

# Brookville Multifaith Campus



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## NEWS

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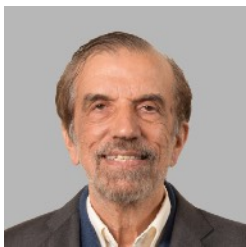
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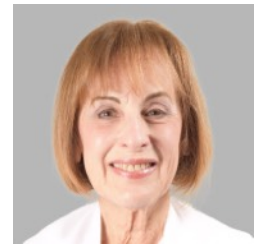
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### **Vision Statement**

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

### There Will Be Great Rejoicing!



Rev. Vicky  
Eastland

As it says in the book of Hebrews, “*Let us... not give up meeting together...*” and I will add, with the sure and certain hope that one day we will be able to be together again in person. On that day there will be great rejoicing!

After 56 straight weeks of Zoom church that day finally arrived! On May 16, 2021 there was great rejoicing as we held our first in-person worship since March 15, 2020. Not only did 27 people gather on the front lawn to worship, we had another 21 people who joined us via Zoom as we made history with our first hybrid worship celebration.

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### Identity and Transitions



Christine  
Mankes

We would like to congratulate the six young adults who graduated from the Identity and Transition (I&T) religious education program on May 23, 2021. The ceremony was one of the first in-person events held since the covid pandemic began last year. It was wonderful to have the opportunity to see each other in person and celebrate this achievement with our kids. Even though this year was challenging, they continued their spiritual journey.

I&T is geared to 7th and 8th grade young adults. It is designed to focus on issues of religious identity and what it means to have an engaged spirituality in either tradition.

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### The Torah



Rabbi  
Stuart Paris,  
HaKohen

It was five years ago on Sunday, May 15, 2016 (corresponding to 7<sup>th</sup> Iyar, 5776 on the Hebrew calendar), that the New Synagogue of Long Island celebrated the completion of our 100-year-old Torah. The entire multifaith campus joined us as we completed the restoration of the Torah and welcomed the Torah into our home.

The Torah, or Jewish Written Law, usually refers to the *Pentateuch*, the first five books of the Hebrew Bible – Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy. They were given by G-d to Moses on Mount Sinai. These books make up the story of the Jewish people. These ancient stories touch upon science, history, philosophy, rituals, and ethics. Included are stories of individuals, families, wars, slavery and more. Running through these stories is the unique lens through which the Jewish people come to view their world.

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### Reformed Muslim Prayer



Dr. Sultan  
Abdulhameed

The language of the Quran has been considered sacred in the Muslim tradition from the earliest times. There is a common belief that its Arabic is so unique, and it has such nuances of meaning that a translation is bound to be flawed. Furthermore, it is believed that since an Arabic word can have multiple meanings, making an accurate translation is even more difficult.

Islam spread to non-Arabic speaking populations in Asia and Africa within thirty years of the passing of prophet Muhammad, and further east and west as time passed, making non-Arabs the majority among Muslims.

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## There Will Be Great Rejoicing!

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Thanks to technology, worshipers both in person and on Zoom could interact with each other. The pandemic launched us into the technological world, affording the opportunity for people to worship with us beyond geographical boundaries, opening up a whole new way of worshipping God.



It would be silly for Brookville Church to go back to our old way of worship. We were forced to adapt to the new landscape we found ourselves in and we are better for it. It is exciting to imagine the possibilities this interactive hybrid worship model will afford us going into the future.



We kicked off this new hybrid worship experience with the celebration of the sacrament of Baptism

as we welcomed Asher Martin Ziff into the fellowship of God. Asher's parents, Rachel and Dave Ziff, along with his godparents, Jason

Green and Katie Brannick, made vows to raise Asher with a knowledge of God's love and to support him in his spiritual journey.

Asher is doubly blessed as he will be raised in an interfaith home with both Christian and Jewish roots and will learn of God's inclusive love for all God's children. Congratulations to Rachel and Dave and welcome, Asher, to the covenant family of God who also made a vow to be examples of love and faith to you as you grow.

