President’s Message
By Linda Napoli

“Faith in Ourselves, Faith in Each Other”

As we enter the season of Thanksgiving, it’s a good time to be grateful for the role of our Society in our lives. On Sunday mornings and at other times, we meet in a community that allows us to share our opinions, get support if we need it and forge meaningful relationships. How fortunate we are!

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT:

On October 29th, the membership voted to hire Richard Koral as our part time Leader beginning January, 2018. We look forward to our association with Richard as we work together to continue to develop the vibrancy of our Society. Welcome, Richard.

The Ethical Humanist Society of Long Island would like to welcome new member Jeanne Yglesias to our Ethical Humanist family. Jeanne is interested in social justice, politics and the environment. She works as an Insurance Investigator. Jeanne is a great team player and we are thrilled to have her on board.

There is a lot going on this month to feed our minds and our spirits. Join us and bring your friends.

See below for these exciting events. Enjoy turkey day!
SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5\textsuperscript{th} - 12:30 p.m. Non-Fiction Book Talk – “On Tyranny” by Timothy Snyder
Participate in the book discussion to be held at EHSLi on Sunday November 5 at 12:30pm when David Sprintzen leads the discussion. The title is “On Tyranny: Twenty Lessons from the Twentieth Century” by Timothy Snyder; it is a small book and quick to read but well worth reading and should create a good discussion.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10\textsuperscript{th} - 12:30 p.m. Gossip – What It Is and How It Hurts Us All

VOTE ON ELECTION DAY – TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7\textsuperscript{th}

It’s not just a right, it’s a responsibility. .......................... “All politics is local” – Tip O’Neill

DOCUMENTARY – WEDNESDAY NOV. 8\textsuperscript{th} – 7:00 p.m.

The Ethical Humanist Society of LI and the LI Media Task Force present “Shadows of Liberty” on Wednesday, November 8 at 7 pm.

Q&A will be conducted by Kristina Borjesson, who is featured in the film about her research into the media’s coverage of the TWA flight 800 crash.

“Shadows of Liberty” examines how the US media are controlled by a handful of corporations exercising extraordinary political, social and economic power. In highly revealing stories, renowned journalists, activists and academics give insider accounts of a broken media system. Controversial news reports are suppressed, people are censored for speaking out, and lives are shattered as the arena for public expression is turned into a private profit zone.

Tracing the story of media manipulation through the years, “Shadows of Liberty” poses a crucial question: why have we let a handful of powerful private corporations write the news?

Come to see this important and timely film.
Admission is free, however a $5 donation is suggested.
VETERAN’S DAY - NOVEMBER 11<sup>th</sup>

Veteran's Day was originally called Armistice Day. It was created by Woodrow Wilson in 1919 to commemorate all the soldiers who had been killed in World War I, ironically known as “The war to end all wars.”

The World War I armistice went into effect on the 11<sup>th</sup> hour of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month of the year 1918. In 1954, Congress changed the name to Veteran's Day to honor all Americans who fight in any one of our many wars. We can best honor our veterans by helping them deal with issues they face when returning home.

THANKSGIVING FESTIVAL - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19<sup>th</sup>

Our inter-generational celebration of the season.

FALL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

SUNDAY - DECEMBER 3rd - 12:15 p.m.

We will review the state of the Society and receive reports on various aspects of our life as a community. We will review and vote on the budget. There will be an opportunity for questions, comments, and suggestions. All members, please plan to attend this important meeting.
Media Documentary Series

THE BRAINWASHING OF MY DAD
Wednesday, October 11, 7 p.m.
THE BRAINWASHING OF MY DAD unravels the deliberate shift of the country to the right, largely through media manipulation, and shines a light on how it happened, who owns the airwaves, what rights we have as consumers, and what responsibility our government has to keep the airwaves fair, accurate, and accountable to the truth.
Movie followed by Q & A by filmmaker Jan Senko

SHADOWS OF LIBERTY
Wednesday, November 8, 7 p.m.
SHADOWS OF LIBERTY examines how the US media are controlled by a handful of corporations exercising extraordinary political, social, and economic power.

PROJECT CENSORED
Wednesday, Dec. 6, 7 p.m.
PROJECT CENSORED takes an in-depth look at what is wrong with the news media in the US today, and highlights the work of 37-year media democracy organization Project Censored and its commitment to media literacy education as an antidote to top-down, managed news propaganda and censorship.

