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Sunday Morning Meetings

11:15 AM—Music and Reflections

In the Concert Hall

December 4

The Spiritual Universe of Felix Adler

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AEU Leader

Sheila Kleinwald Presides

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Embracing the Infidel

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Author and Professor

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Ethics and the Theater—Wednesday, December 14, 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Tennessee Williams’ Pulitzer Prize-winning play, *A Streetcar Named Desire* (see page 5).

New Year’s Eve Concert and Party—Saturday, December 31, 8:00 pm. (see page 5).

President’s Notes

Michael Bogdanffy-Kriegh

Faith and Life’s Challenges



This past September I had both the sadness and the privilege to be with my wife and her family as they mourned the sudden death of her father, George. It was a particular pleasure to hear them tell the stories of George’s fine life, some of which I had heard before and gladly heard again, and some of which were new and added further depth to my connection to George and his family. Although he was 78, an age where his continued physical presence among us could not be counted on, his death was premature to our minds, and a shock.

Sudden deaths slap us in the face with the fleetingness of life. Without warning, the landscape of our lives is permanently altered. There is no way to be prepared for moments like this. They come upon us like rogue waves of the ocean and there is little more to do but hang on.

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Sunday Morning Meetings

December 4—The Spiritual Universe of Felix Adler

Dr. John Hoad, AEU Leader

There is more to Felix Adler still to be explored. Each generation sees a great leader through its particular lens. Adler has always been a moral inspiration, and is much admired as a moral reformer. At a time in the late 19th century when religion was taking a heavy beating from science, he pioneered a new religious response to life.

He jettisoned the individualistic conception of deity, but did not turn to atheism. Rather, he filled the empty space remaining with the conception of an infinite manifold, which one could call his organizing principle of the universe. He felt that the world was a mystery and advanced an intellectual agnosticism, rejecting doctrines of creation and immortality as attempts to find an unattainable certainty. But there was a certainty to be found in the ethical struggle of humankind. In that wrestling, he saw a window open up beyond the veil, and felt that there must be a universal justice underlying our world that

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*Have a
Happy
and
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New Year*

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Ethical Culture: Who We Are

[Excerpted from Felix Adler's book, *Creed and Deed*, published in 1894]

“Not by the Creed but by the Deed”

The Society which I have the privilege of addressing has been organized with the above for its motto. Some of my hearers have entirely abandoned the tenets of the positive religions; others continue to hold them true, but are discouraged by the lack of spiritual force, the prominence given to mere externals, the barren formalism in the churches and synagogues. We agree in believing that theology is flourishing at the expense of religion. It seems to us that differences in creed are constantly increasing, and will continue to multiply with the growth and differentiation of the human intellect. We perceive that every attempt to settle problems of faith has thus far signally failed, nor can we hope for better results in the future.

Certainty even with regard to the essential dogmas appears to us impossible. We do not therefore deny dogma, but prefer to remit it to the sphere of individual conviction with which public associations should have no concern. Far from believing that the doctrines of religion as commonly taught are essential to the well being of society, we apprehend that the disputes concerning the “author of the law” have diverted the attention of men from the law itself, and that the so-called duties toward God too often interfere with the proper performance of our duties toward one another. It were better to insist less upon a right belief, and more upon right action.

In order to find a common basis whereon good men, whether believers or unbelievers, can unite, we look to the moral law itself, whose certainty rests in the universal experience of civilized humanity. We shall hold questions of faith in abeyance, shall endeavor to stimulate the conscience and to this end shall seek to awaken an interest in the grave social problems of our day, which need nothing so much as a vigorous exertion of our moral energies, in order to arrive at a peaceable solution.

President's Notes

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Rogue waves happen on large and small scales all the time, as we have come to know too well lately. Within the past year alone we have been witness to a tsunami, hurricane Katrina, and an earthquake in Pakistan and India. And, as we all know, grief inevitably comes closer to home for all of us sooner or later. It's of little help to our grief that others have passed this way before. Loss is loss. It cannot be mitigated quickly, nor can it be wiped away completely, for a loss of this kind is the opening of void within our own being. Only time, our own determination to persevere, and the loving embrace of our family and friends will heal us and enable us to move forward, after a time, with renewed optimism.

