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Sunday Morning Platform Meetings 11:15 AM

June 6—Ceremonial Hall

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Muriel Berger Presides

June 13—Ceremonial Hall

Ethical Culture As More Than a Religion

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June Happenings

Learn how **New York City's Community Boards** work and how you can educate them about the Society's mission and activities on **Sunday, June 13, 1:30–2:30 pm** and **Tuesday, June 15, 12:30–1:30 pm**, and **6:30–7:30 pm**. Sharon Pope will present workshops to get you started. Adler Study, Room 514. (See page 5)

On **Monday, June 21, 7:30 pm** in the Auditorium NYSEC will present a performance of *Titanic* in Concert. The evening, a benefit for the NY Society, will include a pre-performance discussion. There's also a separate post-show VIP reception in Ceremonial Hall. (See page 6)

President's Notes

Andra Miller



I have to start by saying, as I've already said many times, our day of *Justice for Juveniles—A Call to Ethical Action!* was an astounding success. I had thought I would not spend the whole day at this 9:00 am-to-4:00 pm event, but it was so exciting and so energizing that I couldn't tear myself away. For those of you who missed it, you missed a terrific experience. See the photos and story on page 8.

We've had our first Board meeting with our new Board member, Vincent Navarro, and he has fit right in. We are glad to add his insight and wisdom to

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From the Leader's Desk

Dr. Anne Klaeysen



A Woman of Grace

She approached me at lunch during the Justice for Juveniles Conference on April 24 with tears in her eyes and asked if she could gather the handouts that would be distributed in the afternoon sessions because she was unable to stay. She and her husband had to leave to catch a bus to visit their son, the youngest of six children, at Spofford (recently renamed Bridges) Juvenile Center in the Bronx.

All morning she had listened to speakers recounting the atrocities committed in youth detention centers—staff responding to minor incidents with excessive force, resulting in serious injuries to the inmates—and now she was on her way to visit the worst of these.

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AEU's 95th Assembly
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Sunday, June 20

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President's Notes

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our deliberations—which, at the May meeting, were mostly about hiring a consultant to help us develop a comprehensive program to draw in new members, and keep them.

Also discussed at the May meeting was the establishment of a new Nominating Committee for the Board elections at the Membership Meeting of 2011. Taking the chairmanship is Robert Berger, so see Bob if you're interested in running for—and of course serving on—the Board. Also serving on the committee are Vince, and Janice Buzby, who made this Board meeting her first outing to the Society since her ankle-and-knee operation back on April 7. The committee must have five members, so there will be two more members added. They will hold an open meeting soon to get your recommendations on procedure and potential candidates.

Other news from the Board meeting: there may be a student group willing to work on decorating our lobby as a school project for the community. Meg Chapman (architect), Sheila Kleinwald (interior designer), and Julie Blutstein (our communications/fundraising staff

member) all have volunteered to work with the group. We look forward to a lobby that reflects the history and the present of our Society.

We've got some committee chair shifting: the Fundraising Committee is now chaired by Bob, the Building Committee by Tom Weishaar, and the Sunday Program Committee by Meg and Monica Weiss. Our thanks to the prior committee chairs, Heather Grady (Fundraising) and Bob, again (Building) for their exemplary service. The Sunday Program Committee was previously without a chair.

There is always a committee that could use another member, especially the Membership Cultivation Committee. See me or call me if you'd like to be of service, be more involved in your Society, and have more fun! My number is 212-627-3944.

Leader's Desk

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All morning she had heard about the financial and human waste in the juvenile justice system—\$240,000 per incarcerated child per year with a recidivism rate of 89 percent, while

funds to keep youth out of detention are being slashed—and now she wept for her son’s future.

All morning she was confronted with blatant racism—African-Americans and Latinos make up less than a third of the city’s youth population and more than 90 percent of its confined youth—and now she was thanking me, a white woman of privilege, for hosting an event that gave her only a glimmer of hope.

