President’s Message

I was raised Catholic and identified that way years into my membership at EHS. There is so much in Catholicism that’s bad but that’s not what my focus is today.

There’s an imprint that being Catholic has left in me and to deny it would be denying who I am. Yet, here I am in a doctor’s office being asked what my religion is and I say “I’m an Ethical Humanist.” Part of the imprint brought me here with a strong, sometimes misguided sense of right and wrong, often black and white. Ethical Humanism honed that sense of right and wrong by changing some of my assumptions and introducing shades of gray. Everything that was right about Christianity I found here. For example Paul in his letters to the Ephesians said “Love is patient...love is kind...love rejoices in the truth. In the sermon on the mount: Blessed are the meek...blessed are the pure in heart...blessed are the peacemakers...blessed are the merciful...blessed are they who are persecuted for taking a righteous stand...so many ideas that make sense to me.

What Ethical Culture does for me can be described by a memorable line from the movie “As good as it gets.” The line is “you make me want to be a better man.” That’s what Ethical Humanism does for me. It makes me want to be a better man.

Sometimes I become nostalgic around the Christmas holidays but I couldn’t imagine a better place to nurture my soul than

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Sunday Meetings  
via Zoom  
11:00 am  
Entry begins at 10:30 am  

Dec. 06: Abby Pariser,  

(followed by Newcomer’s Welcome).  

Dec. 20: Winter Festival.  

Dec. 27: John Ehrenreich, Looking forward from 2020: Lessons Learned.  

Jan. 3: Commemoration Sunday, led by Richard Koral.  

Colloquy  
Every Friday at 10 am
right here.
May your holidays and the new year and our new president bring you good health, peace and joy.
Jim LoPresti

Quote of the month: “Everybody can be great because anybody can serve. You don’t have to have a college degree to serve. You don’t have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace, A soul generated by love”—Martin Luther King, Jr.

The 100% Campaign is off to a great start!
Thank you for supporting our fundraising efforts. Your generous contribution is an investment in the future of the society. By now you should have received a letter in the mail with details of our fundraising campaign and the various choices for how you can contribute. Or you can visit our website to donate: Ehsli.org/give

Remember, Every drop fills the bucket. Please give whatever you can.
We are all in this together!
Sunday Presentations
https://zoom.us/j/980426852


After Barnard College where I was part of the Anti-War-in-Vietnam movement and SDS, my spouse Peter and I moved to Chicago where I started working in feminist organizations and Democratic politics: ERA, Chicago Women’s Liberation Union’s pregnancy testing clinic, and the underground abortion service “Jane.” After the Supreme Court’s 1973 Roe v. Wade decision, I joined a small group of suburban women to create an all-volunteer staffed Planned Parenthood clinic in DuPage County where no OB-GYN doctors would prescribe birth control for women—married or not—nor for teenagers.

I will discuss what it was like in the 1960’s and 1970’s for women and especially their lack of reproductive rights. This is about abortion before 1973, after 1973 when abortion was safe and legal, and now with anti-abortion efforts to bring back the old days of forcing women and teens to carry unintended pregnancies to term or find unsafe and illegal practitioners.


Extremes of wealth and poverty are more than merely the range of free market experience. Modern economics is recognizing the corrosive impact of inequality on justice, democracy, and well being as well as on the free market system itself.

Immediately following the Sunday meeting we will have a Newcomer’s Welcome. We invite all the new friends who have been joining in our weekly platforms and society events to stay on to learn more about us.

The Ethical Humanist Society of Long Island invites you to our annual “Winter Festival.” Come join us as we bask in the warmth of each other’s hearts. Take some time to journey with us through a shared reflection of light and darkness, and find hope not only in the deepest night, but the brightness of the newly “born” sun through music, art, movement and poetry. We look forward to sharing our annual tradition with you! “See” you on Zoom, on Sunday, December 20, 2020.

Dec. 27: John Ehrenreich, Looking forward from 2020: Lessons Learned.

2020 brought us pandemic, recession, and, for many, extreme economic hardship; rising political polarization and a bitterly contested election; the Black Lives Matter protests and rising (and sometimes violent) expressions of racial and political intolerance from the right. Can we learn any political and moral lessons from these experiences to guide our actions in the years ahead? Topics will include reflections on how to think about the 70 million people who voted for Donald Trump; on how to think about race in American history and what racial justice means in a majority white country; and on how to address the existential threats we face.

