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## **Sunday Morning Meetings** 11:15 AM—in the Auditorium

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*Hofstra University*

Joseph Marvel Presides

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*Senior Leader*

Dr. Charles H. Debrovner Presides

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*Ethical Culture Society of Essex County*

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Member of  
the Society**

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## **November Happenings**

**Friday, November 5, 7:00-9:00 pm, Kick Off Party** hosted by the Board of Trustees and the Fundraising Committee. Eat, drink, dance, and enjoy special entertainment. RSVP Suzy at 212-874-5210 x113 by Nov. 1.

**Tuesdays, November 16 and 30, 6:30-8:30 pm, “Foundations of Ethical Culture” new mini-course.** November 16 Curt Collier will discuss Philosophy, Values, and Social Action. November 30 Joe Chuman will talk about our History and Social Roots. Khoren Arisian will facilitate. Note this is an unavoidable change from the schedule listed earlier.



## **From the Leader's Desk**

*Dr. Khoren Arisian*

### **Ethics, the Fear Factor, and the American Voter**

It's a great pity that the fear factor, the central topic of our fourth Advocacy Forum on September 8, looms ever more ominously with each passing day. Fear hardly improves either our mental acuity or our physical well-being. As political commentator David Corn observes: "The Swift Vets' unsubstantiated but effective attacks on Kerry and the Republicans' successful convention (celebrating Bush as God's  
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**October 31—J. Robert Oppenheimer: From the Manhattan Project to the American Century**  
*Dr. David C. Cassidy, Hofstra University*

J. Robert Oppenheimer, who led the Manhattan Project that produced the atomic bomb that ended World War II, helped forge a fortuitous alliance between science and government that made Henry Luce's dream of an American Century a reality. David C. Cassidy's long anticipated magisterial biography, 450 pages in length, chronicles the personal story of one of the century's most gifted physicists and how his surprising managerial ability came to be entwined with the history, culture, and rapid scientific and military advancement of the United States in the first half of the 20th century.

The eldest son of an aristocratic German Jewish family uneasy with its own ethnic heritage, Oppenheimer was early enrolled in our own Ethical Culture School here on the West Side. His father, Julius, became quite wealthy and found his and his family's way into society. The School was renowned for its unique secular and progressive educational outlook and liberal values. Julius became a generous supporter and member of the Society's Board of Trustees. The first few chapters of Cassidy's book are aptly designated, "Ethically Cultured" and "Ethically Schooled." J. Robert's story goes on from there.

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**Ethical Culture: Who We Are**

We have a wonderful staff at the Society. Below are their names and major responsibilities. When you are at the Society, stop in and say hello.

**Marc Bernstein** is the archivist for the New York Society and the American Ethical Union. He maintains the historical records of the movement, which include everything from the speeches of Felix Adler to contemporary financial reports and newsletters.

**Gloria Chandler’s** responsibilities include Administration Office correspondence, internal room reservation requests, scheduling, requests, and correspondence regarding outside space rentals, and Board meeting correspondence and paperwork; distributing member mailings, ordering office supplies, and arranging for repair of office equipment.

**Leslie Doyle** is Director of Marketing and Special Events, responsible for program development and implementation, assisting in Society marketing and publicity, coordination of activities for rental groups and providing staff representation to selective committees. Also responsible for providing assistance to Executive Director when needed.

**Deborah Foster** produces Sunday leaflets/inserts; forum programs/inserts; newsletter & calendar; some flyers; laser labels for mailings. Checks/changes backup tape on network server daily. Changes (other than pledges) on the database. In-house membership directory after Board meeting. Updates website.

**Suzu Frazer**, Membership Director, works with our *current* members and staff, providing services and organizing social events, participating as a member of 6 committees, reporting to the Board at its meetings, recruiting volunteers, producing new brochures and applications, creating a welcoming nurturing environment; and works to attract *new* members.

**Lynda Kennedy**, Director of Youth and Family Programs, develops and oversees the Sunday School Program, working with the Youth and Sunday School Committees to develop new programs for youth and families, and assisting in outreach for new, younger members.

**Yolanta Kosmaczewska** is the bookkeeper for the Society. She maintains all financial records for the Society, develops monthly financial reports for the Executive Director and the Board of Trustees, records and pays all Society bills, and deposits all Society income.

