Sunday Meetings
Begin at 11:00 am

July 8: Linda Napoli, Bring a Poem to Share.

July 15: Joan Beder, Physician Assisted Suicide.

July 22: Kelly Schmidt, Music Program.

July 29: Al Zeiger, Beethoven, a Titan.

Aug. 5: David Geddam, Racism, a Personal Perspective.

Aug. 12: Alicia Evans, 5 Tips for Happiness.

Aug. 19: Judy Rosemarin, How Do I Define Myself.

Aug. 26: Steve Hetzel, First Aid Treatments.

Colloquy
Every Sunday at 9:30 am

President’s Message

By Linda Napoli

“Faith in Ourselves, Faith in Each Other”

Summer is at its height with all its attendant pleasures. It’s a good time to slow down and just be!

Summer Sundays are in full swing with enjoyable and valuable talks by our members. If you haven’t attended yet, there are still a few terrific ones ahead. Look at the Weekly Email for what’s coming up.

I’d like to welcome Duffy and Will Spencer back as members. They’ve joined us again after attending the wonderful Founder’s Day Luncheon honoring Arthur Dobrin. We look forward to their participation.

The Board will be getting together in mid-August for its summer meeting and annual retreat. This is our opportunity to talk at length about the state of the Society and ways to further develop our mission. We will also share ideas regarding enriching our community and meeting the needs of our members as well as making visitors feel welcome.

A special thank you to Alice and David Sprintzen for hosting the July 1st Pot Luck Lunch and Planning Meeting at their home. It was a very enjoyable way to conduct Society business and a lot was accomplished.

Linda Napoli
# July and August 2018 Summer Speakers

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## COMING IN THE FALL

### September 9th is OPENING SUNDAY

- **Sunday, Sept. 16th - Small Group Discussion “Being Open minded”**
- **Sunday, Sept. 30th - Group Meditation**
Leader’s Message

We are all followers of current events and we all remember some instances where our own government did things that violated principles of ethics and to which we strenuously objected. Sometimes the matters represented differences of opinion over policy and sometimes the issues concerned the breaking of norms and laws.

But seldom has the federal government engaged in actions that were illegal, irresponsible, cruel and incompetent all at once. I’m referring, of course, to the alleged “zero tolerance” policy by which asylum seekers and migrants were indiscriminately arrested as criminals at the Mexican border and, as for those traveling with children, federal agents removed their children and sequestered them far away, often thousands of miles away. Children from infancy up to 17 were separated from their families and placed in detention.

Thanks to the efforts of the American Civil Liberties Union which pursued a court proceeding to stop these practices, the federal government was ordered to promptly reunite the children with their families. It then became clear that, in many instances, the Federal government made such blunders managing this program that they could not accurately link many children with their proper families. In some instances, parents have already been deported without their children. In other instances, the government masked their confusion by claiming that some parents were not entitled to get their children back because they were criminals.

On June 17, our Society wrote a letter expressing our outrage to Attorney General Jeff Sessions and to Homeland Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen. We just received a personal letter from the Homeland Secretary responding to ours. In her letter, Secretary Nielsen repeats the official line that the policy simply enforces the law against lawbreakers, i.e., those who illegally enter the United States.

However, the Secretary does not address the fact that it is not a violation of the law to seek asylum. In fact, it is a violation of both domestic law and international law to turn away asylum seekers. Moreover, the statute that she cites, 8 U.S.C. §1325(a), makes it a misdemeanor to enter the US at a place that is not a designated point of entry or to avoid inspection, that is to say, to sneak in. For a misdemeanor charge, it isn’t necessary to jail someone and sequester their children. Moreover, it has become clear that many asylum seekers were actually deterred from entering at the customs booth. In other words, they were set up.

According to former Rep. Elizabeth Holtzman, who was on the committee that voted for a bill of impeachment against President Nixon, these children were “kidnapped.” Holtzman just resigned from a high level consulting board for the Homeland Security Department over this very issue. She could no longer offer guidance to a Department that has so departed from civilized norms.

