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Sunday Morning Meetings

**10:30 AM—Ceremonial Hall
Earth Rise**

**Regular Meeting
11:15 AM—Auditorium**

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April Happenings

Our next **Nonviolent Communication Workshop** will be held on **Sunday, April 5**, at **1:45 pm**, in Ceremonial Hall (4th floor). Join Leader Dr. Anne Klaeysen at this workshop session, as we continue our focus on learning to incorporate the principles of nonviolent communication into our daily lives. This session will focus on empathy. *(See page 5)*

On **Tuesday, April 28**, we'll have an opportunity to join Leader Dr. Anne Klaeysen and Ethical Action Chair Joshua Adams for a trip to Albany to promote equality and justice for the LGBT community. This event, which aims to influence the State Senate to pass three important bills, is being cosponsored by the Empire State Pride Agenda. *(See page 7)*

President's Notes

Andra Miller



You would not believe the piles-of-paper clutter that I call an apartment. When I'm home, I get so wound up in doing what I do (mostly for Ethical Culture) or "relaxing" (reading periodicals or watching *Brothers and Sisters* and the like on TV), that the documents I collect never quite get well organized or thrown away.

Well, in getting tax documents together, I went on a tear and plowed through several of my paper piles; sending to recycling several bags of old minutes, reports, and outdated documents. That's the long way into the fact that in clearing out all this stuff, I came across an article I'd saved that reiterated something that we all know already: the importance of setting goals.

I'm one who makes lists of things to do, makes plans, and sets priorities, but I have to admit that I'm lax in the exercise of goal-setting. I began to think about goals—if NYSEC

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From the Leader's Desk

Dr. Anne Klaeysen



It's Just Not Funny!

"Cops don't check my bank account when they pull me over and make me spread-eagle against the car. These miseducated brothers, like that sociologist at the University of Chicago, talking about 'the declining significance of race.' Now, what country is he living in?"

—Rev. Jeremiah Wright, Jr. to Barack Obama, in *Dreams From My Father: A Story of Race and Inheritance*

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President's Notes

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set goals, what would they be? That's easy—we'd have goals for more members, for more income for building repair and programs, for more community involvement—more partnerships with organizations doing good work, more influence through more “speaking out,” and more involvement of our own members in what we do. That's what came off the top of my head—I'm sure you can think of more.

Well, I took this goal thing to heart, and when I went to the Marni Nixon event on March 9 to explain Ethical Culture and introduce Brian Dallow, President of Music for All Seasons, I vowed to stay to the end of the program and come home with one new member for NYSEC secured—well, at least somebody expressing interest.

Would you believe it, I met my goal—and then some! The woman who interviewed Marni came to me afterwards and said that the Society might just be the very organization she needed to join. After that, I was approached by a woman on the MAS Board who also said she was interested and, finally, another woman told me her daughter lived near NYSEC and we talked about Sunday school for her granddaughter.

Time will tell if we really get a new member or two or three, or not, but I feel I've made some progress here. And I'm thinking, what if each of us made

it his or her goal to find us a new member? What do you think? Should we set a goal to double our membership by the end of the year? I think it's possible.

We could also set a very easy goal: to have every single member turn in a pledge card. We've received cards from about 33 percent of our members. How about you, the other 67 percent? Would you please fill in and send in your 2009 pledge goal card? That would save us the postage for sending you another plea or the time invested in calling you.

And by the way, Marni Nixon was very engaging.

Leader's Desk

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“They'll have to find someone else to write the next stimulus bill.”

Caption to a cartoon depicting two police officers standing over the body of a bullet-ridden chimpanzee
 —Sean Delonas, *NY Post*, 2/18/09

I value our right to free speech. I also value my right to choose what I read, and I choose not to read the *NY Post*. Its coverage of the Son of Sam murders decades ago was so exploitative that I wrote to the editor letting him know that I would never waste another cent on his publication. So I missed the initial furor over its controversial cartoon. When I finally saw it, it struck me as simply inane: Why conflate the killing of a rampaging chimpanzee in Connecticut with the economy? But that's because I'm white.

