President’s Message

“Be Kind, Be Useful.”

Hello Everyone,

Looking out the window on this snowy day, it’s hard to believe March has arrived! However, the days are getting longer and Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 10th. Don’t forget to spring forward or you’ll miss our Sunday meetings!

We have a bi-monthly Newsletter because Linda Joe, our editor will be leaving on a vacation to South East Asia at the end of March. Bon Voyage, Linda!

The Society is humming along with visitors, who are returning every week, and events that encourage sharing our thoughts, our passions, and even our homes. See below for information about what’s ahead.

Don’t forget to bring a friend.

Linda Napoli

Sunday Meetings
Begin at 11:00 am

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Mar. 10: Silvia Pastor Finklestein, Immigrants on Long Island – Do They Have Rights?.

Mar. 17: Julia Burns, Hope with teeth: How the practice of solutions journalism can transform the news.

Mar. 24: EHS-LI Seniors will share their personal stories.

Mar. 31: Jone Johnson Lewis, Ethical Heroes: The Goldmark Sisters.

Colloquy
Every Sunday at 9:30 am
March/April 2019

Presentations

Mar 03: Wayne Outten, Workplace Culture: How to Make Your Workplace Better for Everyone (including Yourself).

We spend much of our lives at work. How can you make your workplace better for everyone (including yourself), whatever your position may be - better for those who work in your workplace and for those who interact with the people in your workplace? Ethical principles are the starting point.

WAYNE N. OUTTEN is Chair and Founding Partner of Outten & Golden LLP. He was the Managing Partner from the founding of the firm in 1998 until the end of 2018. His practice focuses exclusively on representing individuals in all areas of employment law.

Mr. Outten was selected by his peers as one of the “Best Lawyers in America” every year since 1987 and as one of New York's Super Lawyers, where he is listed as one of the Top 100 New York Metro Super Lawyers every year since 2006. Best Lawyers designated him “Lawyer of the Year 2010” for Labor and Employment Law - New York City and “Lawyer of the Year 2012” for Litigation - Labor and Employment in New York City. He was selected for the Lawdragon 500 Leading Lawyers in America every year from 2005 through 2013, and for the Lawdragon 500 Leading Litigators in America in 2006. Mr. Outten has been an AV Preeminent Rated Lawyer in the LexisNexis Martindale-Hubbell Top Rated Lawyers since 1992.

Mr. Outten was a Co-Founder in 1993 of Workplace Fairness, a New York | Chicago | San Francisco | Washington, DC charitable/educational organization, and is its current President. He is Co-Founder and Co-Chair of the Lawyers International Network for Employees and Executives (LINEE).
Mar. 10: Silvia Pastor Finklestein, The Nassau County District Attorney’s Office of Immigrant Affairs: Immigrants on Long Island - Do They Have Rights?

Silvia Pastor Finklestein is an Assistant District Attorney and Director of the Office of Immigrant Affairs at the Nassau County District Attorney’s Office.

Ms. Finklestein joined the Special Victims Bureau in 2001 and spent several years trying cases involving felony sex crimes and domestic violence. In 2007 she became Chief of the Child Abuse Unit and led the interdisciplinary team that investigated felony sexual crimes and assaults committed against children. In January 2012, Ms. Finklestein was named Deputy Bureau Chief of the Narcotics & Gang Bureau and Chief of the Prescription Drug Unit. In 2015 she was promoted to Director of the Office of Immigrant Affairs.

In her current position, Ms. Finklestein coordinates the investigation and prosecution of crimes that target immigrants as victims and advises the District Attorney’s Office and the community on matters where criminal law and immigration law intersect. She also develops and leads the Office of Immigrant Affairs’ extensive outreach program and oversees the U-Visa and T-Visa certification process for the Nassau County District Attorney’s Office.

