The world is green again as June arrives and as usual, everyone asks “Where has the time gone?” I always try to remember there are still 24 hours in a day and making each day count is what matters.

This is the month when we close our formal season. The Kids Ethics Program and the Youth Group wind up their activities and will start again in September. A special thank you to Chris La Mattina, Jacqueline Bottenbley and John Waters for their caring attention to our children. Their work is probably the most important of all.

Summer Sundays are being planned and a schedule is forthcoming. Please note the dates we will be closed.

See below for the speakers this month. They all have distinctive messages to share that will give us a lot of food for thought. I hope you’ll start your Sundays with a visit to the Society this month. We all need each other’s caring and support.

And Happy Father’s Day!

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Sunday Meetings
Begin at 11:00 am

June 11: Christian Hayden, Journeys.
June 18: Richard Koral, Can there be a moral economy?
June 25: Linda Napoli, Share your favorite poem!

Summer Sundays begin on July 9

Colloquy
Every Sunday at 9:30 am
Summers included

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PLEASE NOTE
THE SOCIETY WILL BE CLOSED ON 7/2 and 9/3 FOR THE HOLIDAY WEEKENDS.
COLLOQUY WILL STILL BE HELD.
Presentations

June 11: Christian Hayden, Journeys
Where have we been? Where do we wish to go? Explore these and other questions with Christian Hayden, member of the Philadelphia Ethical Society and FES (Future of Ethical Societies), as he leads attendees in an evolving exercise. Christian will employ techniques of exchange from Ethical Culture’s own colloquy, along with Theatre of the Oppressed (an assortment of movement games that explore social justice) techniques. If you want to be a part of this experience, come in comfortable clothes and ready to explore with others.

June 18: Richard Koral, Can there be a moral economy?
We live in a time of great wealth and plenty, yet poverty and hunger persist. What about inequality is inevitable? Is there a modern model of ethical distribution?
Dr. Richard L. Koral is a Leader in Training and is working this year as a Leader-Intern at the New York Society for Ethical Culture. A long-time member of the Ethical Society of Westchester in White Plains, NY, he served as its president for several years. Richard is also active with the American Ethical Union, our national federation, and was president of its Board for three years. He is currently on the AEU Membership Committee which helps the Societies and is active with outreach and new Society development.

June 25: Linda Napoli, Share your favorite poem!
This closing Sunday, let’s enjoy our community by sharing some of our favorite poems, perhaps one that was read this season, or one of your very own. Led by our President, an avid poetry lover.
Our Affiliated Group: Humanists of Long Island

Humanists of Long Island did not meet in May, but many were continuing our “Indivisible” guide format; (www.indivisibleguide.com) we’ve continued making calls, writing postcards and feeling horrified about the increasing damage the Trump administration is creating. The latest decision to have America “pull out from the Paris accord” is nothing less than apocalyptic. As I’ve traveled around Europe, I’m noticing what other countries are doing to minimize the effects of global warming and it is embarrassing and frightening to no longer be a part of this.

Kudos to Governor Anthony Cuomo and Mayor Bill DiBlasio for standing up and stating that New York State and New York City will continue to follow the current recycling program!

Our group hosted another “Twitter 102” training and I believe we are beginning to develop a comfort level with this social media platform. We have Jason and Janet, and their enduring patience, to thank for these training. Please look for us @HumanistsLI.

Everyone is invited to attend a talk, sponsored by the Long Island Atheists. David Silverman, the executive director of the American Atheists national group is speaking at the Plainview/Old Bethpage Library on Friday, June 16 at 7:00 p.m. I heard him speak at the “Reason Rally” last year and he is quite engaging. Come along; a few of us from the Ethical Society are planning to attend. For more information, email me at lihumanist@gmail.com

Now that June is here, there is much to do. A group of us, from the Ethical Society, Humanists of LI and other people from the Long Island Progressive Network are planning an informational outreach event on October 3, 2017 at 7:30 pm to increase understanding of the New York Constitution and why it is important to vote “no” to a convention. Contact me if you would like to be a part of this.