In the small upstate New York town where I grew up, a “mixed marriage” was between a Protestant and a Catholic. There were no Jews, no blacks, and no “aliens” for miles around. Arriving at the Rochester airport one summer for a visit, my young son, who grew up in Brooklyn, looked around and asked, “Mommy, where are all the other people?”

The land south of Lake Ontario was fertile and the climate ideal for orchards, so at harvest time migrants, mostly African-Americans, would move into humble shacks to pick the fruit. One boy named Terry, whose parents worked on a farm in town, joined my third grade class. We were sad when his family moved back down south. We didn’t understand why he had to leave.

Alice was my next African-American friend. She was my roommate in my freshman year of college; she was a year older, from the city, and very wise about the world. One night I came home late from the library, and she asked who had walked with me. When I told her I was alone, she gave me a lecture about women being assaulted on campus and the need to protect ourselves. Being black was hard enough; being a black woman was harder still.

Before we met him, all our son told us about Adam, his best friend in kindergarten, was that he wore glasses. Adam is African-American, and he and Andrew are still best friends. Sometimes, when they were teenagers hanging out in Manhattan, a group of young black men would razz Adam about being with a white boy, but they just laughed about it. What wasn’t funny was the time Adam was stopped at his front door by two police officers who demanded he provide proof that he lived there. It wasn’t until a white neighbor appeared to vouch for him that he was allowed to enter his own home—without an apology from the cops.

My friend Angela, who was my son’s coming-of-age mentor at the Brooklyn

Society, says she is always aware of her color. When she enters a room filled with people, she immediately takes its racial temperature. Will she be at ease or on guard?

It is a luxury that white people obviously enjoy—to walk down the street, to drive a car, and to enter a room without wondering whether they will be stopped, interrogated, or insulted. Since the election, articles in magazines and journals have posited a “post-racial America,” but the reality is closer to the *NY Post* cartoon. At its most benign, it suggests that the stimulus bill was so bad that monkeys could have written it. At its most provocative, it compares the president to a rabid chimp. At its most dangerous, it invites assassination.

Rupert Murdoch, Chairman of the *NY Post*, claimed ultimate responsibility for the cartoon, writing, “I have spoken to a number of people and I now better understand the hurt this cartoon has caused.”

This is not a matter of much-maligned “political correctness,” but one of empathy—and a profound lack of imagination. How does it feel to walk in another person’s shoes? It really doesn’t take much to feel another’s pain and fear; all it takes is being human.

Annual Meeting

Andra Miller

This year’s Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, May 3, at 1:45 pm (Auditorium). If you’re a member, please be there—you wouldn’t want to miss voting for our Trustees or for our new nominations procedure.

Leaving the Board are Maria Fridman, Steve Schultz, and Sylvan Wallach; running for a second term are Jim Farer and Henryka Koman-ska; and running for the first time

are Janice Buzby, Chris Everett, Joan Klips, and Tom Weishaar. You’ll note there are six candidates, but only five slots—and so we all should appreciate the fact that our candidates are brave, good sports—Chris, Henryka, Joan, Janice, Jim, and Tom know that one of them cannot be elected and yet all are still willing to run. Please be sure to express your thanks to them. And while you’re at it, why not thank the other Board members for the time and efforts they have put into working for the Society—for you! They are Bob Berger, Meg Chapman, Heather Grady, Dr. Phyllis Harrison-Ross, Margaretha Jones, Sheila Kleinwald, and me.

At the meeting you will also hear reports on our progress in the past year and our plans for the year ahead.

2010 Nominations

Andra Miller

If the new nominating procedure is passed at this year’s Annual Meeting, we’ll need to play catch-up on the new nomination schedule. Members who want to be on the Nominating Committee need to get five signatures on a petition and turn it in by April 15. All members should have a copy of the petition form, as it was mailed recently. If you didn’t get it, forms are available from the Administration office; call 212-874-5210, ext. 117. You may also get one from Moe-Swe Myint.

