. I was recently describing some of the antique items in a picture of our new living room to granddaughter Rachel and she was enthused by a new understanding of the value of quality furniture that can survive beyond the life of the first owner for a couple or more generations. Rachel is part of our family's fifth generation.





BJ has become the owner of a fine mahogany roll top desk (circa 1830 +/-) with numerous drawers and pigeon holes for storage of papers and desk tools. The rolling top, called a tambour door, was made of slats that allowed the door to stay in a grooved track. European aristocrats had the roll top desks made for their private papers and mail because the top could roll up behind the large top section to do work, then closed and locked for security. The roll top desks made in the United States were usually of oak and came in similar sizes to fit into a business office. Now they are collector's items and are found in home studies and dens. Simple oak desks are sold from \$500 to \$1000. Others with better detail and more cubicles for storing papers go up to \$2000 or so. Fine woodworkers would create better desks out of imported mahogany producing classic furniture now worth \$3000 and up. We don't know how far back BJ's desk goes in the family, a reasonable guess is the forth generation. BJ was quizzing Nancy about some of the history of early family members; at the end he said, "You want me to take furniture, but I want to take memories."

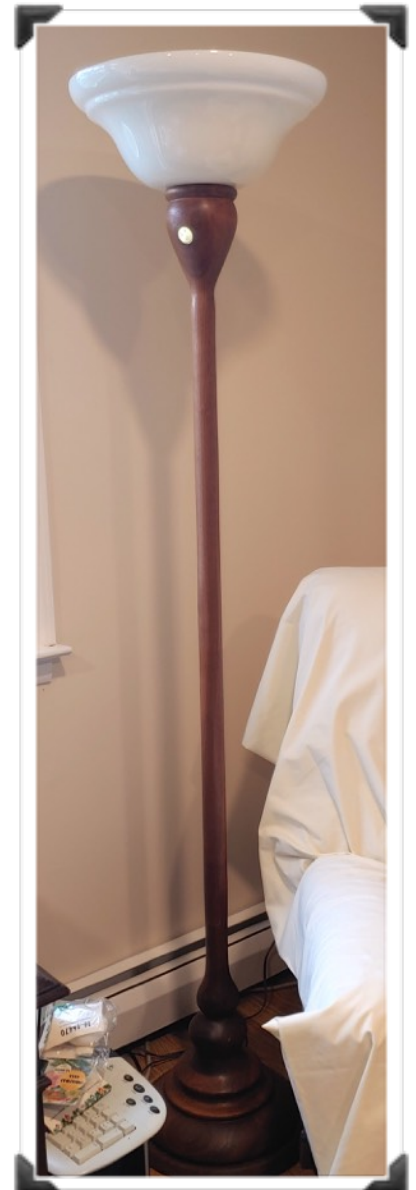
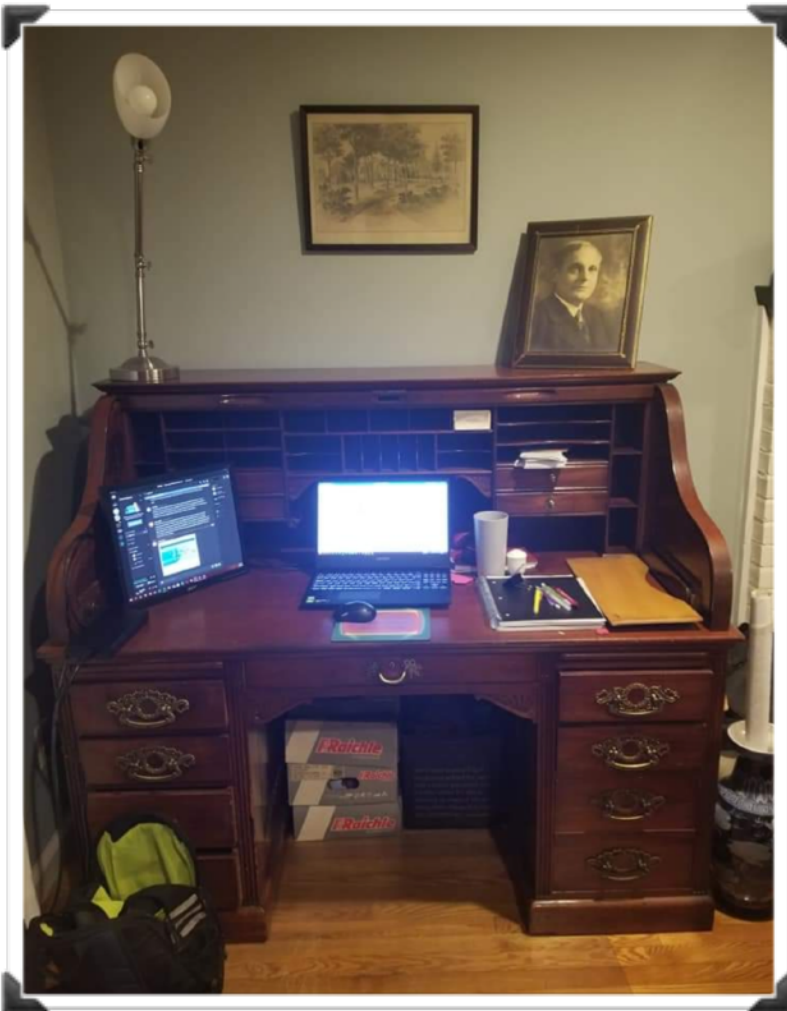


Something we enjoy doing is labeling our personal pieces providing a provenance

(where made or when). I made a small wall shelf in the shape of a leaf in a first school woodworking class in 1949 (age 13). Several years later, (1980) BJ (age 14) and I carved two wood ducks. Mine sits on my desk. In 1980 Nancy and I bought a classic all wood floor lamp that was made in California by a wood carver now known as a renowned artisan. *Artisan -- a skilled craftsman who makes things by hand or in the traditional way.* Our lamp will for sure become a family treasure.

May God bless you all with good health and happiness in the New Year,

~ Branch Worsham



# Study, Pray and Worship at Brookville Multifaith Campus...

## Muslim Reform Movement Organization

[muslimreform@hotmail.com](mailto:muslimreform@hotmail.com)

In person and online Prayers, Fridays 1  
PM

*Khutba* at 1:10, English

*Prayer* at 1:30

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Online Quran Study  
Sundays, 2:30 - 4 PM

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## Brookville Church

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In person and online Worship,  
Sundays, 10 AM

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Online Bible Study

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## New Synagogue of L. I.

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Online Shabbat Services  
The first Friday of each month, 7:00 PM

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## Interfaith Community of LI

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In person classes for children  
Alumni Summits for youth  
certain Sundays, 11 AM

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