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Sunday Morning Platform Meetings

11:15 AM—Ceremonial Hall
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December 6

The Parable of the Sea Turtle

Curt Collier, Leader

Bonnie Bean Presides

December 13

Ethical Culture and Human Rights

Dr. Joseph Chuman, Leader

Muriel Berger Presides

December 20—Winterfest

What Intelligent Life Is Made Of

Michael Bogdanffy-Kriegh

Dr. Anne Klaeysen Presides

December 27

Remembrance Sunday

Dr. Anne Klaeysen, Leader, and

Sharon Pope

December Happenings

On **Friday, Dec. 4**, at **7:30 pm** in Social Hall, the **Unforgotten Voices Creative Workshop** will present an evening of works by homeless (or formerly homeless) visual and performing artists. For information, call Judith Ginsburg at 646-496-6346. *(See page 5)*

Be sure to join with other NYSEC members in Ceremonial Hall on **Saturday, Dec. 5, 6:30 pm** at **Pledge Party 2010**. We'll have a great time as we celebrate the past year and look ahead to the future. *(See page 7)*

Leader Curt Collier will lead a seminar on **Children's Hearing Health** on **Sunday, Dec. 6** at **10:00 am**. Join us in Room 508. *(See page 4)*

President's Notes

Andra Miller



I had a lovely weekend upstate at Stony Point last month. It was the annual American Ethical Union Religious Education Fall Conference and Family Weekend, but at the same time we Society presidents had a two-hour meeting and spent some time in joint discussions with the AEU Board of Directors.

I wasn't the only one from our Society there—the Schultz family, Theresa, Steve and Brian, came for the RE event, as did our Sunday School teachers, Rita Chawla and Jamie Cid; Leader Dr. Anne Klaeysen; two Sunday school parents, Stacy Cheriff, with her daughter Drew; and Margarita Platkov, with sons Ben and Adam. Also there was the AEU administrator and our member Law'nence Miller, who—by the way—gave me a ride *to* on Friday afternoon and *fro* on Sunday after-

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From the Leader's Desk

Dr. Anne Klaeysen



Identification, not Indoctrination

When our children were very young, my husband wanted to know whether their attendance at the Brooklyn Society's Children's Sunday Assembly was having any impact on the way they identified themselves, so naturally he asked them what they thought they were. Andrew answered "Jewish" and Emily said, "Barbie." We retell this story not only to embarrass our children—which is always fun—but

to remind us of how fluid identity can be. Throughout our lives we think of ourselves in different ways, relate to different people and groups, play different roles. When the American Ethical Union Religious Education Committee asked me to give the Sunday

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President's Notes

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noon in a nifty Zipcar. Besides making sure all was in order, "L" did a great job MCing the kids' talent show Saturday night. What delightful kids and, of course, parents! Look for my report on what the Society presidents discussed in the January issue of *Ethical Outlook*.

Being the type of person who values words and insists on their being properly used, it bothers me that RE, "Religious Education," means here at Ethical Culture, "Sunday School." We grownups need religious education too, but at EC it's called "Adult Education." You bring your background to your perceptions, and in my background, adult education meant just about anything.

Anyway, we get religious education from our Foundations of Ethical Culture evening meetings—and because they are aimed at making us better at practicing our religion, it is imperative that every one of our members attends at least one of these series of four. In the past they were done only once or twice a year, but we are lucky that Anne is committed to our religious education, and schedules them more often.

We've also got a new series of seven classes in development, "The Light of Reason"—being worked on by lay leader Chris Everett, with advice and oversight from our Leaders. These

classes are to help people lead more ethical lives, and will not be limited to Society members. Chris, the Leaders, and I think that our goal is to raise people's awareness of ethics in general, not just at "Ethical." We also believe that in working through the course of seven classes, the participants are likely to find that they would like to receive additional good advice and community support and so will join our Society.

We all know that it is great to get new people and new perspectives as we work on our own version of the "Ethical Manifesto." For those of you who don't know what that is, come to an adult education class or ask a Leader, Chris, or me. (I actually gave a talk on it, "Unity and Diversity," in March of last year.)

As this issue goes to press before our Community Meeting on November 22, it doesn't contain a report on your ideas as requested for that meeting. I'll present those in our next *Ethical Outlook*. In the meantime, as discussed in my November column, how's your charisma?

Leader's Desk

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address on "Raising Ethical Culturists and Ethical Humanists" at its annual weekend conference in November, I again thought about the issue of identification. Is it enough for us to raise

moral children or do we also want them to identify themselves as members of an Ethical community?

