

## DISCUSSION GROUPS *cont.*

**Tuesdays with TED – TALKS That Is**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays, 2– 3:30 pm, Jan-May**

*Moderator: Dr. Anne Klaeysen, Leader*

Everyone Loves TED! It's even better when you can discuss the talks with other people. Together we will view selections with contemporary ethical themes and engage in a lively discussion. Links to the talks will be published on our website *after* each session so that everyone will see them for the first time.

**Members: Free**

**Guests: \$5 donation per session**

**Wisdom and World Affairs**

**1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays, 6 – 8 pm, Ongoing**

*Moderator: Ken Gans*

A philosophical discussion group with varied subjects: the fate of humanity, world affairs, humanism, etc.

**Free**

## WORKSHOPS

**The Joy of Personal Writing**

**NINE sessions, select ONE series:**

**Tuesdays, 12:30 – 2:30 pm starting Jan 10**

**Thursdays, 6:30 – 8:30 pm starting Jan 12**

*Instructor: Elaine Berman*

Get started writing. Find your writing impulse and work on basic and more complex writing skills. You can belong to a supportive group of writers, some just starting and others with more experience. All are welcome! Fee includes all sessions.

**REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT REQUIRED**

**Members: \$150**

**Guests: \$250**

*Please note that all programs are subject to schedule changes due to inclement weather or various other reasons. Please visit our website for the most updated information.*

The Ethical Enrichment Committee seeks to create a wide range of offerings focusing on the mind, body and spirit. All programs are intended to reflect the philosophy of Ethical Culture. We sponsor programs leading to personal growth and development throughout all of life within the context of a caring and committed community. The committee is comprised of Ethical Culture members and a Leader advisor. Programs are open to our members and the public.

To confirm dates and times and to see new program offerings, please visit our website: [www.ETHICAL.org](http://www.ETHICAL.org).

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*“Education is not preparation  
for life; education is life itself.”*

*– John Dewey*

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**Ethical Enrichment**

## DISCUSSION GROUPS

### Adler Reading Seminar

**3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays, 7 – 8:30 pm, Jan-June**

*Moderator: Dr. Joseph Chuman, Leader*

Discuss the works of Felix Adler and other thinkers whose writings are seminal to Ethical Culture and humanist philosophy. **(Register to receive readings.)**

**Free**

### Ethical Death Café

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays, 1:30 – 3:30 pm, Ongoing**

**4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays, 2:30 – 4:30 pm, Ongoing**

*Moderator: Rev. Dr. Barbara Simpson*

A relaxed and safe setting to discuss death, drink tea and eat cake. The objective is to increase awareness of death and help people make the most of their (finite) lives. Topics include health care proxy, ethical will, and green burial.

**\$5 donation includes refreshments**

### Ethics and the Theater

**2<sup>nd</sup> Fridays, Ongoing**

**6:30 pm Welcome Reception**

**7 – 9 pm Play Reading and Discussion**

*Producer: Pat Debrovner*

Members of the Society and theater professionals read plays dealing with ethical and moral issues before a live audience. Readings are followed by discussions of the ethical issues raised by the play.

**Jan 13: *The Caretaker*, Harold Pinter**

**Feb 10: *The Subject Was Roses*, Frank D. Gilroy**

**Mar 10: *Same Time, Next Year*, Bernard Slade**

**Apr 14: *Camping with Henry and Tom*,  
Mark St. Germaine**

**May 12: *The Gin Game*, D. L. Coburn**

**June 2: *The Dying City*, Christopher Shinn**

**Members: \$5 per session**

**Guests: \$10 per session**

### Ethics in Film

**1<sup>st</sup> Fridays, 7 – 9:15 pm, Ongoing**

*Moderator: Chris Everett*

Monthly film screening, each followed by a lively discussion of the ethical issues explored.

**Jan 6: *Alien***

**Feb 3: *The Social Network***

**Mar 3: *The Station Agent***

**Apr 7: *Sex, Lies, and Videotape***

**May 5: *Ex Machina***

**June 2: *The Big Easy***

**\$5 donation includes snacks and beverages**

### Navigating the “New Normal”

**2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays, 6:30 – 8 pm, Jan-May**

*Moderator: Dr. Anne Klaeyen, Leader*

Many have admonished us not to “normalize” President-elect Donald Trump’s behavior. As social commentator John Oliver said, “It is going to be too easy for things to start feeling normal, especially if you are someone who is not directly impacted by his actions. A Klan-backed misogynist internet troll is going to be delivering the next State of the Union address. And that is not normal; it is f--ked up.”

How do we reconcile with family and friends who voted differently than we did? How can we be allies with those who will be directly impacted? Together we will explore answers to these questions by examining the current social and political landscape, practicing compassionate communication, and learning from guest speakers about how we can be allies to those who will suffer most over the next four years.

**Members: Free**

**Guests: \$5 donation per session**

### Great Books

**1<sup>st</sup> Wednesdays, 7 – 9 pm, Ongoing**

*Organizers: Larry Schiff, Tamara Bedic, and Carol Kennedy*

Read the selections in advance, and be prepared to discuss the questions that interest you by referring to the specific related text. To learn more, visit: [www.meetup.com/Manhattan-Great-Books-Discussion-Group](http://www.meetup.com/Manhattan-Great-Books-Discussion-Group).

**Jan 4: *Wants*, Grace Paley**

**Feb 1: *Lost in the Funhouse*, John Barth**

**Mar 1: *Tomorrow and Tomorrow and So Forth*,  
John Updike**

**Apr 5: *Cathedral*, Raymond Carver**

**May 3: *The Man From Mars*, Margaret Atwood**

**Members: Free**

**Guests: \$5 donation per session**

### Leader Lunch Discussion

**Thursdays, Noon – 1:30 pm, Ongoing**

*Moderator: Dr. Anne Klaeyen, Leader*

Bring your lunch and join us for a lively discussion of contemporary ethical issues. Folders with printed

copies of the assigned articles are available from the Membership Office, room 501. You may also see a full list of the readings at [www.ETHICAL.nyc](http://www.ETHICAL.nyc), which includes links to the articles online.

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### Massimo’s Philosophy Café

**3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays, 6 – 8 pm, Jan-June**

*Moderator: Massimo Pigliucci, Professor of Philosophy*

Based on the principle of the Socratic dialogue. Every meeting has a simple theme (e.g., Should we be afraid of death? What are the ethics of eating?), introduced through a short, accessible, suggested reading with open discussions aimed at sharpening our thinking about the subject matter being examined during that session.

**Members: Free**

**Guests: \$5 donation per session**

### Speaking of Science...

**Last Mondays, 6:30 – 8 pm, Ongoing**

*Moderator: Andra Miller*

These monthly sessions feature guest speakers who share their expertise on the many aspects of the scientific process. Scientists, engineers, doctors, writers, and educators enlighten us on the way science works.

**Members: \$5 per session**

**Guests: \$10 per session**

### Stoic School of Life

**2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays, 6 – 8 pm, Jan-June**

*Moderator: Massimo Pigliucci*

The School is inspired (with a bit of immodesty) by the ancient Greco-Roman schools of philosophy. Plato, Aristotle, Epicurus, Epictetus, and many others simply gave lectures about their favorite topics and engaged in discussions with people interested in what they had to say. In our case, we will examine the theory and practice of Stoicism as a modern applied philosophy that aids us in navigating a world in some ways just as confusing and uncertain as that of ancient Athens and Rome.

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