It is at moments like this that we find out how well our particular faith is able to help us cope. And I learned a few things about ours. While being interviewed for an article on Ethical Culture in the *Resident* magazine recently, I was asked what makes our faith different from other faiths. The reporter felt that on the face of it, our code of behavior, our ethics, did not seem that different from behavioral guidelines in many other religions. Fortunately, I had just attended a class on the principles of Ethical Culture taught by Joe Chuman, so I was able to compose a coherent answer.

It is true that the content of our faith, as it concerns "good works" or "good behavior," is not that distinct from many other religions. The key difference, though, is that we believe any person can be a moral being without believing in a "god." If you are a devout Christian or Jew or Muslim, this is not the case. For these and most other religions that have a god concept; moral being begins with faith in "god."

For Ethical Culture, however, being a good or moral person hinges entirely on our actions here and now as they relate to other human beings and life in general on this planet. The "golden rule" of ethical culture becomes, "behave so as to elicit the best in others and thereby yourself." This is a subtle but very significant twist on the "do unto others as you would have them do unto you" version because it requires the other person to be present in the arrangement and acknowledges that there must be a relationship. As important, we believe that we ourselves are solely responsible for our actions in this world. We accept that responsibility without the expectation of help or guidance or reward from a "higher source." From our point of view, right action and being can only be worked out in relationship to other humans.

Among the interesting consequences of this is that we are left with no choice but to deal with the vicissitudes and transitions of life directly. When a loved one dies we take that fact on directly. We remember them, we see their continued presence in the family, friends, and community they leave behind, but we do not imagine them as having a new home where we will one day join them in any sense of which we would be conscious.

George was as fine an example of a life lived well as I have known. He was, and will continue to be, a quiet inspiration to his family and friends. George loved his family, his friends, and his life, and we knew it. By his example, he taught us all about loving, living honestly, and looking forward to what is next. And we know that he would want all of us to continue with our own lives; craft our own journeys of discovery, learning, and adventure; and do our best to see to it that when our time comes we can be as fine and inspiring an example of a life well lived.

Sunday Morning

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gave substance to the attribution of worth to all individuals. Adler spoke of the contrast between the finite and the infinite, between the empirical and the spiritual. "I affirm," he wrote, "that there is an eternal divine life." It is that spiritual universe that Dr. John Hoad will explore in his talk about the founder of Ethical Culture.

December 11—Embracing the Infidel *Behzad Yahgmaian*

Iranian-American political economist Behzad Yahgmaian tells of the often shocking journeys of Muslim migrants traveling to the West. He gives us a comprehensive look into Muslim migrants' attempts to escape persecution in the Middle East and Africa and find better lives in such cities as Athens, London, Calais, Paris, and New York.

Yahgmaian spent two years traveling with these men and women, visiting their transit camps and safe houses, meeting them in police custody, and collecting their stories—stories that highlight a growing global humanitarian crisis of unparalleled proportions.

Millions of migrants cross international borders without authorization each year only to find themselves in a state of limbo: unwanted in the country in which they have arrived and unable to return to their homes. Yahgmaian demonstrates that while border control is a winning ticket for politicians in Western countries, more open immigration policies would not only benefit migrants who resettle, but also benefit the host nations and the migrants' home countries.

After the meeting, Yahgmaian will sign copies of his book, *Embracing the Infidel: Stories of Muslim Migrants on the Journey West*, a book that offers a virtual tour illuminating the real lives of Muslim men and women—so misunderstood in the West.

Behzad Yahgmaian is a professor of international political economy at Ramapo College in New Jersey.

December 18–Winterfest

Meg Chapman, Society Member

Winterfest will be a Solstice Celebration designed by the Sunday School children and parents. The theme is hope and giving, and will feature a tree of life in the lobby, decorated with symbols of peace. The program will feature music, with singing by the kids and the singing class. The subject of the morning’s talk by Tony Hileman will be science and nature.

