

## DISCUSSION GROUPS *cont.*

### Tuesdays with *TED – TALKS* That Is

First and third Tuesday afternoons, 2– 3:30 pm

Second and fourth Tuesday evenings, 6:30-8 pm

Moderator: *Dr. Anne Klaeyssen, Leader*

Everyone Loves TED! It's even better when you can discuss the talks with other people. Together we will view selections with contemporary ethical themes and engage in a lively discussion. Links to the talks will be published on our website *after* each session so that everyone will see them for the first time.

**Members: Free**

**Guests: \$5 donation per session**

### Wisdom and World Affairs

First and fourth Tuesdays, 6 – 8 pm, Ongoing

Moderator: *Ken Gans*

A philosophical discussion group with varied subjects: the fate of humanity, world affairs, humanism, etc.

**Free**

## WORKSHOPS

### The Joy of Personal Writing

**NINE sessions, select ONE series:**

Tuesdays, 12:30 – 2:30 pm starting Oct 4

Thursdays, 6:30 – 8:30 pm starting Oct 6

Instructor: *Elaine Berman*

Get started writing. Find your writing impulse and work on basic and more complex writing skills. You can belong to a supportive group of writers, some just starting and others with more experience. All are welcome! Fee includes all sessions.

**REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT REQUIRED**

**Members: \$160**

**Guests: \$260**

### “Slice of Life” Storytelling

**FOUR sessions: Nov 17, Dec 1, 8, and 15**

Thursdays, 2 – 4 pm

Moderator: *Sandi Sacks*

In this four-part “Slice of Life” storytelling series we will learn how to craft and share 5-minute true stories that will engage, move, inspire, illuminate and entertain. This will culminate in a showcase for those who wish to participate. Fee includes all sessions.

**REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT REQUIRED**

**Members: \$20**

**Guests: \$30**

The **Ethical Enrichment Committee** seeks to create a wide range of offerings focusing on the mind, body and spirit. All programs are intended to reflect the philosophy of Ethical Culture. We sponsor programs leading to personal growth and development throughout all of life within the context of a caring and committed community. The committee is comprised of Ethical Culture members and a Leader advisor. Programs are open to our members and the public.

To confirm dates and times and to see new program offerings, please visit our website: [www.ETHICAL.org](http://www.ETHICAL.org).

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Mind, Body,  
and Spirit**



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for life; education is life itself.”*

- John Dewey

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### Adler Reading Seminar

**Third Tuesdays starting Sep 20**  
**7 – 8:30 pm**

*Moderator: Dr. Joseph Chuman, Leader*

Discuss the works of Felix Adler and other thinkers whose writings are seminal to Ethical Culture and humanist philosophy. (Register to receive readings.)

**Free**

### Ethical Death Café

**Second Sundays, 1:30 – 3:30 pm, Ongoing**  
**Fourth Wednesdays, 2:30 – 4:30 pm, Ongoing**  
(Thanksgiving week, meeting on TUES Nov 22)

*Moderator: Rev. Dr. Barbara Simpson*

A relaxed and safe setting to discuss death, drink tea and eat cake. The objective is to increase awareness of death and help people make the most of their (finite) lives. Topics include health care proxy, ethical will, and green burial.

**\$5 donation includes refreshments**

### Ethics and the Theater

**Second Fridays, 6:30 pm**  
**Welcome Reception**  
**7 – 9 pm Play Reading and Discussion**

*Producer: Pat Debrovner*

Members of the Society and theatre professionals read plays dealing with ethical and moral issues before a live audience. Readings are followed by discussions of the ethical issues raised by the play.

**Sep 9:** *Rapture, Blister, Burn*, Gina Gionfriddo  
**Oct 14:** *Dinner with Friends*, by Donald Margulies  
**Nov 11:** *Driving Miss Daisy*, by Alfred Uhry  
**Dec 9:** *Skylight*, by David Hare  
**Jan 13:** *The Caretaker*, by Harold Pinter

**Members: \$5 per session**

**Guests: \$10 per session**

### Ethics in Film

**First Fridays, 7 – 9:15 pm, Ongoing**

*Moderator: Chris Everett*

Monthly film screenings followed by a lively discussion of the ethical issues explored.