In the event the new procedure is not passed, those who have submitted forms will have time to obtain the 10 additional signatures required by the old rules.

Sunday Morning Meetings

11:15 AM—Auditorium

April 5—The Ethical Power of Poetry

Dr. Anne Klaeyens, Leader

Since 1996, when it was established by the Academy of American Poets, April has been National Poetry Month. Its goal is to increase the visibility, presence, and accessibility of poetry in our culture. Leader Dr. Anne Klaeyen is doing her part by presenting a tribute to the many ethical aspects of poetry.

April 12—A Nation of Christians, Muslims, Jews, Hindus, and Non-Believers, too!

Dr. Joseph Chuman, Leader

Belief in God and being a good American have been equated in the minds of most people in this country. In fact, people who deny belief in a Supreme Custodian find themselves marginalized in political life, and are assumed to be not trustworthy. Yet, on three high-profile occasions, President Barack Obama has gone out of his way to include “nonbelievers” in the roster of those who comprise the American religious landscape. This gesture of inclusion by a high official is unprecedented and it evokes the question of why he has chosen to do this.

In his platform address Dr. Chuman will present several rationales which relate to both Obama’s own life story and the changing demographics on the American religious and political scene.

April 19—Saving Our Souls Alive

Mary Herman, AEU Leader-in-Training

Humanism has often been wrapped up in the idea that science and reason hold the path to truth—but there is something more. In fact, science itself has shown us that we are creatures with a need for emotion, for beauty, for meaning that transcends the purely rational. Join Mary Herman as she considers the spiritual nature of religious humanism, the importance of awe and wonder in our movement, and its founder’s insistence on our recognition of the divine spark within.

Mary is a longtime Ethical Culturist, a member of this year’s graduating class of the Humanist Institute, and the Community Leader at the Washington Ethical Society. She became the senior staffer for the Washington Ethical Society in 1995. A member of the Washington Society for 29 years, she is completing a three-year leadership certificate program with the Humanist Institute.

April 26—Dialogue, Not Debate—Speaking Across Differences

Marcia Kannry, Founder of The Dialogue Project, and Lori Jarhoud, of the Al Andalusia School

New York Palestinians and Israelis, Jews, Muslims, and interested others meet monthly to hear each other’s stories and explore the many complex and different perspectives and connections they have to Israel and Palestine.

Marcia Kannry, founder of The Dialogue Project, and her copresenter, Lori Jarhoud, of the Al Andalusia School, will share tools for “active listening” and reflection. We will all participate in a conversation as we learn active and generous listening tools that allow us to be open, though many hot words and differences surface in dialogue. We may explore ideas around “right of return,” “Zionism,” “refuge,” “security,” and “homeland.”

Marcia Kannry is a Jewish American who lived in Israel for six years. A former Executive Director of the Jewish National Fund, Marcia traveled throughout Israel and the occupied territories during the first intifada. Her own experience with dialogue at that time began the journey that has led to the creation of The Dialogue Project. She has created intergroup/interfaith organizations for more than 20 years.

Lori Jarhoud is a native New Yorker, and a convert to Islam. She currently works as an administrator for the Muslim American Society of Upper New

York (Yonkers). For many years, Lori attended Sunday School at NYSEC and attributes her appreciation and respect for people of different backgrounds to those warm and fun Sunday platforms. Lori has tutored children at the Boys and Girls Club of America, organized voter registration drives for the AFL-CIO, and worked at the Harlem YMCA summer day camp. Her connection to the Middle East is a deep and personal one. After traveling to Jordan and Palestine, where she met the Palestinian Muslim family of her late husband, Lori says she “returned a better person, cherishing her memories of joyous days.”

