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January Happenings

January 8, 6:30–8:30 pm, “Humanist Perspective on the Bible II.”

Anne Klaeyesen presents a sequel to her acclaimed course. Details on page 3.

January 16, 7:00–9:00 pm, join us for a reception to honor our retiring Membership Coordinator, Ben Bean. See page 8 for details.

January 23, 6:30 pm, Richard Bruno will return to present the acclaimed film, *On the Waterfront*. Details are on page 8.

Advance Alert! February 1, 11:30 am, Dr. Paul Krugman, Princeton

University Professor, will give our Sunday Address. His subject: “The Present National Crisis and America’s Future.” See page 7 for details.

From The Leader’s Desk



Dr. Khoren Arisian

This Crazy World and Our Place In It

Whether you have an event on a boat is irrelevant—Tom DeLay’s communications director (12/3/03)

Many are the days when I awaken and sleepily turn on both WNYC radio and an international TV news station like the BBC (I need a double dose of early morning “shock and awe” to bring me up short), only to be amazed once more at what a wild and peculiar world this has become, or is otherwise represented to be. Low-intensity warfare, for instance, has become high-intensity slaughter: common fare these days. Meanwhile, we have an Administration in Washington like no other in our history, one that takes a half-Calvinist/half-Hobbesian view of the human condition and proclaims that we are up against inveterate evil—strange bogey men are everywhere—and

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Sunday Morning Meetings

11:30 am—Auditorium

January 4—To Make One’s Life An Argument: Why Albert Schweitzer Still Matters

Dr. Khoren Arisian, Senior Leader

One of the truly great and original individuals of modern times, not just of the 20th century, was Albert Schweitzer who, because of the astonishing breadth of his humanistic interests and activities, has largely fallen both from widespread public awareness and professional regard in a world in which minute specialization is the revered academic norm. He was at once a philosopher, theologian, physician, and musician whose artistry as an organist was highly respected. Resolved to become a doctor, he began his medical studies at 30, setting sail for Lambarene, Gabon in French Equatorial Africa in 1913. His life work as a renowned humanitarian thus began with the establishment of medical facilities, which in time became extensive and through whose doors more than 100,000

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*Bring a
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on
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Ethical Culture: Who We Are

From “The Basis and Obligations of Ethical Fellowship”
 by Percival Chubb, Assistant Leader, November 1909

Thanks to Dr. Marc A. Bernstein, Archivist

The Ethical Movement is based on the belief that the good life is the supreme object of human endeavor, and that mutual help and combined effort are needed to attain that object.

Its bond of fellowship is the desire,—nay the imperious sense of man’s sacred duty,—to realize this good life; to be continually confirmed and aided in practical devotion to it; and to see more clearly and widely wherein such a life, in all its personal and social requirements, consists.

The significance of such a bond may be appreciated by comparing it with that which ordinarily bonds men in sectarian religious association. The latter involves an agreement to think alike upon certain disputable problems as to the ultimate meaning of human life and man’s relation to the world in which he lives. On the other hand, this bond of ethical fellowship is based on the common recognition and pursuit of a duty, binding upon us all, of living according to conscience and knowledge. In other words, whereas in the one case *intellectual* assent and self-committal are required, in the other, *moral* assent and self-committal are called for. In the one case, a man’s thinking is compromised; in the other his good will is pledged....

It follows from this necessity of putting no fetters on the mind in its effort to work out satisfactory conclusions as to the meaning of man and of human life that no such fetters should be imposed in the more definite field of ethical science and opinion. Ethical dogmatism is as indefensible as philosophical or theological dogmatism. We must recognize that in this ethical field also there is great diversity of opinion among the learned and wise, both as to the philosophical basis of ethics itself and as to the practical implications and demands of those moral axioms which are generally accepted among civilized people.

A Humanist Perspective on the Bible II

Thursdays, January 8, 15, 22, 6:30-8:30 pm

Presenter: Anne Klaeysen

Leader, Ethical Humanist Society of Long Island

January 8 - Exodus: Over the last few years, archaeological studies have challenged the veracity of the story of Exodus in the Hebrew Bible. What is the truth? If it turns out to be a “different reality,” does this change the profound impact the story of Exodus has had upon a people? We will explore the ways in which religious narrative develops and how it can be used today, historical accuracy notwithstanding, to help us better understand human nature.