**Oct 7:** *Priscilla, Queen of the Desert* (1994)  
**Nov 4:** *Her* (2013)  
**Dec 2:** *Life of Brian* (1979)

**\$5 donation includes snacks and beverages**

### Everyday Ethics

**Second and fourth Thursdays starting Oct 13**  
**6:30 – 8 pm** (no class Nov 24)

*Moderator: Dr. Anne Klaeyesen, Leader*

We "do" ethics every waking hour. The way we treat others and take care of ourselves involve many small and big choices. How do we make those choices? What grounds our morality? Do we think about ethics in terms of values and/or consequences? Each session will address a different topic. Relevant articles are available from the Membership Office, room 501.

**Oct 13:** Friendship  
**Oct 27:** Sex  
**Nov 10:** Politics  
**Dec 8:** Family  
**Dec 22:** New Year's Resolution

**Members: Free**

**Guests: \$5 donation per session**

### Great Books

**First Wednesdays, 7 – 9 pm, Ongoing**

*Organizers: Larry Schiff, Tamara Bedic, and Carol Kennedy*

Read the selections in advance, and be prepared to discuss the questions that interest you by referring to the specific related text. To learn more, visit: [www.meetup.com/Manhattan-Great-Books-Discussion-Group](http://www.meetup.com/Manhattan-Great-Books-Discussion-Group).

**Members: Free**

**Guests: \$5 donation per session**

### Leader Lunch Discussion

**Thursdays, Noon – 1:30 pm, Ongoing**

*Moderator: Dr. Anne Klaeyesen, Leader*

Bring your lunch and join us for a lively discussion of contemporary ethical issues. Folders with printed copies of the assigned articles are available from the Membership Office, room 501. You may also see a full list of the readings at [www.ETHICAL.nyc](http://www.ETHICAL.nyc), which includes links to the articles online.

**Free**

### Massimo's Philosophy Café

**Third Wednesdays, 6 – 8 pm, starting Oct 19**

*Moderator: Massimo Pigliucci, Professor of Philosophy*

Based on the principle of the Socratic dialogue. Every meeting has a simple theme (e.g., Should we be afraid of death? What's the ethics of eating?), introduced through a short, accessible, suggested reading with open discussions aimed at sharpening

our thinking about the subject matter being examined during that session.

**Members: Free**

**Guests: \$5 donation per session**

### Race and Ethnic Relations in the "Post-Racial" Society

**FOUR monthly sessions starting Oct 12**  
**Second Wednesday, 6:30 – 8 pm**

*Moderator: Dr. Joseph Fashing*

In the aftermath of the election of Barack Obama, many "experts" were declaring that we had entered a post-racial era. This series of discussions will attempt to evaluate the status of race and ethnic relations eight years later and to opine on what might be the future of race and ethnic relations in the United States. There will be a selection of readings on such issues as the state of minority education, drug policy, mass incarceration, police violence, etc., from a variety of perspectives.

**Members: Free**

**Guests: \$5 donation per session**

### Speaking of Science...

**Last Mondays, 6:30 – 8 pm, Ongoing**

*Moderator: Andra Miller*

These monthly sessions feature guest speakers who share their expertise on the many aspects of the scientific process. Scientists, engineers, doctors, writers, and educators enlighten us on the way science works.

**Members: \$5 per session**

**Guests: \$10 per session**

### Stoic School of Life

**Second and Fourth Mondays starting Oct 24**  
(No meeting on Dec. 26) **6 – 8 pm**

*Moderator: Massimo Pigliucci*

The School is inspired (with a bit of immodesty) by the ancient Greco-Roman schools of philosophy. Plato, Aristotle, Epicurus, Epictetus and many others simply gave lectures about their favorite topics and engaged in discussions with people interested in what they had to say. In our case, we will examine the theory and practice of Stoicism as a modern applied philosophy that aids us in navigating a world in some ways just as confusing and uncertain as that of ancient Athens and Rome.

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