There will continue to be great rejoicing as we worship throughout the summer together on the front lawn of the church (weather permitting) with the option to join through Zoom. If you come in person, bring your own lawn chair or use one provided. On June 6th we will celebrate the sacrament of Communion. Bring your own bread and juice or use the individual pre-packaged elements provided. As the Bible says not to give up meeting together, I am excited to see you Sundays either in person or on Zoom.

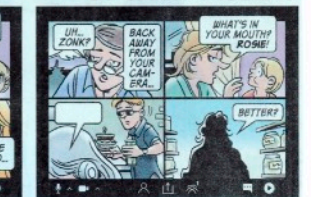
Let us rejoice and be glad,

~ Rev. Vicky

DOONESBURY



BY GARRY TRUDEAU



56 weeks of Zoom worship has taught us a lot!



# ***In-person worship returns to Brookville Church Sundays, 10 AM***

**You have 2 choices:**

- a.) Log in on Zoom like before**
- b.) Come in person and join those spread out on the front lawn**

**Either way we will all see each other through the miracle of technology!**

Some things to remember for in-person worship:

- We will follow CDC masking guidelines.
- Rainy Sundays will be Zoom only (you will be notified by email.)
- Bring your own chair or use one provided.
- Spread out across the lawn.
- On Communion Sundays (first Sunday of the month) - bring your own bread and juice
- Support the church through [Venmo](#) or [Givebutter](#)

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## The Torah ...continued from page 2

The Torah is a large scroll of parchment. A Torah scroll may only be written on parchment from the skin of a kosher animal. All 304,805 letters in 5,845 verses in 248 columns - is handwritten by a *Sofer* (Scribe) who must copy the text perfectly by hand. No machines are involved. Reading from the Torah is quite challenging since no vowels or punctuation appears in the text. The Torah is divided into fifty-four sections, each one called a *sidrah* or *parasha*. Each week on Shabbat, another portion is read. We also read that same portion on the Monday and Thursday before Shabbat.

The Torah is "Light." The main essential concept of Torah is that it gifts us with "Spiritual Illumination." In English, the word "Aura" refers to a "Surrounding Light," which is said to illuminate and surround the body. Torah *is* the Light - the Spiritual Illumination that comes from the inside out.

The Torah is "Love." In Kabbalah, Judaism's mystical tradition, we believe that we can understand the essence of anyone or anything by looking at the sum of its individual parts. The first letter of the Torah is *Bet* and the last letter of the Torah is *Lamed*. If we put the two letters together, a word is formed, *Lev* which means "Heart." (לב)

The Torah is "Knowledge." In Torah, G-d reveals himself / herself to each of us. Studying Torah tells us not only *what is*, but *what G-d expects of us*. The study of Torah never ends. Each year, as we read the sacred text again, it can be as if we are reading it for the first time. Each encounter offers the possibility of new meanings because even though the words and the stories of Torah are the same from year to year, we change.

The study of Torah is what brings us closer to G-d. G-d can be found wherever we come together. All people have the capacity to know G-d and to be deserving of G-d's favor. G-d dwells wherever a heart reaches out in prayer and in actions. Just imagine what the world might look like if we all came together, each with our own separate gifts, but all revolving around the betterment of

humankind. Showing kindness to others is something virtually all religions teach. Imagine a just and ethical society, where everyone gives to one another and helps one another and protects one another.

וְאָהַבְתָּ לְרֵעֶךָ כָּמוֹךָ.

*Ve'ahav'ta lere'acha ka'mocha*

*"Love thy neighbor as yourself" (Leviticus 19:17-18)*

The Torah in our shared sanctuary therefore embodies the true spirit of each of our communities and honors all who call Brookville Multifaith Campus their home. The Torah belongs to all of us regardless of the path that we choose to G-d, the One Truth.

*Rabbi Stuart A. Paris, HaKohen*



Rabbi Gedaliah Druin with Rabbi Paris and wife, Rev. Enid Kessler



Completing the last letter of the Torah

# SYNAGOGUE OF THE MONTH VIRTUAL SHABBAT SERVICE 5781

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## The New Synagogue of Long Island The Synagogue for Spiritual Judaism

Rabbi Stuart Paris, Hakohen  
Rabbi Scott Matous  
Cantor Irene Failenbogen

### **Synagogue of the Month Virtual Shabbat Service at 7:00 PM**

Please join us on Fridays:  
June 11 & 25, 2021

The Zoom Meeting link is the same. Save it as a Favorite!

