

COMMUNITY GATHERINGS

Sunday Platforms

Sundays 11am – Noon

These gatherings aim to educate, inspire reflection and action, and build a sense of community. Talks cover topics that reflect current events, social issues, and Ethical Culture philosophy. Join us for a new guest speaker each week.

July 2 – Hugh Taft-Morales, Leader, Philadelphia Ethical Society and Baltimore Ethical Society (BES)

July 9 – Bart Worden, AEU Exec. Director; Leader, Ethical Culture Society of Westchester (ECSW)

July 16 – Gregory Berger, Journalist, Filmmaker, Professor

July 23 – Costa Constantinides, NYC Councilman

July 30 – Fritz Williams, BES Leader Emeritus

Aug 6 – Dr. Richard Koral, Ethical NYC Leader

Aug 13 – Christian Hayden, Philadelphia Ethical Society

Aug 20 – Dr. Robert Berson, Leader, Ethical Society of Northern Westchester

Aug 27 – Ethics and the Theater

Sept 3 – Deborah Wallace, Film Producer and Director
Free

SPECIAL EVENTS

The Music Café presents:

Jazz Under The Stars

*With Vocalist Stephanie Walker and
The John Wilmeth Jazz Trio*

Friday, July 21, 7 – 9:30pm

Our outdoor patio will be open for a star-lit evening with music, refreshments, good company, and entertainment. Get up and dance if the music moves you! Or just sit back and relax.

Members: \$10 Guests: \$15

Admission includes snacks and a beverage (wine, beer, soda)

Ethics for Children presents:

Rooftop Camping Night

Potluck Picnic Dinner & Family Activities

July 29, 6pm – Sunday, July 30, 1pm

Audrey Kindred, Youth & Family Programs Coordinator

This year we will feature a special story-telling and song circle. Bring food to share and your favorite pillow and join us for a fun night under the moon and stars with your ethical family.

Free. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

EthicsForChildren@nysec.org

The **Ethical Enrichment Committee** seeks to create a wide range of offerings focusing on the mind, body and spirit. All programs are intended to reflect the philosophy of Ethical Culture. We sponsor programs leading to personal growth and development throughout all of life within the context of a caring and committed community. The committee is comprised of Ethical Culture members and a Leader advisor. Programs are open to our members and the public.

Please note that all programs are subject to schedule changes. Please visit our website for the most updated information.

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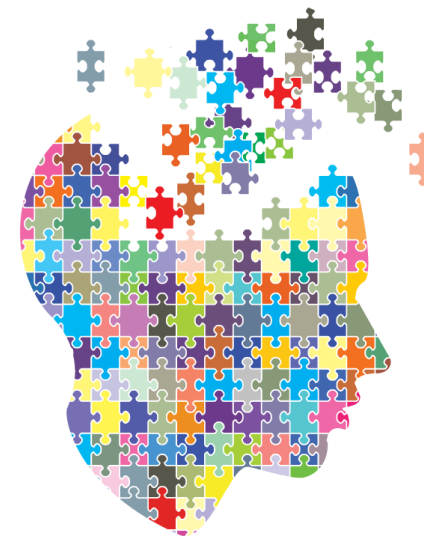


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Summer 2017



Programs for Mind, Body, and Spirit

*Our programs are open to
the public. All are welcome.*

Ethical Enrichment

DISCUSSION GROUPS

A Beginner's Guide to Mindful Meditation

Wednesdays, SIX sessions

June 14 – July 19

6 – 7:30pm

Moderator: Rob Hofman

This is an introductory course to various mindful meditations.

Members: Free Guests: \$5 per session

Ethical Death Café

2nd Sundays, 1:30 – 3:30 pm, Ongoing

4th Wednesdays, 2:30 – 4:30 pm, Ongoing

Moderator: Rev. Dr. Barbara Simpson

A relaxed and safe setting to discuss death, drink tea and eat cake. The objective is to increase awareness of death and help people make the most of their (finite) lives. Topics include health care proxy, ethical will, and green burial.

\$5 donation includes refreshments

Ethics in Film

1st Fridays, 7 – 9:15pm, Ongoing

Moderator: Chris Everett

Monthly film screening, each followed by a lively discussion of the ethical issues explored.