I wondered how she could be so gracious. Throughout the process of preparing for this conference, I experienced persistent outrage born out of moral incredulity. Professionals in the field have long been aware of the violations to children’s rights endemic to the juvenile justice system. If no longer outraged, they were also not hardened, and seemed relieved to share the burden of their knowledge with others. Perhaps there was hope, after all, if so many people came to spend a Saturday together in an effort to find a better way to serve our children in trouble.

We will meet again, this coalition of individuals and organizations, on Wednesday, July 21, at the NY Society to delve deeper into the problems that beset this broken system and to target our efforts in support of alternatives to incarceration, programs to keep at-risk youth engaged in creative activities, and protection for youth in detention centers. Join us at this important meeting and bring others with you. Be prepared to take a stand and make a difference.

You can start now by signing a petition at www.petitiononline.com/215K4BED to close Spofford/Bridges. If the city’s community-based alternatives to detention for youth were used

correctly, the city would not need to operate three juvenile detention complexes now. It is time for the city to honor its longstanding commitment to close this troubled youth jail and to consolidate its secure detention population within the two new facilities—Horizons and Crossroads.

My work moving forward now has someone to inspire it—a gracious woman who loves her son and wants him back home with his family.

Sunday Morning Meetings

June 6—[marriage is so gay][™]

Dr. Anne Klaeysen, Leader

The title of this platform address is the wording on a T-shirt sold by the Human Rights Campaign to promote its work at the state and federal levels to achieve marriage equality. At its core, marriage equality is simply about making the day-to-day lives of same-sex couples and their families manageable and secure. All families deserve the ability to protect themselves with basic legal rights and safeguards such as Social Security, health insurance, and unquestioned hospital visitation. Join Leader Dr. Anne Klaeysen to learn more about this important human rights issue. Ceremonial Hall.

June 13—Ethical Culture As More Than a Religion

Hugh Taft-Morales, Leader

A confirmed secularist for most of his life, Hugh Taft-Morales now calls Ethical Culture his religion. He

does so, however, while simultaneously advocating that Ethical Culture is more than a religion. “The genius of Felix Adler, founder of the movement, was in placing ethical commitment to the worth of all people above any religious or philosophical characteristics. While Ethical Culture has a humanist religious hearth that offers warm religious inspiration to many, those not ‘religiously minded’ are not required to gather round the fire.” In ethical relationships and deed—independent of any religious claim—is where Ethical Culture lives.

Hugh Taft-Morales is an Ethical Culture Leader and graduate of the Humanist Institute. Hugh served on the Board of the Washington Ethical Society from 2002 to 2006, the last year as President. He was on the American Ethical Union planning committee for two years and served as cocordinator for the AEU Presidents Council for one year. Hugh taught philosophy and history for twenty-five years in Washington, DC. In 1986 he earned a Masters in Philosophy from the University of Kent at Canterbury, England. He graduated from Yale University in 1979. He lives in Takoma Park with his wife, Maureen, a Latin American analyst for the Congressional Research Service. They have three children—Sean (21), who is serving as FES representative to the AEU Board; Maya (16); and Justin (13). Ceremonial Hall.

June 20—Is Gay Pride No Longer Proud?

Curt Collier, Leader

Gay liberation is not only good for the individual, but out of the unique

life experience of gay liberation arise moral insights that can profoundly benefit the world. Yet despite the amazing accomplishments and strength of gay people, the Gay Pride movement seems to be losing its voice.

A revitalization of gay pride is needed—one in which even straight people can participate. Ceremonial Hall.

June 27—Hope, Humanism, and an Open Future

Dr. Joseph Chuman, Leader

A component of almost all religions is that they provide their adherents with a sense of hope. What about humanism and Ethical Culture?

Where can we look to sustain us with a hope that suggests that the future will be better than the past has been? I will sketch three principles that can point the way. Ceremonial Hall.

**Early Sunday
10 AM** (Except as noted)
(Rooms subject to change)

June 6—Parenting Issues. 10:30 am. Dr. Anne Klaeyen presides. Room 514.