If you need the link, please email:

**Amy Schombs:** [amy@interfaithli.org](mailto:amy@interfaithli.org)

**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 life blood of The New Synagogue. Please help us keep alive our inspiring teachings of Spiritual Judaism.

**Kindly send your responses to:**

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I / We are happy to join you for the Synagogue of the Month Service.

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## Identity and Transitions ...continued from page 2

Students in the I&T program have shared that “being both” made them more accepting and open to the differences of others. The Interfaith Community of Long Island (IFCLI) would like to thank our Directors of Education, Cantor Irene Failenbogen and her husband, Rev. Bill McBride for their love and devotion to the I&T students they have taught over the years and for planning and leading a beautiful ceremony for those graduating from the program this year. Because our education classes were held virtually this year, two I&T students from the Westchester chapter were able to join the class and attend the commencement ceremony with their families.



### We offer congratulations to the graduates!

**Luca Cappelli** - Westchester chapter  
**Leah Cirker** - L.I. chapter  
**Alaina Pinto** - L.I. chapter  
**Will Pflieger** - Westchester chapter  
**Robert Ross** - L.I. chapter  
**Hailey Schombs**, L.I. chapter

We look forward to seeing you in September as high schoolers!



Attendees were both in person  
and on Zoom

As we wrap up this year that was like no other, we would like to thank those that have answered the call to dedicate their time to contribute to our organization.

**“And so with the sunshine and the great bursts of leaves growing on the trees, just as things grow in fast movies, I had that familiar conviction that life was beginning over again with the summer.”**

— F. Scott Fitzgerald, *The Great Gatsby*

**Have a wonderful summer!**  
**Please check email and social media over the summer for updates on events for 2021 - 2022 program year.**

## A Letter to the Identity and Transitions Graduates and their Parents

### Dear Graduates,

Luca, Leah, Alaina, Will, Robert and Hailey, as an interfaith young adult, whether you have chosen one faith over the other or remain interfaith, you were raised to be a peacemaker in a world still impacted by religious hatred and violence. You are a bridge-builder who can create a healing bond between religions. My hope is that you will be motivated by your interfaith family to strive to repair our broken world. As you embrace your own complex identity, remember to let your light shine so the world can see God's love in you. Don't hide your light, but let it shine for all to see. Your light represents being born into two great religious traditions, both infused with compassion and social justice, learning and spirituality. So go forth from here and shine on!

### Dear Parents of the Graduates,

I commend you for choosing the road less traveled. You have each made a personal commitment to stay connected to your own faith even though it is different from your spouses. You have worked hard and with great intention to educate your children in both religions. Thank you for your commitment to teach your children to respect and appreciate both faiths. Thank you for being role models for other interfaith families who will come behind you looking for direction and guidance as they navigate this challenging, yet enriching journey of raising children in a dual-faith home. God Bless you!

With love and best wishes,

*Rev. Vicky*



## Muslim Reform Movement Organization (MRMO)



### Quran Study by Zoom

Every Sunday 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

***All are welcome!***

To be invited to the meeting, please send an email to <mailto:muslimreform@hotmail.com>

Hosted by: **Dr. Sultan Abdulhameed**, author of "The Quran & the Life of Excellence"



## Reformed Muslim Prayer

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The belief that the Quran should not be translated kept it inaccessible to non-Arabic speaking Muslims. An inevitable and unfortunate consequence was that people have read and listened to the Quran recitation in Arabic without understanding. The belief developed that you get blessings by reciting or listening even though you don't know what it means.

Prophet Muhammad is the role model for Muslims, and much is known about how he prayed at different stages of his life. He, of course, prayed in Arabic, his mother tongue, and deeply understood what he said. We know that God heard and responded to his prayer. The tradition developed after the prophet's passing that Muslims should repeat his words of prayer in Arabic, even if they don't understand what they are saying; it is okay to know the meaning but it is not necessary. The result is that the wisdom and guidance in the prayer is inaccessible to most Muslims.

