

NYDIS

DISASTER

PREPAREDNESS

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PREPAREDNESS PLANNING



NYDIS' FREE FALL 2024 TRAININGS FOR NYC RELIGIOUS LEADERS HOW READY ARE YOU?

MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID (MHFA)

THURS, SEPT. 26 @ NYDIS, 4W 43RD STREET, 9:00AM
THURS, OCT. 10 @ NYDIS, 4W 43RD STREET, 9:00AM
THURS, NOV. 07 @ NYDIS, 4W 43RD STREET, 9:00AM

In-person 1-day MHFA-
certification training for
community & faith leaders to
learn how to help someone
who may be experiencing a
mental health or substance use
challenge.

WRITING AN EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS PLAN FOR YOUR CONGREGATION

TUE, NOV. 05 @ VIRTUAL, 12:00PM-2:00PM

Virtual training for clergy &
lay leaders to learn how to
effectively communicate with
staff, congregation members,
and clients in an emergency
setting and share critical
information immediately after a
crisis when lives & safety are at
risk.

WRITING A CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS PLAN FOR YOUR CONGREGATION

WED, SEPT. 25 @ VIRTUAL, 12:00PM-2:00PM

Virtual Continuity of Operations
Planning (COOP) training
for clergy & lay leaders. This
interactive training will guide
participants in writing a plan to
ensure their congregation
can continue to fulfill its vital
community role post disaster.

DISASTER CHAPLAIN CERTIFICATION & RELIGIOUS LITERACY TRAINING

TUES -THURS, OCT. 29 -31
@ NYDIS, 4W 43RD STREET 9:00AM

In-person 3-day training
includes Religious Literacy
and Competency in Crisis
Settings & 2-days of chaplaincy
training to prepare faith leaders
or institutional chaplains to
volunteer as disaster chaplains
in mass-care settings.

HOW READY ARE YOU?



HOW PREPAREDNESS TRAINING FOR AN ACTIVE SHOOTER OR ARMED INTRUDER

WED, NOV. 06, 5:30PM-7:00PM
@ UJA FEDERATION OF NY, 130E 59TH STREET

In-person training for
congregations and faith-based
organizations to enhance
awareness of and response to an
active shooter event in a house
of worship.

FREE Registration: <http://nydisnet.eventbrite.com>
QUESTIONS? LCUMMINGS@NYDIS.ORG



DISASTER CHAPLAINCY



DISASTER CHAPLAINCY TRAINING

THIS CERTIFIES THAT

Rabbi Joshua Rabin

HAS COMPLETED A 16-HOUR CURRICULUM* IN

DISASTER SPIRITUAL CARE, FIELD OPERATIONS, DISASTER MENTAL HEALTH, AND SELF-CARE

AT NEW YORK DISASTER INTERFAITH SERVICES (NYDIS), NEW YORK, NY

MARCH 18 - 20, 2025

Rev. Ruth Yoder Wenger, MA
Director of Training

Peter B. Gudaitis, M.Div.
President & CEO

HOUSE OF WORSHIP CLIMATE READY AUDIT PROGRAM

Audit Delivery Partner:

Green City Force

"We train young leaders from low-income housing communities to power a green and inclusive economy, through service. "



Funding Partner:

Con Edison

Grants offered to non-profits to combat the effects of extreme heat and other climate-related weather events on under-resourced communities.



1. **HOW Application:**

- Seek diverse applicants
- Must be in an environmental justice area
- Record of community service
- Emergency preparedness assessment

2. Green City Force corps members deliver a **walk-through climate resilience audit.**



3. GCF & NYDIS produce **audit report** with recommendations.
4. HOW submits resilience retrofit plans to qualify for HOW **retrofit grant of \$1.5k.**
5. HOW **knowledge sharing.**

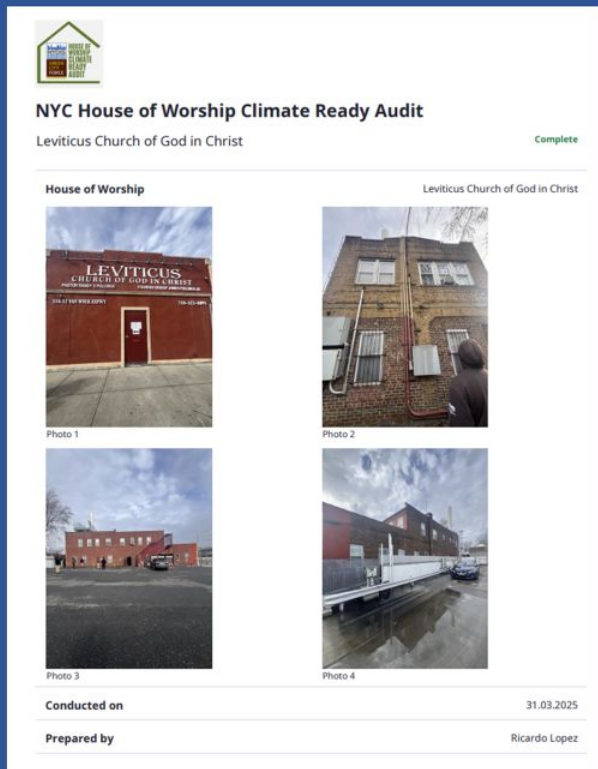


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Are all forced air systems using a minimum of MERV 13 filtration?

No

WILDFIRE SMOKE - Air filtration is critical for managing daily air quality concerns, as well as extreme events such as wildfire smoke. A MERV 13 (Minimum Efficiency Reporting Value) filter <https://www.epa.gov/indoor-air-quality-iaq/what-merv-rating> on your forced air systems, which include furnaces and rooftop units, is ideal. It is the best "bang for your buck" offering a good price point and filtration capacity. Lower MERV than this and you are not getting the best filtration you could, and higher MERV than this gets very expensive to install and may not work on all existing systems. Typically a MERV 13 filter will work on all existing forced air systems, but check with your HVAC contractor to be sure. Older units may not be able to handle the back pressure the filter media provides. It is recommended to talk to your HVAC contractor about what you are currently using, about upgrading to the MERV 13, and about having extras on hand before a wildfire smoke event, because they become very hard to find during those events.

Power Outage - Extreme Weather

Does the building team know where the ELECTRICAL PANEL and whole building shutoff switch/breaker is?

Yes

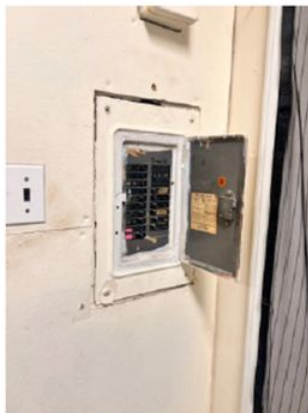


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Background

- Built in 1907.
- Monthly utilities: \$ 5k ConEd; \$3k Nat'l. Grid
- Open 24/7. Overnight respite shelter, food and clothing pantry, youth music school, substance use programming, and affordable space rental.
- Located in a flood zone. Flooded in the past.



Hazard Mitigation

Key Concerns: Flooding

Sample Audit Recommendations

- Seal cracks in walls and foundations with waterproof caulk – Helps stop seepage during heavy rain.
- Extend downspouts at least 6 feet away from the building – Directs rainwater away from the foundation.



Economic Benefits

- Cost savings. Retrofit grant.
- Green building & emergency preparedness job training for youth living in NYCHA housing communities.