January 15 - Prophetic Vision: While we have come to think of a prophet as someone who predicts the future, this is but one aspect of the prophetic vision. The prophets of the Hebrew Bible are said to have been chosen by god to convey a message or teaching. They were role models who set the standards for the entire community and earned their title by witnessing the world around them with outstanding passion. Abraham Joshua Heschel calls them “some of the most disturbing people who have ever lived.” We will examine this vision and wonder together about contemporary prophets and messages.

January 22 - The Gnostic Gospels: In December 1945, two Egyptian fellahin, digging for natural fertilizer in the Nile River valley, unearthed a sealed storage jar. The jar proved to hold treasure of an unexpected sort: a collection of some fifty-two ancient manuscripts, most of which reflect the teachings of a mystical religious movement we call Gnosticism that grew to prominence in the 2nd century A.D. Ultimately denounced as heretical by the early church, Gnosticism proposed a revealed knowledge of god (“gnosis” meaning “knowledge” in Greek), held as a secret tradition of the apostles. We will discuss the ways in which Christianity might have developed had these texts not been banned, with particular emphasis on the Gospels of Thomas and Mary Magdalene, who was considered by the apostle John as the founder of Christianity, long before Paul had his vision on the road to Damascus.

This new course will take place at the New York Society for Ethical Culture.

Tuition is \$20 for members, \$25 for non-members.

To register, call the Leader’s office at 212-874-5210.

Ethical Culture Lay Leadership Summer School

July 24-31, 2004

Spend a week in the glorious Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina honing your Ethical leadership skills. This is an opportunity for present and emerging lay leaders.

Are you an active participant in our Ethical Society? Do you hope to assume an important responsibility in the life of the Society – trustee, committee chair, officer? Would you like to deepen your commitment to living Ethical Culture in your daily life?

In a beautiful setting, with an extraordinary faculty, your days will be spent building an authentic Ethical community and learning how to help transform our Society into such a community. You will learn about the history, ideas, and development of the Ethical Movement and how to communicate about them to others within and outside of the Movement – all this while experiencing the essence of Ethical community. You will leave with the understanding, knowledge, and skills essential to playing a critical role in our Society's present and future development.

Each day, there will be time for recreation and enjoyment of the superb mountain surroundings. Healthful and delicious meals will be enjoyed daily. Your days will be strenuous and rewarding.

The specially chosen faculty will include Curt Collier, Leader of the Riverdale-Yonkers Society, John Hartman, AEU Executive Director, Matthew Hile, Psychologist, Jone Johnson Lewis, Leader of the Northern Virginia Society, Kate Lovelady, 2004-05 Leader Intern at our Society, Joy McConnell, AEU Leader and former Director, Growth & Development and Religious Education, and Linda Napoli, Director of Religious Education.

The cost will range from \$950 to \$1150, and some scholarships are available.

Brochures and application forms are available on the AEU website at www.aeu.org/news.htm and in the AEU office (2 West 64th Street, 4th floor).

Your application must be approved by our Board of Trustees, so send your application to Society President Michael Bogdanffy-Kriegh.

Leader's Desk

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that the USA is nonetheless winning the war on terror, so we Americans had better be alert and on guard, muffle any urge to dissent, and be grateful for the inadequate "homeland security" that God's politically chosen have put in place for our safety and comfort.

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After all, says the President, in effect, isn't it better that our military forces are holding off Al Qaeda recruits in far-off inhospitable lands rather than in Brooklyn Heights, Beacon Hill, or Boca Raton? What more need be said?

On December 1, 2003, my eyes fell upon an article on the front page of the *Times*, which said that a 2,240-passenger luxury liner, the Norwegian Dawn, which boasts 15 decks replete with posh bars, lounges, views and waterfalls, staterooms and other amenities worthy of a discerning and wealthy clientele—Republican members of Congress, their friends, etc.,—would be able to stay together securely in place at a pier on the Hudson River when the Party's Convention arrives at New York City on August 30, 2004. The commander-in-chief of this sanitized enterprise was House majority leader, the redoubtable Tom DeLay, to whom many fearsome and unflattering epithets have been applied. One

might suppose that Gotham represents a somehow unwholesome venue for visiting dignitaries. Be that as it may, circa 12/1/03 a startling fact remained: the GOP had confidently chosen to present its case for an indefinite "era of dominance" in the very heart of its enemy—New York City!

