

# E T H I C A L O U T L O O K

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## **Sunday Morning Meetings** 11:15 AM—*Music & Reflection,* *Concert Hall*

### **June 3**

#### **Coming of Age**

*Remarks by Tony Hileman,*  
*Senior Leader*

Michael Bogdanffy-Kriegh  
Presides

### **June 10**

#### **Euthyphro's Dilemma: Why Morality Doesn't Depend on Gods**

*Massimo Pigliucci, Ph.D.*

Bonnie Bean Presides

### **June 17**

#### **The New Housing Marketplace**

*Shaun Donovan, Commissioner,*  
*NYC Dept., of Housing*  
*Preservation and Development*  
Henryka Komanska Presides

### **June 24**

#### **The Blessed Land of Freedom**

*Tony Hileman, Senior Leader*  
Carol Nadell Van Deusen Presides

*Celebrate our  
Women's Shelter's  
25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
on June 19.  
See page 6 for details!*

## **June Happenings**

**The New Housing Marketplace**—On Sunday, June 17, Shaun Donovan, Commissioner, NYC Dept. of Housing Preservation and Development, will discuss the evolution of New York City's housing policies over the past thirty years and its plans to ensure affordable housing in the face of today's booming housing marketplace. (See page 3)

NYSEC is holding a one-day **Members Retreat** at the Society on Saturday, June 23. We'll have an opportunity to explore in depth the teachings of Felix Adler and discuss how to apply them to help us bring out the best in others and in ourselves and to think about the Society and its role in today's complex world. (See page 4)

## **President's Notes**

*Michael Bogdanffy-Kriegh*



### **Stepping Down**

This is my last "President's Notes". As most of you know, I am stepping down from my role as President of the Board of Trustees in June. I have had this privilege for six years and I think that is enough, not just for myself, but also for the Society. Even if I were not feeling that it is time to rest and do some other things, I believe that leadership responsibility needs to be rotated and that new energies, talents, and ideas need to be allowed to surface and have their turn. This is the mark of a healthy community and institution. Churn not only happens, it is encouraged, and we all take our turns in whatever capacity we can.

The Ethical Culture movement in general is small and somewhat fragile, and though we are one of the largest Ethical Culture communities in the movement we, too, are relatively small and fragile. Nonetheless, there are encouraging signs in the movement and

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## **Sunday Morning Meetings**

### **June 3—Coming of Age**

*Remarks by Tony Hileman, Senior Leader*

Two of our Sunday School students, **Elizabeth Mallinson** and **Kira Santiago**, will be honored at this platform. The two, who have been attending the Sunday School for several years, will be celebrating their Coming of Age. This past year they have participated in a mentoring program; Elizabeth has been working with Amy Schwarz and Kira has worked with Henryka Komanska.

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**President's Notes**

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possibilities for renewal and growth, just as there are encouraging signs at NYSEC, and possibilities for renewal and growth. Our operating budget was balanced last year, will be balanced this year, and will most likely be showing a fairly significant surplus for the next couple of years. We have gotten our name in front of the public more frequently and in more kinds of ways than at any time in the recent past. And we have become a more friendly and welcoming community. All of these things put us in a place of possibility, and make energy available to meet new challenges and accomplish new things.

There are, of course, challenges. Membership continues to be reluctant to grow, and the building continues to manifest problems that will demand our time and money. But I believe that during the last six years we have brought ourselves to a place that can

serve as a foundation for evolution. I believe we have left the Society in a better place than it was when we started. And when I say “we,” I am not using the word in the royal sense, but in the sense that whatever has been accomplished, we have done it together, as a community.

I'd like to thank my fellow officers, Barbara Levenson, Vice President and Secretary for the past six years, and John Kreuttner, our Treasurer for the last three years. Both are stepping down and off the board this year.

I'd also like to thank all members of the board, both current and past, for your dedication to the Society and your essential help in guiding it. I would also like to thank the two Presidents who served before me, Judy Wallach and Chuck Debrovner. Both served tirelessly to help lay the foundations on which we built, and let me say that I now understand in a way that only an acting or former president can, the generosity of your gift of self to the Society.