June 13—Colloquy—Emancipation. Virginia Arnold presides. Room 408.

June 20—Poetry Readings. Slip a poem into your pocket and join us for our last readings of the season. Cheryl Gross presides. Room 408.

June 20—Chorus 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 a lot of fun, so please join us! Ceremonial Hall.

June 27—Chorus Practice—Led by Pat Debrovner and Jerry Ranck. Ceremonial Hall.

**Sunday Afternoon
1:45 PM** (Except as noted)

June 13—Become a NYSEC 10-Minute Activist. 1:30 pm. Sharon Pope presides. Room 514. (See page 5 for more information.)

June 27—Ethics in the News. Mary Ellen Goodman presides. Room 508.

Needed: Summer Volunteers

Amy Schwarz

Hi, I'm our coordinator/greeter on most Sundays, but I'll be "off-duty" during the summer Sunday Platform meetings. We'll need a substitute for those 10 weeks, from July 4 through Labor Day. The meetings, in Ceremonial Hall, begin at 10:30 am, and the coordinator will arrive no later than 10:15 am to hand out programs, count the attendees, and gather the collection with a volunteer "greeter" from the audience, and give the money to Moe-Swe Myint.

This person will have been a greeter before, and be willing to review the responsibilities with me. If five people volunteer, then each would only have to do this twice. If a regular attendee volunteers, you can do this as many times as you feel comfortable. If there is a problem, let me know in advance and I'll try to come in. Working full-time, I need these summer weekends to visit family and friends. You can contact me at *schwarz@frick.org*; home phone: 212-666-5219; work: 212-547-0659. I look forward to hearing from you. Many thanks.

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

Bring your lunch and join Leader Dr. Anne Klaeyen in the Elliott Library, Room 507, from 12:00 noon to 1:30 pm, for a series of talks on **Domestic Affairs, Part 2.** We'll be discussing terrorism, economics, politics, and racism.

June 3—"Terrorism in the Big Apple"—various articles.

June 10—"Building a Green Economy" by Paul Krugman, *NY Times Magazine*, 4/5/10.

June 17—"Race in the South in the Age of Obama" by Nicholas Dawidoff, *NY Times Magazine*, 2/28/10.

June 24—Tea Party Movement—various articles.

Folders with relevant articles will be available from Sheleigh Grube in the Leaders' Office. Please come and join the discussion.

Our Ethical Family

Moe-Swe Myint

Please welcome our newest members: **Gail Appelbaum, Paula Marie Claycomb, and Richard Van Horn.**

Gail is a retired psychoanalyst. She learned of the Society through her friends Carole and Jerry Chamlin. She has taken our Joy of Personal Writing classes and attended lectures at the Society over the years, and is drawn to our humanistic ideas and educational programs. Gail is interested in art and writing.

Paula is a Senior Advisor, Communication for Development, at the UN Children's Fund (UNICEF), with training in media/press work in dealing

with international disasters and community involvement. Paula has known about the Society for years, but her son's commitment ceremony in 2004, officiated by member Patricia Bruder Debrovner, renewed her interest in the Society. She also belongs to Amnesty International, USA.

Richard came to know the Society through his participation in our book discussion groups and by attending cosponsored events. His interests are tennis and foreign affairs. Richard is also a member of the Center for Inquiry—New York.

On Sunday, May 2, members turned out in force for our Annual Membership Meeting and voted for Bob Berger, Meg Chapman, Heather Grady, and Vincent Navarro (the only nonincumbent) as Trustees of the Society. Thanks to members Pat Berens, Ruth Cohen, Phyllis Kreuttner, and Richard Van Deusen for serving as Inspectors of Election and staff members Deborah Foster and Gloria Chandler for all the preliminary preparations. Because of your work and help this very vital democratic process went without a hitch.

Board member Sheila Kleinwald would like to remind all members that she and her crew would welcome your suggestions about Sunday Brunch. You can drop off your suggestions at the brunch ticket table.