Reform Muslim prayer is structured like the orthodox prayer with the exception that we follow the Arabic recitation by its English translation. The wisdom in the words is thus available to everyone. Furthermore, it is easier for people to concentrate in prayer when they understand it.

Many people think that 'reform' in religious practice is some kind of deviation, but in the case of Muslim prayer, it is the traditional format which has strayed from the practice of Prophet Muhammad by authorizing prayer without knowing its meaning. Reform is actually 'Re-form,' that is, an attempt to recapture the spirit of the worship of the prophet, who said that 'prayer is your conversation with God,' and 'the one who is praying should think of what he is saying.'

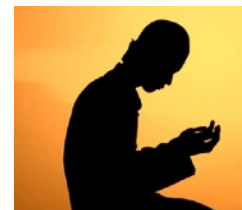


Introduction of Islam in Arabia fourteen centuries ago brought about a social revolution, a key aspect of which was raising the status of women by recognizing their spiritual equality with men. Prophet Muhammad did not separate men and women in his mosque. It was two hundred years after his passing that a rope was fastened in his mosque in Medina to separate men and women. In later times, a wall was built to segregate men and women. As time passed the patriarchal mindset asserted itself further by making rules that forbade women from going to mosques, as is the case today in most places in Muslim countries.

Here in North America, women are allowed in most mosques but are sent to a separate room or even to a different floor from men to pray.

However, in reform prayer gatherings men and women are in the same room and make their rows side by side.

~ Dr. Sultan Abdulhameed



Please join reformed  
*Jumau* prayer  
**every Friday**  
at Brookville Multifaith Campus

The *Khutba* is at **1:10 PM** and the prayer (*salat*) begins at 1:30 PM  
The *khutba* is in English. In the prayer the Arabic recitation is followed by its English translation.  
(women and men will pray side by side)

# BRAG BOX

Rosalie Mankes is moving up from primary to intermediate school! Congratulations! She will be starting 3rd grade in September!



Rosie at her Kindergarten orientation - May 14, 2018

Despite over 14 months of pandemic blues, Pierre Pirard, Director/Producer of the documentary, "All of Us" which features our multifaith campus has tirelessly worked on its release. There have been disappointments along the way as film festivals world-wide were cancelled last year and many are choosing this year to hold only virtual events. This documentary is a resolutely optimistic film that aims to tell the stories of people from different beliefs who dare to reinvent education, citizenship, culture and work in order to achieve a real and daily coexistence, despite existing tensions and oppositions.



Here is a note from Pierre:

*The film was selected for the Millenium festival in Brussels in May but I decided with the team to withdrawn the film as the festival was taking place only online and this was clearly not the best way to release the film.*

*So the good news is that the film has also been selected for the Brussels International Film Festival ([briff.be](http://briff.be)) for September 11, 2021, which is the open door to release the film in Belgium. We will finalize negotiations with the movie theatre (in Brussels) to have the film released early October. We have done a screening with the press with positive feedback. 😊*

Our Administrative Assistant, Linda Hees's church, Dix Hills United Methodist planted a 272 square foot community garden, with various vegetables that will go to a local food



pantry.

It doesn't look like much yet, but if you happen to be at the corner of Deer Park Ave and Vanderbilt Parkway, look up the hill and see how things are growing!



*Internationally, we are still waiting until the pandemic situation is under control to go full speed ahead and contact the distributors through film festivals. We are also investigating alternative routes for the international distribution.*

*\*Our website for the film is now online and you can see it with the following link: <https://en.noustous-lefilm.be>*

*\*Most of the website is in French, but you can watch the film trailer in English using the link above.*





## The Interfaith Institute of Long Island (IFI)

*Presents*

# Judging Another As Good or Bad

### Key Points For Discussion:

How do we judge another when their actions are both heroic and horrific?