Thanks also to all of the staff, who have weathered “the good, the bad, and the ugly” loyally, with good humor, and with great commitment. You are the true unsung heroes of the Society. And, of course, thanks to our volunteers, who have given so generously of their time and talents.

I look forward to the new leadership surfacing on the board and within our community. I hope all members will join me in offering our enthusiastic support. As so many have done before, they are generously giving of themselves to help move us forward; we can’t thank them enough for that.

## Sunday Morning Meetings

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**June 10—Euthyphro’s Dilemma: Why Morality Doesn’t Depend on Gods**  
*Massimo Pigliucci, Ph.D.*

Religious people assume that the only way to be moral is by believing in a god. Humanists reply that one can be moral without supernatural help, and that modern research backs up their claim. Dr. Pigliucci, professor of ecology and evolution and philosophy at Stony Brook, SUNY, believes there is a more elegant argument, found in Plato’s dialogue, “Euthyphro,” where the cocky protagonist encounters Socrates on his way to the Athenian assembly and is faced with the simplest, most profound, and insoluble dilemma any religious moralist has ever faced.

Professor Pigliucci, an outspoken critic of creationism and advocate of science education, has received numerous awards and international recognition for his research.

**June 17—The New Housing Marketplace**  
*Shaun Donovan, Commissioner*

Mr. Donovan will discuss the shift in New York City’s housing policies from a focus on abandonment to affordability. Commissioner Donovan is leading HPD in implementing the city’s ten-year \$7.5 billion new housing marketplace plan, which will provide 165,000 affordable homes for 500,000 New Yorkers. This is the largest municipal housing plan in the nation’s history.

**June 24—This Blessed Land of Freedom**

*Tony Hileman, Senior Leader*

In 1873, two years before founding the Ethical Culture movement, Felix Adler referred to our country as “this blessed land of freedom.” Today we are mired in a preemptive war of choice that threatens the very freedom it purports to promote. In failing to heed Benjamin Franklin’s advice, “They who would give up an essential liberty for temporary security deserve neither liberty nor security,” we have less of both. Many, I among them, feel that the values upon which this nation was founded have been violated.

Adler spoke of the importance of individual principles, linking them to public integrity. Ethical Culture offers a message of personal responsibility that can restore public accountability. It is time for our message to be part of public discourse once again, time for Ethical Culture to be heard once again.

## Early Sunday 10 AM

**June 3—Everyday Ethics**—Ethical Culture Comfort “Food.” Joseph Marvel presides. Room 408.

**June 3—Singing Practice**—All voices, big and small, are welcome. Led by Pat Debrovner and Jerry Ranck, we’ll practice the songs we sing on Sunday mornings, and get some tips to

improve our singing technique. It’s always a lot of fun, so join us. Ceremonial Hall—4<sup>th</sup> fl.

**June 10—Colloquy**—Topic: “Hope.” Phyllis Kreuttner presides. Room 408.

**June 17—Singing Practice**—Ceremonial Hall—4<sup>th</sup> fl.

**June 17—Poetry Reading**—Join us for a peaceful hour with Cheryl Gross reading the poems of which we are especially fond. Come to read and to listen. Room 408.

**June 24**—No program.

## Sunday Afternoon 1:45 PM

Ceremonial Hall, 4<sup>th</sup> fl.

(Except as noted)

**June 3**—No program.

**June 10—PIC—Who Killed the Electric Car?** is a 2006 documentary film that explores the birth, limited commercialization, and subsequent death of the battery-powered electric vehicle in the US, specifically the General Motors “EV-1” of the 1990’s. The film explores the roles of automobiles manufacturers, the oil industry, the US government, batteries, hydrogen vehicles, and consumers in limiting the development and adoption of this technology. Abe Markman presides.

**June 17—Samson’s Story**—In this video David Grossman is interviewed by Bill Moyers about the biblical story of Samson, noting the parallels to today’s turbulent Middle-East conflict.

