

September 2015 Newsletter



**NATIONAL DAY
OF
SERVICE
AND
REMEMBRANCE**
HAPPY ROSH HASHANAH!
HAPPY LABOR DAY!
HAPPY PEACE WEEK!
HAPPY YOM KIPPER!
HAPPY SUKKOT!

Recap of August's International Programs and Visitors

**Russia
Youth Agricultural Outreach &
Extension
08/05-08/07/1**



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**Israel
Educational Leaders Building Diverse**

*Please Join Us.....
Mark Your Calendars...
Upcoming ICCR
Activities*

**Saturday, September 19th, 8:30 AM –
8:30 PM**
Oktoberfest in Central Park



The German-American Steuben Parade of New York marches with German-American groups from around the country. Parade starts at noon and goes from 68th street to 86th Street. The Oktoberfest in Central Park follows the parade. We will leaving from the campus of Siena College in Loudonville at 8:30

Communities
08/05-08/07/15



At the Interfaith Center with Executive Donna Crisafulli (4th from right)



The Visitors with Rabbi Israel Rubin at Maimonides Hebrew Day School.

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Egypt
The Role of Media in Democracy
08/09-08/12/15



Egyptian visitors meeting with Mark Grimm (third from left), professional

am and returning at approximately 8:30 PM.

Cost (which includes transportation, snacks on the bus, and ticket to Oktoberfest in Central Park) is \$85 for ICCR members and \$95 for not-yet-members.

Starting Later this Fall
Destination Dinners – Capital Region
International Dining Series

Mark your calendars – Beginning this fall, the International Center will sponsor destination dinner each month to a variety of ethnic restaurants. Choosing from a set menu, attendees will have an opportunity to try a variety of ethnic cuisine and meet the individuals/chefs behind it. Get the inside scope on our area's ethnic happenings.

Restaurants who have signed up to participate thus far include:

Terra International Cuisine
Salsa Latina
Capital Thai

Friday, October 16th, 10 AM
The Energy Landscape: a Global
Perspective with Guest Speaker the
Hon. James Clad



Through our affiliation with the World Affairs Councils of America in Washington, D.C., the International Center in collaboration with School of Business at the University at Albany will be hosting a morning dialogue at the School of Business with the Hon. James Clad. James Clad is a senior adviser at the Center for Naval Analyses (CNA) in Arlington, and also advises IHS Jane's and Cambridge Energy Research Associates (CERA). During 2002-10, he was US deputy assistant secretary of defense for Asia, senior counselor & director for Middle Eastern affairs at the Overseas Private Investment

speaker, speaking coach, author, radio host and award-winning corporate trainer.



Members of Egyptian delegation with hosts from the Turkish Cultural Center

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**European Regional
Advancing Youth Engagement and
Leadership
08/11-08/14/15**



European Regional delegates visiting with PAL's Executive Director Lenny Ricchiuti



Group meeting with Assemblymember Phil Steck

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**Multi-Regional
Human and Civil Rights for the LGBT
Community**

Corporation, and a senior counselor for the US Agency for International Development. From 1995-2002 he was a faculty professor of Asian Studies at Georgetown University and concurrently Director/Asia-Pacific Energy at CERA. He trained originally as a New Zealand lawyer, his career shifted in the 1980s to commercial and security affairs in Asia, broadening after 2002 to include the Middle East. In the 1980-90s, he wrote for the Far Eastern Economic Review, and won fellowships from St. Antony's College, Oxford, and from the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace and Harvard's Center for International Affairs. He also served in the New Zealand diplomatic service. His first book, Business, Money & Power in Southeast Asia (1991) critiqued Asia's crony capitalism; his next volume, After the Crusade (1996), dealt with American foreign policy. He received the Secretary of Defense Exceptional Public Service Award in 2009 and a royal honour from HM the Queen in 2011. The event is free and open to the public. (Note: there may be a small fee for parking at the University at Albany)

**October 17th, 2015, 10:00 – 4:00 PM
International Grocery Store Tour**

ICCR, in collaboration with the Central Business Improvement District and "foodie" Daniel Berman, will be sponsoring a fabulous bus tour of area international markets including: Rolf's Pork Store, Breakthrough West African Market, Tay Vietnamese Market, Chester's Smokehouse, and Parivar Spices and Food. Get an in-depth insider's look at what's available in some of these very unique grocery stores while sampling along the way. Call ICCR at (518) 708-7608 for more details or to make a reservation.