Curt Collier Recognized for "Green" Efforts

Andra Miller

Our Sunday School kids, guided by Leader Curt Collier, planted flowers in

the curbside areas outside our building several weekends ago. They look great. Take a look!

Curt has been receiving much well-deserved recognition for his "green" efforts recently. The City of Yonkers awarded him a "Greenie" award for Environmental Ministry, noting his work at the New York Society and in Westchester County. He was also given a Certificate of Recognition by State Senator Andrew Stewart Cousins. A recent item in *Scholastic* magazine featured the Groundwork Science Barge, a floating farm on the Hudson River for which Curt is program director. The City Council of Manchester asked Curt to address them on May 10 and advise them on sustainable urban agriculture. The Council hopes to replicate the Science Barge in its community.

In addition, the United Way of Westchester County and the Benedict Andrus Foundation asked Curt to speak at the Community for All Ages Conference in Phoenix on using community gardens to engage people of all ages. Curt's Green Team recently won a \$25,000 award for "Educational Enhancements for Youth" from New York Life. In addition, his Green Team was selected by the National Park Service to attend its teacher training program in New Hampshire. The Green Team was chosen to serve as the model for a teacher-student organization.

Through a Groundwork program that Curt directs, 17 men and one woman learned basic landscaping. They will now begin phase II of their instruction, a six-week stone masonry program Curt helped to develop at the Franklyn Delano Roosevelt home in Hyde Park.

Oil Slick Emergency Activism—Partnering with Groundwork New Orleans and Louisiana EPA partners, Curt will be organizing a clean-up effort in early fall. We'll provide more information as the situation develops.

Ethics in Film: Sci-Fi

Andra Miller

On Friday, June 4, join other science fiction lovers to see *Wall-E*, the film that asks the question, "Can a robot designed to clean up the mess humans left of the earth rescue the humans from the evil designs of Buy 'n Large, the megacorporation in charge?" Come and see this multi-award-winning (Oscar, Hugo, Golden Globe, Time) Pixar and people movie. Afterward, participate in the lively "ethical" discussion led by Joan Klips.

The film will be shown at 7:00 pm (doors open at 6:30 pm). The suggested donation is \$5, which includes refreshments (popcorn, soft drinks, and pizza +\$3). For more information, contact Moe-Swe Myint at 212-874-5210, ext. 113.

Got 10 Minutes? Get Active!

Sharon Pope

You are invited to learn how you can become a NYSEC 10-Minute Activist and help to make our community and city better places to live and work.

I'll be presenting workshops about New York City's Community Boards and how you can communicate the

Society's mission and activities during the public session at monthly board meetings in *your* neighborhood. I'm a long-time member of Manhattan Community Board 8 (Upper East Side) and chairperson of its Housing Committee.

At each workshop I'll highlight a brief history of Community Boards, typical Community Board members and their responsibilities, and information that NYSEC members can convey during the public session at Community Board meetings.

To accommodate diverse schedules, three workshops will be offered: on Sunday, June 13, 1:30–2:30 pm; and on Tuesday, June 15, 12:30–1:30 pm and 6:30–7:30 pm, in the Adler Study, Room 514. Each session lasts one hour and after that, your time commitment is just 10 minutes once a month or every other month!

Ethics and the Theater

Patricia Bruder Debrovner

On Wednesday evening, June 16, from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm, Ethics and the Theater will present *Autumn Quartet*, a new play by Emily Jon Mitchell. In the autumn of life, four old friends come together in a seaside resort hotel room to discover they must test anew the boundaries of friendship and love. The exploration of their memories probes the meaning of life and death. While mindful of a shared past, they come to understand and cope with the necessity of change. Two variations on the performance of this short one-act play will reveal different perspectives on the feelings and emotions lying beneath the surface of these relationships.

Please join us at 6:30 pm for a wine and cheese reception before the play, and stay afterward to participate in a discussion of the ethical issues it raises, led by Carol Van Deusen.