(PDF of the case study will be sent to all registrants)

**Sunday, June 6th, 2021, at 2:00pm**

**ZOOM Meeting**



**Rabbi Jay Rosenbaum**  
*Temple Israel of Lawrence,  
Lawrence, New York.  
President of North American  
Board of Rabbis and adjunct  
professor at Fordham  
University Law School*



**Sr. Zainab Bey**  
*Retired educator, Vice-chair of  
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**Reverend Tristan J. Salley**  
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Ethical Society and the Baltimore  
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**Arthur Dobrin**  
*Moderator  
Professor Emeritus of University Studies, Hofstra University  
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**To register:**  
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**Email: [faroquekhan@outlook.com](mailto:faroquekhan@outlook.com)**

**Zoom link and PDF of case study: *Train to Amsterdam* from the moderators  
book *Harder Right* will be sent to all registrants.**

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<sup>1</sup>National Heart, Lung & Blood Institute

<sup>2</sup>Life Line Screening database analysis; 8 Million customers screened between 1993-2014.

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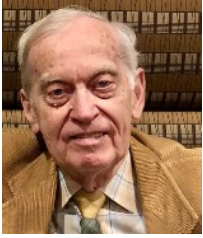
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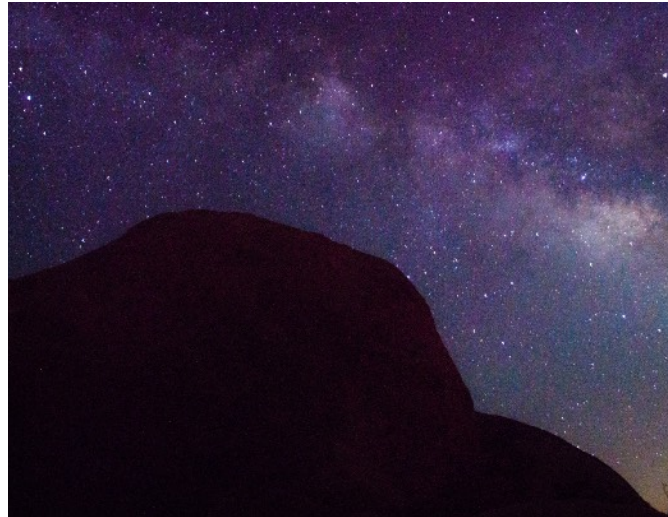
## The Next Chapter



Branch Worsham

April and May were eventful because I had cataract operations; that surgery was successful and I see better now than since seventy years ago when I was fifteen and got my first pair of glasses so I could pass the driver's test. The improved vision is one of the miracles of science

which are all a gift from God. He has given me one new knee, two ears that wear hearing aides, and now new eyes. I might dare to say that there are not many octogenarians who do not have some new parts or had old ones removed. In terms of awesomeness new vision is right up there with heart and brain surgery. After both eye operations the surgeon and nurse asked me if the sky was more blue and the stars more vivid? Yes, the improvement is amazing and was relatively painless.



Later their question led me to thinking about a German fable of eyes seeing the stars.

Eli had an only son, upon whom he placed his hopes as the joy and support of his old age. But when the boy grew up he was headstrong and not interested in his father's wishes. The child's wickedness increased every year for he did not fear God and often he would go out at night and commit evil deeds, for he said--- "Darkness is all around me and God does not see what I do." But Eli was heartbroken thinking about the sins of his son.

Mosel was a wise teacher who wandered through the land, preaching the justice of the Lord and once came to visit his friend, Eli. When

Mosel saw Eli's sadness he inquired after the cause, and when he heard of it he considered how he might soothe the old man's grief while setting the son on a better course.

"Follow me!" he said, one evening to the boy, and he did so, until he led him out of the city upon a hill and bade him sit down and rest. He now began to tell the boy of the marvelous structure of the eye, and of its powers, and told him it was the mirror of the soul. The boy listened to Mosel with delight because he spoke

kindly to him. Then Mosel bade him to look up in the starry heavens, and shortly, without other words, he led him back to Eli's home.

And on the next evening Mosel led the boy upon the hill again, and then spoke of the Maker of the eye, and said to the boy--"He who has formed the eye, can he not also see and see

more than men?" And he bade him look up again at the stars, and without speaking further, they return together to Eli's home. But that night the boy pondered on Mosel's words, and he could not discern why he was led by night upon the hill.

