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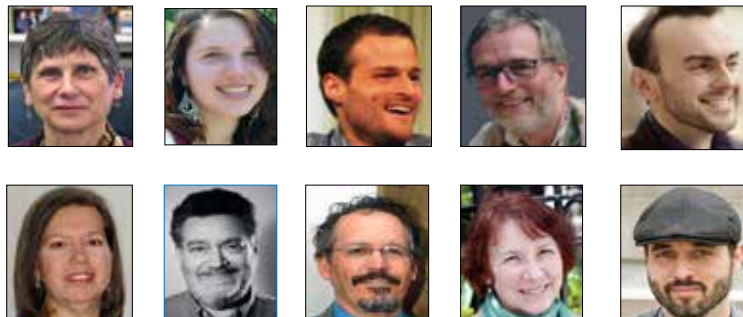
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Summer's Sunday Morning Speakers



Top row (L-R): Dr. Anne Klaeyen, Emily Newman, Paulo Ribeiro, Randy Best, and James Croft.

Bottom row (L-R): Jone Lewis, Dr. Robert Berson, Hugh Taft-Morales, Diane Kirschner, and Joe Reinhart.

Starting July 5, the New York Society will host ten weeks of speakers at the Sunday Morning Platform Meetings. Complete descriptions of the talks start on page 8. Please keep in mind that the summer Platforms start at 11:00 am.

NOT A MEMBER?

All the more reason to attend one of our Enrichment activities. Contributions for nonmembers are usually only \$5.

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Leader's Desk



DR . ANNE KLAEYSEN

Our Ethical Family

Every day when I enter our Meeting House, I'm welcomed by our staff. It's not a perfunctory greeting; it's a hearty and warm exchange. Often it's about the weather or what's happening in the building, but it's also personal because we are family. Years of working together will do that to people. And when we depart at the end of the day, we express our appreciation and wish one another safe trips home because we know that journeys can be precarious, and we care.

Too often our staff is invisible to visitors and even members. They are the stage hands behind the performance that is the NY Society. When things go wrong, we hear complaints; when they go right, too often there is silence. So this is a love letter to NYSEC's staff, several of whom I have known since I arrived here as an intern in 2001.

I came from the Brooklyn Society where members do almost everything, even the heavy lifting, so I rolled up my sleeves and went to work setting up chairs for

a meeting when David told me he would do it for me. Well, I couldn't just stand there watching him, so I helped him and we talked. We still talk. His father lives not too far from mine in western NY State and we both like to bake. We tease each other about who makes the better banana nut bread, and now Maggie has entered that competition.

Yolanta keeps everyone's plants alive and designs beautiful floral arrangements from Sunday's flowers and large green fronds. Leonardo's children visit me in my office, reminding me of all the times I helped my father in his repair shop. Yalitz loves a party and finds occasions for us to celebrate, pulling even the quietest among us into the action.

Deborah Foster is the quietest among us, and she has served NYSEC the longest (almost 26 years). At the end of June, she is leaving her position as administrative assistant. Our declining membership (fewer than 200 members) necessitated a restructuring of support staff and a reduction in force. The tasks she performed so well will be done by existing staff, and no replacement

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Ethical Enrichment and Events

Fun With Friedman's Fables

Join Leader Dr. Anne Klaeyesen and members as we study Edwin H. Friedman's acclaimed book, *Generation to Generation*, which applied concepts of family systems to congregations. The introduction session will be held on **SUNDAY, JULY 5, 1:00 PM**. The following sessions will be held on **TUESDAYS, JULY 7 and 28, 1:00 – 2:30 PM** and **6:30 – 8:00 PM**. (The afternoon sessions will be repeated in the evenings to accommodate different schedules.)

Friedman's collection of fables revives an ancient art form and offers fresh perspectives on familiar human foibles. In these playful, mischievous, and even absurd stories, he pushes at the emotional barriers that can prevent people from hearing each other. We will discuss four stories (to be provided at registration) at each session. Registration is required, so to register call Yalitza Garcia-Krawczyk at 212-874-5210, ext. 117.

The class is free to NYSEC members, and \$5 per session for guests.

Wisdom and World Affairs

Join us on the first and fourth **TUESDAYS, 6:00 – 8:00 PM**, in Room 508, for a philosophical discussion moderated by Ken Gans. We'll cover a variety of subjects includ-



ing the fate of humanity, world affairs, Humanism, and many others. Come, and let's hear from you.

