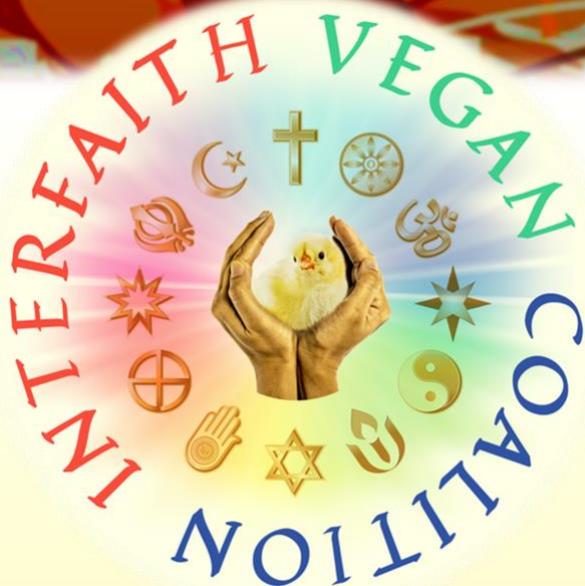


# October 2020 Newsletter



**Coalition Members,  
This month we celebrate  
Mahatma Gandhi's birthday  
to honor his compassion  
for animals.**

**Read on for more exciting  
events and opportunities!**

## **MAHATMA GANDHI**

Gandhi (1869–1948) said, “My life is my message.” His words and impact on the long-suffering people of India echo throughout the world and lift us up in ways that continue to inspire unity, strength, and love. Enjoy these quotes!



**“Happiness is when what you think, what you say, and who you are, are in harmony.”**



**“Ahimsa\* is the highest ideal. It is meant for the brave, never for the cowardly.”**



**“The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated.”**

More can be found at [mkgandhi.org](http://mkgandhi.org)

**MONTHLY MEETINGS: Second Monday of Each Month**  
5–6 pm Pacific Time (6-7 MT, 7-8 CT, 8-9 ET/14)

You are welcome to join our planning meetings. Click this link, <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/649552512> to join our next meeting on **Monday, October 12**. Please email us at [interfaith@idausa.org](mailto:interfaith@idausa.org) to receive reminders and meeting notes.

**Future Meetings:** November 9, December 14, and January 11.





# KAPOROS REPORT



**Kaporos (“atonements”) is a ritual preceding Yom Kippur, the Jewish Day of Atonement, in which chickens are “swung” and slaughtered by certain ultra-orthodox Jewish communities.**

Practitioners wave the chickens over their heads by the legs or by pinning the bird’s wings backward while reciting a chant about transferring their sins and punishment symbolically onto the bird. Chickens are slaughtered in the open air and claimed they are given to “the poor,” though reports indicate most are thrown in the trash. Read more about Kaporos [here](#).

**IMPORTANT NOTE:**

*Kaporos can be conducted with chickens or money (coins) according to Jewish law. Jewish Veg, Faith Action for Animals, and the Interfaith Vegan Coalition support Kaporos with coins, not chickens. Most Jewish people don’t practice Kaporos and even fewer use live chickens.*

**TERRIFIED CHICKEN**



Photo: Eric Walton

**The following is a report from Kaporos rituals in New York City, where 60,000 birds are sacrificed each year.**

**BAD NEWS:**

Despite the COVID pandemic with a 20,000 New York death toll, practitioners gathered in massive numbers and handled sickly



sickly chickens with little or no personal protective gear and no social distancing protocol. An unusually large number of birds were dead in the crates with the living. On the final night, thousands of the chickens were dead on arrival and were not used in the ritual. The rescue crew observed more critical injuries than in previous years.

Flagrant violation of animal cruelty laws were in full view of law enforcement **without a single arrest.**



**GOOD NEWS:**

Just half (15-20 of the usual 30-35) Kaporos locations operated this year and some on a much smaller scale. Animal activists attended these rituals to give watermelon to the suffering birds all week, a small kindness to the victims, and demonstrated compassion to those inflicting harm.

Thanks to the work of these activists and our experienced rescue crew, an unprecedented 510 Kaporos chicken survivors were rescued! These lucky babies are currently en route to their new forever homes across the U.S.