Ms. Finklestein is a NYPTI (New York Prosecutors Training Institute) lecturer and is a member of the PINY (Protecting Immigrant New Yorkers) task force. She is a founding member of the New York State District Attorneys League for Immigrant Affairs (DALIA) and its current president.
Mar. 17: Julia Burns, Hope with teeth: How the practice of solutions journalism can transform the news.

Julia Power Burns has had a career focused over the last - close to - 20 years on the financial and operational management of media organizations - both large and small and for profit and non-profit.

She was one of founding employees of the Solutions Journalism Network – joining the organization at its inception in early 2013 as Chief Financial Officer. In January of 2018, she also became General Manager. Since then she has worked together with the founding team to build a complete financial and administrative infrastructure; enabling SJN’s growth from the original 4 to approximately 30 employees today. Along the way, she has witnessed the organization’s growth in impact, with over 200 newsrooms and 3,000 journalists joining the network to produce credible, evidence based reporting about what’s working in our communities today.

Julia holds an M.B.A. from Columbia Business School and graduated from Trinity College in Hartford, CT with a B.A. in Religion. While at Trinity she was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. She lives in the New York City area with her two sons and their dog, Jenny.

Mar. 24: EHS-LI Seniors will share their personal stories.

Our venerable EHS-LI Seniors will share their childhood memories:
Al Zeiger, Muriel Schwartzman, Lois Blatt, Jean Bobick and Lois Walker.
Mar. 31: Jone Johnson Lewis, Ethical Heroes: The Goldmark Sisters.

To celebrate Women’s History Month, Jone Johnson Lewis, leader of the Riverdale-Yonkers Society of Ethical Culture, will introduce you to some sisters who are not very well-known, but whose lives include some inspiring lessons for us to learn from. Dr. Jakob Joseph Goldmark and Regina Wehle came to America after the failure of the Austrian Revolution of 1848.

Among their children were four daughters who each made a mark on society:

- Helen Goldmark Adler, who was not just the wife of Felix Adler (founder of the first Ethical Culture Society) but did her own work on child development;
- Alice Goldmark Brandeis, married to the jurist Louis Brandeis, who herself worked for often-controversial social reforms;
- Pauline Goldmark, an early social researcher and activist on behalf of women workers; and
- Josephine Goldmark, who worked against child labor and for the minimum wage.

Come hear more about these sisters and consider how their interconnections with many others helped to create some key social reforms in American history.
APRIL Presentations

Apr. 7: Alicia Evans, *Persuasion.*
Alicia is a member of EHS-LI, a professor in public relations and academia as well as a fiber artist and a talented singer.

Apr. 14: Spring Festival, led by Kelly Tanza.
An intergenerational festival to welcome the season.

Apr. 21: David Sprintzen.
Dr. David Sprintzen is an Emeritus Professor of Philosophy at LIU CW Post, a longtime community activist, and a founder and still an officer with the Long Island Progressive Coalition.

Apr. 28: Joe Chuman. Dr. Joe Chuman has been the Leader of the Ethical Culture Society of Bergen County for over 41 years, and a part-time Leader of the New York Society for over seven years. He represented the AEU on the Board of the International Humanist and Ethical Union for twenty years and was a founding leader of the AEU Summer School, being a member of the faculty in 1996 and 1998.
Leader’s Message

March is National Women’s History Month. It is a reminder to acknowledge and celebrate the special contributions that women leaders, thinkers, activists, scientists, etc. made to humanity’s march towards civilization and the higher life. There is an inescapable irony in this idea, of course. Why does there need to be a special reminder to reflect specifically on women’s contributions when half of human history ought to be female generated? It probably was, quite naturally, but the recording of history was itself male generated and, as is true with so many other examples, people tend to forget to write about the other person’s triumphs.