John Ehrenreich is Professor Emeritus (Psychology), SUNY-Old Westbury. In addition to teaching, he has worked as a clinical psychologist and as a consultant to humanitarian agencies world-wide on issues of sustaining staff. Early in his professional life, he wrote extensively (with his then-wife, Barbara Ehrenreich) on the “medical-industrial complex” and the “professional-managerial class.” His more recent writings include Third Wave Capitalism: How Money, Power, and the Pursuit of Self Interest have Imperiled the American Dream (ILR/Cornell University Press) and articles on the psychology of the right, the incarceration crisis, and lessons from the pandemic. He is an active member of the Sherman (Connecticut) Democratic Town Committee.

January 3, 2021:

Commemoration Sunday, led by Richard Koral
Leader’s Message

As I write this, we are just entering the traditional holiday season. After Thanksgiving, we’ll slide right into Black Friday, Cyber Monday and Giving Tuesday. Then, Channukah comes quickly this year, followed by Christmas, Kwanzaa and the New Year. It is a fulsome month of family gatherings, office parties, holiday escapes, school vacations, presents, cards, bonuses, insurance re-enrollment, New Year resolutions and perhaps some new year’s resolve.

But mostly, it’s about those family gatherings. Year after year, we find that some are eagerly anticipated and some are sorely missed. Some are barely endured while some are avoided all together. But whatever one’s relationship with family may be, the holiday season involves a reckoning with one’s connections and relations, be they close or attenuated.

How strange is this 2020 holiday season. Given the constraints brought on by the Covid pandemic, everything we do and plan must consider the impact of the coronavirus. It is the uninvited, though possible, guest at all our holiday dinner tables. Whatever plans we hope to make for our families, the virus will have its unwelcome say, as well.

I just attended a weekly staff meeting of a small and dauntless work group which connects from everyone’s different work location in order to maintain liaisons and work patterns. This time, people spoke about their Thanksgiving plans – how they considered what to do, and how they have to pare back their plans in opting for the safer course. One is not going to a niece’s house for a cold dinner out on the porch. Another is not going to their parents’ home so as to avoid bringing that little bit of New York with them - or to avoid picking up what lurks out there and bringing it back here. Each decision is a calculation of probabilities, a weighing of risks, a measurement of how much risk one has the appetite to bear. We check the county infection rates out there and compare it to what we have here. Is it safer to go or to stay? Safer to remain apart, or safe enough to meet?

It is topsy turvy. We express our love and concern by not going, by not sharing a festive meal, by not lifting a glass of wine, by not embracing each other. We are protecting our loved ones by shunning them.
Of course, there is the consolation that this sacrifice is only for a limited time and once the cure is found we’ll resume our customary ways. A faith in science and in the ingenuity of cadres of researchers worldwide sustains our hopes. For the most part, we are finding our community in the shared purpose of avoiding the virus and taking on the practices that are safest.

We will forever be known as the Covid Generation: the ones who hunkered down while the virus raged, those who endured the inconvenience and the solitude, the ones who sheltered in place and ate alone, who saw grandma through the window and voted through the mail, who learned how to smile above their masks through their eyes only.

When it is finally over and once again safe to come out, we will have to devise a new holiday dinner – one that celebrates the very act of coming together. Maybe we’ll call it Vaccination Day and nothing will be served that was canned.

Dr. Richard Koral
WEEKLY ZOOM MEETINGS

SUNDAY PRESENTATIONS
Join us every Sunday for our Sunday Presentations held via Zoom. Doors open at 10:30, meeting starts at 11:00.

https://zoom.us/j/980426852
Or phone in at: (929) 436-2866

The Zoom link will be the same every week. Click on the link or copy and paste to your browser.

TUESDAY MEDITATION GROUP AT 11 AM
Join member Judy Rosemarin every Tuesday from 11:00 am - 12:00 pm for a weekly meditation on Zoom. Learn different ways to meditate and enjoy doing it with others.

All are welcome to join.