We can be proud that the Secretary received our letter, noted our outrage and signed a personal letter to us with her excuses. Our voices were heard and, taken together with the many other voices raised in protest, they can never claim they lacked notice that we witnessed their actions.

This should be a reminder to us all that when people in power fall prey to bone-headed ideas and extremist policies, it is only through the vigilance of the citizenry that the government would be restrained. We are the guard rails of democracy. And, the ACLU, too.
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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**ANNUAL SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE - 9/9/2018**

**YOUR HELP IS NEEDED**

For some families, buying the supplies their children need for school is a burden. Please donate school supplies, including backpacks, which will be given to Ethical Friends of Children for distribution.

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**EVERY SUNDAY IS DIAPER SUNDAY!**

We still need disposable diapers for our Ethical Friends of Children Program. Larger size diapers are preferred, but all sizes are useful. This is an ongoing request!!!
RESPONSE TO OUR LETTER:

July 19, 2018

Dr. Richard L. Koral
Leader of Ethical Humanist Society
of Long Island
38 Old Country Road
Garden City, New Jersey 11530

Dear Dr. Koral:

Thank you for your June 17, 2018 letter.

I have reviewed your concerns about the Administration’s zero-tolerance efforts and cases of family separation that have resulted from the prosecution of illegal border crossers. The purpose of zero-tolerance is to refer for prosecution all amenable adults who illegally enter the United States in violation of 8 U.S.C. § 1325(a). Our policy has been to enforce this law prohibiting illegal entry by prosecuting those who violate the law, not by deliberately separating families. I want to reiterate that the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has never had a blanket policy of separating families at the border. But like any American arrested and charged with a crime, illegal aliens who violate our laws are not accompanied by their families into the criminal justice system.

On June 20, 2018, President Trump signed an Executive Order that directs the Administration to continue to protect the border and to prosecute illegal crossers, while simultaneously avoiding the separation of families to the extent we can legally do so. As expressed in the Executive Order, it is the policy of this Administration to maintain family unity, including by detaining alien families together where appropriate and consistent with the law and available resources. A permanent fix, however, is the responsibility of Congress, which must act to ensure DHS can keep families together throughout the course of their immigration proceedings and to eliminate loopholes that incentivize criminals, smugglers, and other nefarious actors from exploiting our immigration system to enter the United States illegally.

The Department is continuing to examine these issues in light of ongoing litigation and recent court decisions. Please share this response with the cosigners of your letter. Thank you again for your letter and your interest in this important issue.

Best Regards,

Kirstjen M. Nielsen
Secretary

www.dhs.gov
**UPDATES FROM OUR KENYAN SCHOLARS**

**Brian Nyandika**

Male, 17 years.
He is a complete orphan with 4 siblings.
12th grade at Maranda High School.
When I finished primary school, I had no means whatsoever on how I was going to get my high school fees paid. I was practically waiting for a miracle. Luckily, I applied for a KEF scholarship and was granted one.
Almost 4 years into the program, I have met new faces, in the office as well as fellow students and my school fees is being paid on time. I love the way the staff treat us. I feel I belong to a second family. A family where we interact, talk about our issues, goals and dreams, and we are also guided accordingly especially during the workshops.
I have become a better man now, greatly because of KEF investing in me. I can confidently speak in front of people, make reasonable life choices and most importantly, live respectably in the society.
I am doing good in school, it’s all about endurance and working smart. I hope to study Engineering in university. I got no words to describe KEF’s efforts, thanks a lot KEF staff! Lyn and Arthur Dobrin, you have shaped my life, my sincere thanks for sponsoring my high school education. You are a role model to me. I always pray for you and wish you all the best.

**Hudson Mogaka**

Male, 18 years old.

He has both parents with 3 siblings.
12th grade at Nairobi School.