**Earth Rise
10:30 am—Ceremonial Hall**

Leader Curt Collier presides over Earth Rise, our new second service. Earth Rise now meets regularly in Ceremonial Hall (4th floor) at 10:30 am on Sundays. The group is small, but growing and everyone is invited to participate.

According to Curt, “Earth Rise is a gathering for those who have made a deep connection with Nature and want to honor that. This program will be markedly different from the NYSEC Sunday platform. Attendees will meet for music, reflection, and fellowship, and then will organize a number of participatory projects, such as habitat restoration. Earth Rise will create a community of action, with the idea that our reverence for Life needs to be measured by our commitment to act to help preserve and heal our Earth. A Sunday School program will be available.”

Sunday, March 1, was the first “official” Earth Rise gathering and reports from attendees were very encouraging. Come by, and let your family and friends know about it.



Early Sunday 10 AM

(Rooms subject to change)

Apr. 5—Singing Practice—All voices, big and small, are welcome. Led by Pat Debrovner and Jerry Ranck, it's a lot of fun, so join us! Ceremonial Hall.

Apr. 12—Colloquy—Reality. Harriet Bigus presides. Room 408.

Apr. 19—Poetry Readings—Come, and bring your favorite poems to share at our next poetry reading. Usually, readers prepare a few sentences about the poet they have chosen. We look forward to hearing your selections. Cheryl Gross presides. Room 408.

Apr. 19—Singing Practice—Led by Pat Debrovner and Jerry Ranck. Ceremonial Hall.

Sunday Afternoon 1:45 PM (Except as noted)

Apr. 5—Nonviolent Communication: Practice Group—Empathy. Join Leader Dr. Anne Klaeyen for the next installment of learning how to put nonviolent language into practice. You need not have attended previous sessions; just bring an openness and willingness to improve your relationships. We will review key concepts and practice on situations that participants wish to share. If you plan to attend, it would be helpful to purchase copies of Marshall Rosenberg's *Introduction to Nonviolent Communication*, available at most bookstores and at www.PuddleDancer.com, or www.nonviolentcommunication.com.

Please register by calling the Leaders' office at 212-874-5210, ext. 118. Ceremonial Hall.

Apr. 12—PIC of the News Club: The Imperial Presidency, with Dr. Joseph Chuman, Leader of the Bergen County

and New York Ethical Culture Societies. Abe Markman presides. Ceremonial Hall.

Apr. 26—Memorial for Mona Roset. 2:00 pm. Ceremonial Hall.

Foundations of Ethical Culture

In February our Leaders, Dr. Joseph Chuman, Curt Collier, and Dr. Anne Klaeyen, initiated this series. This month we will hear presentations by some of their colleagues, who will share their unique perspectives on Ethical Culture. The course, given on Thursdays (except April 30) at 6:30 pm, in the Elliott Library (Room 507), is free and open to the public. However, we ask that you register with the Leaders' office, so that we'll know how many course handouts to prepare.

The dates and topics are:

Apr. 2—Ethics in the Community
Leader Bart Worden of the Westchester Ethical Society

Apr. 9—Congregations for Justice and Peace
Leader James White

Apr. 16—Ethical Action in Latin America: A Personal Journey
Leader-in-Training Hugh Taft-Morales

Apr. 23—Ethical Culture at the United Nations
Leader Martha Gallahue of the National Service Conference

Lunch Discussion Professional Ethics—Part 3 Thursdays, 12:00 Noon

Bring your lunch and join Leader Dr. Anne Klaeyen in the Elliott Library for a lively and illuminating discussion. Copies of relevant articles are available in the Leaders' office.

Apr. 2—Athletes

Apr. 9—Teachers

Apr. 16—Scientists

Apr. 23—Politicians

Apr. 30—"Spinsters" aka Publicists

Our Ethical Family

Moe-Swe Myint

Please welcome our newest members: **Timothy Alexander, Arlene Donar, and Richard Van Deusen.**

Tim is a geographic information analyst with interests in environmental science, conservation, fly fishing, and progressive politics. He learned about the NY Society through the Ethical Society in Washington, DC, and our website. Tim has attended our Sunday platforms and has been reading with great interest about the Society's activities. He says he is drawn to the Society because of his need for community and believes he has found his "home base" in his new home in NYC.