**Robert Liebeskind**, Executive Director, oversees the day-to-day operations of the Society, including budget development and fiscal management, program development, staff supervision, and building maintenance. Robert maintains ongoing communication with the Board of Trustees and works with the Board to develop annual goals and objectives for the Society.

**Nora McCarthy** is Assistant to the Senior Leader. She administers his many projects; transcribes and edits talks given by the Senior Leader and other speakers and produces the Sunday Addresses; responds to phone and e-mail inquiries regarding our events and wedding ceremonies; designs flyers for our events and implements the Great Books Series. Nora is performing in a series of musical performances at the Sunday Morning Meetings.

**Antony McPherson** sets up microphones, speakers, CD players, VCR players and DVD players, and operates them. He is responsible for event setups including all lighting; care of carpets, floors, and restrooms; repair of damaged walls and other needed repairs. He operates and assists with operation of stair-trac and ramp for wheelchairs. Antony supervises and schedules all maintenance tasks to ensure its completion in a safe and timely manner. The excellent maintenance staff is comprised of **Anwar Bramble, Joseph Chobot, Leonardo Gibson, David McCants, and Jason Vasquez.**

**Marlon Rice** is the Society Security Guard. Marlon can always be found in the security office as one enters the building. Marlon is responsible for maintaining safety in the building, welcoming guests and directing them to the appropriate location in the building. One can always count on Marlon’s kind, friendly, warm smile.

## Leader's Desk

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choice to lead a holy war against terrorists) have spooked [Democrats]. They look with fear at the poll numbers,... they justifiably fret and frantically toss out advice.” ([http://www.tompaine.com/print/the\\_fearful\\_voter.php](http://www.tompaine.com/print/the_fearful_voter.php)) More and more voters are apparently preparing to vote their fears, come November 2; “soccer moms” have morphed into “security moms,” as the President, posing as divine protector of the American people, gleefully promotes more fear—or, as Corn puts it, “the freedom from it.” National security now trumps all other issues as our country increasingly assumes the militarized posture of a garrison state.

A widespread, potent spiritual component is primarily at work in the 2004 elections. It's startling to note that in 1860, as the freshly hatched Republican Party put up its first Presidential candidate, Abraham Lincoln, 80% of the nation's voters went to the polls. Did they vote their fears or their hopes? Probably some of each. In any event, the young Republic at the time was overwhelmingly Protestant, neither Catholicism nor Judaism offering much by way of theological or cultural competition; that would come much later. The philosophic differential between Lincoln and Bush boggles the mind: whereas the Great Emancipator was a uniter, the Great Crusader has proved to be a divider. What's God got to do with the politics of irony? The spiritual incongruity of this year's Presidential contretemps presents a painful contrast between what might be expected and what actually transpires on November 2. The world awaits the outcome, as does the USA in particular!

In such a polarizing environment a high premium has come to be placed upon the undecided voter, possibly the most thoughtful and courageous of our

citizenry. Estimates of the actual number that the undecided represent go as high as 20% of the electorate, which is hard to believe. Whether this splintered demographic cohort will tip the results one way or the other remains to be seen. Wouldn't it be the irony of all ironies if most of these insistently rational voters in effect proclaim a pox on both parties and, after due deliberation, sit out the election entirely! I, for one, hope not. The nation needs them as never before.

A word about our two hugely successful and largest new programs: The Advocacy Forums of 2004 and the Cultured Comedy Club. By year's end both of these undertakings will have cumulatively attracted some thousands of new folks to our premises. Our challenge will be to derive from this fresh constituency a goodly number of people who might find Ethical Culture a vigorous spiritual center that can provide purpose, direction, and vitality to their lives.

*Set aside Tuesday evening, December 7 (that infamous day!) when our fifth and last Advocacy Forum will be held. Richard Clarke, the nation's onetime counter-terrorism czar, and author of Against All Enemies, will be joined by other notable figures. The tentative topic is: “Whither American Democracy?”*

## Sunday Meetings

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It's appropriate, on the 100th anniversary of Oppenheimer's birth, that so splendid a first major biography of the man has been published; *Oppenheimer and the American Century* started right here in New York City.

Dr. David C. Cassidy, professor in the Natural Science Program at Hofstra University, has written extensively about Albert Einstein, Werner Heisenberg, and Niels Bohr. He lectures widely. His book will be available at a discount.