Three years ago, the only thing I knew was I had to go to high school come rain or shine. So, I came to the KEF Nairobi office in search of financial support.
Now, the change is evident. The scholarship has made all the difference. It has given me an opportunity to better my life; a chance to prove myself. The journey has not been easy. There have been good moments full of success and moments of failure as well. Each moment has however taught me a lesson in life.
Aggressiveness, persistence, patience and resilience have been my pillars; with my dream being the foundation. I hope to pursue either Pharmacy or Chemical Engineering at the university. I look forward to being in a position where I am independent and able to give back to the community.
So far I am doing great. I am just polishing up in preparation for my final high school exam towards the end of this year. I am confident I will do well.
I know it’s not every day that someone goes out of their way to provide school fees for someone they have never seen. It takes a heart full of love and kindness to do so. Lyn and Arthur Dobrin, May God continue blessing you abundantly, I will forever remain indebted to you for sponsoring me through KEF. Thank you very much.
GENDA 2018- On Wednesday, Sept. 26, 2018 at EHSLI, we are co-hosting a forum called “GENDA 2018.” Here is the description from Juli Grey-Owens. “The Forum is an invitation for the public to help inform and "normalize" the transgender experience. This would include a "Transgender 101" PowerPoint presentation which would give information about our community and the issues it faces. After a short break, we would then have a panel (5-8 people) of trans, non-binary and intersex people speak about their lives. This is a powerful program which looks to normalize transgender experiences and create much-needed allies.”

I think this is a critical issue. Everyone is welcome to come.

Humanists Of Long Island have returned after a brief, two month break. We will be meeting on Mondays, July 30, August 27, September 24. Meetings are held at EHS www.ehsli.org and begin at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome!

Please RSVP lihumanist@gmail.com.

Sharon Stanley
Society News:

MEN’S NIGHT OUT - JULY 12th
One evening a month we’ll gather together to catch up on our news, share insights about world events and maybe even concoct a plan. Please RSVP to Richard Koral at: leader@ehsli.org.
We’ll take a break in August, so stay cool.

Next Outing:Thursday evening, Sept. 13, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.
Where:The Park City Diner,

LEADER’S LUNCH DISCUSSION - JULY 26th
Several members join the EHSLI Leader, Richard Koral, every month for a group discussion on a chosen topic or a featured article. The article discussed in July was:

“Can Planet Earth Feed 10 Billion People?” by Charles C. Mann, The Atlantic, March 2018

We are taking a break in August.
The next Leader’s Lunch Discussion will be on September 27.

MONTHLY QUOTE
“We do not change the world when we whisper, we change it when we roar.”
Cleo Wade (artist and activist)

MONTHLY QUESTION
How do you contribute to creating a caring world?
SAVE THE DATE - OCT. 13,14TH

Women’s Retreat
October 13-14 in Glen Cove.
Looking for ideas to set a schedule.

Email Delorie with suggestions.
rodel48@aol.com

EHS IN THE NEWS

Celebrating a golden anniversary of doing the ethical thing.
Arthur Dobrin of Westbury has been the guiding light and the voice congregants of
the Ethical Humanist Society have turned to for 50 years.
By Jim Merritt  Special to Newsday
Updated July 14, 2018 10:09 AM

Asking the Clergy: How can houses of worship help opioid abusers?
Long Island’s opioid crisis has shown signs of abating this year with a sharp decrease
in overdoses seen in Suffolk County, a trend officials attribute not only to local law
enforcement measures, but but to community outreach by nonprofit service groups to
drug users.
By Jim Merritt  Newsday’s LI Life section.
Updated June 20, 2018 9:37 AM
A NOTE OF GRATITUDE

The smooth function of the Society is due to the dedication of many individuals. Here is a list of those who help out on a regular basis.

YES ADVISORS – Lorraine Agostino and Alison Pratt
In their first year, they involved the teens in numerous social action activities including raising money for water filters for Puerto Rico hurricane victims and gathering books to be donated to Book Fairies, a group that distributes books to children and schools who are in need.
We look forward to the work they will do this coming year.

