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December 5

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Sunday Afternoons, 1:45

Dec. 5 "What's In Your Medicine Chest?"—Shirlee Cohen, nurse practitioner

Dec. 12 "You Have the Power: Choosing Courage"
Jeffrey Perkins, author

Dec. 19 Winterfest (directly after morning program: lunch and entertainment)

Dec. 26 *Holiday—no afternoon program*

December Happenings

Tuesday, December 7, 7-9 pm, Advocacy Forum V. See page 7.

Sunday, December 19, Winterfest Holiday morning program, lunch, and festivities. See page 3.

Friday, December 31, New Year's Eve celebration. Strathmere concert followed by party for members and their friends. See page 4.

President's Notes

Michael Bogdanffy-Kriegh

Bringing out the Best in Others, and in Ourselves



I have been giving a lot of thought lately to the ethical ideal of behaving in such a way that we elicit the best in others and, thereby, in ourselves. I realized that for the most part when I think about this principle I generally do so in terms of what can I proactively do in the context of my relationship with this person that will give us both the happiest and most productive interaction, one that can take both of us to higher ground.

I've had some personal experiences and observed in a more general way the phenomenon of relationships that never get off the ground, or that start but don't develop very far, or that were once good and then got into a bad place from which it was seemingly impossible to recover. It occurred to me that all relationships are conducted in the context of a set of "rules," which I will call "rules of engagement" for lack of a better term and hope you will forgive the military reference. Basically, any dynamic relationship has its rules of engagement that will have a great deal to do with the outcome or

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Dr. Khoren Arisian, Senior Leader

It's alleged that the Bush Administration is inimical to the natural world, yet the President's exquisite 1,600 acre ranch in Crawford, Texas, is an ecological paradise and his wife, Laura, a caring closet naturalist. How can we explain such apparent contradictions? We can by constantly remembering the theological foundations of the American religious right. The right-to-life movement, the furious reaction to same-sex marriage, the current Administration's pro-corporate deference to polluting energy companies coupled with their knee-jerk mantra that free markets are somehow the best antidote to the despoliation of planetary resources, atonement theories that assume humanity is a morally fallen species because of original sin and that the doctrine of evolution as formulated by

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President’s Notes

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course the relationship will take. This is true of physical nature and it is of individual human nature, and it is true of social and institutional nature.

I think one of the most significant things we can understand about ourselves is the set of rules we have for our relationships with others. What are the things that we believe others should and should not do when interacting with us? Most of us have encountered individuals who live in personal worlds governed by such tightly prescribed rules that to have any relationship at all with that person means you must live entirely in their world and entirely by their rules. In other words, you have to abandon being who you are and become what they are. Most of us would decline such a relationship out of respect for our own sense of self. We recognize it as an unhealthy, unethical one. Sometimes we tolerate the relationship if it somehow serves a higher communal purpose, or if it is an intermittent one, or if, as in the case of relationships between masters and apprentices in the artistic fields, we stand to gain something else from the relationship.

I expect that most of us carry around “rules of engagement” to which we give little thought, but which have a huge impact on our relationships with one another. We frequently impose these rules without even notifying others of what they are. And we get angry or upset with people when they have violated a rule of interaction even when it is not reasonable to expect they were aware of it.

Of course, the job of religious institutions is to identify certain very basic values and establish rules to which we should all agree and teach them to the community. The “Ten Command-

ments” and the “Golden Rule” are examples. And most of them are consistent across the religious spectrum and ultimately enable society to exist without self-destructing. But we all go on to add other rules that can often be unjust or unethical. There is the “you don’t look like me so I won’t have a relationship with you” rule: racism. Or the “you don’t act and think like me so I won’t have a relationship with you” rule: classism. Or the “I’m quite happy with the way my world is, please don’t change anything about it and, by the way, your mere presence changes things about it” rule.

Of course, the rules can be pretty subtle. There can be an “exact way to load the dishwasher rule” or “an exact way to fold your napkin at the dinner table rule.”