Ethical Culture also had a slow start in recognizing women’s leadership. Although women were central in the charitable projects the Movement engaged in from the very beginning, women did not enter into professional leadership until well down the line. It was not until the turn of the last century, in 1903, that Anna Garlin Spencer was appointed Associate Leader. That was some fifteen years after the first leaders were designated by Felix Adler, the founder of Ethical Culture. They included William Macintire Salter, first appointed as Leader in 1883 to the newly organizing Chicago Society, S. Burns Weston who was sent in 1885 to form the Philadelphia Society, Walter L. Shelton in 1886 for the St. Louis Society, and John Lovejoy Elliott who was appointed Leader in 1894 for New York.

But it was the women who organized the Child Study Association which developed the intellectual basis in support of the child labor reforms eventually signed into federal law. Women operated the District Nurse Service, and made real the dream of the Workingman’s School, which later became the Ethical Culture Fieldston School.

In those days, suffrage was the issue of the day and, surprisingly, Adler opposed women’s suffrage. He had a novel notion that all society was constructed on building blocks and that the family unit was the first and most basic building block of all. It should be given one vote, according to him. However, it was also true that Adler’s wife, Helen Goldmark Adler, was an avid suffragist and she published articles in support of it. This puts a richer perspective on his views. He clearly did not stand in the way of women’s rights, although from today’s vantage point we can say that he could have been more helpful.
For a fascinating account of the lives of Helen Goldmark and her remarkable sisters, be sure to come and hear Leader Jone Johnson Lewis give her platform on March 31.

Today, the picture is different. Women comprise about a half of the professional Leadership of the Ethical Culture Movement and the three largest Societies all have women serving as Leaders. Women also serve as lay leaders, officiants, presidents of Societies and committee chairs. More than half the board of our national federation, the AEU, is female.

But the need for legal assurance remains. While the legal structure enforcing equality of opportunity has grown more effective over the years with state and federal statutes, they can be changed. An Equal Rights Amendment to the U.S. Constitution is still needed to ensure that discrimination based on gender does not return. We are at the threshold of success with but one more state needed to adopt the E.R.A. Women's history would be more complete if, in its telling, we could say that the Constitution finally recognized that discrimination based on sex was unlawful. Then, we could really celebrate Women's History Month.

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Announcements

Improvements in the Building

Thank you for your patience while long needed work is done on the interior of our building. And there is more to come. Much gratitude to Alice Sprintzen for making the arrangements, pitching in and paying for the kitchen renovations.

Coffee Hour Blues

As you may know, at the end of our Sunday meetings, we have a collation, which is set up by Stacy Leon and various helpers. George Roemer is kind enough to make the food purchases.

In addition to the bagels, it’s nice when members bring in donations. However, our goal has been to have a healthier coffee hour so if you’d like to bring something in, please choose fruit, cut up veggies or a healthy bread. Thank you.

Don’t forget you can sponsor a coffee hour in honor of a special person or occasion in your life. Just leave a note in the office with a $15 donation, your name and what you are celebrating. It’ll be announced in the Sunday program.

If you can help out in the kitchen on a Sunday, that would be great. Thank you for pitching in.

March 17th - Silent Meditation

“SILENCE IS GOLDEN”
During this half hour meditation, following the Sunday meeting, we will put aside our cares and focus on calming our inner being. All are welcome.
“Blackness at its borders, where it meets whiteness in fear and hope, in anguish and love.”

Hear Dr. Emily Bernard speak about her new, unflinchingly honest book: *Black is the Body*


A contributing editor at *The American Scholar*

B.A. and Ph.D. from Yale University

Born in Nashville, Dr. Bernard is currently teaching at the University of Vermont.

We hope to give her a warm reception in New York.