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38 Old Country Road
Garden City, NY 11530
516-741-7304
FREE ADMISSION, $5 donation requested
This presentation will first explore the relationships between music, especially improvised music, and Buddhist meditation with an emphasis on how music and meditation affect consciousness. These ideas will then be discussed in relation to the Brazilian educator Paulo Freire’s concept of critical social consciousness. The presentation will conclude with a discussion of the ethical imperative in the age of Trump for consciousness-raising on both the personal and societal levels. Bob has had a long and successful career as a composer, arranger, and recording artist. Mr. Lepley was also a parish minister for twenty five years with the United Methodist Church and United Church of Christ, and he has been an activist and community organizer since the 1960s.

Nov. 12: Dr. Javad Mohsenian, *Strengthening our Nation of Immigrants.*  
Ever since Europe occupied Native American land, the United States has been a nation of immigrants. An immigrant himself, Felix Adler, the founder of Ethical Culture, knew that embracing diversity was important to our country. How do we transform recent anti-immigrant hysteria into more productive and welcoming attitudes and policies?  

Dr. Javad Mohsenian, an immigrant, author and psychiatrist who lives in the Philadelphia metropolitan area, will explore the process of immigrant adoption, adjustment, pluses, minuses and contribution to American society, cultural and religious conflicts, as well as the role of the 1979 Iran’s revolution in immigration from that country.

Nov. 19: Fall Festival.  
Our annual intergenerational celebration of autumn.
Nov. 26: Je’ Hooper, leader in training.

Jé Hooper is a preacher, producer, and performer. He is a member of the Riverdale-Yonkers Society for Ethical Culture, where he has served as the Director of Family for Ethics for Children program. Jé is currently a leader-in-training with the American Ethical Union and a 2017 recipient of the Mossler Fellowship that will assist in the production of a film, Humanitas: Coloring with W.E.B. Du Bois and Felix Adler. Along with these ambitious leaps into our Humanistic community, Jé is attending Ohio University for a Ph.D. in Interdisciplinary Arts, where he will focus on Preaching in Africa: a creative response to the AIDS/HIV epidemic. He is supported creatively by his life partner Storäe Michele and his two dogs Milo and Shilo.

Dec. 3: Dr. Jeffrey Reynolds.

An experienced, dynamic and committed public health professional, Dr. Jeffrey L. Reynolds is the President and Chief Executive Officer of Family and Children’s Association (FCA), based in Mineola, NY. Since it began as an orphanage more than 130 years ago, Family and Children’s Association (FCA) has been committed to caring for Long Island’s vulnerable children, youth, seniors and families while helping them prepare for successful futures.

Dr. Reynolds currently serves on the Executive Committee of the Nassau County Heroin Prevention Task Force and is chair of Suffolk County’s Sober Home Oversight Board. He chaired Suffolk County’s Heroin/Opiate Epidemic Advisory Panel and serves on the Drug Enforcement Agency’s (DEA-LI) Prescription Drug Working Group. He was recently appointed to serve on Governor Cuomo’s Heroin and Opioid Task Force.
Our Affiliated Group: Humanists of Long Island

Autumn appears to have finally come our way. And November means Election Day is upon us! Please remember to vote on November 7, 2017! Tell your friends and family too. Statistics show that only 30% of the citizens of Nassau County vote.

In addition, we are also advocating for everyone to turn over the ballot and Vote “NO” for Proposition 1.
We are encouraging a “YES” vote for Proposition 2 and 3.

Here are the three propositions:
Proposition 1 would call for a constitutional convention to explore proposals for changes to the state constitution.
Proposition 2 would allow judges to reduce or revoke the state pension of a public officer convicted of a felony related to his or her duties.
Proposition 3 would create a 250-acre land bank, which would allow local governments to request forest preserve land for projects in exchange for the state acquiring 250 acres for the forest preserves.

On Thursday, November 2nd at 11 am, there will be a “VOTE NO CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION RALLY AND PRESS CONFERENCE”
at the Nassau County Legislative Building, located at 1550 Franklin Ave, Mineola 11501.
David Sprintzen will be moderating. I will be speaking on behalf of EHSLI. Please join with community organizations, unions and environmental groups to persuade voters to Vote No.
Our Monday, November 27th meeting will be held in the meeting room on the main floor. We have been given a unique opportunity to show a movie called, “Leaving God: Why I Left God and Why So Many Others Are Too,” by filmmaker John Follis. We will start at 7:00 pm. The film is 47 minutes long.