Richard Van Deusen will direct the cast, which includes Abraham Alvarez, Patricia Bruder Debrovner, Steve Elmore, and Sue Ellen Mandell. Pat Berens will narrate. The suggested donation is \$5. Elliott Library, Room 507.

Titanic in Concert: A Benefit

On Monday, June 21, at 7:30 pm, the Tony-winning Broadway musical *Titanic* will return to New York for one night only featuring some of its original stars. The show will be presented in concert format in the Auditorium as a benefit for NYSEC, with ticket prices ranging from \$15 to \$20. Tickets for the concert include a pre-performance discussion of the ethical issues explored in the show. Tickets for the post-show VIP wine and desert reception in Ceremonial Hall range from \$50 to \$75 and are available at <http://tinyurl.com/sec-titanic>.

All proceeds will benefit the New York Society for Ethical Culture in celebration of the 2010 Building Centennial. For more information, call 212-874-5210, ext. 144.

No Excuses Salsa Lessons

Sharon Pope

Learn to shine on the dance floor to the rhythms of hot Latin beats! Join us

for two nights of salsa lessons, Wednesday, June 23, and Friday, June 25, 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm, in Social Hall.

You don't have to worry about your two (or is that three?) left feet because you'll be in great hands with salsa instructor Nilsa De La Luz, who has extensive experience, including teaching dancing to the blind. It's affordably priced—\$30 for both classes or \$20 per class, low commitment, and a lot of fun. You can register online at: <http://noexcusesalsalessons.eventbrite.com> or pay at the door. No partner is necessary and all ages, from 18 to 98, are welcome!

For more information contact Sheleigah Grube, sgrube@nysec.org or 212-874-5210, ext. 118.

Green Kitchen

Dr. Ruth Cohen

I'm happy to provide an update on progress and activities regarding our planned "green kitchen."

The Building Committee has had several inspections and assessments conducted by engineers, who have informed us that in order for the kitchen to become operable, we need to replace the existing vent/exhaust/duct pipe. The capital cost for this would range between \$100,000 and \$300,000. There are ways in which we will phase in the repairs to this existing duct so that we can schedule the expenditures. However, the expense is very great, as you see. We are considering holding a capital expenditure fundraising event to raise money for the work in the coming year.

We are very pleased to know about your continuing interest in our Corner Kitchen Cookbook! Many of you have

been asking about it, and deadlines for sending in recipes have been extended. We are looking for your specialties, dishes for celebrations, seasonal best sellers, new combinations, eating cold cuisine, and so on. Please write any comments that you would like to add about “going green” (as you realize, the concept wasn’t a working idea for recipes until recently). Please keep those recipes coming in to Sheleigah Grube in the Leaders’ Office.

If you would like to join some other volunteers for the Chef’s Council, which will meet about the format of the book, please let Sheleigah know. Lucile Kleiman has volunteered to work with us, as well as Alex Mogieleff, who has sent us some recipes. We will call a meeting for this purpose, probably after the summer, so do contact Sheleigah.

We are also in talks about how to recycle the metal cans and bottles we use weekly at our lunches. At this time we do not have a volunteer system to walk the 10–30 cans per week to the recycling station at the supermarket. Any ideas!?

Rallying for Paid Sick Leave

Abe Markman

On May 11, at a rally and hearing at City Hall, Nancy Ambruster, Hugh McGuire, Ken Gans, and I, from the New York Society for Ethical Culture, and Bill Antalics, from the Lower East Side Call for Justice, held NYSEC’s banner high.

I felt really good when I learned that the breakfast/forum that the Public

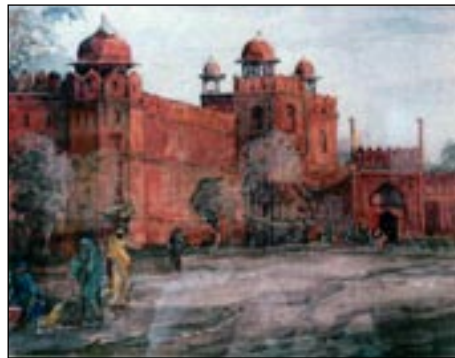
Butterfly Project

Dr. Ruth Cohen

We’re happy to “flap our wings” a bit and let you know that the Butterfly Project, a social action project of NYSEC, has been given two additional artworks—watercolors, matted, framed and fronted in glass. We will also receive digital photographs of them for our records.