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**BLACK IS THE BODY**

**STORIES FROM MY GRANDMOTHER’S TIME, MY MOTHER’S TIME, AND MINE**

*EMILY BERNARD*

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**Saturday, April 6, 2019 from 11am-1pm**

New York Society for Ethical Culture

2 West 64th Street, NYC

books will be available for purchase

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The New York Society for Ethical Culture
The Ethical Culture Society of Bergen County
The Brooklyn Society for Ethical Culture
The Riverdale-Yonkers Society for Ethical Culture
The Ethical Culture Society of Westchester
The Ethical Humanist Society of Long Island
New York City
(Daily News online) “The time of suppressing youth voices is over. We’re past denial-ism and past putting down people who don’t have a voice. It’s empowering. We’re talking about the future of humanity.” — Kelsey Juliana, plaintiff in Juliana v. United States, the lawsuit against the federal government in which she and 21 youths are claiming that the federal government has violated their obligations to provide a healthy environment. Kelsey was being interviewed regarding the “Climate Change and the Courts” event at Ethical Culture.

NY/Bergen County, NJ
(Patch online) “I’ve never seen as much backlash and xenophobia from an American administration. I think it is very un-American and it is also illegal.” — Joe Chuman, Leader, NY and Bergen County

AND ETHICAL CULTURE SOCIETIES ACROSS AMERICA

St. Louis, MO
(St. Louis Public Radio KWMU) “Ethical Societies were founded precisely because our founder believed that there needed to be a space to explore the biggest questions that all human beings face as we go through life: Why are we here? How can we find meaning and purpose? How should we treat each other?” — James Croft, Leader

Mid-Rivers, MO
(Patch, online) “When we walked in, we were greeted by a really warm, caring group of people.” — Jill Aul

ETHICAL & ME — JOAN KLIPPS
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-aging them to think for themselves and practice tolerance and nurturing of others. In fact, we do not ask that you think the way we do, but only that you think! I especially recommend attending our programs, where we’re given the opportunity to participate in discussions in which our opinions may be expressed and are respected. Two of my favorites are Ethics in Film and Ethics in the Theater, but there are many others.

AEU OPPOSES BAN ON TRANSGENDER PEOPLE SERVING IN THE MILITARY
“The American Ethical Union unequivocally opposes the Supreme Court decision to lift injunctions blocking a policy preventing transgender people serving in the military. This decision demeans trans people, sending the message that they are second-class citizens, unworthy of the rights of civil participation others enjoy. There is no evidence that, as the White House claimed, allowing transgender people to serve openly poses a risk to military effectiveness.” This false argument recalls similar ones made to prevent people of color and lesbian, gay, and bisexual people serving in the military. For all these populations it was once claimed, without evidence, that integration would harm the military — but in each case the true reason was prejudice. The administration’s current policy is based on prejudice also.”

Read the full statement at AEU.org.

THE SECULAR WEEK OF ACTION
The AEU joins fellow members of the Secular Coalition for America in this year’s Secular Week of Action, April 26–May 2. This is a call to secular and humanist communities across the country to put their values into action and come together to demonstrate our shared commitment to making this world a better place by doing the work that matters — taking social, political, and charitable actions. Learn more at weekofaction.org.

AEU 104TH ASSEMBLY, TAMPA JUNE 20-23
“Reclaiming Democracy for All”
Now is certainly the time to lift our collective voice in support of democracy. This year’s theme connects with our commitment to work together democratically, and inspires us to promote democracy at all levels of our community — local, national, and global.

Reserve now to book your hotel room with an AEU discount. See more at https://aeu.org/event/aeu-104th-assembly.
Sharon Stanley

Humanists of Long Island has had a very busy month!

On Saturday, February 9, 2019, Sharon attended a meeting of “Mom’s Demand Action,” the dedicated and passionate group committed to lobbying in favor of gun safety legislation. They are celebrating the 30 gun safety laws that were passed in a variety of states and the many gun-sense candidates that were voted into various legislative areas. Last election they defeated the NRA’s guns-on-campus agendas in 16 states.