We will meet every Tuesday starting October 27th at 11:00 am.
If you would like to join us, please register by calling the office at: 516-741-7304, or email office@ehsli.org and we will send you the Zoom link.

THURSDAY DIGITAL DISCUSSIONS
On Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. we will hold a digital discussion group with Leader Richard Koral on Zoom. It will have a topic, but it will be wide ranging and people will have an opportunity to share. The topics will be announced in the weekly email, but the link to join will always be the same:

https://zoom.us/j/377400022
or phone in at (929) 436-2866
FRIDAY COLLOQUY 10 AM

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. It is a structured meeting, including reflection and self-expression in a nonjudgmental, confidential atmosphere."

If this is your first time attending please register by emailing jimlopr@gmail.com or calling Arthur Dobrin at 516-997-8545.

(See Al Zeiger’s article describing the Colloquy in the Members section (page 17) of the 2020 October newsletter.)

MONTHLY MEETINGS

ETHICAL ISSUES IN OUR TIMES- DEC. 3

Join Dr. David Sprintzen for our monthly series of public discussions on "Ethical Issues in Our Times" via Zoom. (First Thursday of each month)

Topic: "After Trump: Now What?"
What can we hope for?
What must we be concerned about?
What can we do about it?

When: Thursday, December 3, 2020, 7:00 - 9:00 pm
Let us know if you will attend.
To register, call the EHS office: 516-741-7304 or email: office@ehsli.org
To join Zoom Meeting click on the link or cut and paste to your web browser: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/896985586

Sign up for the weekly email notices to be informed of all of our activities and Zoom links. Email the office office@ehsli.org or call 516-741-7304.
WOMEN’S GROUP - DEC. 4

Our monthly women’s group meetings are a "go!" The first meeting will be held on Friday, December 4th on Zoom. Barbara Haber will open the site at 7:15pm to begin admitting people. The meeting will run from 7:30-9pm. We will use topics like the ones we use at the Retreat to stimulate sharing and listening to each other with empathy. December’s topic is:

**In this very scary time, what is the most significant thing you have learned about yourself?**

If you are a member and want to join and haven’t emailed Barbara, please let her know that you would like to come: haberbarbara@verizon.net

A week before each meeting, Barbara will email participants the topic, the date and time of group, and the Zoom invitation link to click and join. Looking forward to beginning!

***The women’s group is for members only***

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**RULES FOR ETHICAL WOMEN’S GROUP**

1. Whatever is said in this zoom room stays in this room.
2. When you want to speak, click on “Participants” and then on “Raise Hand” box. I will see that you have raised your hand and I will recognize you by name. UNMUTE YOURSELF, and then you can speak. WHEN YOU ARE FINISHED SPEAKING, PLEASE MUTE YOURSELF AGAIN.
3. Please stay on Mute unless you are speaking. If you need to step away, please click “stop video.” When you return, click “stop video” again so we can see you.
4. No cross talk. That is, when a speaker has the floor, please do not interrupt, respond, or converse with the speaker or any other participant. Please do not use Chat at all.
5. Please talk about your own life and your own feelings.
6. Be respectful of others at all times.
7. You have a right to ‘pass’ and not speak.
8. This is not a therapy group, and we don’t try to solve people’s problems.
9. Please respect the time limits when you are speaking. Every speaker will have a maximum of 4 minutes to speak. If you finish what you want to say sooner than 4 minutes, that’s fine. If you want and need the 4 minutes, that’s fine, too. In that case, Judy Rosemarin will give a heads-up when you have one minute left. When everyone has spoken who wanted to speak, we will go around again until 8:45 when we will begin to close.
Greetings Friends.

Thank you for welcoming me into your community. I look forward to working with each and every one of you. I think this is the first time I started a job where I was interviewed on Zoom and have yet to meet my colleagues in person, without face to face interaction. I know we all feel held back, strapped tight, peering into small squares on screens by zoom and other video platforms, though there is some advantage of not getting in your car and consuming gasoline. More later on climate change, which was highlighted in the survey I sent you.