## November 7—Electoral Aftermath: What Price Victory?

*Dr. Khoren Arisian, Senior Leader*

That this year's Presidential election will prove to be one of the most fateful and significant in American and, therefore, in world history—no matter which candidate wins—has become abundantly evident. From the days of the early Puritans to the present, what we confidently used to refer to as the American Republic has undergone a major transformation in its democratic presuppositions owing to a deliberately concocted standoff between its religious and secular roots, between church and state, between traditionalism and modernity. Whether Bush or Kerry comes out ahead, there will be a very high price for all of us to pay.

These are, nonetheless, utterly engrossing times, for all the discomfort and danger that have been precipitated. Much more is at stake than meets the eye, or is even reported or commented on in the media, including most publications. The new world disorder presently precludes easy definition or imminent creative reshaping.

This address will attempt to come to terms with some of the major elements at issue: the revolt of the neo-conservatives; perceptions of reality in our post-modern environment; and the worldwide addiction to violence and its possible cure: religion as the hidden content of political ideology. That's just for starters! We *can* help to make this a better world, but it will take time, courage, unrelenting confidence, and deep convictions (mere opinions won't do).

## November 14—Rogue Nation: The U.S. and the International Legal Order

*Dr. Joseph Chuman, Leader, Ethical Culture Society of Bergen County*

Despite our self-image as a nation of laws and an upholder of human rights, the United States has long defied the

international community when it comes to compliance with international human rights provisions. It is a position which must change if we are to reclaim our moral stature as a nation and respect in the eyes of the world.

**November 21 – How Israel Lost: The Four Questions**

*Richard Ben Cramer, author*

An occupation corrupts and corrodes not just the occupied but the occupiers as well.

Richard Ben Cramer won the Pulitzer Prize for his Middle East reporting for the Philadelphia Inquirer in 1979. He is also the bestselling author of *What It Takes: The Way to the White House*, *Joe DiMaggio: The Hero's Life*, and *What Do You Think of Ted Williams Now?*

**November 28 – The Ethics of Emmanuel Levinas**

*Barbara (Boe) Meyerson, Leader of the Ethical Culture Society of Essex County.*

Philosopher Emmanuel Levinas has made a significant contribution to the field of Ethics. As a Phenomenologist he established a new start for ethical theory. A brilliant student of Heidegger, Levinas' mature philosophy grew out of the Holocaust and the agony of World War II. This address will present his challenging philosophical views.

**Sunday Music**

*Gerald Ranck*

Our guest soloist in November will be the distinguished oboist Gerard Reuter. We will play Camille Saint-Saëns' beautiful (and uproarious!) Oboe Sonata. There will be a folk music program with piano arrangements of John Jacob Niles; and two programs of music by the wonderful Joseph Haydn.

In December: A baroque flute and organ program and much more! Stay tuned; be here Sundays at 11:15 am.

**Sundays 1:45 PM**

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November 21 – Richard Ben Cramer book-signing

November 28 – Movie: 1994 *Little Women* (L.M. Alcott b.11/29/1832)

**Caring Committee**

*Les Graifman and Stephanie Rosenblatt, co-chairs*

**Thanksgiving Food Drive.** The Caring Committee continues its outreach to the community with its annual Thanksgiving food drive. We ask you to be as generous as you can by bringing in non-perishable items such as small cans of tuna, canned fruit or vegetables, packages of crackers or cookies, tea, soup packages, and candy. There will be boxes in the Society's lobby until November 14. If you can't shop, we will be happy to accept cash donations and shop for you.

After the donations have been collected, the Caring Committee will assemble about 70 bags of goodies, to be decorated by our Sunday School children. When they are ready, they will be donated to the Lincoln Square Neighborhood Center, the Jewish Guild for the Blind, and our Shelter guests.

We'll even accept fruitcake!! Thanks in advance for bringing Thanksgiving to others.

**Give Thanksgiving to Those in Need.**

If you have been thinking about reaching out to others this year as you plan a sumptuous feast for Thanksgiving, think about volunteering a little of your time to the community on Thanksgiving Eve and Thanksgiving Day.

Every year, your Caring Committee participates in Project FIND with other

community outreach organizations. On the day before Thanksgiving, November 24, from noon to 7:00 pm, at The Church of Saint Paul the Apostle, 405 West 59th Street, we provide volunteers to help set up for the next day's dinner. On Thanksgiving Day, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, we help host, serve, deliver meals to homebound and frail elderly, and clean up.

We need you! We really do need volunteers to make this work. Imagine how good you'll feel digging into your own meal knowing that you have helped people less fortunate than you to enjoy the day. If you have a car, please help us deliver meals.