In closing, our next few meetings are July 31, Aug. 28, Sept. 25, Oct. 30, Nov. 27. Our meetings will be held on the second floor at the Ethical Humanist Society of Long Island. We begin at 7:00 pm, and everyone is welcome! We are all humanists of Long Island!
WITH GREAT APPRECIATION AND THANKS

The following members have shared their talents and dedication to help develop the health and vibrancy of the Society:

Marketing Team: Lyn Dobrin, Alison Pratt, Liz Seegert

Building Improvement and Maintenance: Jim LoPresti, Bill Larsen, Chris Stanley, Greg Robinson

Grounds Beautification: Stacy Leon and Ellen Mihok

Coffee Hour: Stacy Leon, Ellen Mihok, George Roemer, Wayne Rudin

Newsletter Editor: Linda Joe

Individual Event Planner: Alison Pratt

2016-2017 Poetry Maven: Lyn Dobrin

Building Enhancement: Alice Sprintzen

Point Person for Social Action Events: Sharon Stanley

Caring Connection for her continued concern: Lois Blatt

Pot Luck Plus Planning: Mel and Barbara Haber

For being there whenever needed as our Pastoral Person: Joan Beder

A guiding force in many areas including Speaker planning and contacts; Ongoing Rentals, Conference Phone setup and general support: Pat Spencer
Social Action: **Ethical Friends of Children**

Please continue to donate children’s clothing and baby items. Diapers, wipes, and new baby items such as bottles are always welcomed. Your donations are completely tax deductible. All of our items are given away at no cost to families.

Contact Jim LoPresti at efoc@ehsli.org for more information.

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**Keeping up with our Members...**

**Latest New Members**

Wayne Rudin  
Helene Rudin  
Anne and Greg Robinson  
Annette Amber, Rosa Amatulli and Anitra Pavlizo  
Lois V. Walker
Sing Along with Kelly

Farewell to the Harmons

Leader Emeritus Arthur Dobrin bidding farewell to Marsha and David Harmon who have retired to Delaware. David was our assistant leader for adjunct services and performed many weddings.
Society News

WHAT IS A “SUMMER SUNDAY”? 

Calling all members to volunteer to speak on a topic of your interest this summer. Please contact Pat Spencer ASAP at 516-433-5019 or at 304pms@gmail.com. The program will start 7/9/17. The Summer Sunday speakers schedule is still being created. At this time we have the following confirmed speakers:

7/9 - David Sprintzen: Topic TBD
7/16 - Judy Rosemarin: Listening challenges and ways to communicate with those whose opinions differ.
7/23 - Maria Clifford and Alison Pratt: The Laughing Buddha and You.
7/30 - Joan Beder: Topic TBD
8/6 - Al Zeiger: Genius of Mozart
8/13 - Lois Walker: Poetry and Human Rights
8/20 - Kelly: Music Sunday
8/27 - Tara Klein: Topic TBD

From July 9th until mid-August, members have an opportunity to share their passion and/or expertise in a particular area with the rest of us. These are informal and very interactive mornings.

The presenter does not usually use the podium and may or may not bring music. Often the group sits in a circle. There is no formal coffee hour, so presenters are asked to bring beverages with cups, napkins and a snack or dessert to share.

The topics have varied widely and the mornings are always interesting. If you attend, we think you’ll enjoy it.
SOCIAL ACTION

The political situation is changing almost by the minute, but the conservative agenda is still being pushed through while our attention is being deflected elsewhere. Longislandactionevents.org is a good source for up to date information on events that are important and easy to get to.

If you’re experiencing “battle fatigue,” be sure to read ON TYRANNY - TWENTY LESSONS FROM THE TWENTIETH CENTURY by Timothy Snyder to understand how dire the situation is.