I have visited several societies in the Ethical Movement and listened to members whose children have left the fold to become fundamentalist Christians and Orthodox Jews. These parents feel bereft, angry and utterly confused. How could this have happened? Where did they go wrong? First of all, if the primary goal of parenting is to raise good, independent people, they haven't necessarily gone "wrong." Their children have exercised their independence and probably lead good lives. They may still share some values but hold different beliefs and claim a different identity. Audrey Niffenegger, author of *The Time Traveler's Wife*, wrote "I was raised a Catholic, which is a good way to raise an atheist." I share her experience and wonder if Ethical Culture isn't inadvertently pushing children toward more theistic traditions.

One participant at the conference was a young man raised in the Brooklyn Society. I knew his parents; he had taught my children in Sunday School. Now he was a father of two and a member of the Westchester Society—certainly cause for a celebratory reunion. I asked Emil why he still identified as an Ethical Culturist. "I guess something must have stuck," he said. But he was concerned that the "core values" he learned growing up were less about ethics and more about doubt and ambiguity. Freethinking was emphasized over ethical behavior, encouraging a sense of "anything goes." I shared his concern and continued to think about identity.

Dale McGowan, editor and co-author of *Parenting Beyond Belief*, a best-selling book in nontheist communities, offered a day-long seminar at the conference. In his discussion of "Engaging in a Theistic World," he recommended teaching our children "religious literacy" to avoid the

"teen epiphany" of being "emotionally hijacked" by a faith community that offers comforting answers. What a concept! Ethical Culture curriculum has always included comparative religions study for children because we wanted them to understand creedal diversity. McGowan expanded upon our practice to give it an emotional, as well as an intellectual, component. We support our children's development of their independent worldviews, nurture their sense of self-worth, and engage them in the practice of goodness.

Anything *does not* go. Every thought can be entertained, every worldview explored; but ethics is our supreme concern. Our moral authority is conscience, well taught and practiced. Why raise our children as Ethical Culturists? Because Felix Adler created this religion of ethics for them: "We should teach our children nothing which they shall ever need to unlearn; we should strive to transmit to them the best possessions, the truest thoughts, the noblest sentiments of the age in which we live."

Our history of social justice provides them with a worthy narrative; our values and ideals provide ethical aspiration; and our communities can hold them tenderly and strongly throughout their lives.

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Note: The NY Society was well represented at the AEU Religious Education Conference and Family Weekend. In addition to Leader Dr. Anne Klaeysen, the following people attended: Society President Andra Miller; RE Director Rita Chawla, teachers Jamie Cid and Emily Newman, and three families—Stacy Cheriff with daughter Drew, Steven and Theresa Schultz with son Brian, and Margarite Platkos with sons Ben and Adam.

Sunday Morning Meetings

11:15 AM—Ceremonial Hall

Dec. 6—The Parable of the Sea Turtle
Curt Collier, Leader

With the change in global warming will come the disappearance of large numbers of species. However, haven't we been losing species since time immemorial? What does the loss of species really mean, and to what extent is it detrimental to ongoing life on this planet? Leader Curt Collier will discuss the future of species diversification on Earth, how the decline of species affects us, and what can be done now to counteract the harm of global warming. His talk will revolve around the Kemp Ridley sea turtle as an example of the changes already underway.

Dec. 13—Ethical Culture and Human Rights

Dr. Joseph Chuman, Leader

December 10 marks Human Rights Day, the 61st anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Dr. Chuman has long argued that there is no field of social change activism closer to Ethical Culture than human rights. This is so because both Ethical Culture and human rights identify dignity as their prevailing and guiding value.

But the relationship is closer and more concrete than that. Though human rights enforcement is a matter of law, that is, international law, much of its observance is reinforced by what is called "soft law," the work of private organizations in promoting values that support human rights. Ethical Culture is certainly among them.

Dec. 20—What Intelligent Life Is Made Of

Michael Bogdanffy-Kriegh

Aldous Huxley's *Brave New World*,
2001 *A Space Odyssey*, *Blade Run-*

ner, and Isaac Asimov's *I Robot* are just a few of the science fiction works that have pondered the implications of technological advancement for humanity. Michael Bogdanffy-Kriegh's talk will take us on a brief, "nonexpert" walk around the reality of alternative (artificial) intelligence and some other emerging technologies, making a few stops along the way to consider the meaning of life in a world of rapid technological advancement.

Michael is a member of NYSEC and a past president of the Board of Trustees. An architect for more than 25 years, he has worked on a diverse range of projects, including affordable housing and community and commercial facilities. Currently the lead architect for the Pratt Center for Community Development, he provides technical assistance to economically challenged and diverse communities. Michael has a keen interest in all aspects of sustainability and recently became LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certified. He helped build two community organizations, WEST and the Live-Work Coalition of New York, and served as Chair of the Land Use Committee of Community Board 1 in Brooklyn for two years. He also has published two papers on design concepts for architecture in off-planet environments.