Are we in never-never land—or what? How do we know whether we're winning a war when our troops are at risk

of death every day? If we accept the disorienting premise of war without end, how can we ever claim we're winning or admit we're losing? Does it make any difference which it is, if war is conceived to be perpetual? Meanwhile the Democrats keep trying to figure out what's going on while the Republicans simply go about their business with an arrogant dispatch that effectively conceals their deep-seated, albeit well-disguised fears that are the real driving force and fuel of their astounding political success to date. An Administration, so to speak, that claims total powers of eminent domain and sovereign immunity from lawsuits is arrogating absolute rights to itself, as if this were its divine destiny. Sorry fellas, we're all finite, no exceptions allowed; in a democracy there's no room for absolute privileges or powers.

Imagine my relief upon learning on December 3 that Texas Representative Tom DeLay decided that arranging for

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a luxury cruise line as a floating entertainment center for Congress members, contributors, and lobbyists during the Republican National Convention might not have been such a good idea after all; that the whole notion was inducing elitist self-consciousness, guffaws from Democrats, and, on balance, stretching political credulity too far. Hence communications director Stuart Roy's explanation: "[Mr. DeLay]

will stand and fight on principle for things...that matter. Whether you have an event on a boat is irrelevant." The *Times* report, from which the above

platform address, "The Attack on the Enlightenment," or have not yet read it, please call the office for a copy. It will thrill you.

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quotations are drawn, was delightfully tongue-in-cheek. This entire ludicrous episode was a welcome respite, an amusing distraction from the world's present turmoil and inanities.

An eminent historian has recently commented that perhaps Western civilization's greatest gift to humanity is the belief that we humans can live significantly and well with uncertainty. If this is a gift, not everyone in the world recognizes it as such! Indeed, might not a good many of today's neo-fascist tendencies, the sheer barbarism that has erupted all over the globe, the eager return to superstition and supernaturalism in religion, in short—the sheer scope of spiritual revanchism—be seen as a rebuke to the uncertainty that resides at the center of our modern age and its postmodernist outgrowths as well? I suspect as much.

All of this suggests the magnitude of the challenge facing those of us who remain unapologetically committed to the spirit of modernity (not necessarily all its manifestations) and the Enlightenment period that jump-started it in both Western Europe and 18th century colonial America. We in Ethical Culture are among its heirs. If you're not convinced of this truth, and either didn't hear Joe Chuman's splendid

So gird your loins, good friends, as we enter the new year. Be kind to one another and yourself and, above all, maintain a genuine sense of humor no matter what. This is our only trip, so

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we may as well enjoy the ride with all its bumps and obstacles. Affectionate regards to all.

Sunday Morning Meetings

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patients would pass. "Reverence for life," of course, is the phrase that Schweitzer famously coined to describe a universal concept of ethics. He held that such an ethics had the capacity to reconcile egoism and altruism via equal regard for the lives of all other beings.

Today some of his kind of teaching is independently echoed by the Dalai Lama and Hans Kung. Schweitzer revered people and nature, going so far as to relocate a new building to save a single tree. He carried his whole philosophy into the life of his hospital and into literally every nook and cranny of human and animal existence. As humanists we can capture the possibility of reverence without naming it. Naming things often creates more problems than it solves. We'll look into this remarkable human being's life, work, and influence and why he matters so much to us today.