On Friday, February 15, 2019, many of us from HoLI and EHSLI attended the NYS Senate Climate Hearings to stand with fellow Long Islanders to show our support for the Climate and Community Protection Act (CCPA). We wanted to show up in force to demonstrate Long Island’s commitment to bold climate action. EHSLI and HoLI are members of NYRenews, an unprecedented statewide coalition of over 160 organizations fighting for climate policies grounded in equity and justice for communities and working people and has been championing the CCPA for the past three years. It was very exciting to be part of an initiative that will ensure that 2019 is the year we pass the Climate and Community Protection Act!
Looking ahead, on March 14, 2019, the Nassau County Jail Advocates are holding a panel discussion called “Reimagining Incarceration” with the Vera Institute of Justice on Prison Reform. This important meeting will be held at the Yes Community Counseling Center in Levittown. The meeting starts at 6:30 pm. We are all invited to join them for an evening of information and mobilization.

Re-imagining Incarceration:

Endiing Wasted Tax Dollars at the Nassau County Correctional Center

There is a common saying that the definition of insanity is doing the same thing repeatedly and expecting a different result. Currently Nassau County tax dollars are invested in a failing incarceration system, which fosters recidivism, hopelessness and retribution. Imagine investing in rehabilitation, dignity and restoration of human potential!

Join the Nassau County Jail Advocates for a lively discussion:

When: Thursday, March 14th, 2019
Doors open at 6:15 PM
Program starts at 6:30 PM

Where: YES Community Counseling Center
152 Center Lane, Levittown NY 11756

Guest Speaker: Lauren Jones, Senior Planner, Vera Institute of Justice

Refreshments will be served

RSVP: DZantua@nyclu.org

The exterior of the Nassau County Correctional Center in East Meadow, shown on Dec. 25, 2011. Photo Credit: Daniel Brennan

Sponsoring organizations:

YES Community Counseling Center, FIIRE – Formerly Incarcerated Individuals Redefining Equity, Social Justice Committee of the UU Congregation at Shelter Rock, Prison Families Anonymous, Inc., New York Communities for Change, Gender Equality New York (GENY), New Hour for Women & Children – LI, New York Civil Liberties Union (Nassau County Chapter), Second Chance Re-entry, National Alliance for Mental Illness
Looking even farther ahead, on May 19, 2019, at 11:00 a.m., Matthew Bulgar, Legislative Director of the American Humanist Association, will be speaking at our ethical society. His topic is: “A Beacon for Ethics on Long Island.” All are welcome to attend. Since “Humanists of Long Island” is an AHA affiliate group, we can request a speaker from the American Humanist Association once a year for the Ethical Humanist Society’s Sunday morning meeting.

Our next meetings are scheduled for Mondays, March 25 and April 29. There will be no meeting in May. All our meetings are at the Ethical Humanist Society and begin at 7:00 p.m. Please RSVP. Everyone is welcome to attend because we are all humanists of Long Island!

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Sharon Stanley

On Saturday, February 23, members of HoLI and EHSLI attended a unique movie event. “Humanitas: A Conscious Coloring of Kindness” premiered at the New York Society for Ethical Culture. This exciting evening began at 6pm - with an Artist Gallery in the Main Hallway, with light hors d’oeuvres. The movie began at 7:30pm. At 8:30pm-8:45pm there was a Q&A with Cast and Crew, moderated by Jone Johnson Lewis. Throughout this experimental film, we journeyed with Felix Adler (Ritchie Szoke) and W.E.B. DuBois (Joe Tolbert) through a series of poetic prose, soulful music and choreo-movements, as they stir in one another justice through a new lens of nonreligious ethics, African-
Hello from the Kids Ethics Program!

Here we are, just a breath away from Springtime, I can’t wait!

This Spring the kids will continue learning about the Six Pillars of Character, and will also be looking at what it means to be an Ethical Humanist, who Felix Adler was, and what he taught, and how the Ethical Movement came to be. The kids will continue to talk, create art work, and play games that help us learn about making good choices, and also to understand how we can make the world a better place!

Please feel free to join us, or if you know anyone who would like to be a part of our group, all are welcome. If you have any questions, please call the office and they will forward your information to me.

Finally, I'd like to welcome the newest members to our classroom, brothers Max and Leo, and our friend Adrian. I am looking forward to spending each and every Sunday morning with you!