HOSPITALITY TEAM – Stacy Leon, Ellen Mihok, Pauline Kiptoo and Wayne Rudin for preparing the refreshments and cleaning up afterwards.

PUBLICITY TEAM – Liz Seegert, Lyn Dobrin and Alison Pratt for letting the world know we exist and how great we are.

PRESIDER COORDINATOR, DEB STRUBE AND HER GROUP who introduce our programs and coordinate its details.

MUSIC DIRECTOR – Kelly Tanza has enriched Sunday mornings in so many ways with her choice of music.

SPEAKER COORDINATOR – PAT SPENCER whose constant attention to details allows the year to run smoothly in more ways than one.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR – Linda Joe who works hard to give us the beautiful monthly newsletter.
OUR MEMBERS IN ACTION

Supporting Immigrants and Asylum Seekers

NEW MEMBERS

L. Napoli, DAVID KISLAK, R. Koral

ALICIA EVANS
Our Youth Programs:

**Kids Ethics Program Long Island**

We are hoping to expand our program next year, so please think about referring anyone with young children to visit us. If there are any questions about the program, I can be reached at ccl1311@aol.com.

If you have a suggestion, or comment about our program, please email me. I’d love some input!

See you in September!

Christine Lamattina
Director of Ethical Education

Please like us on Facebook:

[Kids’ Ethics Program Long Island](#)
YES (Youth of Ethical Societies) is for teens aged 13 to 18.

Look for us on Facebook: LONG ISLAND Y.E.S.

WANTED: A Part-Time Assistant Advisor For Youth Group for the Y.E.S. group. It is a paid position. The candidate(s) should have completed college and be available on most Sunday mornings in a school calendar.

Training will be provided in the first year by the senior youth advisors and will include readings and attending some meetings of the Ethical Humanist Society. We are requesting a minimum two-year commitment. The advisor will be compensated for a minimum of 20, 2-hour days at $50 per day. There may be more hours available. Please contact our current youth advisor, Alison Pratt, at YES@ehsli.org with resume and cover letter in a PDF format.

Y.E.S., or Youth of Ethical Societies, is a group of high school students who want to make a better world. We meet weekly from September to May on an academic school calendar, to work on community service projects, have discussions, form new friendships, and have fun. The goal is to allow teens the opportunity to perform community service while considering the larger ethical and social issues of our day. Our philosophical framework is humanism, and we welcome students from all faith backgrounds. Y.E.S. is sponsored by the Ethical Humanist Society of Long Island (www.ehsli.org) and is considered to be an integral part of that community.

Lorraine Zeller-Agostino and I will continue as Senior Advisors. Contact us!

Lorraine Zeller-Agostino

Alison Pratt
Garden City Rental Space Available

Do you need private office space? Are you looking for meeting rooms to accommodate up to 194 people for religious services, seminars, trainings or offsite events?

Non-profit organizations like ours often have a need to find affordable space to rent. The Ethical Humanist Society of Long Island has great office space available for your long term leasing. Available are one individual office, a board room for meetings up to 50 people and a large auditorium that you use for larger events. In addition we have ample free parking and we are a short walk from Winthrop University Hospital, the Nassau County Seat and the Mineola train station.

The rental spaces can be seen on our web site under Resources/Rentals: www.ehsli.org/ceremonies/building-rental/

For further information about renting affordable space please call: 516 741-7304 or email ethicalsociety@optonline.net
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: Kids Ethics Program Long Island

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. Join their Facebook group at Long Island Y.E.S.

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. Find them on Facebook at Humanists of Long Island.

Darwin Day is our annual celebration of science, held in early February in honor of Charles Darwin.

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more at www.ehsli.org.
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: Ethical Humanist Society of Long Island
          Kids Ethics Program Long Island
          Long Island Y.E.S.
Twitter: www.twitter.com/ehsli
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.
Create a Caring World