There is no fee for this program.

Tai Chi

Do join us on **WEDNESDAYS, JULY 8, 15, 22, and 29; 5:00 – 6:00 PM**, in the Adler Study, Room 514, with moderator Rob Hofman. Learn fluid moves that will help improve your balance and strength. Wear comfortable clothes, no previous experience necessary. Fee includes all sessions. Registration is required, so to register call Yalitza Garcia-Krawczyk at 212-874-5210, ext. 117.

The class is \$40 to NYSEC members, and \$60 for guests.

Ethical Death Café

Join us on **SUNDAYS, JULY 14** and **AUGUST 9** from **1:30 PM to 3:30 PM**, and on **WEDNESDAYS, JULY 22**, and **AUGUST 26** from **2:30 PM to 4:30 PM**, in Ceremonial Hall. Our moderator is Rev. Dr. Barbara Simpson. She holds a doctorate in pastoral counseling and is the Bereavement Program Community Outreach Coordinator at Caring Hospice Services.

We'll gather in a relaxed and safe setting to discuss death, drink tea, and eat delicious cake. The objective is to increase awareness of death and help people make the most of their (finite) lives. Topics include health care proxies, ethical wills, and green burial.

The suggested donation is \$5.

SUNDAY SUMMER PLATFORMS

11:00 am Ceremonial Hall, Fourth Floor

JULY 5

Colloquy on Patriotism

Dr. Anne Klaeyesen, Leader
Andra Miller Presides

JULY 12

An Honest Examination Of Lying

Emily Newman
Dr. Anne Klaeyesen Presides

JULY 19

Building a Culture of Compassion

Paulo Ribeiro, Leader-in-Training
Richard Van Deusen Presides

JULY 26

An Ethical Humanist Philosophy

Randy Best, Leader
Dr. Anne Klaeyesen Presides

AUGUST 2

Champions of Dignity: Humanism in Ferguson and Beyond

James Croft
Dan Hanson Presides

AUGUST 9

Who Do You Think You Are

Jone Johnson Lewis, Leader
Tom Weishaar Presides

AUGUST 16

Play and Purpose or Exuberance and Ethics

Dr. Robert Berson, Leader
Richard Van Deusen Presides

AUGUST 23

The Tree of Knowledge: Celebrating the Roots of Humanism

Hugh Taft-Morales, Leader
Dr. Anne Klaeyesen Presides

AUGUST 30

Conflict as Opportunity

Diane Kirschner
Andra Miller Presides

SEPTEMBER 6

Worker Cooperatives

Joe Reinhart
Monica Weiss Presides

more Ethical Enrichment and Events...

Summer Writing Workshop

Elaine Berman

We're back! "The Joy of Personal Writing" summer course will start on **JULY 28** and continue through **AUGUST** for a total of five weeks, meeting on **TUESDAYS** from **12:30 PM** to

2:30 PM, in the Elliott Library, Room 507.

We have just completed ten years of these nonfiction writing classes and, as always, we welcome new people who bring fresh energy to the workshops.

Registration in advance is required, so call Yalitza Garcia-Krawczyk at 212-874-

5210, ext. 117, to sign up. If you'd like to read work by current and past workshop writers to see what we've been doing all this time, please look at www.nysec.org/workshop-writers-space.

Summer fees are \$100 for members and \$140 for nonmembers. ☺

Thursday Lunch Discussions Noon Elliott Library, Rm 507

Bring your lunch and join Leader Dr. Anne Klaeyesen and Society members from **12:00 NOON** to **1:30 PM**. This month's topic is: **MIXED ETHICAL BAG**. Folders with relevant articles will be available from Margaret Determann in the Membership office. You can now access all of the Leader Lunch readings on our website at <http://www.nysec.org/leader-lunch>. Come and join the discussion.

JULY 2

"CAN RACISM BE STOPPED IN THE THIRD GRADE?" by Lisa Miller, *New York Magazine*, 5/19/15.

JULY 9

"THE MASKED AVENGERS: HOW ANONYMOUS INCITED ONLINE VIGILANTISM FROM TUNISIA TO FERGUSON" by David Kushner, *The New Yorker*, 9/8/14.