On the third evening, when Mosel asked him to go with him upon the hill, the boy asked "Why have you asked me every evening to go there?" The wise teacher promised to give him an answer that same night. And when they reached the hill Mosel lifted up his eyes to the stars and bade the boy to do the same and said--"See the countless host of stars? *They are the eyes of God.*

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## The Next Chapter

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On whatever side you look the eyes of God are already there. Whatever you see they have seen before you and more than you see they see. The eyes of God see every thing. The can look through your eyes into your heart, and even if you close them they would read your innermost thoughts. And if, of the countless eyes of God, not one was visible to yours, if dark clouds veiled them from your sight, still you are not hidden from them with all of your thoughts and deeds for the darkness is not dark to them. Even during the day they are there in place watching. The eyes of the Lord are far more piercing than the eyes of men---they see all the work of man's hands and into the most secret corners.

At these words the boy trembled with fear. He remembered the nights when he had done evil thinking his wickedness was unseen. Then Mosel said, "There is now also good news. Eternal love and pardoning grace are mirrored in the eyes of God." And the boy changed his ways and what ever he did, whether day or night, he would look up to the eyes of God with thanks and praises dear.

I live with that same thanks and devotion to our most kind and wonderful God.

On Memorial Day the small family named Worsham will have a family reunion at the Syosset home of BJ and Martha where the progeny of Nancy and Branch will be gathered. No other earthly circle can be compared with that of the family. It calls up all that a human heart most values and delights in -- its members. It is the center where all human affections meet and entwine. Family --- there is no other single word which contains in it so many endearing associations and precious remembrances, all kept in our hearts like gold. Family --- it speaks not of one circle or one bond; but of many circles and many bonds, --- all of them near the heart. Family --- the family home where we lived for fifty years, the family hearth, the family table now in the Syosset home, family habits learned and shared, family joys and sorrows; what a mine of recollections lie under that one word! All that is sweet or bitter, soothing or unpleasant, tender or unkind, joy or sorrow are all wrapped up in that one name which we share --- family.

The church has ever been a part of our family life and the married children were all united in the Brookville Church. The church is hallowed and enchanted ground. Its teachings will endeavor to shed bright and blessed influence to all members of Gods family--- and our family.

~ *Branch Worsham*

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## Upcoming Campus events

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JUNE 2021						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 Friday Prayer, FH 1:00pm - 2:00pm	5 Saturday Night Live AA meeting 9:00pm
6 Outdoor in-person and virtual Communion Worship Celebration (all virtual if raining) 10:00am  Online Quran Study--Muslim Reform Movement Organization 2:30pm - 4:30pm	7 Bible Study by Zoom 6:30pm - 7:30pm	8	9 Consistory Meeting - Zoom 6:00pm - 8:00pm	10	11 Friday Prayer, FH 1:00pm - 2:00pm  Shabbat Service online 7:00pm - 8:00pm	12 Saturday Night Live AA meeting 9:00pm
13 Outdoor in-person and virtual Worship Celebration (all virtual if raining) 10:00am  Online Quran Study--Muslim Reform Movement Organization 2:30pm - 4:30pm	14	15	16	17	18 Friday Prayer, FH 1:00pm - 2:00pm	19 Saturday Night Live AA meeting 9:00pm
20 Fathers Day Outdoor in-person and virtual Worship Celebration (all virtual if raining) 10:00am  Online Quran Study--Muslim Reform Movement Organization 2:30pm - 4:30pm	21 Bible Study by Zoom 6:30pm - 7:30pm	22	23	24	25 Friday Prayer, FH 1:00pm - 2:00pm  Shabbat Service online 7:00pm - 8:00pm	19 Saturday Night Live AA meeting 9:00pm
27 Outdoor in-person and virtual Worship Celebration (all virtual if raining) 10:00am  Online Quran Study--Muslim Reform Movement Organization 2:30pm - 4:30pm	28	29 Lifeline Screening FH 8:00am - 5:00pm	30			

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Brookville Multifaith Campus Gatherings Muslim Reform Movement  
General Events New Synagogue of Long Island  
Iranian American Society

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