The Caring Committee urges you to care!! Please contact Stephanie Rosenblatt at 212-586-0017 or Pearl Katz at 212-799-3729 no later than November 19.

**Support Group.** Here are the meeting dates for our support group for the next few months:

**October:**

Monday, Oct. 4, 6:00 pm – Room 508

Thursday, Oct. 21, 6:00 pm – Room 508

**November:**

Monday, Nov. 1, 6:00 pm – Room 508

Thursday, Nov. 18, 6:00 pm – Room 508

**December:**

Monday, Dec. 6, 6:00 pm – Room 508

Thursday, Dec. 16, 6:00 pm – Room 514 (Holiday refreshments)

Please note that if you are not a member or Society Friend the meeting cost is \$5.

**Our Financial Condition**

*John M. Kreuttner, Treasurer*

I hope that you all have read Michael Kriegh's "President's Notes" in the October *Ethical Outlook*. I share Michael's optimistic view of the future of the Society. We have in place an excellent staff and a beautiful building

and we have every reason to be optimistic.

However, in talking to a number of members, it has become apparent that the membership in general does not understand the severity of our financial condition.

We are in a race against time. For years, we have spent down our endowment to meet current operating expenses. Our current budget has a deficit in excess of \$220,000. It is a fairly pessimistic budget in that it projects no increase in the number of rentals. Many of the expense figures in it come from last year's spending. We are making inroads into reducing some of the expenses but, realistically, I don't think more than \$20,000 can be saved.

Our endowment is perilously low after our refurbishment of the auditorium. This was the third major capital upgrade in the last several years. During that period we installed air conditioning in the auditorium and made a major expenditure on the roof. The result of all of this was the continual erosion of the endowment. I am undertaking a review of the endowments with Margaretha Jones and will report on its result in a later article. This is the first step in determining a better estimate of our future.

At the current rate of our deficit, we estimate that we will deplete the endowment in fewer than eight years. The Finance Committee has formed a sub-committee to make plans for the eventuality of our running out of money. Jim Farer has agreed to serve as its chair.

It is clear what we must do. We must increase our membership and we must increase the amount donated by each member. One of the ideas being floated is an annual minimum for each member. The second thing is to increase the rental income from outside parties. The team we have in place is striving to do this.

We had a successful pledge drive last year. It did not reach its goal of \$250,000, but the result was a 50% increase in pledges. We were all asked to double our pledges. Many did, some maintained their current level of pledging, and a few actually decreased their pledges.

**It is imperative that each and every one of us fulfills our pledge obligations.** If possible, it would help if you could add to your pledge.

## Cultured Comedy Club

*Suzy Frazer*

Our special Cultured Comedy Club Benefit night, "Laughs from the Left," was a huge success! We'll present a full report in the December issue.

On November 18 our regular Thursday night program (8:00 pm) will feature the great **Joe Raiola** (Senior Editor of *Mad Magazine*), who will present the New York premiere of his hilarious hit one-man show, "The Joy of Censorship," which has toured nationally. "A fiery defense of the first amendment" is one review (Yale University.) The MC will be our own Scott Blakeman. Please call for more information 212-874-5210 x113.

## Fall Hike

*Henryka Komanska*

On Saturday, November 6, we will hike to the summit of Mt. Taurus in Cold Spring, New York. This four-hour hike will reward you with stunning views of the Hudson River and, on a clear day, Manhattan. We will take a scenic train ride to the town of Cold Spring, which is on the east bank of the Hudson and has many antique stores, an inviting coffee shop, several restaurants, and a

lovely small park. This town is worth a day's visit, even if you don't hike!

The ride on the Metro North Hudson line takes an hour and twenty minutes and offers spectacular views of the river. A one-way ticket is \$9.50. We will meet at the information booth at Grand Central at 8:40 am. Please buy your own tickets. If you arrive after 8:40, you'll find us on the train, which leaves at 8:51 am. Bring a water bottle, a light lunch and/or snack for the trail, and a few dollars for a coffee stop at a local cafe. Wear hiking or sturdy walking shoes, and dress in layers for the hike. For more information call Henryka at 212-582-5192. If it rains, the event will be cancelled.