Dec. 27—Remembrance Sunday

Dr. Anne Klaeysen, Leader, and Sharon Pope

All of us are touched by loss. So it is that, on this last Sunday in the year, we set aside time to look back before embarking on a new year to remember our dead, to honor those who have touched our lives so profoundly, and to immortalize them in the way we lead our own lives. We face tomorrow with hope made stronger by the lessons

we have learned and the love we have shared. Join Leader Dr. Anne Klaeysen and member Sharon Pope in this participatory platform service.

**Early Sunday
10 AM**

(Rooms subject to change)

Dec. 6—Singing Practice—All voices, big and small, are welcome. Led by Pat Debrovner and Jerry Ranck, we'll practice the songs we sing on Sunday mornings, and get some tips to improve our singing technique. It's always a lot of fun, so join us! Room 507.

Dec. 6—Life with Health: Children's Hearing Health. Leader Curt Collier will offer a parent-and-child seminar to provide information on topics including, among others, ear infections, risk of hearing loss, central auditory processing disorder, and the connection between good hearing and language development.

Curt is a board-certified audiologist with a master's degree in audiology who has taught at Texas Tech and Texas A&M University, and has been chief consulting audiologist at the House Ear Institute in Los Angeles. A question-and-answer period will follow this free seminar, which is sponsored by NYSEC's Life with Health Committee. Room 508.

Dec. 13—Colloquy: Becoming. Harriet Bigus presides. Room 408. Note: improvisations can be performed if desired.

Dec. 20—Singing Practice—Led by Pat Debrovner and Jerry Ranck. Room 507.

Dec. 20—Poetry Readings—Come, and bring along poems to read aloud as we listen and respond, sharing our thoughts and feelings. Cheryl Gross presides. Room 408.

Dec. 27—Ethics in the News—Mary Ellen Goodman presides. Room 408.

**Lunch Discussions
Thursdays, 12:00 Noon**

The world is very much with us, and we need to learn as much about it as we can to better understand our role in it. Bring your lunch and join Leader Dr. Anne Klaeysen in the Elliott Library, Room 507, in December for **Foreign Affairs, Part 2.**

Dec. 3—“The Revenge of Geography,” by Robert D. Kaplan, *Foreign Policy*, May/June 2009.

Dec. 10—“Thunder from Tibet,” by Robert Barnett, *The New York Review of Books*, 5/29/08.

Dec. 17—“The New Israeli Lobby” by James Traub, *The New York Times*, 9/13/09.

Dec. 24—Christmas Eve.

Dec. 31—New Year's Eve.

Folders with relevant articles are available from Sheleigah Grube in the Leaders' Office. Pick one up and join the discussion.

Our Ethical Family

Moe-Swe Myint

Please welcome new member **Renee Goodstein**, a psychologist working at St. Francis College in Brooklyn. Renee is a member of the American Psychological Association and the Society for the Exploration of Psychotherapy Integration. She has attended our Sunday Platforms and Leader Lunch Discussions. She is drawn to our community and our commitment to social justice.

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Dr. Ruth Cohen, who has been organizing the annual benefit concerts in

support of our Landmark Building's Stained Glass Window Fund, pulled off another great event in October. It was the 11th annual concert with wonderful contemporary music from **Peter DiZozza, Jon Liechty, Adam McHefey, Robyn Payne**, and other surprise guests. Those in attendance enjoyed food and drinks afterwards and had a chance to mingle with these very talented musicians.

Leader Curt Collier, along with an enthusiastic bunch of volunteers, hosted a "Halloween Haunting on 64th Street" on the last Friday and Saturday of October. They led historic candlelight tours of the Society building with a "ghostly twist." Everyone had an eerie good time with the ghost of Felix Adler looking on.

On Sunday November 2 and again on November 9, **Abe Markman**, NYSEC's representative to the New York State Paid Family Leave Coalition, distributed and collected postcards signed by members and guests urging City Council speaker Christine Quinn to make every effort to get the bill passed.

Members **Ruth Cohen, David Leiman, Valerie Leiman, and Pat Malkin** helped Project FIND celebrate its 40th year of serving dinner to seniors in our community on Thanksgiving Day at the Church of St. Paul the Apostle.

NYSEC's Social Service Board Directors elected **Valerie Leiman**, an active member of the Board for over twenty years, as Director Emeritus at its September meeting.