As with earlier art purchased with funds donated to the Butterfly Project, these pictures will be donated to a local healthcare facility, to be selected by our committee, to help the patients there in their healing process.

Thank you all for your continuing interest and sponsorship of this project. We will keep you informed of other upcoming Butterfly Project benefit activities. We are considering another fundraising event, possibly in August. For more information, or to join our committee, call me at 212-860-4096. Happy Summer!



Red Fort, Delhi, India. John Drummond (British) 19 1/2”x22”, water color, 2009. Valued at \$1,500



River Pavilion, Lucknow, India. John Drummond (British) 19 1/2”x22”, water color, 2009. Valued at \$1,500

Issues Committee (PIC) held in November, 2008, on paid sick leave did have some success, after all. A key provision in the bill originated at our forum. It came from Chuck Hunt, of the Restaurant Association, a panel member.

At the hearing, representatives of the business community were a little more forthcoming and several Council members seemed receptive to some of the points they made. So, it looks like progress was made on this issue.

I left a written statement that was based on my thirty years of supervising and running social service agen-

cies. In it, I described how very seldom workers misused paid sick leave.



(L-R) Society member Ken Gans; Bill Antalics, from the Lower East Side Call for Justice; Society members, Abe Markman, Hugh McGuire, and Nancy Ambruster. (Photo by Ken Gans)

Justice for Juveniles—A Call to Ethical Action!

Andra Miller

The biggest event in this year of happenings was held on April 24—Justice for Juveniles: A Call to Ethical Action! It was a free conference, and a dozen nonprofit juvenile and family service agencies were involved in the planning and production of the event.

Over 180 people attended. There were two speeches, an award presented to a social activist, a panel discussion, free lunch for all, five afternoon discussion sessions with note-takers, and a final regathering (by now we were 80 participants) to hear the outcome of the discussions and to be energized by the Executive Director of the New York Correctional Association. From the events of the day a manifesto will be completed to continue our advocacy for fair and caring concerns for all juveniles both in and out of incarceration, and a meeting in July is planned to continue the dialogue and foster continued action.

Participants' responses were enthusiastically positive, and comments like "only at Ethical Culture" and "I felt our agency's work was sort of 'all alone,' so it is so inspiring to know how many others are working on the problems of the system's injustice for juveniles" were heard. For several attendees it was an introduction to Ethical Culture, and we're sure it spread the word and enhanced the movement. We feel that this sort of event is a clue to our future—as we continue the activist past of our illustrious forebears.

Thanks to the many volunteers and staff who made the J4J program possible:

Joquan Banks, Patricia Berens, Elaine Berman, Paula Claycomb, Dr. Ruth Cohen, Al Cohen, Nicola DeMarco, Barbara Fennell, Ken Gans, Heather Grady, Henryka Komanska, Barbara Litke, Pat Malkin, Abe Markman, David McCants, Moe-Swe Myint, Jackie Pope, Sharon Pope, Frank Prescod, Sabine Rosenberg, Tom Weishaar, Rodney Williams, Eva Yachnes (Ethical Culture Fieldston School), Gloria Fisher (PHR staff), Patricia Amati. Planners: Julie Blutstein, Sheleigah Grube, Dr. Phyllis Harrison-Ross, Dr. Anne Klaeyesen, Robert Liebeskind, Andra Miller, Emily Newman, Marlon Rice, Martin Caba, Sophie Collyer, Jay Lewis, Beth Walker of the DOME (Developing Opportunities Through Meaningful Education) Project, DeAvery Irons of the Correctional Association of NY, Keung Ji Kate Rhee of the Institute for Juvenile Justice Reform, Julie Glickman and Johanna Neufeld of Youth Organizers, Jacquelyn Greene of NY State Division of Criminal Justice Services, Leslie Doyle of Leslie Doyle Productions, Jean Donnay of Catering with Flair, Dror Kahn—videographer, Kyeisha Kelly—photographer.