JULY 16

"A LOSS FOR WORDS: CAN A DYING LANGUAGE BE SAVED?" by Judith Thurman, *The New Yorker*, 3/30/15.

JULY 23

"UNHAPPY DAYS FOR AMERICA" by Nicholas Lemann, *NY Review of Books*, 5/21/15.

JULY 30

"A DUMB JOB" by Frank Rich, *New York Magazine*, 4/6-19/15.

AUGUST 6

"TALES OF THE TRASH: A NEIGHBORHOOD GARBAGEMAN EXPLAINS MODERN EGYPT" by Peter Hessler, *The New Yorker*, 10/13/14.

AUGUST 13

"ANIMAL MAGNETISM" by Susan Orlean, *Smithsonian*, June 2015.

AUGUST 20

"REVELATIONS FROM OUTER SPACE" by Priyamvada Natarajan, *NY Review of Books*, 5/21/15 and "5,200 DAYS IN SPACE" by Charles Fishman, *The Atlantic*, Jan/Feb 2015.

AUGUST 27

"BIG DANGERS FOR THE NEXT ELECTION" (5/21/15) and "HOW MONEY RUNS OUR POLITICS" (6/4/15) by Elizabeth Drew, *NY Review of Books*.

Leader's Desk *(continued from page 2)*

will be hired. No one could ever replace Deborah, and we wish her well.

Besides member Selma Friedman, who for many years has copyedited the newsletter, few members knew, or even saw, Deborah. She sat at a computer screen both at the office and in her home in Delaware. I appreciated her willingness to learn new skills as the job and technology changed. She approached every challenge with grace and determination, displaying patience when others were frustrated, calm when they were anxious. Her constancy was a gift that we will long treasure. We will miss her

infectious giggle, delicious cookies, and the coolest collection of sneakers any long-distance commuter ever owned.

I could go on extolling the virtues and charms of our staff, but I invite you to find out for yourselves. Below is a list in alphabetical order of NYSEC's support and maintenance staff. Each has an important job and a remarkable story. They are dedicated to the members of this community, something they prove every day.

Jacob Adorno
Julius Bedminster

Anwar Bramble
Andrew Castang
Conroy Davidson
Maggie Determann
Beth Everett
Deborah Foster
Yolanta Kosmaczewska
Yalitza Garcia-Krawczyk
Mark Henry
David McCants
Angel Melendez
Darrell Morrison
Marie Orraca
Juan Villanueva

Executive Director Robert Liebeskind and Facilities Manager Leonardo Gibson join me in expressing our heartfelt gratitude to these wonderful people.☺

COORDINATORS/ GREETERS NEEDED

Amy Schwarz

From **JULY 5** through **SEPTEMBER 6** (10 Sundays), Ethical Culture meetings will be held the normal time at 11:00 am. It also is the "vacation time" when many will be taking long weekends, etc., including me. Thus, I am looking for people willing to replace me some (but not all) Sundays during that period. A schedule will be made around each volunteer's preference, and I will take on the rest. I am happy to go over the routine with anyone interested who has never done this before. Even to volunteer just one time is a big help.

The coordinator/greeter should arrive by **10:45 AM** to hand out programs and welcome each arrival. A volunteer is asked for from the attendees to assist with gathering the collection, the number of attendees in the audience is counted, and the donations collected are given to Maggie Determann, our Membership Coordinator.

To volunteer, phone me at home at: 212-666-5219, or email me at: schwarz@frick.org. Many thanks to everyone who volunteered all through the year!

Sunday Morning Summer Platform Meetings 11:00 am

JULY 5



COLLOQUY ON PATRIOTISM

Dr. Anne Klaeysen, Leader

Andra Miller Presides

The Fourth of July is a time for celebration. Parades, picnics, and fireworks abound. It's also an opportunity to reflect upon independence and freedom. What do those concepts mean in a country that still struggles with racism, misogyny, and inequality? How can we both love our homeland and dissent from its policies? Patriotism takes many forms. Together we will share our thoughts, feelings, and experiences.

The shared charity is Washington Heights Inwood Music Project (WHIN).