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When member **Sabine Rosenberg** wrote a memoir for her grandchildren a couple of years ago about her life in Holland during World War II under Nazi occupation and her escape, eventually reaching the United States, she didn't realize how much that piece of personal—and world—history would mean to them. That is, until she learned that her granddaughter Natalie,

a 21-year-old college student in Iowa, studying theater, was to appear in a production of *The Diary of Anne Frank* at the school.

Sabine; her daughter, Irene; and her son-in-law, Joe, flew to Iowa to see Natalie in the play, which was performed for four weekends in a theater in Iowa City. "Our generation... needs to learn how it happened so it can never, ever, ever happen again," Natalie said. She had dedicated her performance to her "*bonmama*."

"I had my doubts about undertaking such a big trip," Sabine said, "but I am so glad that I did it. I wouldn't have missed it for the world!" The full text of Sabine's article appears in the Writer's Space section of NYSEC's web site: www.nysec.org.

Ethics in Film— Sci-Fi

Andra Miller

The next film in our Friday night series on December 4 at 7:00 pm, is *The Brother from Another Planet* (1984), directed by John Sayles. This wry and insightful film is a comedy about a black man (Joe Morton) who escapes from slavery on another planet, crash lands on Ellis Island, and ends up in Harlem. Trailed by extraterrestrial bounty hunters, unable to speak, and assumed to be a homeless derelict, he nevertheless wins over the locals up and down the social stratum by his ability to fix people and machines with a touch. His story reveals the small triumphs of the city's poorer residents and the corruption and oppressiveness of those with power. Andra Miller will lead our discussion.

The suggested donation is \$5 (refreshments are included). For more information, contact Moe-Swe Myint at 212-874-5210, ext. 113.

Unforgotten Voices Creative Workshop

Dr. Maria Fridman

On Friday, December 4, from 8:00 to 10:30 pm, in Social Hall the Unforgotten Voices Creative Workshop, a collective of visual and performing artists will present a special evening of sharing poetry, song, music, and more.

There will be an "open mike" format, which will encourage all who wish to perform. For more information, or if you plan to bring a group call Judith at 646-496-6346. Admission is free; refreshments will be served.

Ethics and the Theater

Patricia Bruder Debrovner

On Wednesday evening, December 16, 7:00-9:00 pm, Ethics and the Theater will present *Next* by Terrence McNally. In this comic yet touching play, an obese 48-year-old smoker, Marion Cheever, is being examined for possible military duty by a female officer who orders him to completely strip. Marion shies away from being exposed physically, all the while gradually uncovering the sad details of his life. Although he wants desperately to avoid being drafted, he struggles to reconcile himself with being found psychologically unacceptable.

Join us at 6:30 pm in the Elliott Library, Room 507, for a wine and cheese reception before the play. Richard Van Deusen will direct our cast, which includes Curt Collier, Jamie Scott, and Carol Nadell Van Deusen. After the performance, we'll discuss the ethical issues raised in the play, led by Carol. Suggested donation: \$5.

The Joy of Personal Writing

Elaine Berman

Our upcoming two ten-week writing workshops, which I will lead, will start again in January. These classes are safe places to start writing, stay focused, and find encouragement as you learn or polish your skills. Both new and experienced writers are welcome. The Monday classes will meet from 6:30 to 8:30 pm, starting on January 18; the Thursday classes will meet from 7:00 to 9:00 pm, beginning on January 21. The course fee is \$190 for members and \$290 for nonmembers. For more information, or to register, call Gloria Chandler at 212-874-5210, ext. 117.

You can read essays by participants in our previous workshops at www.nysec.org. Click on the Table of Contents, scroll down, and enjoy.

Paid Sick Leave Achieves Majority

Abe Markman

Only after months of pressure from unions, women's groups, the Office of the Public Advocate, coalitions with which NYSEC is affiliated, and the 39 City Council members (forming a veto-proof majority) did the City Council leadership allow a hearing on the issue of paid sick leave to take place. It was held on November 17, and Society members attended.

That was almost a year to the day from the Breakfast/Forum on the subject sponsored by the former Public Issues Committee at which the movement to bring this benefit to the one million New Yorkers often forced to come to work sick was launched. We hope that by the time you read this, a

vote will have been allowed to reach the floor and paid sick leave will have become a benefit for all City workers.

Here is an excerpt from an article from the *NY Working Moms Examiner*. Note that the presence of Ethical Culture members was mentioned.

"In Union Square [October 20] A Better Balance, along with the NYC Paid Sick Days Coalition and the Working Families Party, joined Councilwoman Gale Brewer to kick off the launch of a subway poster ad campaign urging support for pending legislation introduced by Councilwoman Brewer. Members of the New York Society for Ethical Culture and 32BJ union joined in the event."