“We did not come to fear the future, we came here to shape it.”
Barak Obama

50 PEOPLE TO KNOW:
Lyn & Arthur Dobin Answer JFK’s Call

As part of WCBS Newsradio 880’s celebration of covering news in New York for 50 years it interviewed and featured 50 FASCINATING PEOPLE, and our very own member Lyn Dobrin was chosen as one of those 50 People to Know!

Lyn and Arthur Dobin joined the Peace Corps in the 1960s and were sent to Kenya in 1965 to work on farmers’ cooperatives.
Lyn recalls Arthur suggesting they join and she feeling a “sense of adventure and a sense of helping.”

Listen to the full interview and see more of the photos of those early formative years.

EHS member Lyn Dobrin’s interview with CBS radio about the 100th anniversary of the birth of JFK and the Peace Corps aired on CBS radio May 29, 2017.
You can hear it by going to: http://newyork.cbslocal.com/tag/50-people-to-know/
The Little House that EHS-LI Helped Build

Congratulations to students Danielle Buckley and Daniel Garcia who wrote the grant and led the building of the greenhouse by students at W. T. Clarke High School in Westbury. The greenhouse project was the winner of a $500 Student Activist Grant sponsored by our Ethical Society.

FOUNDER’S DAY LUNCHEON

This was a big success and brought in much needed revenue. The basket raffles added to the fun.

Contributing to it all were the efforts of Deb Strube, Alice Sprintzen, Lorraine Agostino, Kelly Tanza, Stacy Leon, Ellen Mihok, Joan Beder and Phyllis Herschlag.

Thanks to all the basket makers, additional food providers and everyone who pitched in on that day.
QUESTION OF THE MONTH

What sustains you in the face of hardship?

HOLD THE DATE

Hold Sunday, July 9th for the Annual EHS pot luck party to which all EHS members are invited. It will be a celebration, and an exploration of potential speakers for next year's programs. The event will be held at the home of David and Alice Sprintzen in Syosset.

CATCHING UP!

Did you miss any of our Sunday talks? Catch up over the summer! We tape our talks and post them on our website so you can catch up over the summer, or review a talk or share it with a friend. Go to our website at http://www.ehsli.org/resources/archives/talks/. If you scroll down to the bottom of the page you’ll see that we have talks in this archive from 2010, so you’ve got a lot of listening to choose from. Enjoy your summer!
Remember Joan Baez and Joni Mitchell? These legendary ladies of folk have laid down lasting legacies, and two accomplished women in the DC area are a product of that influence. Meet Joan & Joni, a duo dedicated to the works of Joan Baez and Joni Mitchell, comprised of Allison Shapiroa and Kipyn Martin. Both performers possess amazing vocals, creating transcendent melodies, as they pluck their guitars in the most elegant ways, crafting an intimate and enveloping sound that will transport you back to the good old days. They display a rich stage presence and a level of talent that you’re sure to enjoy.

**Friday, June 16, 2017 at 8 pm**

Adults: $20  
Students (w/IDs): $15  
Children under 12: $6 (very young children are free)  
Tickets on sale at the door.
June greetings from The Kids Ethics Program on Long Island!

Another school year has come and gone, and I would like to take a moment to thank the students and their parents for participating in our program this year. I hope to see you all in September!

Next year I hope to expand our program, so I am looking to increase enrollment. If anyone knows any families that would like to participate, please contact Phyllis and she will forward any messages to me, or they may contact me directly through my email at ccl1311@aol.com. I am happy to answer any questions parents may have.

Have a wonderful summer!

Christine Lamattina - 
Director of Education for the Kids Ethics Program of LI.
YES (Youth of Ethical Societies) is for teens aged 13 to 18.

EHS LI YOUTH
@YesLlehs
YES is a group of high school students determined to make the world a better place.

Humanism is a belief in the worth and dignity of all people. We teach children to do good for the sake of goodness alone. Humanist values are taught through stories, play, and service projects.
The Ethical Humanist Society of Long Island is a welcoming home for people who think that nothing should be more important to people than people. If you value independent thought, stimulating presentations, a celebration of both science and the arts, the education of youth in the ideals of humanism, and a community of friends who work to create social change, you will find what you're looking for with us.

