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On Tuesday, December 5th, Borough President Adams hosted his annual Interfaith Clergy Breakfast in the Courtroom at Brooklyn Borough Hall, which brought together people of different faiths for a spiritual morning of prayer and discussions on initiatives including faith-based affordable housing developments, capital budget investment, counterterrorism, and homelessness.

‘Tis the season! Borough President Adams celebrated the Christmas season by joining Santa Claus in distributing donated books to homeless children at Brooklyn Borough Hall’s tree lighting on Tuesday, December 5th. His office made deliveries of new books and pajamas to shelters across the borough, and he personally dropped off presents on Tuesday, December 26th to kids at Rachel’s Place, a family site in Crown Heights.

Women’s health is vital. The first-ever Time of the Month (TOM) Menstrual Awareness Fair took place at Brooklyn Borough Hall on Thursday, December 7th, which provided attendees with a panel discussion on menstrual health, resources, and yoga lessons. On Thursday, December 14th, free mammogram screenings were available in a scan van outside Brooklyn Borough Hall for women 40 and older who had not had a mammogram in the past year.

Borough President Adams joined the Vulcan Society, an association of Black firefighters, on Friday, December 8th to speak out against the FDNY’s rehiring of Joseph Cassano. He stated that he is “deeply dismayed and disappointed that a noted anti-Semite, racist, and sexist individual remains on track to be promoted to the rank and file of New York’s bravest.”

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Brooklyn Borough President Eric L. Adams’ Message of the Month

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LATEST INITIATIVES

UPCOMING EVENTS

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2:00 PM – 5:00 PM
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Brooklyn Borough Hall – Room G-80 FREE Legal Services for All – Housing Matters, Trusts and Estates, Elder Law, and Government Benefits

EVERY MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY VARIOUS TIMES

Brooklyn Borough Hall – Room G-80 SCORE NYC Small Business Mentoring

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THIRD MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH

10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Brooklyn Borough Hall – Room G-80 FREE Legal Services for All – Domestic Violence, Victims

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10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
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TUESDAY, JANUARY 16TH

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Brooklyn Borough Hall – Community Room
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MONDAY, JANUARY 22ND

8:00 PM – 10:00 PM
Brooklyn Borough Hall – Community Room
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Community Alerts

In the wake of a devastating Sheepshead Bay fire which killed a Jewish mother and three of her children on the sixth night of Hanukkah, Borough President Adams spoke about fire safety at a Brooklyn Borough Hall ceremony dedicated to their
memory. Aliza Azam was killed along with three of her children ages 11, 7, and 3, as
their home became engulfed in flames from a fire likely caused by an unattended oil-lit
menorah in the early morning hours of Monday, December 18th. Four other
family members, including their father Yosi Azam, 16-year-old daughter Shalit, and
15-year-old son Daniel, survived with critical injuries. Borough President Adams
also renewed his call for the creation of a dedicated Brooklyn-based burn unit. For
more information on precautionary mea-
sures to prevent home fires, please visit
nyc.gov/fdoa.

Borough President Adams shared a moment with the family of NYPD Detective Philip
Farrera (center), who joined NYPD Detective Thomas Flumia (right) in accepting "Heroes of the
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Park Commissioner Marty Makar (right) at his annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony and holiday distribution in the Rotunda at Brooklyn Borough Hall.

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ment affairs consultancy.

The ice is nice! Borough President Adams, in partnership with Brooklyn Community
Board 13 and the 60th Precinct Commu-
nity Council, provided free skating, hot
cocoa, and cookies at the Abe Stark Skat-
ing Rink in Coney Island on Tuesday,
December 26th and Thursday, December
29th. The two-day event was sponsored
by NYC Parks, with rentals donated by
City Ice Sports.

Happy New Year! On New Year’s Eve,
Borough President Adams rang in 2018
at Grand Army Plaza in Prospect
Heights and Steeplechase Plaza in
Coney Island with celebrations that
included free entertainment, fireworks,
and fun for the whole family. Despite
frigid temperatures, thousands of
Brooklynites turned out to count down
the last seconds of 2017 together.

Borough President Adams stood with
Congregation B’nai Adath Kol Beth Yisrael
to spotlight the massive fire that ripped
through their Bedford-Stuyvesant syna-
gogue in mid-November. The building has
been standing at that location since the
1700s and has served as a synagogue since
about 1860. At a gathering on Wednesday,
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NYC on Tuesday, December 12th for a
walkthrough of the school’s outdoor
garden, greenhouse, and kitchen where
harvested goods are made into fresh
edibles.

Medgar Evers College hosted a work-

force development adult and continuing
education spring open house on Tues-
day, December 12th at their Crown
Heights campus. The event, held in partnership with Borough President
Adams, provided attendees with an array of information on course offerings in accounting, computer science, health
care, hospitality, sales, and more.

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Adams danced the night away with hun-
dreds of fans at the original 2001 Oasis-
day disco in Bay Ridge to celebrate the
40th anniversary of the world-famous
film “Saturday Night Fever.” The one-
night-only festivities on Wednes-
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