For the full article go to: <http://www.examiner.com/x-9243-NY-Working-Moms-Examiner>.

Stained Glass Windows Benefit

Dr. Ruth Cohen

On Sunday, October 25, Ceremonial Hall welcomed our guests for the 11th annual Benefit Concert for the Stained Glass Windows. Tables were decorated with long-stemmed roses, orchids, and large red flowering plants and refreshments were waiting for friends and family to enjoy as they met the artists at the close of the musical program.

Jon Liechty performed Azerbaijani dance music that was elegant and soulful, and transported us to another land and back to enjoy another selection. Adam McHeffey sang and played guitar, with Kirsten Paige as his vocal companion. Peter DiZozza, a producer-songwriter, narrated, played, and sang his own compositions, and we heard Zach Petoud sing, along with Kaitlin Bailey. Then we heard Peter in another group, accompanied by Greg Shindi on

the sitar; a most entrancing and innovative performance. After a brief intermission, we heard theater vocalist Robyn Payne, accompanied on piano by Mark Hartman. It was a most rousing finale to our unusual cabaret concert.

We send our sincerest thanks to our devoted supporters and fans, as well as to our dedicated staff, including our own "music man" David McCants, as Peter calls him.

Green Kitchen

Dr. Ruth Cohen

Thanks to our members' ongoing interest and support, the Green Kitchen Project's Dollar Day Drive has received more than \$400. That's a good start toward making our kitchen more environmentally friendly! We'll be starting a more formal Green Kitchen Initiative fundraising effort as soon as we can, and will be combining it with other fundraising efforts, with the aim of integrating the Demonstration Kitchen Project into the Initiative in a more formal way. We're looking forward to sharing your favorite recipes with everyone—for a Green Kitchen Cookbook.

Look for inserts and flyers in our programs and bulletins here at the Society as things get under way.

SSB Book Sale a Rousing Success

Helen Mecs

Thanks to the hard work and physical labor of the many volunteers who helped to sort, set up, sell, serve as cashiers, and clear the unsold books, SSB raised \$1,000 from its book sale and contributions and a deal with a vendor who bought the unsold books. Acknowledging their help makes me feel like an Oscar winner running

Butterfly Project

On Friday October 23 a brief ceremony was held at the Honor Wall in our building's lobby, where we presented a gift of artwork to Asst. Chief Mike Brennan, of the Department of Veterans Affairs for the New York Harbor Healthcare System (the Veteran's Hospital).

Those present were: Leader Dr. Anne Klaeysen, President Andra Miller, Executive Director Robert Liebeskind, Chair Dr. Ruth Cohen, Julie Blutstein, Sheila Kleinwald, Sheleigah Grube, Gloria Chandler, Yolanta Kosmaczewska, Law'nence (L) Miller, Katherine Archibald, Donna Pang, and guest Laura Guerra. *(Photo by Julie Blutstein)*



(L-R) Robert Liebeskind, Dr. Anne Klaeysen, Michael Brennan, and Dr. Ruth Cohen

SSB Book Sale

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through long lists of names in the allotted time. Here, without the "Oh my gods," tears, and anecdotes about third grade teachers, my warmest thanks go to the following: Bonnie Bean, Pat Berens, Julie Blutstein, Henry Bunch, Nick DeMarco, Maria Fridman, John Hwang, John Hyland, Lucile Kleiman, Henryka Komanska, Barbara Levenson, Pat Malkin, Hugh McGuire, Law'nence Miller, Alex Mogieleff, Eric Norlander, Donna Pang, Virginia Scherer, Amy Schwarz, Jamie Scott, Carol and

Richard Van Deusen, Eva Yachnes, and Judith Zisseron. Also, many thanks to our members who contributed books for the sale.

A very special thank you, also, to David McCants, Rodney Williams, and the rest of our wonderful maintenance crew, whose help from the very beginning was invaluable.

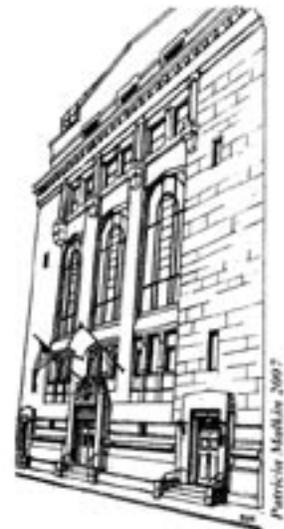
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December 2009

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Shelter: Monday-Thursday, 7:30 pm

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