January 11 – The Bush

Phenomenon: Facing the Facts

Rabbi Sherwin T. Wine

Sherwin Wine, Rabbi and chief founder of the Birmingham Temple in suburban Detroit, the first congregation of Humanistic Judaism, "officially" retired last summer at the ripe young age of 75. Retirement for Sherwin, however, is a euphemism. He still serves as leader-at-large of what is now a worldwide movement of Secular Humanistic Jews. As a rabbi emeritus, Sherwin is relieved of day-to-day involvement with the Temple, which is now under the direction of two younger colleagues whom he helped cultivate as his successors. Sherwin's office is still located in Birmingham Temple, but in an adjoining wing where he is Dean of the Institute for Humanistic Judaism. Additionally he has a separate career as a public lecturer in the Detroit area at the Center for New Thinking that he also founded.

Rabbi Wine is as ethically exercised as any American about the present political course of our country. There's no question, says Sherwin, that President G.W. Bush is probably the most

controversial, if not most troubling, occupant of the Oval Office in American history. “People are rarely indifferent to him,” Rabbi Wine observes, often either praising or reviling him for

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his policies. Sherwin, therefore, wants to raise with us the broadest of concerns—namely, what might be G.W.’s future, and what might be the future of the United States under his continued leadership (with Karl Rove at his side)? This consideration will also be placed in the context of the ongoing war in

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Iraq and the endless conflict between Israelis and Palestinians. Needless to elaborate, this will be a banner Sunday. Bring your friends!

January 18—Martin Luther King, Paul Robeson, and the Prophetic Pulpit

Dr. Khoren Arisian, Senior Leader

Given the strange new world in which we have had to live since 9/11, the King and Robeson legacies bear more relevance and inspiration for us than ever. In a sense, this presentation is something of a sequel to our observance of the 40th anniversary of JFK’s assassination; 2003 also marked the 35th anniversary of the killing of Martin Luther King, uncannily enough. Upon hearing of JFK’s brutal death in 1963, King experienced a presentiment that he himself would probably die the same way—which is exactly what happened on April 4, 1968. In 1977 the House Select Committee undertook parallel investigations into the deaths of both King and Kennedy, timidly concluding that there was the likelihood of a conspiracy. In life the combined public impact of these two powerfully influential men would begin to make for an ultimately more

open and democratic society from which the first Southerner since the Civil War, Jimmy Carter, would win the Presidency in 1976.

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January 25—What’s Meaning Got to Do With It? Nature’s Ebb and Flow From My Humanist Perspective

Michael Bogdanffy-Kriegh

This address will be an expansion of the author’s December newsletter article.

February 1—The Present National Crisis and America’s Future

Dr. Paul Krugman

In light of the growing national disquiet over the state of the American economy and the nation’s ballooning deficits (a topic amply covered in Paul Krugman’s recently published book, *The Great Unraveling: Losing Our Way in the New Century*), it’s a great pleasure and a signal service to the New York community and to our own Society to feature this distinguished professor of economics and international affairs at Princeton University at our Sunday meeting. Paul Krugman’s twice-weekly columns in *The New York Times*—the first regular column



devoted to economics, business and finance – are lucid and usually pack a considerable punch of alarm and insight. A recent article in the *Washington Monthly* called Professor Krugman, who is not only a superb teacher but an appealing and accessible personality as well, “the most important political columnist in America.” Krugman has served as a consultant to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, the World Bank, and the International

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Monetary Fund, as well as several foreign countries. He does not hesitate to ruffle feathers, calling President Bush “an incessant liar bent on destroying America’s safety net,” and, in a splendid *New Yorker* article (9/15/03), calls the President a “front man for a radical conservative movement that is intent on...further enriching the corporate establishment.” Assessments like these are often criticized as inflammatory when in fact they almost always turn out to be accurate. Truth-telling can burn, after all!

From the Social Service Board

David Leiman

More than 100 Society members and friends attended a benefit dinner hosted by the Social Service Board at the Society on November 1. The event

honored Frank Prescod for his unstinting service to the Ethical Culture Society and his wide-ranging involvement in the welfare of others.

There were many expressions of appreciation of Frank as a splendid exemplar of ethical humanism from old friends, family members, and members of our Society. The dinner was a wonderful occasion for the warmth of feeling generated. Such feelings kept bubbling up from Society members in the days following. It was also an occasion for supporting the Social Service Board’s Scholarship Project. We netted more than \$1,000, about enough for tuition for a child at the East Harlem School at Exodus House.

Our thanks to all for your response.