Scenes from the conference *(Photos by Richard Williams, unless otherwise noted)*



Leader Dr. Anne Klaeyesen gives instructions to attendees on the schedule.



A remark amuses panelist Susan Taylor, of CARES Mentoring Movement.



Judge Michael Corriero, Executive Director of Big Brothers, Big Sisters, makes a point.



Society member Abe Markman takes notes to present at plenary session.

Justice for Juveniles *(Continued)*



Tamara Steckler, attorney-in-charge for the Juvenile Rights Division of the Legal Aid Society, listens to another panelist's response.



Panel moderator Michel Martin, host of Tell Me More, on NPR, hears the panel answer a question.



Robert Rooks, director of the Criminal Justice Program of the NAACP, ponders his response.



The Rev. Lesley Shannon, of St. Paul's Church in Brooklyn, makes comments at the Alternatives to Incarceration workshop in the Elliott Library.



DeAvery Irons, of the Correctional Association of NY, chairs a workshop on Alternatives to Incarceration.



Dr. Phyllis Harrison-Ross and Andra Miller present the Rev. Al Sharpton with a Community Activist Award for "his courageous and tireless advocacy for human rights, civil rights, and social justice for all people, regardless of age, race, gender, religion, or national origin." (Photo by Kyeisha Kelly)



Beth Walker, of the DOME Project, contemplates the subject-at-hand at the Alternatives to Incarceration session.



Dr. Anne Klaeyens speaks with Judith Sloan, author of a book on diversity in Queens, "Crossing the Boulevard."



Frank Prescod hands out free lunches to the attendees. (Photo by Dr. Maria Fridman).



Dr. Caroline Debrovner, adjunct professor of criminal justice at Pace University, discusses events of the day with her father, Dr. Charles Debrovner.

Justice Breyer Speaks at NYSEC

Valerie Leiman

NYSEC's Lively Arts group was joined on April 21 by the NY Historical Society's 50+ group here at the Society, as Associate Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer delivered an insightful lecture on the Dred Scott case to a standing-room-only audience that filled the Auditorium from the orchestra to the organ loft level and included many enthusiastic, youthful law students. In his talk, part of NYHS's Bernard and Irene Schwartz Distinguished Speakers Series, Justice Breyer focused on the players, politics, and perturbations of the case whose ramifications still cast a long shadow today.

One of the most infamous Supreme Court decisions in American history, the 1857 Dred Scott v. Sandford verdict pushed the nation closer to the brink of civil war. Dred



Dred Scott

Scott (1799–1858) was a slave who unsuccessfully sued for his freedom in St. Louis. Scott's case was based on the fact that he and his wife, Harriet Scott, were slaves, but he had accompanied his master, Dr. John Emerson, and had lived in states and territories where slavery was illegal according to those states' laws and the Northwest Ordinance of 1787, including Illinois and Minnesota, which was at the time part of the Wisconsin Territory.

The United States Supreme Court ruled seven-to-two against Scott,

finding that neither he, nor any person of African ancestry, could claim citizenship in the United States and that, therefore, Scott could not bring suit in federal court under diversity of citizenship rules. Moreover, Scott's temporary residence outside Missouri did not affect his emancipation under the Missouri Compromise, since reaching that result would deprive Scott's owner of his property.

Advocacy Forum: Climate Change On AEU Agenda

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A resolution in support of the Environmental Protection Agency having ethically and scientifically based powers to control carbon emissions was initiated by our Advocacy Forum, headed by Dr. Joseph Chuman. Curt Collier and I cowrote the resolution, with contributions from Heather Grady. It was approved by Joe and Andra Miller; Andra transformed draft after draft into a concise, workable, one-page resolution.

