

## DISCUSSION GROUPS *cont.*

### What Makes Us Do The Right Thing: Living Humanism

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays, 6:30 – 8pm, Jan 3-June 20

Moderator: Dr. Anne Klaeyesen, Leader

Humanism is as old as humanity and as necessary a philosophy today as ever. As a worldview, Humanism places humanity within, not above or outside, nature. Awareness of our mortality prompts us to learn more about our existence and environment, just as it inspires us to give meaning to our lives. In taking responsibility for our actions, Humanists dedicate ourselves to improving living conditions for everyone.

This course will delve into the history of Humanism, elucidate its key concepts, and address the ways in which this philosophy (and, for some, religion) can guide us in the future. Guest speakers will introduce participants to varieties of Humanism.

**(Register to receive syllabus and readings.)**

**Members: Free**

**Guests: \$5 per session**

### Wisdom and World Affairs

1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays, 6 – 8pm, Ongoing

Moderator: Ken Gans

A philosophical discussion group with varied subjects: the fate of humanity, world affairs, humanism, etc.

**Free**

## WORKSHOPS

### The Joy of Personal Writing

**NINE sessions, select ONE series:**

**Tuesdays, 12:30 – 2:30pm starting Jan 16**

**Thursdays, 6:30 – 8:30pm starting Jan 18**

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: \$150**

**Guests: \$250**

Please note that all programs are subject to schedule changes due to inclement weather or various other reasons. Please visit our website for the most updated information.

Fees listed under DISCUSSION GROUPS are suggested donations.

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.

To confirm dates and times and to see new program offerings, please visit our website: [www.ETHICAL.org](http://www.ETHICAL.org).

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**“Education is not preparation  
for life; education is life itself.”**

– John Dewey

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## DISCUSSION GROUPS

### **Camaraderie and Good Conversation on Issues Philosophical and Newsworthy** **3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays, 7 – 8:30pm, Jan 16-June 19**

*Moderator: Dr. Joseph Chuman, Leader*

This is a monthly discussion group focusing on contemporary issues and occasionally classical writings relating Ethical Culture and Humanism. We will primarily make use of articles from journals of opinion and book chapters when relevant. Rather than taking a merely journalistic approach, the discussions will aim to illuminate the philosophical concepts and values which underlie the issues being discussed.

**Free (Register to receive readings.)**

### **Ethical Death Café**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays, 1:30 – 3:30pm, Ongoing**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays, 2:30 – 4:30pm, Ongoing**

*Moderator: Rev. Dr. Barbara Simpson*

A relaxed and safe setting to discuss death, drink tea and eat cake. Topics include health care proxy, ethical will, and green burial.

**\$5 donation includes refreshments**

### **Ethics and the Theater**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Fridays, Ongoing**  
**6:30pm Welcome Reception**  
**7 – 9pm Play Reading and Discussion**

*Producer: Pat Debrovner*

Members of the Society and theater professionals read plays dealing with ethical and moral issues before a live audience. Readings are followed by discussions of the ethical issues raised by the play.

**Feb 9:** *Look Back in Anger*, John Osborne

**Mar 9:** *Standing Up*, Eddie Antar

**Apr 13:** *Same Time, Next Year*, Bernard Slade

**May 11:** *The Goat, Or Who Is Sylvia*, Edward Albee

**Jun 8:** *Clybourne Park*, Bruce Norris

**Members: \$5 per session**

**Guests: \$10 per session**

### **Ethics in Film**

**1<sup>st</sup> Fridays, 7 – 9:15pm, Ongoing**

*Moderator: Chris Everett*

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

**Feb 2:** *A Serious Man*

**Mar 2:** *The Martian*

**Apr 6:** *Mean Girls*

**May 4:** *Good Will Hunting*

**Jun 1:** *The Manchurian Candidate*

**\$5 admission includes snacks and beverages**

### **Great Literature Discussion**

**1<sup>st</sup> Wednesdays, 7 – 9pm, Ongoing**

*Moderator: Gunther Tielemans*

Read the novella in advance and be prepared to discuss the aspects of interest to you by referring to specific related text and reading it to the group. Visit [www.meetup.com/Great-Literature-Discussions/](http://www.meetup.com/Great-Literature-Discussions/) to learn more about us.

**Jan 3:** *The Royal Game* (aka *Chess Story*), Stefan Zweig

**Feb 7:** *The Time Machine*, H.G. Wells

**Mar 7:** *The Man Who Would Be King*, Rudyard Kipling

**Apr 4:** *The Dead* (last story of *Dubliners*), James Joyce

**May 2:** *Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*, R.L. Stevenson

**Jun 6:** *The Turn of the Screw*, Henry James

**Members: Free**

**Guests: \$5 per session**

### **Leader Lunch Discussion**

**Thursdays, Noon – 1:30pm, Ongoing**

*Moderator: Dr. Anne Klaeynsen, Leader*

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](http://www.ETHICAL.nyc), which includes links to the articles online.

**Free**

### **Massimo's Philosophy Café**

**1<sup>st</sup> Mondays, 6 – 8pm (2/5, 3/5, 4/2, 5/7)**

*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 suggested reading with open discussions aimed at sharpening our thinking about the subject matter being examined during that session. *Meeting dates subject to change.*

**Members: Free**

**Guests: \$5 per session**

### **Race, Systems and Society**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays, 6 – 7:30pm, Jan 9-June 12**

*Moderator: Dr. Richard Koral*

Even among those who are mindful of the subtle racial, ethnic, and class distinctions that persist in society, we are all participants in a larger societal structure that perpetuates injustices. We will 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**

### **Speaking of Science...**

**4<sup>th</sup> Mondays, 6:30 – 8pm, Jan 22-June 25**

*Coordinators: Joe Fashing and Jesus Torres-Vazquez*

These monthly sessions feature guest speakers who share their expertise on the many aspects of the scientific process. Scientists, engineers, doctors, writers, and educators enlighten us on the way science works. Refreshments provided.

**Members: \$5 per session**

**Guests: \$10 per session**

### **Stoic School of Life**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays\*, 6 – 8pm (2/12\*, 3/19, 4/16, 5/21)**

*Moderator: Massimo Pigliucci*

The School is inspired by the ancient Greco-Roman schools of philosophy. 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.

*Meeting dates subject to change.*

**Members: Free**

**Guests: \$5 per session**

### **Tuesdays with TED – TALKS That Is**

**2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays, 2– 3:30pm, Ongoing**

*Moderators: Anne Klaeynsen, Maggie Determann*

Everyone Loves TED! It's even better when you can discuss the talks with other people. Together we will view selections with contemporary ethical themes and engage in a lively discussion. Links to the talks will be published on our website after each session.

Moderators will alternate weeks.

**Members: Free**

**Guests: \$5 per session**