Having order in our individual lives, our communities, and our societies is what rules are about. Without some degree of order we are insecure and anxious and may even lose sight of who and what we are. Rules help to insure order and help to insure a civil society. But rules also get in the way of relationships and stifle creativity. They preserve the status quo and obstruct new life—often intentionally.

I think that one of the most ethical things we can do is to make an inventory of the rules we live by, both implicit and explicit, and let go of the ones that restrict our ability to engage one another in constructive, enhancing relationships. I believe there are only a very few rules that are inviolable and that any others we choose to retain in our personal “rules of engagement” should have situational flexibility. This leaves room for growth and change. In the end, I think we can probably pare our rules down to a pretty simple set of “essentials.” In this way the hurdles become minimal and we can get more out of knowing one another.

Sunday Morning Meetings

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Darwin is blasphemous and intelligent design theory spiritually superior—all these and related right-wing arguments, positions, and assumptions can be explained by reference to the Americanized version of ancient Gnosticism.

American Gnosticism holds that the world we live in is ultimately impure and deserves to be plundered, so those who believe in God's supernaturalist divinity (as opposed, say, to pantheism, whose fatal philosophic flaw is to equate God with the material universe) are the lucky elect who will be raptured to heaven as Armageddon approaches. Countering this overwrought system of thought is the notion of reverential ecology that presumes the sacredness of the natural world. "Climate change" is a Bushian euphemism for global warming that threatens all of us and calls for a concerted international response. Those four gigantic hurricanes that practically leveled the state of Florida are early warning signs we should heed seriously.

That nature is second-class is a staple conviction of the "Culture Wars," which never end; therefore we must forever object to any notion that life is immaculately conceived; it obviously is not!

December 12—The Two Sides of Fear *Jeffrey Perkins*

Fear is one of our most powerful emotions—and the way that we respond to the things that frighten us will influence our future. Today, as if our own personal apprehensions weren't enough, we live in an atmosphere that is defined by external threats—by a "terrorist" world-view that permeates our social and political landscape.

We need to question the logic and power of this culture of fear. But we also need to delve into our own responses to fear and find better ways to be brave. When we look back on the things that have frightened us, we can uncover and release the power of unexplored experiences, unexamined ideas, and unfounded conclusions. Thus, we can discover the ways that our mind-sets have made us afraid. Once we understand the nature of our responses, we can find new and better ways to deal with the things that we have found far too threatening in the past.

Jeffrey Perkins, co-author with Frances Moore Lappé of the book, *You Have the Power: Choosing Courage in a Culture of Fear*, has established and leads "Fear Means Go" workshops. He is on the staff of the national non-profit Educators for Social Responsibility in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and is the founder of the Boston community network, Curious Minds. Jeffrey has worked in social change in such fields as citizen democracy, education, and politics.

Sunday, December 19—Winterfest 2004: A Special Day For All of Us

The Holidays Committee has been working to build upon the foundation laid last year for an enduring annual tradition that celebrates our unique history, philosophy, and achievements in a way that expresses who we are and the ideals for which we stand and is authentic to Ethical Culture. Since those ideals include appreciation and respect for the beliefs and sensibilities of each person, we are doing our best to develop a tradition that avoids unnecessarily ritualistic elements that may offend some. Our goal is a day of fellowship which we can all comfortably share and enjoy.

The morning will begin in the Auditorium at 11:30 am with a format similar to, but not the same as, last year's,

and will again include participation by the children in the Sunday school program. It will be followed by a special holiday lunch and festivities in Social Hall reflecting lessons learned last year. We are planning for more space, more and better food, less noise, and a better atmosphere for enjoying the occasion with family and friends.

Please make early luncheon reservations and prepay so that we can avoid ticket-buying bottlenecks on the Big Day. Tickets will be available on Sundays beginning November 8. They will be more realistically priced than last year's, since the Society can no longer afford to subsidize lunch. We will provide a full lunch and a guaranteed seat for everyone who prepays, although we will not assign tables. Also, since this is a Friends and Family occasion, you may reserve an entire table with the prepaid purchase of ten seats.