In essence, the resolution is meant to let President Obama and EPA Administrator Lisa P. Jackson know that there are members of the public around the country who, while applauding their initial steps, are urging them to take much stronger action to curb heat-trapping gases.

The resolution was cosponsored by the Boards of Trustees of the New York and Bergen County Societies. The AEU Board subsequently agreed to put it on the agenda of this year's assembly, to be held in Scranton,

PA, June 17–20. In addition, on May 20 Curt, who has an appointment on another matter with the assistant administrator of the EPA, "has conveyed our wishes."

Helping to start the ball rolling with the successful Advocacy Forum-sponsored letter-writing campaign were: Nancy Ambruster, Julie Blutstein, Leslie Doyle, Frank Prescod, and Rich Sander. For copies of the resolution please see Membership Director Moe-Swe Myint. Stay tuned!

Job Fair a Rousing Success

On May 18, NYSEC, partnering with East Coast Career Fairs and Manpower Inc, hosted a free Job Fair. New Yorkers seeking jobs flocked to the event, at which they had opportunities to meet with recruiters, attend resume-writing and interviewing workshops, and network.

Watch for the July issue of *Ethical Outlook*—we'll have a first-hand report on the event.

Save the Date! Justice for Juveniles

On Wednesday, July 21, the Justice for Juveniles coalition of individuals and organizations that was created at our April 24 conference on the juvenile justice system will reconvene at the Society to discuss alternatives to incarceration. We hope you'll attend and bring others as we seek solutions. Details will follow.

June 2010

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 June 2 – Albert Camus, <i>The Plague</i></p> <p>ECRDG: (Ethical Culture Reading Discussion Group) June 9 – Kiran Desai, <i>The Inheritance of Loss</i></p>	<p>1 July 2010 Newsletter Deadline 6:00 pm – Socrates Café 6:30 pm – Crafts Circle (Off site) 6:30 pm – Monday Writing Workshop</p>	<p>2 7:00 pm – Black Film Festival 7:30 pm – Great Books</p>	<p>3 12:00 pm – Leader Lunch Discussion 7:00 pm – Thursday Writing Workshop</p>	<p>4 7:00 pm – Ethics in Film: Sci-fi, <i>Wall-E</i></p>	<p>5 9:30 am – Supervised Visitation</p>	
<p>6 10:30 am – Parenting Issues 11:15 am – Morning Meeting 12:30 pm – LaCite Knitting 12:45 pm – Sunday Brunch</p>	<p>7 6:30 pm – Monday Writing Workshop</p>	<p>8 6:00 pm – Shelter Volunteer Dinner</p>	<p>9 3:00 pm – ECRDG</p>	<p>10 12:00 pm – Leader Lunch Discussion 7:00 pm – Thursday Writing Workshop</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 9:30 am – Supervised Visitation</p>
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<p>20 10:00 am – Poetry Reading 10:00 am – Chorus Practice 11:15 am – Morning Meeting 12:30 pm – LaCite Knitting 12:45 pm – Sunday Brunch</p>	<p>21 6:30 pm – Monday Writing Workshop 7:00 pm – Prospective Members' Reception 7:30 pm – <i>Titanic</i> in Concert</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 7:00 pm – Salsa Dance Class</p>	<p>24 12:00 pm – Leader Lunch Discussion 7:00 pm – Thursday Writing Workshop</p>	<p>25 11:00 am – Ethics on The Air 7:00 pm – Salsa Dance Class</p>	<p>26 9:30 am – Supervised Visitation</p>
<p>27 10:00 am – Chorus Practice 11:15 am – Morning Meeting 12:30 pm – LaCite Knitting 12:45 pm – Sunday Brunch 1:45 pm – Ethics in the News</p>	<p>28 6:30 pm – Monday Writing Workshop</p>	<p>29 6:00 pm – Social Service Board</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>Great Books: Great Conversations II June 16 – Anton Chekhov, <i>Ward 6</i></p>		

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