

DISCUSSION GROUPS cont.

Tuesdays with **TED – Talks, That Is**

2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 2– 3:30pm

July 10 & 24; Aug 14 & 28

Moderators: Anne Klaeyen & 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 2* & 16, Aug 7 & 21

Moderator: Ken Gans

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

Free

WORKSHOP

The Joy of Personal Writing

FIVE sessions, starting Aug 2

Thursdays, 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

SPECIAL EVENT

Ethics for Children presents:

Rooftop Camping Night

Potluck Picnic Dinner & Family Activities

Date: August 11

Audrey Kindred, Youth & Family Programs Coordinator

We will again 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 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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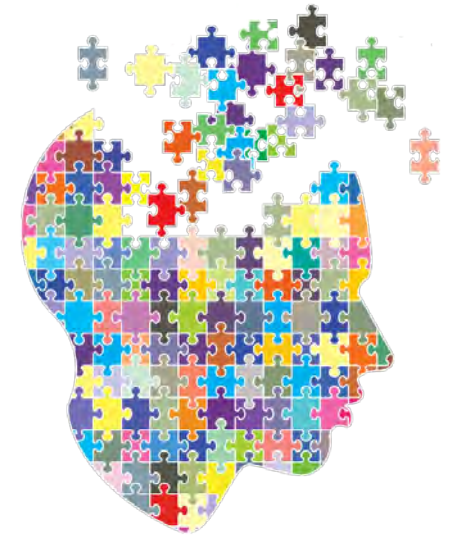
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Ethical Enrichment

COMMUNITY GATHERINGS

Sunday Platforms

Sundays 11am – 12:30

These gatherings aim to educate, inspire reflection, and promote ethical action. They cover topics that reflect current events, social issues, and Ethical Culture philosophy.

July 1 Dr. Anne Klaeyen, Ethical NYC

July 8 Amanda Poppei, Washington Ethical Society

July 15 Matthew Benson, Ethical Culture Member

July 22 Jone Johnson Lewis, Brooklyn Ethical Society

July 29 Adam Eichen, Author and Activist

Aug 5 Hugh Taft Morales, Philadelphia and Baltimore Ethical Societies

Aug 12 Jeanne Theoharis, CUNY Professor

Aug 19 Je Hooper, Leader-in-Training

Aug 26 Ethics and the Theater

Sept 2 TBD

Free

DISCUSSION GROUPS

Death Café at Ethical

2nd Sundays, 1:30 – 3:30 pm, Ongoing

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

Moderator: Rev. Dr. Barbara Simpson

In a relaxed and safe setting, engage in discussions that increase awareness of death. Topics include health care proxy, ethical will, and green burial.

\$5 donation includes refreshments

Ethical Living: Existence and Meaning

2nd and 4th Thursdays, 6:30 – 8pm

July 12 & 26, Aug 9 & 23

Moderator: Dr. Anne Klaeyen, Leader

From the moment we awaken in the morning until we tumble into bed at night, we are faced with challenges and opportunities to behave ethically. We may have time to consider the consequences of our response to a situation or need to make an immediate choice. In either case, we rely upon our values and experience. In these sessions, we will discuss essays from acclaimed writers and apply them to our own lives, sharing our collective wisdom with one another.

Readings are selected essays from *Modern Ethics in 77 Arguments* edited by Peter Catapano and Simon Critchley. See Maggie Determann, room 501.

Members: Free Guests: \$5 per session

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 3 *Breakfast Club*

Sept 7 *Ghost World*

\$5 donation includes snacks and beverages

Great Literature Discussions

***1st Wednesdays, 7 – 9pm, Ongoing**

Moderator: Gunther Tielemans

Read the selection (ideally twice) and note some questions that you'd like to bring to the table.

***July 11:** *The Death of the Heart* by Elizabeth Bowen

***Aug 8:** *City of Thieves* by David Benioff

Sept 5: *Chronicle of a Death Foretold*

by Gabriel Garcia Marquez

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. Readings are available from Maggie Determann or at www.ETHICAL.nyc, which includes links to the articles online.

Summer Theme: Mixed Bag

7/5 "What to the Slave Is the Fourth of July?" by Frederick Douglass, delivered on July 5, 1852 and reprinted in *The Nation*, 7/4/12

7/12 "Can Planet Earth Feed 10 Billion People?" by Charles C. Mann, *The Atlantic*, March 2018

7/19 "Bach at the Burger King" by Theodora Gioia, *Los Angeles Review of Books*, 5/17/18

7/26 "Fresh Prince: The Schemes and Dreams of Saudi Arabia's Next King" by F. Gregory Gause III, *Foreign Affairs*, May/June 2018

8/2 "The Birth of a New Aristocracy" by Matthew Stewart, *The Atlantic*, June 2018

8/9 "An Algorithmic Investigation of the Highfalutin 'Poet Voice'" by Cara Giaimo, *Atlas Obscura*, 5/1/18, and "Notes Toward an Introduction" by William Logan, *The New Criterion*, May 2018

8/16 "As Real As It Gets" by Joshua Rothman, *The New Yorker*, 4/2/18

8/23 "Where Myanmar Went Wrong" by Zoltan Barany, *Foreign Affairs*, May/June 2018

8/30 "Coming in from the Cold" by Nicholas Dames, *N Plus One Magazine*, Spring 2018

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Race, Systems, and Society

2nd Tuesdays, 6 – 7:30pm, Ongoing

Moderator: Dr. Richard Koral, Leader

We are all participants in a larger societal structure that perpetuates injustices. We read and discuss books and articles that explore the features of systemic racism and classism in America to better understand the ways in which society can recreate itself to permit all people to flourish and thrive.

Members: Free Guests: \$5 per session

Skye & Massimo's Philosophy Café

Selected Wednesdays, 6 – 8pm, Ongoing

Moderators: Skye Cleary and Prof. Massimo Pigliucci

Based on the principle of the Socratic dialogue, every meeting has a simple theme introduced through a short, accessible, suggested reading, with open discussions.

Aug 27 *Philosophy & Human Nature*

Sept 17 TBD

Members: Free Guests: \$5 per session

"Slice of Life" Storytelling Workshop

Bi-weekly Mondays, 6 – 8pm

July 9 & 23 and Aug 6 & 20

Moderator: Dr. Richard Koral, Leader

Our four-part "Slice of Life" storytelling workshop series will culminate in a showcase performance for those trainees who choose to participate. Learn how to craft and share 5-minute true stories that will engage, inspire, illuminate, and entertain. Fee includes all sessions.

Members: \$20 Guests: \$30

Speaking of Science...

4th Mondays, 6:30 – 8pm, Ongoing

Coordinators: Joe Fashing and Jesus Torres-Vazquez

Sessions feature scientists, engineers, doctors, writers, and educators, who enlighten us on the way science works. Refreshments provided.

Members: \$5 Guests: \$10

Stoic School of Life

Selected Mondays, 6 – 8pm, Ongoing

Moderator: Professor Massimo Pigliucci

The School is inspired by the Greco-Roman schools of philosophy. We continue to examine the theory and practice of Stoicism as a modern applied philosophy.

July 23 *Seneca on anger: the Medea*

Aug 13 *Stoicism and Motherhood*

Members: Free Guests: \$5 per session