## Film Forum

*Cheryl Gross*

### **Movies That Mean Business—Eight Films About Corporate Life in America**

"Patterns" was scripted by Rod Serling from his original 1956 play for *Kraft TV Theater*. The film follows the determined plan of a ruthless corporate boss, Walter Ramsey (Everett Sloane), to oust aging Bill Briggs (Ed Begley) and replace him with a younger man, Fred Staples (Van Heflin). In this web of power and manipulation, some of the players strive to preserve their integrity. Is this film relevant today? It sure is. And, the performances are outstanding. Don't miss it.

Society member Richard Bruno's film analysis and background information will heighten our experience and make it quite an enjoyable evening.

Join us for our November Film Forum on Friday, November 12th. Doors open at 6:30 pm, and the movie begins at 7:00 pm. Admission is \$3:00 for members and \$4.00 for non-members. Popcorn and a beverage are included in the price of admission. We hope to see you there.

## Harvest Hoedown

For all ages. No experience necessary. International Square Dance Caller Todd Fellegly will show you how. Sunday, November 7, 2:30 pm.

Non-members \$10, members \$7, students and seniors \$5.

For information call Lynda Kennedy at 212-874-5210 x106.

## The Strathmere Ensemble

Wednesday, November 10, 8:00 pm  
Admission \$15, free to Society members.

The program features Antonin Dvorak's Piano Quintet in A, op 81, Bass Quintet in G, op 71, and Dvorak Songs, and Introduction: Theme and Variations for Clarinet and String by Carl Maria von Weber.

## September Board Meeting Highlights

*Sheila Kleinwald*

After we welcomed Lynda Kennedy as our new Director of Family and Youth Programs, President Michael Bogdanffy-Kriegh reviewed the **Board's goals for 2004-05**. These include a more motivated membership, a balanced budget, a 10 percent increase in membership, a doubling of the number of families who are members, and an increased sense of warmth in our Ethical community.

Reports by Suzy Frazer on **Membership** and by Lynda Kennedy on plans for the **Sunday School** were followed by a report on the **Community Service Award** to be presented to Nicholas D'Agostino. Robert Liebeskind reported on the many **administrative** matters that have

occupied his time since he joined us this summer. He described his major **goals and priorities** for the coming year in terms of budget, rentals, staff, membership, program, and "other." We are still running at a **financial deficit**, which we must reverse soon. Mr. Liebeskind is optimistic that, based upon new rental initiatives, we will succeed. He also reported on current discussions with our **insurance** broker regarding several policies that must be renewed or altered, and on negotiations with the **union** now representing our maintenance workers. Both of these are likely to increase our operating costs.

The **Naumberg Scholarship Fund** is the result of a recent bequest to the Society to provide scholarships to the Ethical Culture Fieldston School. The legal establishment of the fund is currently underway.

A request was considered to co-sponsor a program called **SMART** (Stress Management and Relaxation Techniques for Children and Adolescents). Proposed details were discussed, including the use of our space at a reduced rate. The Board agreed to try the program for one 12-week period.

Mr. Liebeskind has negotiated a restructuring of the position of **Publicity Director** with Alyse Booth. Instead of working on a freelance basis, she will now work specified hours on our premises as a part-time member of our staff. The Board approved the new arrangement.

On Mr. Liebeskind's recommendation, the Board approved changes in **staff benefits** involving vacation time and sick leave, and agreed to offer staff members the opportunity to participate in the NYC Transit Program, which will save money for staff members at no cost to us.

Due to a 1978 decision to opt out of New York State's **unemployment insurance** program, staff cuts have cost us over \$26,000 in self-insured unemployment benefits since June and will cost considerably more by the end

of our fiscal year in June 2005. The Board agreed to reenter the program in January, the earliest possible date.

Khoren Arisian reported on the four **Advocacy Forums** to date, with special thanks to Leigh McKay, Alyse Booth, Leslie Doyle, and Susanna Frazer for their work on these. He supported Mr. Liebeskind's recommendation for program diversification.

Regarding the renegotiation of the **School/Society agreement**, Michael Bogdanffy-Kriegh and Robert Liebeskind have met with Joe Healey, Head of School, and Terry DeGuzman, the school's Chief Financial Officer. Mr. Liebeskind agreed to prepare and distribute to the Board a summary of the negotiations.

Christine Swann was unanimously approved as chair of this year's **Nominating Committee**. Frank Prescod and Robert Berger will be members. Four additional committee members, to be chosen at the November meeting, may come from the Society's general membership. To learn how to nominate someone or be nominated to the committee, call Suzy Frazer.