Sunday, December 26—Members' Program: Ethical Faceoff

Frank Prescod, Society member

Two teams will answer questions about our Society, Movement, and history. A morning of fun and learning for all.

Greetings from Our Leader Intern

Kate Lovelady



My deep thanks to everyone for welcoming me so warmly and enthusiastically. The energy and commitment of the membership here is inspiring.

I gave my third platform address at the Society this past October, and again it was a pleasure. I was gratified by the responses to my words but, even more, I was touched by your willingness to try new things. Having everyone sit closer together, for example, is a small detail, but it can mean the difference between a person coming to platform

and hearing an interesting talk, and a person coming to platform, hearing an interesting talk, *and* meeting a lifelong friend and ethical compatriot. I thank you also for your strong singing. Singing out in front of each other is good practice for speaking out on ethical issues. Both take courage and the support of a robust community.

During my internship I will continue developing this theme of creating an inspirational ethical community. There are many good theories about ethics, and lots of useful information about problems we need to act on. But what is it that motivates us to act? And how do we learn to act in an effective, positive way? I think the answer to both these questions is a vibrant, loving Ethical Society that supports its members emotionally as well as intellectually, one that is always reaching out to new and diverse people, ideas, and ways of acting.

How can we continue becoming such a community? This is something all of us will have to explore together, but here are a few of my thoughts:

1. We must learn to listen better. Often we think others will agree with us if we just barrage them with information. Unfortunately, when we do this we unintentionally increase defensiveness—both in those we’re trying to convince and in ourselves. We all want to be heard, but to be heard requires listening deeply to the underlying needs, fears, and values of others. Then we can speak in a way that shows we take their concerns seriously. Without this foundation, our most brilliant arguments will have little effect.

2. We must bring the children into our meetings, and make them feel welcome. This will take some adjustments on all our parts—a good opportunity to practice our skills in listening, patience, and valuing diversity.

3. We must continue to embrace a variety of ways of exploring and promoting ethics, including dialogue, music, theater, poetry, and humor. On January 2, I will give an address entitled “The Terrible, Beautiful Mess of Life,” about humanist inspiration and the arts. We must acknowledge, celebrate, and mourn the highs and lows of life together, rather than stay safely in the intellectualized middle ground. I hope that many of you will come, and I look forward to your responses.

In my next talk I want to focus on ethical action, promoting the work of the Social Service Board, having younger people and children doing ethical action together, and connecting to AEU projects.

We must provide opportunities for younger people and children to do social service, to instill within them a lifelong habit of helping.

I am available for pastoral counseling during office hours—but please make an appointment, so that I can be sure to have the time to give you my undivided attention.

Film Forum

Valerie Leiman

The Man In The Gray Flannel Suit (1956) Ethics and the Corporate World—Oxymoron?

This December film in the American business series begins as an amusing depiction of Madison Avenue customs, then is transformed into a flash-back drama about guilt, choices and loyalty. The stellar cast features Gregory Peck, Jennifer Jones, Frederic March, and Lee J. Cobb. A critical discussion, led by Richard Bruno, will follow the film. The date is Friday, December 3. Doors open at 6:30 pm; the film will begin at 7:00. Admission is \$3.00 for members, \$4:00 for non-members, and includes popcorn and beverages.

Caring Committee

Les Graifman

An Afternoon Talk about Your Medicines

On Sunday, December 5, after lunch, there will be a discussion group focusing on learning about the medications we take and how to take them more safely. At the meeting, led by member Shirlee Cohen, MS, MPH, NP, you are invited to bring in your medications so that Shirlee can discuss their use and potential side effects. For a more effective discussion, please call Shirlee at 212-749-6655 and tell her the names of the medications you take so that she will be prepared.