**June 24—Life With Health—Thinking About Bioethics**—Inmaculada de Melo-Martin, PhD, of the Division of Medical Ethics at Weill Cornell Medical College, will speak on the advance of contemporary biomedical science. It has produced manifold benefits for

people, but it has also engendered a sustained questioning of our traditional conceptions of life and death, the meaning of pain and suffering, the right and power to control one's life, and our common duties to each other and to other creatures. Dr. de Melo-Martin will discuss some of the ethical concerns that arise in relation to biomedical sciences and technologies. She will also focus on some of the ethical arguments presented for and against human cloning and stem cell research. Jacqueline Pope presides. Room 514.

## Our Ethical Family

*Suzy Frazer*

Please give a warm welcome our newest members:

**Judy Belle** is a sculptor with an MFA in art who teaches grades K-12. She has a daughter, and her favorite activities include theater, reading, and cooking. Judy says she had been aware of the Society for many years, and that our philosophy and sense of community drew her to membership.

**Ivanhoe V. Ffriend** is a financial planner specializing in money management and tax planning. He and his wife, Carol, have a daughter and live in New Rochelle, where he is an avid tennis player. Ivan was introduced to the Society by Board member Dr. Phyllis Harrison-Ross.

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**Dr. Maria Fridman** is to be recognized for her work with the NY Society's Women's Shelter at a conference celebrating the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our homeless women's shelter. (See page 6 for more information about the event, which will be held here.)

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In May, at age 75, member **Eva Yachnes** celebrated her first birthday party. (Yes, you've read this correctly!) The event,

a benefit for NYSEC's Building Fund, featured the incredible documentary film, *Vienna's Lost Daughters*, in which Eva appears, which tells the story of eight Jewish women who escaped from Nazi Vienna as children, and who come to live in this country. The evening was delightful, the film fascinating, and the benefit a great success.

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I hope to see as many members as possible at our second annual one-day New York Retreat on Saturday, June 23. This will be a valuable and very memorable day, so be sure to participate. (See below for more details.)



*New member **Ella Campi** with Senior Leader **Tony Hileman** at the latest New Member Recognition Sunday*

## Ethics in the City—Spring Members Retreat

*Andra Miller*

Come to a special one-day Members Retreat here at the Society on Saturday, June 23. Senior Leader Tony Hileman will lead us in exercises to delve deeply into the teachings of our founding leader, Felix Adler. With a focus on his "Supreme Moral Rule" (a rule that's a lot harder to live by than it might seem), we'll learn a variety of ways to "bring out the best in others," and in ourselves.

The retreat will help us think about the New York Society for Ethical Culture and its purpose. After mulling over the day's discussions we'll brainstorm, with the guidance of Board members, to develop new ideas and find new ways to meet our challenges.

Even if you plan to attend the country retreat on the weekend of September 22–23, we urge you to take part in what will be a challenging, exciting, and uplifting day. Activities will start at 9:30 am, and run till 4:00 pm. (Lunch will be included, and we'll pass the hat for contributions to help cover the day's expenses.) Mark your calendar and join the serious fun!

## DIA Museum Visit

*Patricia Berens*

The Membership Activities Committee is planning a visit to the DIA Museum in Beacon, New York, on Saturday, June 9. We will meet at the Information Booth at Grand Central Station at 10:40 am. The train leaves for Beacon at 10:51 am, and arrives there at 12:16 pm.

One-way off-peak train tickets cost \$11.50, and \$7.50 for seniors. The entrance fee at the DIA is \$10, \$7 for seniors. There is a café at the museum.

Call Pat Berens at 212-799-9365 for more information.

## Ethical Culture Today?

*Suzy Frazer*

Paul Berman and Carol Rost have started a new, informal discussion group to explore issues of ethical behavior in our lives. The group will meet on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 6:00 pm.

The next meeting will be June. 27. All are welcome. Please call Paul at 561-512-7116 for more information.