Ethical Action Committee: Save the Dates!

Carol Rost and Christine Swann
Co-Chairs

DNA Testing Fund. We are planning another Book Sale to add to our fund for DNA testing for prisoners on Death Row. The sale will be held on Sunday, March 7. Please save books to donate.

Women’s Reproductive Rights. We are organizing a group to join the Save Women’s Lives: March for Freedom of Choice Rally in defense of Reproductive Rights, scheduled for April 25 in Washington, D.C. To learn more, go to the National Organization for Women’s website at www.now.org/nnt/fall-2003/march.html. Please let us know if you are interested.

Voter Registration. We are in an election year. As a religion we cannot formally endorse a candidate. However, Voter Registration is a key citizenship activity. We will begin to work on this

soon—by adding our efforts to those of other groups working on the issue. Please join us in this effort.

To contact us, please e-mail EthicalCulture@NYSEC.org with “Attention Ethical Action Committee” in the subject line or check in with Carol Rost or Christine Swann.

Reception Honoring Membership Coordinator

Barbara Levenson

Join us on Friday, January 16, from 7:00-9:00 pm at a reception honoring our retiring Membership Coordinator, Ben Bean. This



will be an opportunity for all of us to express our appreciation to Ben for the wonderful job he has done over the years. Ben won’t be going far, however. He has assured us that while we’re losing a membership coordinator we’re gaining a dedicated volunteer!

Film Forum Benefit

David and Valerie Leiman

Join us Friday, January 23 at 6:30 pm to welcome the return of Richard Bruno, who will present *On the Waterfront* (selected by our membership survey). “American Masterpiece Or Manipulative Justification for Naming Names?” A benefit for the Ethical Culture Social Service Board Scholarship Project. At the screening, we will raffle a copy of *The New Biographical Dictionary of Film* (2003). Admission for all is \$10.00. Raffle tickets are \$2.00. Ceremonial Hall, 4th floor.

Alternative Giving Future Giving Today – Charitable Reminder Trusts

John M. Kreuttner, Treasurer

This is the first of a series of articles on alternative giving methods.

Over the years members have been asked periodically to remember the Society in their wills. Fortunately, many have complied and given us significant income in some years.

There is another way to help the Society in the future with immediate benefits to you in the present—a Charitable Remainder Trust. We ask that you give it serious consideration.

What is a Charitable Remainder Trust? It is legally known as a split-interest trust. What this means is that the income interest and the remainder interest of the trust belong to different parties. This provides the key reasons an individual chooses to establish a charitable remainder trust: 1) personal financial benefits and 2) personal philanthropic motivations. Written to comply with federal tax law and regulations, the charitable remainder trust is an irrevocable trust for the life or lives of the grantor(s). The trust redirects money destined to pay taxes into the Society.

There are numerous immediate financial benefits to the donor. These include providing an immediate cash flow in terms of a yearly income, an immediate charitable deduction, the ability to avoid capital gains on appreciated assets, possibly diversify a concentrated investment, and help reduce estate taxes.

How does this work? You transfer appreciated assets and/or cash to an irrevocable trust that names the Soci-

ety as beneficiary. You will receive an immediate charitable deduction equal to the present value of the charity's remainder interest (this might be in the range of 20% to 50% of your transfer). The trustee will then sell the securities at full market value and reinvest the proceeds in income-producing assets that grow tax-free. Because the assets are in the trust when they are sold, there is no capital gains tax. You will then receive a lifetime income from the trust. When you (or the last lifetime beneficiary) die, the remainder of the trust goes to the Society.

How much income do you get? This depends on your age and whether there are other beneficiaries of the trust. There are two options available to determine the income flow when the trust is set up and they are described below.

The first is a Charitable Remainder Annuity Trust (CRAT). This type pays annually, usually in quarterly installments, a fixed annuity amount. Investment performance does not affect the income payments. You cannot make additional contributions to a CRAT.

The second option is a Charitable Remainder Unitrust (CRUT). A CRUT provides annual payments equal to a fixed percentage of the trust's assets that are revalued each year. If the assets grow, the payment will increase and, conversely, if the value of the assets declines, the payment will be reduced.