December 25–Christmas Reading: “Translating Jesus for Today”

Andra Miller, Society Trustee

The philosopher Karl Jaspers identified four “paradigmatic figures,” as he called them. That is, important figures of the human race, whose influence has affected millions over thousands of years and over a wide geographical distribution. He chose as his four, Confucius, Buddha, Socrates, and Jesus.

At this meeting we’ll read Dr. John Hoard’s talk, which takes a closer look at Jesus, the man of Nazareth. As Dr. Hoard points out, the Bible can seem misleading because of its old-fashioned language and outdated concepts. It takes some effort to dwell with gospel text long enough to perceive the concepts that we can make something of. We find that Jesus was altogether a human figure, not part man and part God. He is only as divine as we all are. He taught the principles of finding deity through humanity, putting ethics before ritual, practicing an all-embracing love, and plugging in to the laws of the universe.

Though it may seem strange to have Jesus discussed at an Ethical Culture meeting, checking our history we find that several of our leading figures have spoken commendably about him. Felix Adler spoke of Jesus as the Great

Galilean, and even suggested setting aside a day each year to remember this human benefactor. Adler also referred to Jesus as a preacher of worth and regeneration, and Adler’s writings are sprinkled liberally with quotations from Jesus. Horace Bridges, Leader of the Chicago Society, said “Jesus had contributed to democratic faith by seeing the hidden worth in ‘even vile persons.’” And David Muzzey, historian and Leader, asserted: “Strive to know this wonderful man of Nazareth and not lose sight of his marvelous life in Galilee 2000 years ago and his lasting service to the human race.” So we are in good Ethical Culture company when we take a look at Jesus and his ethics.

Early Sunday

10:00 AM

Dec. 4—Everyday Ethics: “Spirituality”
Joseph Marvel

Dec. 11—Colloquy, *Larry Yates*

Dec. 18—Poetry Reading, *Cheryl Gross*

Dec. 25—No program

Sunday Afternoon

2:00 PM

Dec. 4—Ethics in the News
Mary Ellen Goodman

Dec. 11—Overcoming Stereotypes
Renee Goodstein’s Workshop

Dec. 18—Winterfest continues

Dec. 25—No program

Our Ethical Family

Suzy Frazer

New Member

A very warm welcome to **new member Larry Stross**, a retired psychiatrist who has been with the Menninger Clinic and the Veteran’s Association. Originally from Detroit, Larry lived for many years in Hoboken and has

recently moved to Manhattan. He is very interested in the Society’s social justice activities and in making friends in a new community.

Carina Needs Our Help

Seventeen-year-old Carina Tam, one of NYSEC’s newest and youngest members, is currently a patient at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York City. Her damaged bone marrow does not manufacture enough platelets and she will have a bone marrow transplant. In addition, due to a recent accident, Carina requires multiple daily platelet transfusions to stop internal bleeding in her head.

Carina, her mother, Fanny, and her brother, Morgan, have turned to our members for help. They would deeply appreciate donations of platelets, and hope you will also ask others you know to donate. Donations designated for Carina must be made at Memorial Hospital, and appointments are required. Please visit www.msccc.org/blooddonations for complete information about donor eligibility and the donation process. To get answers to questions you may have and to schedule a convenient appointment that helps ensure that Carina will have platelets when she needs them, call Marion Novack at 212-639-8177.

If you would like to send a card or note to Carina, the address is:

Carina Tam
c/o Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center
1275 York Avenue, Room 932
New York, NY 10021

Orientation

Our next **Orientation** will be on Sunday, December 11, at 12:45 pm. If you’re reading this newsletter and not already a member, please join us. Do you have questions about NYSEC that you were always afraid to ask? Here’s a chance to get answers and meet other interested people. We expect about 12 people to

come to the meeting, enjoy a complimentary lunch and a video about the Society, and learn more during the question-and-answer period. Please RSVP to Suzy Frazer at 212-874-5210, ext. 113.