Arlene is a physician with special training in herbal medicine and clinical nutrition. She has been coming to the Sunday platforms and the Foundations lectures, and has also attended a newcomers' reception. She was a member of the Society in the past.

Richard is a management consultant with communications, marketing, and theater experience. His interests include tennis, fencing, theater, and intellectual discourse. He is drawn to the Society for its secular humanitarian ethic and the community of friends he has found here. He and Carol Nadell were married here in 2007.

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As most of you know, Gerald Ranck (NYSEC Music Director since 1984) and friends have given a series of concerts to mark his 25th anniversary here. The last of these, on Tuesday, May 19, will highlight the music of Bach,

Prokofiev, Reinecke, and Martino, with Beverly Radin on flute and Gerald on harpsichord and piano.

The first concert, in January, with Mayuki Fukurama on violin and Gerald on the harpsichord and piano, presented the music of Bach, Brahms, and Beethoven. In February, Louise Schulman on viola and Gerald playing the piano performed music by Bach, Waitzman (1st performance), and Shostakovich. In March, William Zito, on guitar and lute, accompanied Gerald, on harpsichord and piano, performed the music of Albeniz, Dowland, Boccherini, and Carulli. Each concert received a most enthusiastic response from the audience.

Proceeds from these concerts benefit NYSEC, so please come to our final event, bring your friends, and have a lovely time. Tickets for nonmembers cost \$15; there is no charge for members.

Ethics and the Theater

Patricia Bruder Debrovner

On Friday, April 17, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm, Ethics and the Theater will present *Gulf War*, by Joyce Carol Oates. Set during the first President Bush's confrontation with Saddam Hussein, *Gulf War* depicts the cocktail party from hell. With humor and bitter irony, Oates throws together two couples, one young, the other an older travesty of the first, each with a secret gnawing at the heart of their relationship. As the evening wears on and the drinks get stronger, they talk with, at, and past one another, revealing the aridity of American suburbia, the shallowness of corporate ambition, and the desperation of the women caught in this web.

There will be a wine and cheese reception at 6:30 pm. So, come and enjoy the performance and join in a lively discussion of the ethical issues of the play,

led by Muriel Berger. Susan Horowitz directs our cast, which includes Carole Chamlin, John Gurney, Richard Sander, and Maria Demarse. Our narrator will be Pat Berens. Suggested donation: \$5.

Spring Hike

Henryka Komanska

If you love nature, join us on Saturday, April 18, for a hike to Mt. Taurus in Cold Spring, NY. This five-hour hike will take us to a summit over the Hudson River, and we'll be rewarded with stunning views of the river and Manhattan. The town boasts antique stores, coffee shops, restaurants, and a lovely park.

The scenic ride to Cold Spring on the Metro North Hudson line takes an hour and twenty minutes. We will meet at the information booth at Grand Central Station at 8:35 am. A one-way ticket is \$11. If you arrive after that time, you'll find us on the train that leaves at 8:50 am. Bring a water bottle, a light lunch and/or snack for the trail, and a few dollars for a coffee stop at a local café. Wear hiking or sturdy walking shoes (we'll be walking on some steep sections on our descent), and dress in layers. Rain cancels.

Spring Writing Workshop

Elaine Berman

NYSEC's ongoing Thursday writing workshop, "The Joy of Personal Writing," will begin its ten-week spring semester on April 30. The class meets from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Both new and experienced writers are welcome. For more information, call Gloria Chandler at 212-874-5210, ext. 117.

You can read essays by some of our workshop writers at www.nysec.org. Click on the Table of Contents and scroll down.