**COST is \$25 for ICCR Members
and
\$30 for Non-Members**

08/13-08/14/15



The group meeting with several local resources at SUNY's Interfaith Center



Visiting the NYS Senate Chamber

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**Portugal
Collaboration and Cooperation in
Combating Crime
08/26-08/28/15**



Jim Brooks and Mike Tremblay Albany PD, and US Marshall Joseph



Superintendent Shanahan, (Pedro Grilo from Portugal is the 2nd from the left) Col. Patrica Groeber



**CENTENNIAL
Memorial Concert**

Our Lady of Victory Church
55 N. Lake Avenue, Troy
Sunday, October 11, 3:00 pm
Armenian Style Reception to Follow ~ Free will offering
PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT GENOCIDE/CULTURAL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Hosted by:
Capital District Armenian Genocide Committee
and the New York Catholic Choral

PART I
Various Performances from
Jewish • Italian • Greek
& Armenian Communities

PART II
The NYCC Singing Armenian
songs to celebrate and honor
their history and spirit

In Remembrance of the 100th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide
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ARMENIAN GENOCIDE COMMITTEE
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FOR ALL INFO CALL RAFI TOPALIAN - (EVENT ORGANIZER)
272-2000 OR rafitop@aol.com

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**A SIGNET OF HOPE –
Exquisite Indian Dance Ballet
at the EGG**

A Signet of Hope is a beautiful blend of emotions: romance, valour, despair, compassion, amazement, laughter and horror through a vibrant journey of expressions. The exquisite dance ballet, which represents parts of the Indian Epic Ramayana will take the viewer through a roller coaster of emotions through the unparalleled choreography of classical Indian Dance

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**UPCOMING
INTERNATIONAL
PROGRAMS
COMING TO
THE CAPITAL REGION**

**Multi-Regional
Parks and Protected Area Management
in the US
09/06-09/08/15**

**Palestinian Territories
Agriculture and Economic
Development
09/08-09/12/15**

**Azerbaijan, Lithuania, Ukraine
Digital Communications
09/10-09/23/15**

**Multi-Regional
The U.S. Political System: Background
for Journalists
09/20-09/23/15**

**Bosnia- Herzegovina
Education Policy in the U.S.
10/04-10/07/15**



From Lord Rama's angst at being separated from his soul mate Sita, to the entry of Hanuman, the slaying of demon Vali gives way to the more action-packed Sundara Kandam, where Hanuman travels to Sri Lanka.

WHEN: Friday, September 25th, 2015

WHERE: The Egg, Center for the Performing Arts

ADDRESS: State Street, Albany, NY

SOCIAL HOUR: 5:30 pm

PERFORMANCE: 7:00 pm

Program details:
<http://aimforsevausa-public.sharepoint.com/Pages/Albany.aspx>

Donations:
<https://co.clickandpledge.com/advanced/default.aspx?wid=65229>

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**6th Annual Saratoga Peace Week
September 20-26, 2015
Commemorating the UN International
Day of Peace, 9/21
Events for all ages promoting peace
at home, in the community and the
world.**



With tremendous appreciation...

Gratitude makes each one of our lives happier and our world and universe a more positive and forgiving environment. On behalf of the International Center, we are grateful to those who gave of themselves this past month to assist us in accomplishing our mission. These wonderful individuals/groups include the following:

Albany Young Democrats, Albany Young Republicans, the Albany Police Department, Rosemary Armao, Richard Ball, Matt Barron, Brendan Boyle, Katie Britton, Alan Chartock, the Children at the Well, Cobleskill College, Reverend Coqui Conkey, Donna Crisafulli, Lydon Cudlitz, Courtney D'Allaird, Rev. Sandy J. Damhof, Major Christopher Fiore, Robert J. Freeman, Tom Gallagher, Dini Gordon, Jessica Gorman, Colonel Patricia Groeber, Mike Gulotty, Phil Hicks, Morgan Hook, Blair Horner, Hudson Cornell Coop. Extension, the Interfaith Center, Interfaith Story Circle of the Tri-City Area, Darryl Johnson, Nikki Jones, Gertrude Johnson, Ummahan and Erdinc Karakas, Gary Kleppel, Colonel Frank Koehler, Major David Krause, Frannie LaCivita, Joe LaCivita, Louis LaCivita, Jonathan Lang, Haddie Maier, Rabbi Nomi Manon, Maple Hill Creamery, Hon. John McDonald, Kraig Pannell, the Patron Land Farm, Libby Post, Justin Rastegar, Minister Cathy Reid, Eoghann Renfroe, Major Matthew Renneman, Lenny Ricchiuti, Chris Rooney, Rabbi Israel Rubin, Sheilah Sable, George Sanderson, Gabby Santos, Deputy Chief Robert Sears, Audrey Seidman, Detective Joseph Shanahan, Siena College, Rex Smith, Greg Stapleton, Hon. Phil Steck, Chuck Szuberla, the Times Union, Lt. Michael Tremblay, Phil Trowbridge, the Turkish Cultural Center, Captain Eric Underhill, WAMC, WNYT, Dr. Lynne Wells, Bob Wolfgang