Meet NYSEC's New Senior Leader
Now that our new **Senior Leader, Tony Hileman**, is settling in, he'd like to meet with every new applicant to the Society. Also, if you are a current member and would like to schedule a time to talk to Tony Hileman, please call Judy Wank at 212-874-5210, ext. 118 to schedule an appointment.

In Memorium

It is with sadness that we announce the death of Dr. Lawrence Plotkin, a member since 1957. Lawrence was very committed and an activist here at the Society, serving as President of the Board of Trustees, and also as Vice President, and in many other vital roles. He was a psychologist and research consultant, and his three children attended our Sunday School and the Fieldston School. A memorial will be held in January.

Lawrence's words below express his feelings about Ethical Culture.

"I have found that our religion is a stimulus for people not an opiate. The ethical imperatives to place the deed ahead of the creed and to elicit the best from others is a challenge to be met daily. Our stress on pluralism is now being endorsed all over the world. I am much more tolerant of other religions; in part because they have changed and, in part, because I have changed.

What I have learned is the joy in being part of a community here at 64th Street. Ceremonies are important, as are joint goals. I treasure the many friendships made here. Above all, however, it seems to me that we have overcome a series of crises in the past 15 years and that we will successfully provide a haven to the people who share our ideals well into the next century."

Film Forum

Valerie Leiman

Join us on Friday, December 2, at 7:00 pm, to see *When Harry Met Sally* (1989), a wonderful comedy of modern life, starring Billy Crystal and Meg Ryan. The two are wildly funny as they play long-time acquaintances who drift from mild animosity to friendship to love. Rob Reiner directs and skillfully tickles our funny bones with this semi-autobiography, which was scripted by Nora Ephron.

Film historian Richard Bruno hosts the series, beginning the evening (6:30 pm) with an introduction to the city and the times and leading a fun-filled discussion with the audience following the showing. Doors open at 6:30 pm, and complimentary popcorn will be served. Admission: members, \$3.00; nonmembers, \$4.00.

Ethics and the Theater

Patricia Bruder Debrovner

Tennessee Williams' Pulitzer Prize-winning play, *A Streetcar Named Desire*, will be presented on Wednesday, December 14, 7:00 to 9:00 pm, as part of the Society's popular **Ethics and the Theater** series. Set in New Orleans, it dramatizes the efforts of Blanch DuBois, born to old southern aristocracy, to find shelter in the home of her sister, Stella, and Stella's sensual, "common man" husband, Stanley Kowalski. Our cast will include Pat Debrovner as Blanche, Suzy Frazer as Stella, John Gurney as Mitch, the gentle man Blanche hopes to marry, and Eric Weynand as Stanley. Elaine Berman will direct and, following the reading, lead our discussion.

Streetcar is one of our best modern plays. It was written by Tennessee Williams at the peak of his playwriting pow-

ers, and is filled with class, family, and interpersonal issues that should stimulate a lively ethics-centered discussion. This is an evening not to be missed.

Ringling in the New Year

Suzy Frazer

Once again we'll be celebrating New Year's Eve with a gala concert and party on Saturday, December 31. Gerry Ranck and the Strathmere Ensemble will begin the festivities at 8:00 pm with a concert. Tickets for the concert are free to members and their friends and \$15 to the public.

Following the concert (about 9:30 pm), the evening will continue with a party in Social Hall featuring champagne, hors d'oeuvres, party favors, door prizes, music, dancing, and the fabulous Vince Navarro as our emcee. Tickets for the entire evening are on sale now for \$40. You can buy them in the cafeteria or call Suzy Frazer at 212-874-5210, ext. 113. We need to know how much food and wine to order, so reserve in advance and join your community in welcoming 2006.

Greeting Card Workshop

Valerie Leiman

Members are invited to a free greeting card-making workshop, sponsored by the Sunday Afternoon Program Committee, on Sunday, January 29, 2006 at 2:00 pm, in Ceremonial Hall. The instructor will be teaching artist, Ms. Chi Nguyen.

Create beautiful and memorable gift cards; learn professional construction techniques, and share in a delightful, fun event. Table space is limited, so reservations must be made in advance. For information, contact Suzy Frazer in the Membership office at 212-874-5210, ext. 113.