Aug 4: *Casablanca*

Sept 1: *Ghost World*

\$5 donation includes snacks and beverages

Great Books

*1st Wednesdays, 7 – 9pm, Ongoing

Organizers: Tamara Bedic and Carol Kennedy

To participate, all you need do is read the selection (ideally twice) and, as you read, jot down some questions that you'd like to bring to the table. Check the events calendar at www.ETHICAL.nyc for updates on the month's reading selections.

*July 12: *The Slave*, Isaac Bashevis Singer

Aug 2: *Candide*, Voltaire

Members: Free Guests: \$5 per session

Leader Lunch Discussion

Thursdays, Noon – 1:30pm, Ongoing

Moderators: Ethical NYC Members

Bring your lunch and join us for a lively discussion of contemporary ethical issues. Folders with printed copies of the assigned articles are available from the

Membership Office, room 501. You may also see a full list of the readings at www.ETHICAL.nyc, which includes links to the articles online.

Summer Theme: Mixed Bag

7/6 "Before Straight and Gay" by Deborah Cohen, *The Atlantic*, March 2017

7/13 "Future Tension" by Anthony Sudbery, *Aeon*, 12/13/16

7/20 "Disgust Made Us Human" by Kathleen McAuliffe, *Aeon*, 6/6/16

7/27 "Darwin Was a Slacker and You Should Be Too" by Alex Soojung-Kim Pang, *Nautilus*, 3/30/17

8/3 "The Philosophy Toolkit" by Sam Dresser, *Aeon*, 4/3/17

8/10 "The Strange Persistence of Guilt" by Wilfred M. McClay, *The Hedgehog Review*, vol. 19 no. 1, Spring 2-17

8/17 "Invisible Manipulators of Your Mind" by Tamsin Shaw, *New York Review of Books*, 4/20/17

8/24 "The Academy's Assault on Intellectual Diversity" by Robert Byers, *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, 3/19/17

8/31 "The Cultured Life" by Joseph Epstein, *The Weekly Standard*, 3/20/17

Free

Massimo's Philosophy Café

*3rd Wednesdays, 6 – 8pm, Ongoing

*July 26, Aug 16, Sept 20

Moderator: Massimo Pigliucci, Professor of Philosophy

Based on the principle of the Socratic dialogue. Every meeting has a simple theme (e.g., Should we be afraid of death? What are the ethics of eating?), introduced through a short, accessible, suggested reading with open discussions aimed at sharpening our thinking about the subject matter being examined during that session.

Members: Free Guests: \$5 per session

Stoic School of Life

*1st and 4th Mondays, 6 – 8pm, Ongoing

June 5 & 26, Aug 7, Sept 11*

Moderator: Massimo Pigliucci

The School is inspired by the ancient Greco-Roman schools of philosophy. Plato, Aristotle, Epicurus, Epictetus, and many others simply gave lectures about their favorite topics and engaged in discussions with people interested in what they had to say. We will examine the theory and practice of Stoicism as a modern applied philosophy that aids us in navigating a world, in some ways, just as confusing and uncertain as that of ancient Athens and Rome.

Members: Free Guests: \$5 per session

Topical Study Group

3rd Tuesdays, 6:30 – 8pm

June 20, July 18, Aug 15

Moderator: Dr. Richard Koral, Leader

This group will research and review resource materials on a particular topic for the purpose of gaining an expertise, one issue at a time. This focus could lead to ethical action in coordination with the Ethical Action Committee. Examples of topics to adopt include income inequality and the waning of the American Dream, incarceration of the untreated mentally ill, and racial injustice.

Members: Free

Guests: \$5 per session

Tuesdays with TED – Talks, That Is

2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 2– 3:30pm

June 13 & 27; July 11 & 25; Aug 8 & 22

Moderator: Maggie Determann

View selected talks and engage in a discussion about the contemporary ethical issues in the selection.

Members: Free Guests: \$5 per session

Wisdom and World Affairs

*1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 6 – 8pm

July 5* & 18, Aug 8 & 22

Moderator: Ken Gans

These philosophical discussions cover a wide variety of subjects – the fate of humanity, world affairs, humanism, and many others.

Free

WORKSHOPS

The Joy of Personal Writing

FIVE sessions, starting August 1

Tuesdays, 12:30 – 2:30pm

Instructor: Elaine Berman Gurney

Get started writing. Find your writing impulse and work on basic and more complex writing skills. You can belong to a supportive group of writers, some just starting and others with more experience. All are welcome. Fee includes all sessions.

REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT REQUIRED

Members: \$100 Guests: \$140