Thomas Sheedy and our friends from the Long Island Atheists will be co-hosting this event with us and I am happy for the opportunity to be working with our friends again. After we air the movie, we will have a SKYPE conversation with John Follis, the filmmaker.

Everyone is invited, and this event is open to the public. There is no cost to attend this special movie night, and we encourage snacks, soft drinks and other party beverages.

Here is the link to the trailer: https://vimeo.com/219209315

Our December meeting is cancelled, because it falls on Christmas Day Evening. We will start up again on Monday, January 29. All our meetings start at 7:00 pm. Everyone from the ethical society and their friends are welcome. We are all humanists of Long Island!

For questions, please contact Sharon Stanley at lihumanist@gmail.com.
Vote No ConCon 2017!

What the State Constitution Protects
(and What the Big Boys Want to Tamper With)

• Civil service appointment by competitive examination. (V. §6)
• Retirement benefits not to be diminished or impaired. (V. §7)
• State money not to be loaned to private corporations. (VIII. §8.1)
• State assistance against “the hazards of unemployment, sickness, and old age. (VIII. §8.2)
• Maintenance and support of a system of free common schools, wherein all the children of this state may be educated. (XI. Section 1)
• Use of public property or money in aid of denominational schools prohibited; transportation of students authorized. (XI. §3)
• Forest preserve to be kept ever wild. (XIV. Section 1)
• Forest and wildlife conservation. (XIV. §3)
• Protection of natural resources. (XIV. §4)
• The aid, care and support of the needy. (XVII. Section 1)
• Low rent housing and nursing home accommodations for persons of low income. (XVIII. Section 1)
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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EYGLASS REUSE AND RECYCLING

The YES group is collaborating with the Floral Park Lions Club to recycle eyeglasses. The box is in our lobby for your old eyeglasses. These glasses will be processed by measuring the lenses and matched to needy people in other countries. Glasses that are beyond use will be recycled.

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WINTER MITTEN DRIVE

The KIDS in the ETHICS PROGRAM are collecting hats, scarves and mittens again this year, please look for the donation box in the lobby.
Our Youth Programs:
Kids Ethics Program Long Island

November greetings from the Kids Ethics program!

This month we will be talking about gratitude. Classes will be focused on how having an "attitude of gratitude" can increase the quality of our lives. In modern society we often forget the importance of gratitude, and our lessons will consist of gentle reminders of what we have to be grateful for. We are also going to create a gratitude bank, a collection of thoughts and quotes, to help remind us of the people and things we have to be grateful for.

The kids will be holding a bake sale with the proceeds going towards UNICEF, on November 12 during the coffee hour. We are collecting hats, scarves and mittens again this year, please look for our donation box in the lobby!

As always, please feel free to stop in downstairs and see what the children have been doing. We have some wonderful things planned for the year, and would love a few visitors!

My email address is ccl1311@aol.com. Please feel free to contact me at any time with questions or suggestions. Thank You

Christine Lamattina - Director of Ethical Education

Mina Sainbert, Assistant Teacher
Please don’t forget to like our Facebook page!!

KIDS’ ETHICS PROGRAM LONG ISLAND
Our Youth Programs:

YES (Youth of Ethical Societies) is for teens aged 13 to 18.

The YES group began in September with only one remaining member from prior years, Nadiya Sivin-Kachala. All the others have come new, thanks to our marketing campaign. As such, students are getting to know us and each other. Along with Nadiya, 17, we have some committed new students: Aniyah Kaleis Granger, 16, Maggie Cullimore, 16, and Erika Avallone, 13.

We’re happy to report that Nadiya and Maggie have signed up to attend the national YES conference in Frost Valley over the weekend of Nov. 9 to 12.

We’ve done three social actions so far this year.

First, we started collaborating with the Floral Park Lions Club to recycle eyeglasses. The box is in our lobby for your old eyeglasses. These glasses will be processed by measuring the lenses and matched to needy people in other countries. Glasses that are beyond use will be recycled.