Social Service Board Activities

Appreciation for NYSEC's Shelter

Dr. Maria Feliz Fridman

The following excerpt is from a letter dated October 14, 2005, which was sent to Dr. Maria Feliz Fridman by Steven Hornsby, LMSW, Program Director, Olivieri Center for Homeless Women, regarding a former shelter resident. It underscores the importance of one of the Society's most vital programs.

"I am pleased to inform you that Anna has moved into permanent, supportive housing. She will be residing at Cluster House, a building operated by Urban Pathways (the same agency as the Olivieri Center).

"Anna has overcome great obstacles to reach this point. Vacancies within the supportive housing system are fewer and fewer, and it took many, many months of searching to find the right fit for Anna. During this stressful time, the stability and consistence of her place at the Society for Ethical Culture shelter helped Anna to endure and press on. I know that she very much appreciated her time at the shelter.

"I know you will join with us in wishing Anna the very best."

Shelter Volunteers



Frank Prescod, Society member, and Barbara Fanell are two of the Shelter's volunteers. For information about volunteering, call, Maria Fridman at 212-874-5210, ext. 113.

Katrina Clothing Drive

Valerie Leiman

The **Social Service Board** is organizing a clothing drive for the benefit of the 1,500–3,000 Katrina hurricane evacuees in New York City. The clothing to be collected at the Society must be clean and in good condition. If you are interested in contributing clothing or volunteering time for this effort, please call Lucile Kleiman at 212-724-3362 and leave your name, phone number and the best time to reach you. We will contact you.

We are very pleased to report that the Stained Glass Windows Fund has raised \$4,300. As we indicated earlier, we intend to obtain an up-to-date assessment of the condition of the windows, and we will report our findings at a later date.

We want to thank everyone who has attended our concerts, as well as all the musicians, poets, and readers who have donated their time and expertise, as well as the dedicated volunteers, staff, and administration for their participation and for making all of this possible.

Cultured Comedy Club Plans

Suzy Frazer

The **Cultured Comedy Club** presented a bang-up, hilarious benefit on October 20. Headliners included favorites Scott Blakeman, Dean Obeidallah, Barry Weintraub, and two new comedians—the vibrant, very funny Sheila Van Dyke and Fiona Walsh. The net proceeds from the benefit went to America's Second Harvest Fund for hurricane relief. Thanks to all who attended.

The CCC will be trying a new format this season. In lieu of presenting a show every third Thursday, the Club will sponsor some "really, really big" special events. Stay tuned!

Task Force on Corporate Ethics

Suzy Frazer

Through the Task Force's efforts, we will become an affiliate of the Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility. ICCR seeks to build a more just and sustainable society by integrating social values into corporate and investor decisions.

We plan to have speakers and a provocative film series this winter.

Benefit Concert

Dr. Ruth Cohen

At our seventh benefit concert, held on October 16, we were pleased to introduce our new **Senior Leader, Tony Hileman**. The concert featured performances of classical music for piano, piano and violin, and for drum and pipe performed, by artists Diane Howard, Jon Liechty, Gerald Ranck, and Krishna Shan. The concert, which was followed by a poetry reading, received enthusiastic applause.

Art Class Visits Museum

Sabine Rosenberg

On a recent Saturday morning, members of NYSEC's drawing course visited the Metropolitan Museum of Art to view the drawings of Vincent Van Gogh. Our teacher, member Barbara Litke, helped us to understand the different shadings and variations of line in the drawings. We continued our lively discussion of Van Gogh's art over lunch in the museum cafeteria.

The Power of the Face-to-Face Circle

Abe Markman

On Sunday, October 30, a demonstration was held on the use of the circle or “discussion-in-the-round” method in making decisions. The practice topic was “Improving Our Ethical Society.” This report is in two parts: (I) The Results and (II) The “Circle” Method.