## Ethics and the Theater

Patricia Bruder Debrovner

On Wednesday, June 27, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm, Ethics and the Theater will present Wendy Wasserstein's *The Heidi Chronicles*. Like many of Wasserstein's works, this play takes a wry, funny, and astringent look at how strong, talented women cope with what is still, in many respects, a man's world.

Through Heidi, an art history professor whose passion is bringing underappreciated female artists the attention and appreciation they deserve, Wasserstein, a prolific commendator on American society gives us an at times hysterically funny but always unsentimental portrayal of antiwar activism, the women's liberation movement, the AIDS crisis, and the limitations of both marriage and sisterhood.

## NYSEC Thespians on Stage



(L-R) John Lovelady, Pat Debrovner, Carole Chamlin, Jerry Chamlin, Penelope Ghartey, and Linda Moody in a scene from *A Delicate Balance*, presented on March 28 (Photo by member John Gurney)

Our fellow member Barry Snider will direct our talented cast, which will include Suzy Frazer, Craig Jorczak, Linda Moody, and Betsy Ungar. Nancy McGeorge Lovelady will act as mod-

erator and lead our discussion of the ethical issues raised in the play. The suggested donation is \$5 for members and \$10 for nonmembers. Don't miss what is sure to be a fun evening!

## Ethics in Film

Cheryl Gross

The last film in our 2006-2007 series, "Reel Justice: Courtroom Dramas," will be *Anatomy of a Murder* (1959), directed by Otto Preminger, to be shown on Friday, June 1.

A gripping tale of deceit, murder, and a sensational trial set during the turbulent McCarthy era, this classic is unmatched for its authenticity and vivid portrayals of its setting, events, and characters, becoming a standard for countless courtroom dramas that followed.

The casting was inspired, with actors George C. Scott and James Stewart and lawyer Joseph Welch facing off against Senator Joseph McCarthy.

Richard Bruno will lead the discussion that follows. The doors open at 6:30 pm. Admission is \$3 for members and \$4 for nonmembers.

## Meet the Author

Patricia Bruder Debrovner

On Wednesday, June 20, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm, Mark Crispin Miller, professor of media studies at New York University, will discuss his book, *Foiled Again*, which focuses on the rising danger of election fraud and the urgent need for reform. With a wealth of solid evidence, the book seeks to demonstrate that Bush/Cheney stole their "re-election" in 2004, not just in Ohio but from coast to coast.

The just released paperback edition includes new material to support its claim that the 2006 election was just as corrupt as the race two years before. Professor Miller will also try to shed light on how and why the US press "broadly refused to discuss the issue of election fraud." Admission is \$3 for members and \$5 for nonmembers.

## Greeting Card Workshop

The Greeting Card Project, sponsored by the Social Service Board, designed and sent cards to members who are unable to attend the Sunday meetings because of disability, distance, or other reasons. Under the direction of teaching artist Chi Nguyen, the group has created approximately 100 cards, some of which were displayed at our Sunday Art Show on April 15.



Participants enjoying a "Thank You" cake

## What's Next for PIC?

*Abe Markman*

First let's look at what we have been doing. PIC organized the recent anti-war march; invited Stanley Aronowitz, a widely recognized labor movement scholar, to speak to us; advocated in Albany for paid family leave; posted ten weekly action alerts on our weekly events calendar; sponsored a mailing in support of stem-cell research; learned about the Social Service Board's steps in child health insurance enrollment; and invited Dr. Radley Horton, a NASA climatologist, who analyzed Al Gore's testimony to Congress.

Starting in June, PIC will pose a "Question of the Month," which will appear in *Outlook*, in the weekly events calendar, and on our website; we will make a brief presentation at the AEU Assembly; we hope to finalize our position on the labor movement; and we are making plans to interview elected officials about our positions.

Although we are still developing our "creed," we have moved to a more intensive level of "deed," a level at which your continued support will be crucial. We thank you in advance.

### Question of the Month

The rules are simple: post your answer, in 150 words or less, on the PIC message board by the second Thursday of the month. A PIC subcommittee will choose the best answer and, with the winner's permission, the answer will be posted on the appropriate web page.