PIC of the News Club

Abe Markman

In March we heard Dr. Charles Debrovner and we'll hear Dr. Joseph Chuman in April. We are so fortunate at NYSEC to have experts who rival anyone in the media or in current affairs literature!

Last month, Dr. Debrovner launched the PIC of the News Club with a brilliant exposition of how stem cell research and therapeutic cloning research are being addressed in President Barack Obama's first weeks in office. For a look at his talk go to: <http://www.nysec.org/sitemap/ethical-action/public-issues-committee/>.

On Sunday, April 12 (1:45 pm in Ceremonial Hall), Dr. Chuman will conduct a give-and-take session on the Imperial Presidency. This will be one of several follow-ups to the first Advocacy Forum of the season on the same subject. We look forward to seeing you and sharing your opinions and insights.

The model of the PIC of the News Club is that of a book club. We encourage everyone planning to attend to study the day's issue as if preparing for a book club meeting. Our motto is: "Probe, Inquire, Contribute" (or PIC, the acronym of the Public Issues Committee, sponsor of this series).

Breaking News: A bill that would prohibit discrimination against workers taking sick leave in order to care for an ailing relative was introduced in the City Council. For details go to: <http://www.nysec.org/sitemap/ethical-action/public-issues-committee/>.

Ethical Endings: A Follow-up

Dr. Anne Klaeyesen, Leader

If you were unable to attend the workshop on Ethical Endings in February, do not despair. Folders with helpful information on health proxies, living wills, etc., are available in the Leaders' office. Please stop by and pick one up. You can also make an appointment with me by calling 212-874-5210, ext. 118, to discuss any concerns you have about this process. Putting the end of your life in order truly is an ethical action.

LGBT Action for Equality and Justice

Join Leader Dr. Anne Klaeyesen and Ethical Action Chair Joshua Adams on April 28 for a trip to Albany to promote equality and justice for the LGBT community.

NYSEC's Board of Trustees has approved cosponsorship of this event—Equality and Justice for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) New Yorkers and Our Families—with the Empire State Pride Agenda, a statewide civil rights and advocacy organization whose mission is to win equality and justice for LGBT New Yorkers and their families. Through education, organizing, and advocacy programs, Pride Agenda works toward creating a broadly diverse alliance of LGBT people and their allies in government, communities of faith, labor, all sectors of the workforce, and other social justice movements to achieve equality.

Equality and Justice Day is the one day of the year when hundreds of New Yorkers go to Albany to demonstrate the power of community and lobby our elected officials to pass three important bills in the Senate: marriage equality, the Gender Expression Non-Discrimination Act, and the Dignity for All Students Act. With an Assembly and a Governor now supporting these issues,

we must ensure that the State Senate takes up and passes these bills so that they can become law in 2009.

If you want to participate in this momentous event, please register at www.prideagenda.org. A bus will be leaving for Albany from the Upper West Side (time and exact location to be announced), so we will have an opportunity to bond with our neighbors on the trip.

Encampment Alumni Call

Dr. Anne Klaeyesen, Leader

Here's another reminder for Encampment for Citizenship alumni. The NY Society for Ethical Culture is hosting a long overdue reunion on Saturday, May 16, from 7:00 to 10:00 pm in Ceremonial Hall. We'll have drinks and light refreshments and a table on which to display your photos, scrapbooks, souvenirs, etc., so come by and catch up.

Check Facebook and MeetUp for invitations and RSVP to my attention at aklaeyesen@nysec.org, or 212-874-5210, ext. 118.

In Memory of Mona Roset

Amy Schwarz

Mona was a very vivacious, red-haired woman, whom I took for an actress upon meeting her in 1992 at NYSEC. She always had some extravagant, interesting remark to relate, and dressed elegantly in bright colors, outfits, and jewelry of her own fashion. With the onslaught of cancer and chemotherapy, beautiful scarves or turbans covered her head.

Mona phoned me often, at the beginning of her illness, and occasion-

ally afterwards, though not in recent years. My sister is a cancer survivor and I tried to impart wisdom learned and sympathy. It is a tribute to Mona's love of life that she fought the cancer, to survive so long.