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9/20 - **Saratoga Peace Fair**, noon-4pm, Presbyterian and New England Congregational Church If you like Peace and Ice-cream then don't miss this year's Peace Fair. Jerry Greenfield, co-founder of Ben & Jerry's, will share samples of Save Our Swirled ice cream and collect signatures for clean power. Wanda Fischer from WAMC's Hudson River Sampler program will be our emcee.



The Walkabout Cleanwater Chorus, among other great musicians, are coming to perform. There will be 50+ exhibitors showing how they promote peace, food vendors and of course free Peace Cake for all.

9/21 **Iraqi Refugee Art Exhibit (Part I)**, 4pm-7pm, Senior Center. Presented by Mel Lehman from Common Humanity, an organization seeking to build understanding, respect and friendship with the Arab and Muslim world. Refreshments served and music provided by a Danny Pravder Trio. <http://commonhumanity.org/>

9/22 "Artists in Exile: Iraq and Gaza" (Part II) 7pm-9pm, Mango Tree Imports. Also provided by Common Humanity, the focus of this exhibit is artwork created by teenage artists in Gaza. A presentation on Gaza will be provided by Rachelle Friesen who has worked as a Peace Program Coordinator doing peace and advocacy work in Gaza. Refreshments will be served.

9/22 **Most Dangerous: Daniel Ellsberg and the Secret History of the Vietnam War**, 6pm, Northshire Book Store. Meet author Steve Sheinkin. His book follows Ellsberg's journey from Pentagon insider to anti-war activist who risk his freedom to leak the Pentagon Papers.

9/23 **Taking Flight: From War Orphan to Star Ballerina**, 6:30 pm, National Museum of Dance. Presented by co-author and incredible Mom, Elaine DePrince. Orphaned in Sierra Leone at the age of 3, Michaela DePrince, with the help of her adoptive family, overcomes incredible odds to achieve her dreams.



9/23 **Peace Week: Story Art**, 2pm- 2:30pm, The Children's Museum at Saratoga. Listen to a peace-themed story to inspire and create a peace-themed art project. We will work together to make a large artwork to hang at the Museum and also create something for each participant to take home and enjoy! Program is FREE with Museum Admission.

9/24, **Open Mic for Peace**, 7pm, Caffe Lena. Sing a peace-related song and receive a special peace button! Or just listen and enjoy the music of others!

9/25, **A Small Act**, 7pm, Skidmore College. Film presented by Skidmore African Club with discussion and skype session. This film follows Chris who as a child is able to attend school in Kenya, thanks to Hilde Back, a school teacher Chris has never met. After receiving a scholarship, Chris studies law at Harvard and joins the UN as a human rights legal advocate. He establishes a foundation to award scholarships to needy children and embarks on a search to find and thank Hilde.

9/26 **Dress A Girl Service Project**, 10am-noon, Saratoga Public Library. Children and adults can hand sew embellishments and pockets to dresses that will be sent to orphan girls in Africa. Free lunch will follow at noon.



9/26 **Father/Daughter Duo**, 1pm, Saratoga Library- Toussaint Liberator and his 10 year old daughter will provide original and traditional music with soul roots. Also, A Fashion Show of the Dress A Girl Project will be presented. Refreshments will be provided.

9/26 **Closing Fire Ceremony**, 7pm, Ndakinna Educational Center, Greenfield. Ceremony will be led by Shari Parslow, a shamanic practitioner.



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**Former U.S. Senate Majority Leader
 George Mitchell to Speak at Albany
 Law School on
 Wednesday,**



Interested in going to Washington DC with ICCR to participate in National Conference, Leading America: Foreign Policy Challenges and the 2016 Election?

The National Board of Directors of the World Affairs Councils of America (WACA) is pleased to announce that they will be offering 25 scholarships for college undergraduate students from their national network (which includes the International Center of the Capital Region (ICCR)) to attend the 2015 National Conference, [Leading America: Foreign Policy Challenges and the 2016 Election](#), November 11-13, 2015 at The Fairfax at Embassy Row Hotel in Washington, DC.