The question for June is: **Do you think the public will support a single-payer health plan for the nation?** Give your reasons, and post your answer on: <http://www.nysec.org/sitemap/ethical-action/public-issues-committee/> by Thursday, June 14, and whether or not

your answer is selected, we will try to respond. We want to hear your thoughts.

## Art Exhibit

*Barbara Litke*

Members, friends, and the artists—participants in NYSEC's very popular drawing class—shared the joy that creativity brings at the Society's April art exhibit. Using pencil, charcoal, and pastels on paper, the artists created drawings of a wide range of subjects.

Many of the students had little or no previous art experience but with enthusiasm, courage, and a desire to learn and to create art, they joined the class and created the art on display in the Social Hall, which they each independently selected.

Those who had the opportunity to view them were very complimentary. So, think about taking a drawing class. It's a lot of fun and very rewarding.

## Shelter's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

*Phyllis Harrison-Ross, M.D.*

*Conference Convener and Chairperson*

Recognizing that the New York Society for Ethical Culture's Women's Shelter (a project of the Social Service Board) is celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year and still going strong, a group representing agencies and organizations that work with the homeless will sponsor a city-wide conference at the Society on Tuesday, June 19 to honor our Shelter volunteers, as well as volunteers throughout the city who work with homeless people.

The one-day conference, "Celebrating our Volunteers—Heroes of Healing—Eliminating Homelessness: A New Agenda for Volunteers," will aim to expand volunteer support services and shelter housing programs, recruit more volunteers, publicize and increase the number of homeless facilities in the city, help homeless individuals and

families find permanent housing, and educate and motivate the community to care for the homeless. The organizers also want to develop ways for volunteers to connect with each other and find support, guidance, and care for themselves, and to expand training for organizations and volunteers, provide more social workers, and raise the issue high in the city's consciousness.

The conference will look at the needs of aging civil and humanitarian rights workers who have spent years as volunteers advocating for marginalized citizens, and who now find themselves without adequate survival and safety net resources.

The conference will also discuss ideas for future programs and activities, with a focus on working with faith-based organizations.

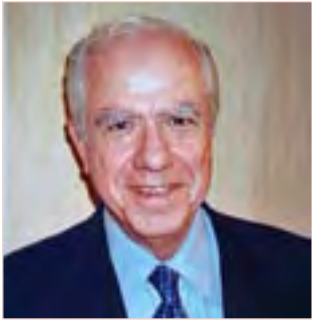
Highlights will include a keynote address by Phillip Mangano, Executive Director, US Interagency Council; a talk by Rev. Alfonso Wyatt of the Fund for the City of New York; and a panel discussion with Scott Auwarter, Associate Director, Citizens Advice Bureau; Robert Cohen, Executive Director, Partnership for the Homeless; Dr. Martha Sullivan, Chairperson, Coalition for the Black Elderly; Rev. Dr. Will Ashley, Program Director, Council of Churches of the City of New York; Ralph Acevedo, advocate, Citizens Advice Bureau; Dr. Derek Suite, President of Full Circle Health and Full Circle Confidential; and May Jackson, civil rights advocate and leader, Art Without Walls. There will also be a workshop for care givers led by Rob Hofman, a geriatric care manager and physical trainer. After lunch there will be a showing of homeless artist's creations, an "Ask the Doctor" session, and networking opportunities.

You must register by Friday, June 15 to attend. Call Suzy Frazer at 212-874-5210, ext. 113, if you plan to come.

## 2007 Annual Meeting – New Trustees, New Initiatives

NYSEC's Annual Meeting was held on Sunday, May 6, in the Concert Hall. On the agenda were election of new Trustees; endorsement of several initiatives offered by Abe Markman, of the Public Issues Committee; a proposal for taking a stand on Darfur advocacy, by Maria Fridman; and changes to the bylaws regarding officers. The four newly elected Trustees are: Robert Berger, Margaret Chapman, Patricia Cohen, and Heather Grady. At the festive lunch that followed, outgoing President Michael Bogdanffy-Kriegh spoke of his years in office—the joys, satisfactions, and challenges. In addition to thanking the members for their vital efforts, Michael mentioned the estimable Milt Nobel, who has been an invaluable help in the membership office and beyond. Afterward we feasted on a cake honoring Michael, Barbara Levenson, John Kreuttner, Carol Nadell Van Deusen, and Christine Swann. (Reports from the Annual Meeting will appear in the August issue of *Outlook*.)