New Caregiver Support Group

We would like to start a support group for caregivers. If you are caring for a loved one and would like the unique support and understanding of other caregivers, please contact Les Graifman, a former caregiver and current leader of the Grief Support Group, for information. The new group will start if there are responses. Les can be reached at 212-874-7832 or by email at leslie.graifman@verizon.net.

New Year's Eve

Barbara Levenson and Jon Liechty

We'll be celebrating New Year's Eve with a smash party for members and their guests. The festivities begin at 8:00 pm with a concert by Gerry Ranck and members of the Strathmere Ensemble playing music by Henry Purcell.

Purcell, an eighteenth-century English composer, is known for his contrapuntal skill and admired for his unique and beautiful harmony. But it is his mastery of the ground bass that puts him in a class by himself. The concert is open to the public and tickets for

non-members are \$15. Members and their friends attend free.

Following the concert the evening continues with a party in the Social Hall featuring champagne, a light supper, door prizes, favors, fireworks, music, dancing, and much more. Vince Navarro will again be our host and emcee. Tickets for the entire evening are only \$45 and are now on sale in the Sunday cafeteria and the Membership Office. Or call Suzy Frazer, 212-874-5210 x113 to make your reservation. We need to plan how much food and wine to order, so reserve in advance.

Isadora Duncan Dance Foundation & SSB Fundraiser

Les Graifman

The Social Service Board is proud to announce an important new relationship with the Isadora Duncan Dance Foundation (IDDF). In a joint fundraising event to mark the beginning of this exciting collaboration, Lori Belilove & Company, the resident dance company of the IDDF, will present a Salon Performance entitled "Dances of Inner Peace and Strength" on Friday, January 14, 8:00 pm in Ceremonial Hall. The dances in this program are from the repertoire of Isadora Duncan and have been passed on to Lori Belilove by first and second generation Duncan Dancers.

Isadora Duncan was a major figure in dance, modern culture, and American feminism. She was a famous and influential Freethinker. Duncan was the instigator of the revolution that created a brand of feminism that was artistic, sensual, and unbound by convention of any sort. She performed and lived for unfettered expression of women's inner spirit, and to demonstrate that dance belonged to the fam-

ily of the highest arts. Lori Belilove is the most accomplished torchbearer of Isadora's tradition. Her understanding of the artistic springs from which Duncan's dance arose, direct lineage, and prestigious performing career have earned her the international reputation as the premier interpreter and ambassador of the dance of Isadora Duncan. This endeavor will support the SSB and IDFF by providing scholarships to inner city children. Please give us your support and join us for what promises to be a joyful evening, complete with food, beverages, and more.

All tickets for the fundraiser are \$40, and can be purchased starting December 1 through Susan Brender or Meg Brooker at 212-691-5040. Pay by cash or check only, made payable to Isadora Duncan Dance Foundation; the Foundation is located at 141 West 26th Street, 3rd Floor, New York, NY 10001.

October Board Highlights

Sheila Kleinwald

Christine Swann thanked the Society and the Board members for their assistance with the Community Hospice Fundraiser, which raised over \$10,000.

Senior Leader Dr. Khoren Arisian's report focused on the four Advocacy Forums held so far. Attendance at these ranged from 275 to 650. The Forums, produced by a committee of 12 volunteers, have accomplished the following: increased public awareness of the Society; created an audience for events and for potential new members; added hundreds of new names to our contact database; informed, educated, and inspired those who attended; created the beginnings of a video library; developed social action outreach activi-

ties; and raised funds, including a \$500 gift for new microphones. To date, the four Advocacy Forums have yielded a net surplus of over \$5,000.

In addition, 100 copies of the DVD of the Fear Factor Forum have been produced and sent out for viewing in Pennsylvania, Florida, Minnesota, Kansas, and Ohio. The Forum can also be downloaded on the "Demos" site: Demos-USA.org/fearfactorevent. The final Forum program, to be held on December 7, will consider the November election and the future of our democracy.