As always, please feel free to contact me with suggestions or any questions about the program. - my email is ccl1311@aol.com, or you may call the office at 516-741-7304 and your message will be forwarded to me.

Christine Lamattina
Director of Children’s Education

Please like us on Facebook:
Kids' Ethics Program Long Island

Bring Your Children - our free Kids’ Ethics Program for children aged 6 to 12 is a fun way to learn to be an open-minded, honest and kind person. Classes are held in a spirit of inquiry by our experienced, dedicated teacher. Ethics are taught the easy way through discussion, role plays,
YES (Youth of Ethical Societies) is for teens aged 13 to 18.

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

YES members volunteered at The Book Fairies on Feb. 10, sorting donated books into categories by age and condition of the book. It was a new experience for our newer members.

Didi, Aarti, Yasmin, Megha, and Angelique stop for a photo op.
Y.E.S. is organizing a winter coat &
accessories drive, along with blankets,
sleeping bags, or other items to make
the cold days and nights more
bearable.

These items will be delivered to
Community Solidarity in Hempstead
on March 10. Please bring items as
soon as possible to the building. There
is a donation box in the coat closet.

Angelique Lucien  Assistant Youth Advisor

Lorraine
Zeller-Agostino

Alison Pratt
Society News:

**POTLUCK PLUS EVENT- Mar. 16**

**Title: “Won’t You Be My Neighbor?”**

Description: Join Chris and Sharon Stanley at their home to watch a documentary film about Fred Rogers, the host of the long-running TV show, *Mr. Rogers’ Neighborhood*. We’ll watch the film and discuss our reactions to Fred Rogers and his philosophy, one which resembles, to some extent, that of Ethical Humanism. Since this is a potluck plus event, everyone should bring a dish for people to share. Please call the hosts to let them know what dish you would like to bring.

Date/Time: Saturday, March 16, from 1 - 5 pm
Host: Christopher & Sharon Stanley, 516-578-6678,
Maximum number of people: 10 adults
Event Location: 2127 Stewart Ave, Westbury, NY 11590.
NOTE: There is no fee. To register, you can enter your name on the sign-up sheet at the back of the auditorium. Or you can call the office at 516-741-7304.

**MEN’S NIGHT OUT - Mar. 14**

Please RSVP to Richard Koral at: leader@ehsli.org

When: Thursday evening, March 14, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.
Where: Hunan Dynasty
    2292 Hempstead Turnpike, East Meadow, NY 11554

**LEADER’S LUNCH - Mar. 21**

RSVP Office@ ehsli.org

Join the EHS-LI Leader, Richard Koral, for a lunchtime gathering every month for a group discussion on a chosen topic or a featured article.
We’ll meet at 12:00 noon in room 201. Bring a brown bag lunch.
The article to be discussed will be announced in the weekly newsletter.
WOMEN'S MEETING: Sunday March 31

The Women’s Meeting will be on Sunday, March 31 after the 11 o’clock meeting. It will be in the auditorium at the society.

For newcomers, it’s a preview of the Annual Fall Women’s Retreat coming on Saturday-Oct. 19 - Sunday Oct. 20, 2019.

MONTHLY QUOTE

“When the whole world is silent, even one voice becomes powerful.” Malala Yousafzai

MONTHLY QUESTION

How do you think our culture can change to be more supportive of women?

SAVE THE DATE: May 5th, 1 pm

2019 Founder’s Day is held annually on the first Sunday in May. This year we will honor and thank Mel Haber. He and his wife, Barbara, have been members of the Ethical Humanist Society of Long Island since 1998, just about 21 years. A few noteworthy facts about Mel’s contributions to the life of our community:

• Organized and run the Ethical Society Opera Group for 12 years, from 1999 to 2011.
• Offered 18 SPICE programs of popular music.
• Headed the Membership Committee for about 3-4 years.
• Has been co-chair of the Potluck Plus Committee, which has so far offered 8 events since February 2017.
• Has been a Board Member for almost ten years.
• Has been a Presider at Sunday meetings for the past two years.