I hope to bridge this gap by writing to you through this monthly column and finding other creative ways to communicate with you. I’m so impressed by the speakers you invite and the fact that your whole ideology is based on action/social justice. I come from a community of Sikhs in Punjab that believe in the importance of both miri and piri, spiritual and material power. In fact, as I write this column today, it is the birthday of Guru Nanak, a mystic, poet, humanitarian who challenged the institutions of his time, including caste, the status of women, and rote ritualism in religion. In my gurdwara, where I worship, we all make a vegetarian meal together, sit side by side and eat roti, subzi, dal and something sweet. In Guru Nanak’s time, this was a radical act as caste prevented a Brahmin from eating with a Dalit from a lower caste. We have these same divisions and segregated ways of living in our own lives today when we look at housing and education, just to name two, especially in Long Island.

So how do we challenge the institutions of our time? This is a question that Ethical Humanists seem to pose all the time. As Social Action Coordinator, I am charged with organizing and guiding you to take your ideas and taking action. In fact, some of the following issues were highlighted in the surveys you shared with me: tutoring/mentoring children; police and prison reform; equity issues/public banking; climate change and so much more. I am lucky to be partnering on all these efforts with David Sprintzen, the society’s point person on all social action issues.

In this month’s column I want to briefly address the issue of police reform and how you can get involved. After several discussions and listening to the talk of Alex Vitale, EHSLI has decided to join a coalition called Long Island United to Transform Policing and Community Safety. As many of you know this has long been an area of interest for Arthur Dobrin, leader emeritus of the society. As part of my leadership of another collective, Long Island Together, I have already attended many of the meetings of LI United and they are extremely organized and have made an impression on Nassau County Executive Laura Curran as well as the Suffolk County Police Reform and
Reinvention Task Force. The coalition includes more than 30 organizations and is a great show of unity among leaders in Long Island demanding reform in public safety. Some of the key leaders include Shanequa Levin of Long Island Women’s Diversity Network, Jackie Burbidge of Long Island Black Alliance, Emily Kaufman and Terryl Dozier of Long Island Network of Change. Through a unified, coherent approach, the Coalition aims to:

a. **Divest:** from the criminalization of Black, Brown, Latino and Indigenous communities on Long Island.

b. **Transform:** the state of Long Island policing to more effective, restorative justice alternatives that stop cycles of violence.

c. **Invest:** in Long Island Black, Brown, Latino and Indigenous communities to promote genuine community safety, community control and collective well-being.

The coalition is not using defund language, which I know has been problematic even as I participate in discussions with members of EHSLI. The coalition is interested in taking the burden of certain responsibilities that are upon the police and put it in the hands of other professionals, like those in the mental health field.

We can participate in the various workgroups to do research or help participate in forums. The three workgroups that are in operation now include: mental health/substance abuse; 911 calls and traffic stops. To streamline what we do as a community, all those who join the Coalition from EHSLI will check in once every two weeks or once a month to discuss how the goals of the coalition are being met and what other strategies we can use to further advance systemic change in policing and community safety. Members of the Society would become part of the EHSLI police reform Task Force, and then represent the Society in Coalition matters. The EHS Police Reform Task Force would consult among themselves, to share information and coordinate their activity within the Coalition. **To get involved, please email me:** sonia@meow.name.

Each month I will discuss the projects we are working on and new ones ahead of us. In January I will be discussing projects being funded through The Weill Fund which involve working with incarcerated women and children, Community food banks and The Westbury School district.

We must seize the moment and get involved even if it seems we don’t know where to begin. Once you dive in, you will realize all you can do to make change on the local level.

Sonia Arora, Social Action Coordinator
Our Youth Programs:

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

YES members at work

Youth group member Gauri Shyamnath and her friend Rafia Ahmed, both students at New Hyde Park Memorial High School, have started an organization called Femme Forces, working to help women around the world receive reproductive rights information and have access to feminine sanitary goods. They have just made a donation to the Kenya Education Fund of $2000 which will provide 450 Kenyan girls with a three-month supply of pads.

Their web site is https://femmeforces1.wixsite.com/non-profit

Members of the YES group have also been involved with Masks Now and a book drive for Book Fairies.
Announcements:

BOOK DISCUSSION: DEC. 8, 7 PM

Join our Zoom Book Discussion at 7 PM.
Meeting ID: 728 6606 0222

Email Linda Napoli lindanapoli819@gmail.com to get the Zoom Passcode

We would love to get more people involved in our book group. Please let Linda know what books you are reading and when you would be available to join in a discussion.