### Meet Our New Trustees



Robert Berger



Meg Chapman



Patricia Cohen



Heather Grady

### At the Annual Meeting. . . .



*After the main business of the meeting was completed, members enjoyed lunch and heard from President Michael Bogdanffy-Kriegh and others*



*Sheila Kleinwald, member lunch coordinator, expressed our appreciation to members of our maintenance staff for their dedication and hard work. (L-R) Rodney Williams, David McCants, Sheila Kleinwald, Anwar Bramble, Jason Vasquez, and Leonardo Gibson*

# June 2007

Office hours for the month are: Monday-Thursday, 9:00 am–6:00 pm  
Friday, 9:00 am–1:30 pm

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>Great Books:</b> June 6–Henry James, <i>The Beast in the Jungle</i> Leo Tolstoy, <i>The Death of Ivan Ilych</i> (complete work)</p> <p><b>ECRDG: (Ethical Culture Reading Discussion Group)</b> June 13–Henry Roth, <i>Call It Sleep</i></p> <p><b>Great Books: Great Conversations I</b> June 20–Sigmund Freud, <i>Thoughts for the Times on War and Death</i></p>					<p>1 <b>July 2007 Newsletter Deadline</b></p> <p>7:00 pm–Ethics in Film: <i>Anatomy of a Murder</i> (1959)</p>	<p>2 9:30 am–Supervised Visitation</p>
<p>3 10:00 am–Everyday Ethics 10:00 am–Singing Practice 11:15 am–Morning Meeting 12:45 pm–Social Hour 1:45 pm–No program</p>	<p>4 6:30 pm–Board of Trustees 6:30 pm–Monday Writing Workshop</p>	<p>5 6:00 pm–Orientation</p>	<p>6 6:00 pm–Men’s Group 7:30 pm–Great Books</p>	<p>7 7:00 pm–Thursday Writing Workshop</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9 9:30 am–Supervised Visitation 10:40 am–DIA Museum Trip</p>
<p>10 10:00 am–Colloquy 11:15 am–Morning Meeting 12:45 pm–Social Hour 1:45 pm–PIC: <i>Who Killed the Electric Car?</i></p>	<p>11 6:30 pm–Monday Writing Workshop</p>	<p>12 6:00 pm–Women’s Group</p>	<p>13 3:00 pm–ECRDG</p>	<p>14 7:00 pm–Thursday Writing Workshop</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16 9:30 am–Supervised Visitation</p>
<p>17 10:00 am–Poetry Reading 10:00 am–Singing Practice 11:15 am–Morning Meeting 12:45 pm–Social Hour 1:45 pm–Samson’s Story</p>	<p>18 6:30 pm–Monday Writing Workshop 6:30 pm–Social Service Board</p>	<p>19 9:00 am–25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of NYSEC’s Homeless Women’s Shelter</p>	<p>20 6:00 pm–Socrates Café 7:00 pm–Meet the Author 7:30 pm–Great Books: Great Conversations I</p>	<p>21 7:00 pm–Thursday Writing Workshop</p>	<p>22 11:00 am–Ethics on the Air: (WBAI-99.5 FM)</p>	<p>23 9:30 am–One-Day Retreat 9:30 am–Supervised Visitation</p>
<p>24 10:00 am–No program 11:15 am–Morning Meeting 12:45 pm–Social Hour 1:45 pm–Life with Health</p>	<p>25 6:30 pm–Monday Writing Workshop</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 6:00 pm–Ethical Culture Today? 7:00 pm–Ethics and the Theater</p>	<p>28 7:00 pm–Thursday Writing Workshop</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 9:30 am–Supervised Visitation</p>

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