JULY 12



AN HONEST EXAMINATION OF LYING

Emily Newman

Dr. Anne Klaeysen Presides

Is lying ethical? We are surrounded by falsehoods, exaggerations, denial, and sarcasm that affect our judgment and shape our actions for better and worse. We must first learn what lies are, how they are used and viewed in society, and why we lie. Together, we will explore lying and try to find the truest, most honest answer.

Emily Newman is the Communications Coordinator of the American Ethical Union, Secretary of the National Ethical Service at the United Nations, and a member of the Future of Ethical Societies (FES). She grew up in the Brooklyn Society for Ethical Culture.

The shared charity is Future of Ethical Societies (FES).

JULY 19



BUILDING A CULTURE OF COMPASSION

Paulo Ribeiro, Leader-in-Training

Richard Van Deusen Presides

Why does it seem as though we've hit a plateau? While pockets of *de jure* prejudice continue to exist, most bigotry today manifests itself through individual actions that can't simply be legislated away. If we are to truly put racism, sexism, homophobia, and other forms of prejudice behind us, we will need a more holistic approach to tackle the myriad subtle problems that defy traditional forms of activism. If we are to move forward as a civilization, we must look to build an entirely new culture that places the worth, dignity, and well-being of each and every person at the center of public life.

Paulo Ribeiro is a Leader-in-Training with the American Ethical Union. He holds a BA in Sociology from Montclair State University and is cur-

rently enrolled in the Humanist Institute. He is a three-time recipient of the US President's Volunteer Service Award for his work with children's education and recreational programs.

The shared charity is Future Ethical Societies (FES).

JULY 26



AN ETHICAL HUMANIST PHILOSOPHY

Randy Best

Dr. Anne Klaeyesen Presides

My Ethical Humanist philosophy sustains me as I confront life's existential questions. Who am I? Why am I here? What should I do? Ethical Humanism provides me with a moral foundation and inspires me to promote the worth and dignity of others. Realizing that my own moral growth is achieved through relationships with others and working to provide everyone with opportunities to develop their full potential, I will share the building blocks of my Ethical Humanist philosophy and how it inspires me to find meaning and purpose in life.

Since 2008 Randy Best has served as the Leader of the Ethical Humanist Society of the Triangle. Randy received a BA from Grinnell College and an MA from Harvard University. He is also a graduate of the Humanist Institute, a certified mediator, and a pastoral counselor. Randy lives in Durham, North Carolina, with his wife Sarah Howe, a ceramic artist. They have four children, whom they have home-schooled. In addition to his work in Ethical Culture, Randy works at Duke University as the Administrative Director of the Physics Department.

The shared charity is WHIN Music Project.

AUGUST 2



CHAMPIONS OF DIGNITY: HUMANISM IN FERGUSON AND BEYOND

James Croft

Dan Hanson Presides

We have seen protests in Ferguson, New York, Madison, and Baltimore. Now, all across the country, when a person of color is killed by police, people take to the streets. In a time of social unrest and sometimes violent protest, how can we Ethical Humanists champion the dignity of all people? How can we challenge the racism in our society and in ourselves to uphold human worth?

The shared charity is the Trevor Project.

AUGUST 9



WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE

Jone Johnson Lewis, Leader

Tom Weishaar Presides

How we think of ourselves and how we live our beliefs influence what difference we can make in the world.

The shared charity is Global Kids.



PLAY AND PURPOSE OR EXUBERANCE AND ETHICS

Dr. Robert Berson, Leader

Richard Van Deusen Presides

Human beings play, as do so many of our fellow creatures on this earth we share. What *is* “play”? What makes us – and other animals – play? What is play *for*? And is there any relationship between play and ethics? It is not oxymoronic to take play seriously, as it is a universal human phenomenon – but at the same time, it can be fun!

Robert J. Berson, Ed.D., Ph.D., is Leader of the Ethical Society of Northern Westchester and a clinical psychologist with a practice in Manhattan. He is a graduate of the Children’s Sunday Assembly of the Riverdale-Yonkers Society for Ethical Culture and of the Ethical Culture Fieldston School. He graduated from Haverford College and earned graduate degrees from Harvard University, Bank Street College of Education, Teachers College, and the City University of New York. He taught in the Ethics Department at Fieldston, worked in the counseling services of several area colleges and universities, and now supervises graduate students in clinical and counseling psychology doctoral programs.

The shared charity is Camp Linden.