MULTICULTURAL SOLIDARITY

Here are some ways that you can learn more about our affiliate organization, MultiCultural Solidarity, and get involved.

1. Join a Diversity Listening Circle. Contact the Circles organizer to find out what days and times are available, via email amanihosein101@gmail.com
2. Request the MCS Newsletter by emailing the editor at mcs.calendar2019@gmail.com or use this link to subscribe: https://facebook.us10.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=4e93018783c35762af191e09b&id=3d632fcf97
3. Join their Facebook group: https://www.facebook.com/groups/multiculturalsolidarityli

(for more information about our connections with MCS, see our September 2020 issue)

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS:

Volunteer Corps for the Westbury Union Free School District. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact Arthur Dobrin at: arthur.dobrin@gmail.com
Dear Friends,

Wesbury Arts is happy to share with you a volunteering opportunity with Volunteer Corps. This is a pilot program for the Westbury Union Free School District to bring students and community members together for mutual benefit.

Volunteers will collaborate with Westbury students by providing a variety of practical, fun and academic experiences. These can include:

- tutoring
- mentoring
- leading discussion groups
- taking students on virtual tours
- civic engagement
- networking

This program is designed to create a greater sense of community and togetherness while enhancing the education of the students. We are confident that this program will have a positive impact on both the students and the volunteers.

To become a volunteer and learn more about the program, please contact Arthur Dobrin at arthur.dobrin@gmail.com
ON DEFUNDING THE POLICE

Shared by Hugh Taft Morales (leader of Baltimore & Philly societies):

1 - Many members requested a link to the transcript of the talk given at the joint Sunday platform on November 15 by Alex Vitale. He gave us an insightful perspective on the topic of Defunding the Police.

2 - This additional piece might interest members of Ethical Societies. It is an interview with Ethical Culture Leader Al Black about his book, The People and the Police. While I wince at the fact that two white men are featured on a program titled, "Black Man in America," it is interesting to listen to. What is striking to me is that so much of the discussion indicates how slow progress is today. You can listen to it at this link, or read the transcript attached at https://www.wnyc.org/story/algernon-d-black/

2020 HUMANIST OF THE YEAR

Sharon Stanley wants us to celebrate the fact that “There’s a Humanist in the House! Of Representatives!”

Representative Jared Huffman (D-CA) made news across the nation when he went public as a humanist and agnostic, just the second member of Congress in history to take such a bold step.

MORE WAYS YOU CAN DONATE

Will you be shopping on amazon.com? Did you know that Amazon Smile will donate a portion of your eligible purchases to the society?

AmazonSmile will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases to the charitable organization of your choice. It is easy to sign up, simply go to smile.amazon.com to start.

On your first visit, select a charitable organization to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. Search for Ethical Humanist Society of Long Island. If you are currently using AmazonSmile, consider changing your charity to: Ethical Humanist Society of Long Island. Make sure that you make your purchases from the SMILE site, SMILE.AMAZON.COM.

CHEERFUL GIVING

Support the Ethical Humanist Society of LI by rounding up the spare change on everyday purchases. Just click on the link to sign up as a donor: https://app.cheerfulgiving.com/p/ethical-humanist-society-of-long-island

Follow the prompts, when you get a screen that says "where would you like to give," type in Ethical Humanist Society of Long Island and click on our name when it appears. Then, click the button that says GIVE NOW, check the box that says "round up spare change on my purchases," and hit continue (you do not have to make a donation at this time). The next steps will take you through adding your bank account. You can set the limit that you want to send the society each month and you can stop at any time.

(be aware there are fees associated with the "Spare Change Donation" program)
Society Members:

2021 NEW YEAR’S DAY SOCIAL

Many of us are accustomed to greeting the New Year at our Annual New Year’s Party on New Year’s Day, but 2021 will be different on Zoom! Let’s all join in and make it truly festive!