**Programs**

**Sunday morning meetings** begin at 11:00 a.m. for approximately one hour. A blend of music, poetry, meditation and an informative presentation, our Sunday mornings are the centerpiece of our week. Every talk is recorded... Go to [http://www.ehsli.org/resources/archives/talks/](http://www.ehsli.org/resources/archives/talks/)

**Colloquy** is a time of shared reflection and nurturing. It's an opportunity for people to meet in a small group, examine a particular aspect of life, explore and practice self-reflection. Colloquy meets at 9:30 a.m. before our Sunday meeting. We often lunch together after the general meeting. Everyone is welcome to join us!

**Kids Ethics Program** meets weekly at 11:00 a.m. for children ages 5 to 12 and covers topics of “what makes a good person?” Free babysitting is provided for younger children. [www.facebook.com/kidsethicsprogramLI](http://www.facebook.com/kidsethicsprogramLI)

**YES (Youth of Ethical Societies)** is for teens aged 13 to 18. YES meets approximately twice a month. The YES group hosts a Sunday morning presentation each year. Contact them on twitter [@YesLlehls](http://twitter.com/YesLlehls)

**Humanists of Long Island** is the name of The Ethical Humanist Society of Long Island’s chapter of the American Humanist Association. We meet on the last Monday of each month. For questions email Sharon Stanley at lihumanist@gmail.com or leave a message at 516-741-7304.

**Darwin Day** is our annual celebration of science, held in early February in honor of Charles Darwin.
Commemoration Sunday is our first meeting of each new year when we renew our core values of freedom, justice, dignity and compassion.

Ethical Friends of Children assists more than 2,500 children each year by providing them with clothing and infant furniture at no cost. Our “store” – staffed entirely by volunteers – lets families pick out the things they need, at no cost to them. Please contact director Jim LoPresti at EFOC@ehsli.org if you’d like to help.

The Social Justice Leadership Award was created by the Ethical Humanist Society of Long Island to honor those individuals who have dedicated their lives to the betterment of humankind, recognizing people who have made significant contributions in the areas of peace, justice, human rights, or humanitarian causes.

The Young Activist Grant was founded to encourage Nassau County middle and high school students to develop their own humanitarian skills. The annual grant, awarded in the fall, offers $500 as seed money for a worthy project. See our website for an application.

The Movie Group. For information about joining the movie group, contact Al Zeiger at 516-538-2687. Leave a message and he’ll return your call.

Sponsor a Sunday Coffee Hour: For $15 you can sponsor a Sunday Coffee Hour and, with advanced notice, have your name and message added to the Sunday Meeting bulletin! Please contact Phyllis at ethicalsociety@optonline.net

Affordable Office Space for Rent
We have great office space available for long term leasing. Available are two individual offices (230+ sq ft each). Reasonable rates. Ample free parking and a short walk from the Nassau County Seat, Winthrop University Hospital and the Mineola LIRR train station. Non-profit organizations only may apply. Also on site and available for occasional rental are a conference room for meetings up to 50 people and a large auditorium that can be used for larger events. Inquire through the office, 516-741-7304.

Social Media:

Facebook: www.facebook.com/LIEthical
www.facebook.com/kidsethicsprogramLI/

Twitter: www.twitter.com/ehsli
www.twitter.com/YesLlehs

Meetup: www.meetup.com/Ethical-Humanist-Society-of-Long-Island/
This site lists a full schedule of our events. Support us by becoming an EHSLI meet-up member.

Blog: Leader emeritus Arthur Dobrin is blogging weekdays at arthurdobrin.wordpress.com

Community Action: www.communitiesandpolicetalk.org

The Ethical Humanist Society of Long Island is a member society of the American Ethical Union and a Chapter of the American Humanist Association.
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