THE TREE OF KNOWLEDGE: CELEBRATING THE ROOTS OF HUMANISM

Hugh Taft-Morales, Leader

Dr. Anne Klaeyesen Presides

Humanist Spirituality – A growing number of people today describe themselves as spiritual, but not religious.” They yearn for *something more* than mundane experiences of everyday life, but without the trappings of dogma and bureaucracy. Hugh Taft-Morales explores ways Humanists could best approach the word “spiritual.” Is it a danger to reason because, as the founder of Ethical Culture, Felix Adler, said, it is often “a synonym of muddy thought and misty emotionalism”? Or can naturalistic forms of spirituality found in Spinoza, John Dewey, and Carl Sagan enliven Humanism today? How might Humanist spirituality help us make progress on, to quote David Brooks, the “road to character”?

Born and raised in Connecticut, Hugh Taft-Morales graduated from Yale University in 1979 and earned an MA in philosophy from the University of Kent at Canterbury. He taught philosophy and history for 25 years in Washington, DC, after which he transitioned into Ethical Culture leadership. He served on the Board of the Washington Ethical Society from 2002 to 2006, the last year as President. In April of 2009 he graduated from the Humanist Institute and was certified as an Ethical Culture Leader by the American Ethical Union in 2010. He currently is the Leader of the Ethical Humanist Society of Philadelphia and the Baltimore Ethical Society. He serves as Vice President of the National Leaders Council of the AEU and is editor of the AEU’s Ethical Action Report.

Hugh lives in Takoma Park, Maryland, with his wife, Maureen, a Latin America analyst for the Congressional Research Service. They have three children – Sean (28), Maya (22), and Justin (19). Hugh’s hobbies include yoga, singing, playing guitar, and “watching way too much sports.”

The shared charity is Camp Linden.

**Diane Kirschner***Andra Miller Presides*

What attitudes do you hold toward conflict? Does conflict stimulate feelings of discomfort or is it energizing? How does your conception of conflict shape your relationships with others and yourself? What valuable opportunities might conflict present? Join us for an exploration of what new possibilities for learning and connection might open up when we challenge our beliefs around conflict.

Diane Kirschner was introduced to Ethical Culture at age 11. She is a graduate of the Brooklyn Society's Sunday school and has held many positions at that Society as an adult member, including Board President, presider, and ceremonies officiant. In 1968, Diane attended the AEU's Encampment for Citizenship, a program designed to give young adults an experience in democratic living. She worked as an administrator in the AEU office, and has been on staff of its Lay Leadership summer school since 2008. Her study and practice of nonviolent communication, as developed by Marshall B. Rosenberg and adapted by subsequent trainers, began in 2004 and is ongoing.

The shared charity is United for a Better Life.

**Joe Reinhart***Monica Weiss Presides*

A worker cooperative is a values-driven business that puts worker and community benefit at the core of its purpose. Interest in worker cooperatives and cooperative development is growing. Though we don't yet have comprehensive data on the nature and scope of worker cooperatives in the U.S., researchers and practitioners estimate that there are 300-400 democratic workplaces in the United States, employing around 7,000 people and generating over \$400 million in annual revenues. The number of worker cooperatives has grown steadily over the past 20 years, and is made up of both well-established businesses and new, growing ones, increasingly including some businesses that have been sold to their employees by their owners. Joe, a longtime social justice and environmental activist, and guests will share their experiences with us.

Joe Reinhart is a cooperative developer and advocate for undermining economic inequality through shared ownership. He is a former worker-owner at Firestorm Café and Books in Asheville, North Carolina, and an instructor at Appalachian State University. He recently left his position as Director of Cooperative Development at the Democracy at Work Institute, where he helped guide and support the coalition that garnered NYC's groundbreaking \$1.2 million dollar investment in worker cooperatives. Prior to his time as a cooperative worker-owner, he completed a Master's degree in Industrial Technology at Appalachian State University, with a focus on small-scale technologies that empower communities and protect the environment.

The shared charity is Center for Family Life In Sunset Park – Cooperative Development Division.

SUMMER SHARED CHARITIES

WASHINGTON HEIGHTS AND INWOOD MUSIC PROJECT (WHIN) works to strengthen Washington Heights and Inwood communities by providing music instruction as a vehicle for personal and social development for children and youth.