The WACA Board is offering these scholarships in order to fulfill their mission and responsibility as a national association dedicated to the education of the American public and to preparing our future leaders for the challenges and opportunities of the 21st Century. The 2015 National Conference promises to be a very special opportunity for our network of Council leaders, members, and friends to engage in a discussion of the critical issues facing us as a nation with many of the leading policy makers and analysts in national security. The WACA Board wants to ensure that this opportunity is available to our future leaders.

The scholarship includes registration fees plus \$1000 per student to be used towards travel, lodging, and/or incidentals. The scholarship will be implemented as follows:

- Notification of the scholarship opportunity must be publicized by the International Center of the Capital Region in a substantial manner in order to attract the best

October 21, 2015 at 1:30 PM

Former U.S. Senator and Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell will visit Albany Law School on Wednesday, October 21, 2015 to discuss his new book, *The Negotiator: A Memoir*, and his experience in brokering the historic 1998 Good Friday Agreement to address the conflict in Northern Ireland.

In addition to his long and storied career in the U.S. Senate, he has also taken on the task of working to bring peace to the conflict in the Middle East and led the investigation into the use of performance enhancing drugs in baseball that culminated in the release of what has come to be known as the Mitchell Report. The program is presented by Albany Law School's Government Law Center and the Rockefeller Institute of Government at the State University of New York. Senator Mitchell will be introduced by James T. Towne Jr. '75, of Towne, Ryan & Partners, P.C.

Registration is free, but required. To register, email Amy Gunnells at agunn@albanylaw.edu.

**Festival of Nations, Albany NY
Sunday, October 25th, 2015
Empire State Plaza
Convention Center**

(From 11:30 AM to 5:00 PM,)

The ticket price is, only for entry, \$5.00 for adult, \$2.00 for children from 3-12 years of age, and below 3 years is free. Food, drinks, etc. are not included.

<http://festivalofnations.net/#>



American Italian Heritage Museum

potential candidates.

- ICCR's Executive Director may nominate one college undergraduate student, 18 years or older. High school and graduate students are not eligible.
- Students who attend the conference will be expected to blog and post on social media (twitter, facebook, Instagram, etc.) before, during, and after the National Conference. The student's ability to do so should be taken into consideration by Councils during the nomination process.
- Students who attend the Conference will be required to submit a two-page report on their experience. The deadline to do so will be December 15, 2015.
- Each nomination must be submitted with the Nomination Form and must be accompanied by a letter of recommendation from the International Center of the Capital Region explaining why the student has been selected for consideration for this scholarship .
- The students nominated will be selected by the National Office in consultation with the WACA National Board of Directors and will be announced no later than October 7, 2015.
- The National Office will confirm the nominee's selection and will register the nominee for the National Conference.
- The National Office will then provide a scholarship check of \$1000 per student participating, written to the Council to help cover travel, lodging, and any other expenses for the scholarship winner. Councils are responsible for making these arrangements with/for the nominees.

1227 Central Avenue
Albany, NY 12205

<http://www.americanitalianmuseum.org>

Upcoming activities:

Saturday & Sunday, September 12 & 13
12 noon-on: Jay St. Italian Festival

Thursday, September 17th
7:00pm: Monthly Meeting & Cultural Presentation

Wednesday, September 23rd
1:00pm: Practice your Italian

Friday, September 25th
6:30pm: Pizza & Movie Night

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Check out the New Russian Cultural Center

<http://www.newrussiacenter.org>

The New Russia Cultural Center, a non-profit organization, was formed in December 2005 exclusively for educational purpose under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The New Russia Cultural Center is striving to expand the public's understanding and appreciation of Russian folk arts, and Russian-American history and culture in the United States. The Center stands to stimulate public interest in Russian culture through educational activities and exposure to Russian folk arts.

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**Christmas Show Bustrip on Sunday
11/15**

Nominations are due to Washington, DC by Wednesday, September 30, 2015. If you are interested in being considered by ICCR as our candidate please send the completed [Nomination Form](#) to info@iccralbany.org by close-of-business September 24th.



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A Quote Worth Noting...

“I like to see a man proud of the place in which he lives. I like to see a man live so that his place will be proud of him.”

Abraham Lincoln





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Are you interested in being a part of a movement for global citizen diplomacy, cultural and diversity education? Become a volunteer with International Center of the Capital Region and help us make a difference in our community. We work to promote international and cultural understanding and to increase global awareness of the region's assets. We are looking for committee members, interns & volunteers. If you have any of the skills listed and are interested in welcoming the World to the Capital Region, please contact us at info@iccralbany.org.

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