Sylvan Wallach reported that a **website accessibility study** was completed. The results are available in the administration office. He also reported that the committee appointed to consider **additional officers** of the Board found no additional officers are needed at this time. The Board currently has a President, Vice-President/Secretary, and Treasurer.

Bonnie Bean reported for the **Fundraising Committee** that in lieu of last year's intimate pledge parties, this year there will be one large party for all members. Instead of hosting in their homes, Board members were asked to personally underwrite the event at the Society.

For details on all of the above and more, meeting minutes are accessible in the administration office.

# Our Ethical Family

*Suzy Frazer*

## New members

**Nancy Ambruster** has attended our programs for years and recently joined us at the annual retreat in Walker Valley. A retired librarian, Nancy has volunteered at many large soup kitchens and worked for five years in Zambia.

**Jon Liechty** has been part of the Society for many years, serving as our brilliant guest pianist on Sundays and at many other events. He has his own organization featuring music of the 20th century, and he has graciously agreed to work with our music committee.

**Lee J. Loshak, Ph.D.**, is a psychologist who has been attending our morning meetings, Comedy Club, and book groups. He is attracted to NYSEC's

philosophy, goals, and sense of community.

## Resigned

**Monica Berent** and our former Administrator, **Paula Sheldon**. We wish them both well.

## Transferred to Friend Status Gregg Hamilton

## Our Extended Family

*Judy Wank*

**Judy Sandwell** and **Ken Lee**, who met at the Society in 1994, were married by Judy Wank, formerly Assistant to the Leader at the New York Society and presently Adjunct Leader at the Ethical Culture Society of Westchester, on Saturday, September 25 in the beautiful garden at their home in Croton on Hudson, NY.

**WINTERFEST IS COMING!**  
 New York Society for Ethical Culture  
 On Sunday December 19, 2004  
 We'll celebrate the winter solstice  
 In our own Ethical way  
 This will be a very special day  
 A unique morning program  
 A really good lunch  
 An afternoon of fun for all  
 You'd better not pout  
 You'd better not cry  
 You'd better show up  
 We're telling you why  
 Winterfest is coming to town  
 You'll be sorry if you miss it so  
**SAVE THE DATE!**  
 Invite your Friends and Family  
 Bring the children  
 Watch for reservation information

# November 2004

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
October 31 – David C. Cassidy's booksigning following the Morning Meeting	1 6:00 pm – Board of Trustees 6:00 pm – Grief Support Group 6:15 pm – Advanced Writing 7:30 pm – Shelter	2 7:30 pm – Shelter	3 6:00 pm – Men's Group 7:30 pm – Great Books 7:30 pm – Shelter	4 5:45 pm – The Joy of Personal Writing 7:30 pm – Shelter	5 7:00 pm – Fundraising-Kick Off Party	6 8:40 am – Fall Hike 9:30 am & 1:30 pm Supervised Visitation
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21 10:30 am – Poetry Reading 11:00 am – Ethics for Children 11:15 am – Morning Meeting 12:45 pm – Cafeteria 1:00 pm – Orientation 1:45 pm – Richard Cramer's booksigning	22 6:15 pm – Advanced Writing 7:30 pm – Shelter	23 7:30 pm – Shelter	24 7:30 pm – Shelter	25 Society offices closed 7:30 pm – Shelter	26 Society offices closed	27 No Supervised Visitation program today
28 10:30 am – Yoga Meditation 11:00 am – Ethics for Children 11:15 am – Morning Meeting 12:45 pm – Cafeteria 1:45 pm – Movie: <i>1994 Little Women</i>	29 6:15 pm – Advanced Writing 7:30 pm – Shelter	30 6:30 pm – Foundations of Ethical Culture 7:30 pm – Shelter	<b>Great Books</b> Nov. 3 – Plato, <i>The Apology</i> Kant, <i>Conscience</i> <b>ECRDG: (Ethical Culture Reading Discussion Group)</b> Nov. 10 – Joseph Conrad, <i>Heart of Darkness</i> <b>Great Books: "Happiness and Discontent"</b> Nov. 17 – John Berger, <i>The Three Lives of Lucie Cabrol</i>			

**Ethical Culture** is a humanistic religious and philosophical movement in which people share a core of common values: the worth of each individual, ethics as central to our lives, eliciting the best from each other and doing good in the world.

We seek truth as a growing, changing body of knowledge based on experience, reason and scientific observation, and seek to use it in support of human well-being.

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