Second, we participated in the Community Solidarity food share in Hempstead, helping distribute food to people in need.

Third, we attended the Sunday address on September 15 by Ryan Madden, Climate Change expert for the Long Island Progressive Coalition. Based on his talk, we have written letters to Newsday and our State Senators to pass Senate Bill 6617A that would require that NY State be on 100% renewable energy by 2050.
We’re proud of how these students—new to Ethical Culture and to each other—have begun the process of bonding and jumped in with both feet on serving others.

Lorraine Zeller-Agostino

Alison Pratt
SOCIETY NEWS

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR JULIA SUKENIK

It is with great sadness to report the death of long-time member Julia Sukenik. Julia has been with us since the 1950’s and has been a devoted member and friend. The memorial service was held at the society on Wednesday, November 1 at 3 pm.

SARAH IN BELGIUM

EHS LI member Sarah Finkelstein Waters will be the opening speaker at a conference in Belgium in November. The focus of the international conference, coordinated by Child Focus and other child welfare groups, is on parental child abduction and its effects on children.

Sarah is the subject of a film "Sarah Cecilie," a documentary film that examines the impact of parental child abduction from the point of view of the two estranged parents, as well as that of the child, now an adult. The film provides a 360-degree view of the phenomenon of child abduction, an experience from which the child, the abductor and the left-behind parent all emerge damaged.

USING THE CONFERENCE PHONE

On 1/15/2017 we instituted a new program whereby members can call in on their phones and listen to the entire Sunday morning program at the Ethical Humanist Society of Long Island. Here are the instructions on how to listen to the EHS LI Sunday morning talk over the conference phone if you are unable to attend a Sunday meeting.

- Between 10:50 and 10:55 AM Call:
  1-515-739-1285.
- Access Code: 266123#
- Say your name when prompted
- The listener will hear music playing and then the Sunday Morning Program.

What is important is that the listener puts your phone on mute by dialing *6; this prevents noises from your homes being heard.

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SAVE THE DATE - 1/1/2018

We are having our annual New Year’s Day party, January 1, 2018 from 4:00 -8:00 PM

QUESTION OF THE MONTH

“What quality do you most value in a person?”

WOMEN’S RETREAT IN 2018!

Ladies of Ethical please mark your calendar for our Annual Retreat on October 13-14, 2018!

We had such a great time, we’re ready to start planning for another exciting get-together! We’re always interested in your great ideas for topics, activities, crafts and icebreakers. We especially encourage members to volunteer to lead a workshop. Please email Delorie at Rodel48@aol.com or call 718-459-1380

Women’s Retreat
WELCOME IMMIGRANTS!

In a wonderful program on Sunday October 3, 2017 (orchestrated by Linda Napoli), Elke Bluth, Chris Stanley, Pat Spencer, and David Emmy told us about their experiences coming to America.

Dorcas Kiptoo was there via video.

SUNDAY MORNING COMMITTEE

Sunday, 11/26/2017 at 12:30 the Sunday Morning Committee will be meeting to plan the speakers schedule for 2018. All members are invited to attend and/or submit names of speakers who can present topics of interest to EHSLI members.
RYANHOOD

Friday, November 17 at 8:00 p.m.

Ryanhood was declared the "Best Group/Duo" in the 2014 International Acoustic Music Awards (IAMAs). They have toured with Jason Mraz, recorded an album with Grammy-winning producer Ross Hogarth, and shared the stage with Matt Nathanson, Train, American Authors and Lifehouse. They released their sixth album, "Yearbook," in March of this year, and have performed more than 800 shows in 45 states.

Ryan Green and Cameron Hood began more than a decade ago as street performers in Boston’s Quincy Market. Hood’s rich and folky lead vocals, Green’s explosive guitar and mandolin riffs, and their airtight vocal harmonies prompted the Arizona Daily Star to call them, "a match made in radio heaven."

They currently reside in their hometown of Tucson, AZ, where they have won more than a dozen Tucson Music Awards including "Best Folk Band" and "Best Rock Band."

Suggested Donations For This Performance: Adults: $20, Students (w/IDs): $15
Children under 12: $6 (very young children are free)
Tickets on sale at the door.
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/

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 at a diner 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. Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/Kids-Ethics-Program-Long-Island-139022706699890/

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 @YesLlehs

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

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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.

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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

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