Membership Director Susanna Frazer reported on the Fall Retreat. Members have expressed a wish for better communication with trustees.

Lynda Kennedy reported that the Sunday school is doing well. She is preparing a general brochure and developing several new programs, including a parenting series beginning in January and a teen Spring Break Drama program. She is also working on a youth program. Young volunteers will help prepare Thanksgiving meals for the homeless.

Leslie Doyle, Director of Marketing and Special Events, reported that preparations for the Community Service Award breakfast on October 19 are going smoothly and that, to date, advance ticket sales have exceeded total expenses for the event by nearly \$7,000.

Executive Director Robert Liebeskind reported on the current state of our budget, which showed a deficit of \$34,000 at the end of September, and our rentals. The World Wide Church of God has abruptly terminated its contract, due to large membership losses, which will cause us to lose \$39,000 per year. Some of that will be made up by Vision Church, whose new three-year contract, beginning in March, will bring in an additional \$15,600 the first year, with incremental increases in years two and three. The Learning Annex began

using the auditorium on the night of this meeting and has reserved it for four other dates.

Other items in his report dealt with our various insurance policies (don't ask, they'll all cost more), with the cost of unemployment insurance benefits, and with unfinished business on the Auditorium renovation project. Our new Facilities Manager, Antony McPherson, received kudos for his assistance to the presider at one of our Sunday morning programs.

Michael Bogdanffy-Kriegh and Robert Liebeskind have been negotiating with the school to effect changes to the School/Society agreement. Several issues were raised, and further discussion was tabled until next month. In the interim, Bob will provide the trustees with a more detailed report.

He provided the trustees with a written report regarding ongoing negotiations with the union that now represents our maintenance workers.

Judy Wallach, American Ethical Union Board member, reported the AEU adopted the United Nations' Millennium Development Goals and is asking each Ethical Society to approve them by passing the same or a similar resolution. A motion to accept the AEU resolution as written passed.

The AEU has created a Fund Development Committee. They are requesting suggestions for specific projects to support.

Community Service Award.

Carol Nadell reported on preparations for the Community Service Award breakfast, which will have been enjoyed long before you read this.

Internet Committee.

Sylvan Wallach confirmed that Board members had received a report regarding the Internet Accessibility Study.

Fundraising.

Bonnie Bean reported on preparations for the November 5 Pledge Party. Whether or

not they attend the party, all members are expected to pledge some financial support for the year.

Note: Latanya Frazer has resigned from the Board. The trustees will select a replacement.

Ethical Humanist Award Committee

Carol Nadell

On Tuesday morning, October 19, the Society presented its third Ethical Community Service Award to Nicholas D'Agostino, Jr. Mr. D'Agostino, chairman of D'Agostino Supermarkets, Inc., was honored for his outstanding public service in improving the lives of New Yorkers.

The event marked a first—as the Society combined the award presentation with a fund-raising event—to raise money for City Harvest and the Society.

Despite the dreary, rainy morning, a large, happy crowd gathered in the Social Hall. Society members joined Mr. D'Agostino's family and business associates, representatives from City Harvest, Meals on Wheels, Juvenile Diabetes, and the Goddard Riverside



Khoren Arisian, Michael Kriegh, Robert Liebeskind, & Nicholas D'Agostino

Community Center to enjoy coffee, bagels, and croissants and schmooze. It was a relaxed, friendly party, made warmer and more welcoming by Paul

Chamlin's lovely musical accompaniment.

The presentation was made to Mr. D'Agostino by President Michael Bogdanffy Kriegh. Mr. D'Agostino was most appreciative but self-effacing, saying that what he does is a community effort, not the work of one man.

I thank the staff, Leslie Doyle, Bob Liebeskind, and the committee for their outstanding work and commitment.