Our tentative plan is to **dress up our clothing** and or **decorate our Zoom backgrounds** and consistent with our traditional POTLUCK SOCIAL atmosphere, we’ll plan to share a little of ourselves. So, someone may offer to **sing** or read a **poem**, or show off a **pet**, or an **outfit** you haven’t been able to wear any place special, show us something you’ve **made or grown**, or share a **recipe**. Anything goes!

The Membership Committee will have a planning meeting on **Friday, Dec. 18 at 7 pm** to pull this altogether and we hope you will join us then with your great (BETTER?) ideas. Or send them to us ahead via email or call one of us: **Linda Napoli, Ginger Hendler, or Linda Joe**.

Please check the weekly email newsletters for all of the last minute details!!

NEW MEMBERS in 2020

Please be sure to greet our new members. It’s a bit more difficult for us to get to know one another in our social distancing world, but let’s try! **If you need an updated member list, please email or call the office.**

Ben Bortin & Andrea Star
Frank Miller-Small
Annie Tiss
Sarah Finkelstein Waters & John Waters (Welcome Back!!)
Ann Tiss:  
I express myself in writing.  
I like using poetry because though more difficult it gets to the heart of my thoughts and feelings.

Invisible

A strange loneliness  
Seeps into my thoughts  
My values, opinions lost  
I’ve become invisible

In this crowded, fast paced world  
No one looks in my direction  
Everyone seems distracted  
Self-absorbed, in another place

I seldom hurry  
My pace slower  
My breathing regular  
My height shrinking

I may have become too small to be seen  
Like a grain of sand on the beach  
I’m part of a sea of other people  
In a world too busy to notice

I didn’t see it coming  
It happened bit by bit  
When did I grow so tiny?  
Am I really invisible?

Ann Tiss
T’was a Month Before Christmas 2020

T’was a month before Christmas,  
And all through the town,  
People wore masks,  
That covered their frown.  
The frown had begun  
Way back in the Spring,  
When a global pandemic  
Changed everything.  
They called it corona,  
But unlike the beer,  
It didn’t bring good times,  
It didn’t bring cheer.  
Contagious and deadly,  
This virus spread fast,  
Like a wildfire that starts  
When fueled by gas.  
Airplanes were grounded,  
Travel was banned.  
Borders were closed  
Across air, sea and land.  
As the world entered lockdown  
To flatten the curve,  
The economy halted,  
And folks lost their verve.  
From March to July  
We rode the first wave,  
People stayed home,  
They tried to behave.  
When summer emerged  
The lockdown was lifted.  
But away from caution,  
Many folks drifted.  
Now it’s November  
And cases are spiking,  
Wave two has arrived,  
Much to our disliking.  
Frontline workers,  
Doctors and nurses,  
Try to save people,  
From riding in hearses.  
This virus is awful,  
This COVID-19.  
There isn’t a cure.  
There is no vaccine.  
It’s true that this year  
Has had sadness a plenty,  
We’ll never forget  
The year 2020.  
And just ‘round the corner –  
The holiday season,  
But why be merry?  
Is there even one reason?  
To decorate the house  
And put up the tree,  
When no one will see it,  
No-one but me.  
But outside my window  
The snow gently falls,  
And I think to myself,  
Let’s deck the halls!  
So, I gather the ribbon,  
The garland and bows,  
As I play those old carols,  
My happiness grows.  
Christmas ain’t cancelled  
And neither is hope.  
If we lean on each other,  
I know we can cope.
EFOC is still operating but not live. We have been filling orders and the customers come after hours and pick them up from a storage box outside the society front door, so that we do not come in contact. EFOC workload and organizing of our supplies is still more than Jim and Pat can do without some extra help. Can you help us for a few weeks on a Wednesday morning? Please email Pat Spencer or call 516-603-1940.

Garden City Rental Space Available

Do you need meeting rooms to accommodate up to 50 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 a conference room for meetings up to 50 people and a smaller room for up to 8-12 people in addition a large auditorium is available for occasional use. 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: 
https://www.ehsli.org/ceremonies-building-rentals/building-rental/

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

By contributing to the Ethical Humanist Society of Long Island you are helping to maintain its mission and purposes and the many programs and services it offers to its member and the public.

Click here to DONATE
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 weekly. 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.

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, please contact Phyllis or Tina at ethicalsociety@optonline.net

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 or Tina 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.

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       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
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