A few weeks earlier, we sought ideas to get us started and received responses from the Society’s President, Michael Bogdanffy-Kriegh, and Membership Director, Suzy Frazer. Michael wrote that he would welcome ideas on significantly improving the experiences members and newcomers have in interacting with the Society and its committees. Among Suzy’s suggestions was making the Sunday lunch a chance for newcomers to feel more welcome.

I—Results

Two recommendations achieved an enthusiastic consensus:

1. Moira Whittington suggested that committee chairpersons take turns at platform meetings giving a very brief report of their committee’s work. During lunch a table would be set aside for members and newcomers to join the chairperson for a give-and-take session. Because we have several committees, some members thought two committees should be heard from each Sunday, but we decided to recommend a trial period of one a week. Andra Miller, chair of the Sunday Program Committee, liked the idea and it was recommended that this should be a required task for every chairperson.
2. Valerie Leiman reported that during the fall retreat, Pat Debrovner suggested that we hold a city retreat. The retreat could include fun, informational walks, and both scheduled and informal activities. Possible sites could be the campus of the Fieldston School in Riverdale, Wave Hill, or the Ethical Culture building combined with guided walks in Central Park. Setting a decidedly lower cost than the fall retreat and offering an opportunity for more people to have interchanges on issues of importance to our Society should prove quite attractive. What would need to be decided upon is whether this event would be a spring “Gathering” of one or two days, in addition to or as a replacement of the fall retreat.

II.—The Circle Method

Used in settlement houses for over a hundred years, the “circle” method has proved to be a powerful tool in launching neighborhood reforms. It brings everyone to the table on the basis of equality and mutual respect. Participants can be active listeners, build on each others’ contributions, respectfully disagree, or remain silent.

Sitting in full view of each other, they can see, hear, and respond to each other, making it easier to remain focused on a specific theme. The goal is to arrive at a clear vision. The possibility of translating that vision into action is enhanced if it is linked to the interest of key decision-makers or social movements.

The Role of the Discussion Leader:

- Provide background on the theme and what might be the consequences of any proposed action.
- Encourage participants to respond to each other, rather than having one-on-one exchanges with the leader.
- If someone expresses a strongly held view, the leader might ask if anyone has another way of looking at the issue.
- When participants repeat themselves or take too much time, it is all right for the leader to interrupt, thanking them and saying, “Let’s open this up to others.”
- When responding to someone with a mixed message, the leader should try to support at least part of the message.
- When someone is “off message,” it is okay to call for a point of order.
- While encouraging a round or more of responses, the leader should avoid unduly pressuring individuals who have remained silent. Many people benefit just by listening and observing.
- Before ending the discussion, try to arrive at a consensus for action and allow for a summation. Even if a consensus is not possible, the experience of trying could lead to further reflection and action.

The Role of the Participants:

- Respond to the theme in a succinct manner.
- To ensure that everyone has a chance to speak, all participants should expect that they may be interrupted.
- While making their own contributions, they should feel free to disagree with others or help to develop a consensus or a majority opinion by reinforcing what others say.

December 2005

Office hours: Monday-Friday, 9:00 am–6:00 pm
Shelter: Monday-Thursday, 7:30 pm

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p align="center">Great Books December 7 – Dostoevsky, <i>Notes from the Underground</i> ECRDG: (Ethical Culture Reading Discussion Group) December 14 – Yann Martel, <i>Life of Pi</i> Great Books: “Clashes of Culture” December 21 – Doris Lessing, <i>The Antheap</i></p>				<p align="center">1 January 2006 Newsletter Deadline 4:00 pm – Yoga Kids (ages 5-8) 5:15 pm – Yoga Kids (ages 9-12) 6:00 pm – Anyone Can Sing 7:00 pm – Thursday Writing Workshop</p>	<p align="center">2 7:00 pm – Film Forum, <i>When Harry Met Sally</i> (1989)</p>	<p align="center">3 9:30 am & 1:30 pm Supervised Visitation</p>
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<p>25 11:15 am – Morning Meeting 1:00 pm – Cafeteria</p>	<p>26 Society offices closed</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 No Supervised Visitation today 8:00 pm – Strathmere Ensemble 9:45 pm – New Year’s Eve Party</p>

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