Mr. and Mrs. D'Agostino & Ben Bean

Benefit Concert for the Stained Glass Windows

Dr. Ruth Cohen

The Sixth Annual Benefit Concert for the Stained Glass Windows fund held Sunday, October 24, was a wonderful success. It was diverse it was rousing it was lyrical it was sonorous. Our devoted audience and supporters heard Krishna Shah in a masterly sound of bongo and conga drum; we heard Diane Howard and Jon Liechty in a beautiful classical Bach duet; we listened to a playful and enchanting Schumann Kinderscene played by Gerald Ranck and to a more "wide open interpretation" of some Percy Grainger; still to come was the lovely soprano saxophone rendition of Piazzola played by Javier Oviedo with Jon

Liechty at the piano. Most grateful thanks to the musicians who donated their performance to us. The concert took in \$595.

Cultured Comedy Club

Suzy Frazer

NYSEC's CCC presented a special benefit—Laughs From the Left—on Thursday, October 28. A very large, sharp crowd filled our auditorium for a great night, and the post-show reception was donated by Hadleigh's, O'Neal's Restaurant and Café Fio-rello. Top comedians appearing were our own Scott Blakeman and Dean Obeidallah, Brian Dykstra, Maysoun Zayid, Barry Weintraub, Joe Raiola, and Reno. CCC will be on hiatus for the December holiday season—but resume with a bang on Thursday, January 20, 2005—cast TBA!

Our Ethical Family

Suzy Frazer

New members

Arlene Donar is a naturopathic doctor who teaches and lectures on alternative medicine. She was attracted by the Society's good works and hopes to help at our shelter and other venues with her knowledge of disease prevention and natural health maintenance. She's a New York resident and has two children, Arianne and Erin.

Carla Stea is long familiar with the Society, as her mother Henriette was a member from 1949 until her recent death. Carla is an investigative Journalist in Washington specializing in international affairs and human rights. She enjoys classical music and poetry and shares NYSEC's concern for social justice.

Pledge Party/Kick Off Big Success

Bonnie Bean

On November 5 members and friends gathered, laughed, ate, danced, applauded Nora McCarthy's fabulous band and talked BUDGET!!!! The

pledge drive resulted in a good help to our deficit. Thanks to Bonnie Bean, Chuck Debrovner and the Fundraising Committee.

If you haven't contributed yet, and feel that the survival of NYSEC is vital, please send in whatever amount you can to NYSEC 2 West 64th Street, NYC 10023, Attn: Bonnie Bean.

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Dr. Khoren Arisian - Senior Leader

Present

Advocacy Forum V

*“One Nation Divisible:
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With

Richard Clarke

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Author - *Against All Enemies* – NY Times Best Seller

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Greg Palast

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

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<p align="center">Great Books Dec. 1 – Conrad, <i>Heart of Darkness</i> ECRDG: (Ethical Culture Reading Discussion Group) Dec. 8 – E.L. Doctorow, <i>Billy Bathgate</i> Great Books: "Happiness and Discontent" Dec. 15 – Mary Lavin, <i>Happiness</i></p>			<p align="center">1</p> <p align="center">January 2005 newsletter deadline</p> <p>6:00 pm – Men's Group 7:30 pm – Great Books 7:30 pm – Shelter</p>	<p align="center">2</p>	<p align="center">3</p> <p align="center">7:00 pm – Film Forum</p>	<p align="center">4</p> <p align="center">9:30 am & 1:30 pm Supervised Visitation</p>
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<p>26</p> <p>10:30 am – Yoga Meditation 11:00 am – Ethics for Children 11:15 am – Morning Meeting 12:45 pm – Cafeteria 1:45 pm – No program</p>	<p align="center">27</p> <p>7:30 pm – Shelter</p>	<p align="center">28</p> <p>7:30 pm – Shelter</p>	<p align="center">29</p> <p>7:30 pm – Shelter</p>	<p align="center">30</p> <p>7:30 pm – Shelter</p>	<p align="center">31</p> <p align="center">Offices closed</p> <p>7:30 pm – Shelter 8:00 pm – Strathmere Ensemble 9:45 pm – New Year's Eve Party</p>	



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