**To follow their progress and support their rescue, [please give here.](#)**



*Report and photos provided by Jill Carnegie, Campaign Strategist, [Alliance to End Chickens as Kaporos.](#)*

## 11 DAYS OF GLOBAL UNITY / UP CONVERGENCE REPLAYS!!



Watch our Interfaith Vegan Coalition panel discussion, **Help Your Place of Worship Embrace Compassion for All Beings** with Lisa Levinson, Judy Carman, Reverend Carol Saunders, Sara Eifler, Reverend Sarah Bowen, Thomas Jackson, Vince Tucker, and Duke McCloud. Panelists share their most effective strategies and provide key resources for introducing veganism at places of worship.

Access the full program here: **At-A-Glance: Vegan Zoom Room Content Library**, which categorizes content created during the UP Convergence:

1. Easy Peacey Healthy Vegan Cooking Shows
2. Jane Unchained Lunch Break Live Cooking Shows
3. The New Economy Explorations
4. All Health Presentations
5. Environmental Presentations
6. Animal Rights and Vegan Advocacy
7. Unity, Religion and Spirituality
8. Meet the Vegans and Related
9. All Panel Discussions

**Virtual Vegan Spirituality Forum and Retreat (Sept.) Replay: [Click Here.](#)**



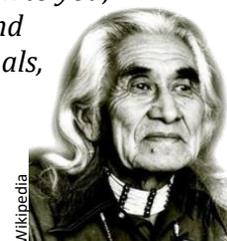
**Victoria Moran's** podcast, **Main Street Vegan**, has many spiritual/religious interviews. Enjoy **Victoria's interview** with IVC member and **Seeds to Inspire** co-founder Jacque Salomon.

### Compassion Corner: Inspirational quotes related to our IVC mission!



*"One thing to remember is to talk to the animals; they will talk back to you. If you don't talk to the animals, they won't talk back to you, then you won't understand, and when you don't understand you will fear, and when you fear you will destroy the animals, and if you destroy the animals, you will destroy yourself."*

— **Chief Dan George**, Tsleil-Waututh Nation, British Columbia, Canada



**Why This is Meaningful to Me:** Because it is perfectly simple, perfectly elegant, perfectly heartfelt, and perfectly true. And, oh yeah, also, I absolutely loved Chief Dan George in Little Big Man and The Outlaw Josey Wales. So, he is both extremely wise and extremely talented.

**Send us your favorite quote and tell us why you like it.**

### FREE Weekly Webinars with Charlotte Cressey



**Fridays, 6 pm PT, 9 pm ET**

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_FluTOIkfRG2Hfz1omVXN-w](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_FluTOIkfRG2Hfz1omVXN-w)

**Become a Vegan Alchemist!** Tune in for fresh insights, systems to harness your energy, and how to channel it into your goals. Join the Emerging Partnership Paradigm in Business... *and more!*

The Vegan Paradigm Shift will open your mind to hitherto undiscovered territories of potential lying latent within you!

*"Hop on when you want! There's no obligation, just my joy in being of service."*

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## Compassionate Living Challenge and Circles: Facilitator Training

To accompany the powerful film, **“A Prayer for Compassion,”** we’re helping filmmaker Thomas Jackson ([watch Thomas’ video here](#)) to create a vegan challenge and Compassionate Living Circles (CLC) for places of worship. Join a facilitator training to lead a CLC by completing [this form](#).



### What Do You Think?

We want to hear your thoughts about important issues related to our IVC mission. **TELL US** what you think (in 300 words or less) by October 20<sup>th</sup> for our next newsletter.

**Coalition Member Projects:  
Feature Yours!**

Please **SEND US AN EMAIL** to include your November projects in our newsletter by October 20.



### Submit Newsletter Content

Include your blogs, news, and events in our new monthly newsletter, posted via coalition email and on our website. Simply **email us** with your content (blog/event links, images, and text) by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month for inclusion in our next newsletter.

## Peace to All Beings,

**Lisa Levinson & Judy Carman**  
Interfaith Vegan Coalition Co-Founders

Our coalition is a project of the international, animal-protection, nonprofit organization, **In Defense of Animals.**

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