Either one of these trusts requires that at least 5% of the assets are paid to you each year. You can generally choose an income stream of 5-10% of the trusts assets.

*Happy ☺ New
Year!*

Our Ethical Family

Ben Bean and Members

New Member:

Dennis McKeivitt first read of the Society in a book entitled, *You Must Remember This*. Dennis is a physician in internal medicine at the Brooklyn Hospital, and has been attending Sunday Meetings and evening lectures. He finds our ideas compatible with his own.

News about Members

Pat Berens is home resting from an illness.

Maria Fridman, Society trustee, was featured in the recent newsletter of the Partnership for the Homeless. Maria, coordinator of our shelter for homeless women, has been active in the shelter since its inception two decades ago.

Anne Gwynn is home from the hospital recuperating.

Phyllis Harrison-Ross was the recipient of the Solomon Carter Fuller Award. This award is intended to honor an individual who has pioneered in an area that has significantly benefited the quality of life for Black people. The awardee is asked to give a lecture on the subject of his/her choice during the American Psychiatric Association's annual meeting.

News of Our Extended Ethical Family

Walter Lawton, a well known and loved Ethical Culture Leader, died of a heart attack on November 20. He was 88 years old and a member of the Bergen Society. During more than four decades of leadership, Walter served the Chicago, Northern Westchester, Queens, and Westchester Societies. We offer our sympathy to his wife Edith, his children Rick, Elizabeth, and Bill, and his grandchildren.

Make the Occasion Memorable
New York Society for Ethical Culture
A Landmark Facility - A Superb Location
Central Park West at 64th Street

Make our newly renovated auditorium the setting for your special occasion. This spacious, comfortable chamber has fixed graduated seating, hand-covered oak paneling, Tiffany stained-glass windows, superb acoustics, anteroom, Steinway concert grand, and public address system.

- Seating for 800 people
- Stage 27 feet by 47 feet
- Monday through Thursday, \$3,000 for up to 6 hours
- Friday through Sunday and Holidays \$3,500 for up to 6 hours
- Steinway B (Hamburg) \$160
- Reception area and box office available

Our beautiful Ceremonial Hall with adjacent open patio overlooks Central Park West. It has mullioned stained-glass windows and high-beamed ceiling.

- Seating for 150 people in theater style
- Monday through Sunday, \$1,100 for up to 4 hours
- Steinway A Grand, \$175

A commodious Social Hall with adjacent industrial kitchen will fill many needs from parties to meetings to performances.

- Seating for 285 in theater style
- Monday through Thursday, \$1,100 for up to 6 hours
- Friday through Sunday and Holidays, \$1,300 for up to 6 hours
- Industrial Kitchen used in conjunction with Social Hall, \$350
- Steinway A Grand, \$175

A selection of smaller rooms is available at prices ranging from \$175 to \$525. Capacity up to 60 people. Upright piano available in some.

Call Leslie Doyle at 212-874-5210, ext. 144 or e-mail ldoyle@nysec.org for information, including pricing details and arrangements for rehearsals of events at another venue.

January 2004

(Office hours for the month: 9:00 am – 6:00 pm)

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				1 New Year's Society Offices Closed 7:30 pm – Shelter	2 Society Offices Closed	3 No Supervised Visitation Today
				Great Books January 7 – Kant, First Principles of Morals Flaubert, A Simple Heart ECRA: (Ethical Culture Retirement Activities) January 14 – Margaret Atwood, Surfacing Politics, Leadership, and Justice January 21 – William Shakespeare, Julius Caesar		
4 10:15 am – Leaders' Writings 11:00 am – Ethics for Children 11:30 am – Morning Meeting 12:45 pm – Cafeteria 1:30 pm – Ethics in the News	5 February 2004 Newsletter Deadline 6:00 pm – Board of Trustees 7:30 pm – Shelter	6 6:00 pm – Program Committee 7:30 pm – Shelter	7 6:00 pm – Men's Group 7:30 pm – Shelter 7:30 pm – Great Books	8 6:30 pm – A Humanist Perspective on the Bible II 7:30 pm – Shelter	9	10 9:30 am & 1:30 pm Supervised Visitation
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