A Memorial will be held for Mona on Sunday, April 26, at 2:00 pm in Ceremonial Hall.

Ethical Blast From the Past

Dr. Arthur Dobrin, Leader

A Humanist Code of Ethics

Do no harm to the earth, she is your mother. Being is more important than having. Never promote yourself at another's expense. Hold life sacred; treat it with reverence. Allow each person the dignity of his or her labor.

Open your home to the wayfarer. Be ready to receive your deepest dreams; Sometimes they are the speech of unblighted conscience.

Always make restitutions to the ones you have harmed.

Never think less of yourself than you are.

Never think that you are more than another.

Hudson Guild Celebrated

Valerie Leiman

Carrying on the vision of the Ethical Culture Movement and its founder, Dr. Felix Adler, in 1895 Dr. John Lovejoy Elliott founded the Hudson Guild Settlement House in Chelsea. It is now listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

On February 19 an exhibition and artist reception was held at the Hudson Guild Fulton Center's Art Gallery to honor Dr. Elliott. This celebration has been held annually for the past 50 years and is always well attended.

April 2009

Office hours for the month are: Monday-Friday, 9:00 am–6:00 pm
Shelter: Monday-Thursday, 7:30 pm

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Great Books: April 1–Adams, <i>The Education of Henry Adams</i> Plato, <i>The Republic</i></p> <p>ECRDG: (Ethical Culture Reading Discussion Group) April 8–Irene Nemirovsky, <i>Suite Française</i></p>			<p>1</p> <p>May 2009 Newsletter Deadline</p> <p>6:00 pm – Men's Group 7:00 pm – The People's Agenda 7:30 pm – Great Books</p>	<p>2</p> <p>12:00 pm – Leader Lunch Discussion 6:30 pm – Foundations of Ethical Culture</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7:00 pm – Ethics in Film</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9:30 am and 1:30 pm Supervised Visitation</p>
<p>5</p> <p>10:00 am – Singing Practice 10:30 am – Earth Rise 11:00 am – Ethics for Children 11:15 am – Morning Meeting 12:45 pm – Social Hour 1:45 pm – Nonviolent Communication</p>	<p>6</p> <p>6:30 pm – Board of Trustees</p>	<p>7</p> <p>6:00 pm – Socrates Café</p>	<p>8</p> <p>3:00 pm – ECRDG 7:00 pm – Prospective Members' Reception</p>	<p>9</p> <p>12:00 pm – Leader Lunch Discussion 6:30 pm – Foundations of Ethical Culture</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>No Supervised Visitation program today</p>
<p>12</p> <p>10:00 am – Colloquy 10:30 am – Earth Rise 11:00 am – Ethics for Children 11:15 am – Morning Meeting 12:45 pm – Social Hour 1:45 pm – PIC News Club</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>7:30 pm – Great Conversations II</p>	<p>16</p> <p>12:00 pm – Leader Lunch Discussion 6:30 pm – Foundations of Ethical Culture</p>	<p>17</p> <p>7:00 pm – Ethics and the Theater</p>	<p>18</p> <p>8:35 am – Spring Hike 9:30 am and 1:30 pm Supervised Visitation</p>
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<p>26</p> <p>10:30 am – Earth Rise 11:00 am – Ethics for Children 11:15 am – Morning Meeting 12:45 pm – Social Hour 2:00 pm – Memorial for Mona Roset</p>	<p>27</p> <p>6:30 pm – Monday Writing Workshop</p>	<p>28</p> <p>LGBT Justice Day – trip to Albany, NY (details to be announced)</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>12:00 pm – Leader Lunch Discussion 7:00 pm – Thursday Writing Workshop</p>	<p>Great Books: Great Conversation II April 15–Herman Melville, <i>Bartleby the Scrivener</i>: <i>A Story of Wall Street</i></p>	

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