FUTURE OF ETHICAL SOCIETIES (FES) is a community of young Ethical Culturists/Ethical Humanists across the country that connects online, through local gatherings, on various service projects, and during national conferences. Established in 2004 as an affiliate of the AEU, FES maintains and builds ties with the Ethical Culture Movement despite time and geographical constraints.

THE TREVOR PROJECT, founded in 1998 by the creators of the Academy Award-winning short film *Trevor*, The Trevor Project is the leading national organization providing crisis intervention and suicide prevention services to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning (LGBTQ) young people ages 13-24.

GLOBAL KIDS, INC., the premier nonprofit educational organization for global learning and youth development, works to ensure that youth from underserved areas have the knowledge, skills, experiences and values they need to succeed in school, participate effectively in the democratic process, and achieve leadership in their communities and on the global stage.

CAMP LINDEN provides a camp experience for underserved inner city children and youth that promotes appreciation of the natural world, acknowledges the intrinsic worth of all human beings, and encourages campers to develop self-reliance and integrity. It offers an opportunity for members of the Society to carry out our commitment to ethical action by supporting Camp Linden through volunteer efforts and financial contributions.

UNITED FOR A BETTER LIFE (UPAVIM) aims to empower the women of our community, giving them an opportunity to improve the quality of life, for themselves and for their families. We pursue this mission by giving them access to education, employment opportunities, daycare services for their children, health care services, and programs for personal and professional development.

CENTER FOR FAMILY LIFE IN SUNSET PARK — COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT DIVISION — SCO Family Services helps vulnerable New Yorkers build a strong foundation for the future. We get young children off to a good start, launch youth into adulthood, stabilize and strengthen families, and unlock potential for children and adults with special needs. SCO has provided vital human services throughout New York City and Long Island for more than 100 years.

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Memorial Wall

In 2008, the Board of Trustees approved the creation of a Memorial Wall in our building to provide an opportunity for members to memorialize family and friends. Thanks to Ruth Cohen and Sheila Kleinwald, the Memorial Wall was created. It is located at the east wall of our building's first floor lobby. To date, only six plaques hang on the wall.

The Board would like all our members to be aware of the Memorial Wall and this opportunity to remember a loved one by having a plaque mounted on the wall in return for a donation to the Society of \$5,000 or more.

If you are interested in having a plaque created and mounted, please contact Robert Liebeskind, Executive Director. He will be happy to work with you in creating the wording for the plaque. In the meantime, please take a look and think of anyone you would like to have remembered. ☺



More Reasons To Be A NYSEC Member

SANDI SACKS, NYSEC Member

Ethical Culture means different things to different people...to some, it is a philosophy, a movement, a society, a religion, or a complementary religion. To others, it is an advocacy group, a community, a school for lifelong learning, a second home, or a congregation at which to celebrate transitions, seasons, and life!

For many, the attraction to Ethical Culture is that it can be all of the above or just one – there are no mandated doctrines, deity, or dogma that one must adhere to. Rather, it promotes ethical and moral development, ethical action and critical thinking. Foremost, Ethical Culture celebrates the goodness and diversity of individuals, and since 1876 has worked to create a more just, loving, and sustainable world.



The following members are celebrating birthdays in July:

- LARRY HURST.....7/1
- SHAUN CARSON SYLVESTER-
WILLIAMS.....7/4
- AMY SCHWARZ.....7/5
- JOSEPH FASHING.....7/8
- BEVERLY NEWMAN.....7/10
- DEBRA CURTIS-GREEN..7/12
- CHARLES DEBROVNER..7/12
- SHEILA KLEINWALD.....7/21
- JUDITH GRAEFF.....7/22
- WILLIAM KULOK.....7/24
- JANICE BUZBY.....7/25
- JANIS BASS.....7/26
- ROBERT HOFMAN.....7/26
- KATHLEEN O'CONNELL..7/26
- MONICA WEISS.....7/26
- FLORENCE FALK-DICKLER.7/27

The following members are celebrating birthdays in August:

- SUSAN NEEDLES.....8/3
- JANET ASIMOV.....8/6
- DAVID LEE.....8/6
- NICOLA DEMARCO.....8/7
- JOHN LOVELADY.....8/11
- ELIZABETH SINGER.....8/11
- LISA SMITH.....8/11
- JOHN KREUTTNER.....8/12
- PHYLLIS HARRISON-ROSS....
8/14
- CAROL VAN DEUSEN...8/19
- LILY FRIEDMAN.....8/20
- DAVID LEIMAN.....8/27
- SONDRA STEIN.....8/29
- JANE UNGAR.....8/29

Our Ethical Family



MARGARET DETERMANN,
Assistant to the Leaders for
Membership Development

Please welcome the newest member of our Ethical family, **LOUISE D'AMATO**. Louise is a retired elementary school teacher (now a real estate agent with Douglas Elliman), who learned about the New York Society after moving, literally, across the street in February of this year. Louise is drawn to NYSEC in part because of our “Deed above Creed” philosophy and by her desire to connect with like-minded individuals. As a member, she would like to get more involved with the Ethical Action Committee.

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Congratulations to members Beth Zucker and Chris Everett, our very own Ethical love story. They were married here at the New York Society on May 23 by Dr. Anne Klaeyesen. Best wishes for a long and happy life

together, Beth and Chris!

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We would like to alert everyone about our Fall Ethical Retreat Weekend. It will take place on September 25 through 27. The venue remains the same. We want to remind you that to reserve a room a deposit of \$100 is required and rooms are “first-come, first-served”! (See our flyer on page 15.)

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Gratitude and Tribute

At this year’s dinner to thank and honor the dedicated volunteers of the Women’s Shelter, we also paid tribute to its founder, Dr. Maria Feliz Fridman, and to Stuart Salles, an attorney who for many years has worked pro bono for the Society.



Shelter Volunteer Dinner



(L-R) Dr. Anne Klaeyen, Leader; Robert Liebeskind, Executive Director of NYSEC; Stuart Salles, attorney; and Dr. Phyllis Harrison-Ross, Social Service Board Chair, at the dinner honoring our Women's Shelter Volunteers.

JULY AND AUGUST 2015 CALENDARS

SUNDAY MORNING PLATFORMS

11:00 am — Ceremonial Hall, 4th floor

MINDFULNESS SUNDAYS

July 5, and August 2, 9:30 am – 11:00 am
Elliott Library, Room 507

BAGELS AND COFFEE

Sundays, 10:00 am
Ceremonial Hall, 4th floor

ETHICS FOR CHILDREN

Sundays, July 12 – August 2, 11:00 am
Adler Study, Room 514

COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, July 5, 11:00 am
School Rooftop

URBAN ROOFTOP CAMPING NIGHT

Saturday, July 25, 6:00 pm
School Rooftop
with

FAMILY POTLUCK

Saturday, July 25, 7:00 pm
Ceremonial Hall, 4th floor

LUNCH DISCUSSIONS

Thursdays, 12:00 pm
Elliott Library, Room 507

EMPOWERING ETHICAL ELDERS (EEE)

Thursdays, July 2, 16, August 6 and 20, 6:00 pm
Elliott Library, Room 507

SOCIETY OFFICES CLOSED

Friday, July 3, observance of
Independence Day

FRIEDMAN'S FABLES, INTRODUCTION

Sunday, July 5, 1:00 pm
Adler Study, Room 514
and

FRIEDMAN'S FABLES

Tuesdays, 1:00 pm and 6:30 pm
Adler Study, Room 514

WISDOM AND WORLD AFFAIRS

Tuesdays, July 7, 28, August 4 and 25, 6:00 pm
Room 508

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Wednesdays, July 8, 15, 22 and 29, 5:00 pm
Adler Study, Room 514

ETHICAL DEATH CAFE

Sundays, July 12, and August 2, 1:30 pm
Wednesday, July 22, and August 26, 2:30 pm
Ceremonial Hall, 4th floor

GREAT BOOKS READING DISCUSSION

Wednesdays, July 15, and August 5, 7:30 pm
Elliott Library, Room 507

COWSPIRACY — THE SUSTAINABILITY SECRET

Friday, July 17, 6:00pm - 9:00pm
Ceremonial Hall, 4th floor

SUMMER WRITING CLASS

Tuesdays, July 28 – August 25, 12:30 pm
Elliott Library, Room 507

SUNDAY ASSEMBLY

Sunday, August 2, 1:00 pm
Ceremonial Hall, 4th floor

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