SAVE THE DATE: June 2nd

The Spring Membership meeting has been scheduled for June 2nd. Please plan to attend. We will review the budget and vote to replace 4 members of the Board of Trustees. If you are interested in serving on the Board, please volunteer! Speak to any Board member or to one of the committee members: Linda Napoli, Jim LoPresti, or Lorraine Zeller-Agostino.
“Where Do We Go From Here?”

None can any longer doubt that the election of Donald Trump marked a fundamental turning point in US history. Nor can we fail to appreciate that the November 2018 mid-term elections will have constituted a dramatic commentary with profound consequences for the future of American democracy. Our challenge will be to reflect on the significance of that election, placing it within the contours of American history and culture, and exploring in some detail possible directions as to “Where We Go From Here.”

A course at Hutton House at LIU-Post, 4 Wednesdays, Feb 20-March 13, from 1-3 pm.
Presented by David Sprintzen
Emeritus Professor of Philosophy, LIU Post
Officer, Long Island Progressive Coalition

“Making Sense of Our World”

After briefly reviewing the results of our previous course on “Where Do We Go From Here?” – considering the consequences of last November’s mid-term election – we will look more deeply into the basic beliefs, values, cultures, institutions, and historical development of American Society. We will consider what we can learn about our society by drawing upon recent insights from such fields as History, Biology, Philosophy, Ecology, Sociology, Political Science, and Cognitive Science, as well as from popular media, as we seek to make comprehensive sense about our world and our individual place in it. This course is conceived as a dialogue and joint exploration, in which the students will be invited and expected to enter fully into our collective endeavor. I look forward to engaging with you in reflecting on our collective future.

Also at Hutton House, 4 Wednesdays, March 27-April 17, from 1-3pm.
Presented by David Sprintzen
Emeritus Professor of Philosophy, LIU Post
Officer, Long Island Progressive Coalition
In the name of Allah, The Compassionate, The Merciful

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Presents:

“What It Means to be a Good Person”
A Discussion
Sunday, March 31, 2019, from 2 pm to 4:30 pm

A short story about a girl named “Shila” raises questions about the limits of morality and the conflict between duty to one’s family and the larger world.

Panelist
Dr. Panna Shah,
Member of Interfaith Institute
Board of Advisors,
Representing Jainism

Panelist
Dr. Isa Muslih,
Chairperson of the Islamic Center of Long Island
Board of Directors,
Representing Islam

Panelist
Rabbi Michael Katz,
Spiritual Leader of Temple Beth Torah,
Westbury,
Representing Judaism

Panelist
Rev. Mark Lukens,
Member of Interfaith Institute
Board of Advisors,
Representing Christianity

Moderator
Dr. Arthur Dobrin,
Professor Emeritus,
Hofstra University;
Leader Emeritus,
Ethical Humanist Society of Long Island.
Member of Interfaith Institute
Board of Advisors.

Panelists will bring their religious perspectives to answer these and other questions regarding morality and religion.

A story about a girl named Shila is from “The Harder Right,” a collection of short stories by Arthur Dobrin.

*Note: Copies of “Shila” will be available at the meeting.

Refreshments & Networking
To ensure proper arrangements, please RSVP at your earliest convenience, but no later than March 21, 2019.
Additional Info--Contact 516.434.0313 or E-mail: Faroquekhan@outlook.com
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/](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](http://www.ehsli.org/resources/archives/talks/)

**YES (Youth of Ethical Societies)** is for teens aged 13 to 18. YES meets weekly. The YES group hosts a Sunday morning presentation each year. Join their Facebook group at [Long Island Y.E.S.](http://www.ehsli.org/resources/archives/talks/)

**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](http://www.ehsli.org/resources/archives/talks/).

**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.

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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.

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