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Sunday Morning Meetings 11:15 AM—in the Auditorium

October 2

Bringing Out the Best

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Elaine Berman Presides

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Values and Politics: Why Progressives are Losing Elections

Richard L. Brodsky

NY State Assemblyman

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What Politicians Won't Tell You

Henry J. Stern

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Dr. Charles H. Debrovner Presides

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New York: Capital Punishment at the Tipping Point

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Against the Death Penalty

Dr. Judith D. Wallach Presides

October 30

Einstein on Race and Racism

Fred Jerome and Rodger Taylor

Authors

Frank Prescod Presides

Fall Retreat

If you are reading this before September 27, there may still be a few places left at our annual Retreat, which will be held Friday afternoon, September 30, through Sunday, October 2.

Call Suzy Frazer at 212-874-5210, ext. 113, for details.

October Happenings

Benefit Concert for Stained Glass Windows: October 16, 2:00 p.m.—Ceremonial Hall. Please mark your calendar for our annual benefit concert. Enjoy music from around the world and have a marvelous time. For more information, to order tickets and to volunteer, call 212-860-4096.

Foundations of Ethical Culture Course: Mark your calendar for our upcoming Foundations of Ethical Culture course which begins October 18, at 7:00 p.m. See page 6.

President's Notes

Michael Bogdanffy-Kriegh



Natural and Manmade

“made by man” are not usually perceived as being “of nature.” We perceive rate and accountable to a different standard of evaluation and response. Our is that human beings are separate from nature, different from nature, rational, managing the natural forces within and around them to achieve a higher and outcome.

There is, I think, a hugely important point of understanding to be gained from Hurricane Katrina and its aftermath. How do we comprehend that we human beings are intimately entwined in the ebb and flow of universal forces, and are subject to primitive, brutal and completely natural impulses, not only from without, but from within.

The forces that bring about war, terrorism and racism, to name a few of the recently prevalent consequences of the flow of energy in human social systems, are no less natural than the organization into hurricanes of the transfer of heat energy from the
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Sunday Morning Meetings

October 2—Bringing Out the Best

Andra Miller

Felix Adler said, “Always act so as to elicit the best in others, and thereby in yourself.” I’ve been thinking about that. It’s something we’ve all heard many times. We think we understand it, but do we? What does it really mean? Is it sort of a twist on the golden rule, “Do unto others as you would have others do unto you?” I don’t think so. Does it mean we tell others what they should do—give advice so that they can improve their behavior? Does it mean to flatter them to make them feel happier and act nicer?

Ms. Miller, a member of the Board of Trustees, will trace the thoughts of Ethical Culture’s leaders to get at the heart of what Dr. Adler meant and what it means to us.

October 9—Values and Politics: Why Progressives are Losing Elections

Richard L. Brodsky

Assemblyman Richard Brodsky will discuss the relationship between public policy and electoral politics, with particular reference to the nature and problems of New York State govern-
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Ethical Culture: Who We Are

[In *Sketches of a Religion Based on Ethics*, published in 1885, Felix Adler gave a clear presentation of Ethical Culture's attitude toward other religions and its attitude toward those who would do away with religion entirely. Though his sexist language may offend, Adler's argument has lost none of its relevance for the movement today. Here are some choice excerpts from the document.]

“The ethical movement is a distinctly religious movement. Its aim is to fill the void left in many lives by the decadence of theology. It seeks to satisfy the religious needs of those who have parted company with the traditions of the past, and who feel at the same time that they cannot do without the inspiration, the support, and the comfort of a religion.... Speaking for my companions in the Ethical Movement, I would say that three attitudes with respect to religion seem to us possible. The first is the attitude of the so-called conservative class; that is, of those who are satisfied with some one of the dogmatic systems of theology. With this class, we are not concerned.... We do not quarrel with them, we do not assail them. We are on a totally different road from theirs...

“Nor are we any more concerned with the second possible attitude, the attitude of those who deny religion altogether, who assert that the thing religion is [has] become obsolete, that the thoughts and sentiments classed under this head should be suffered to die out; who say that religion was a useful go-cart to support the steps of an infant mankind but that its service is ended now that men have learned to walk erect. From our point of view, we can only say: Those who think religion can ever be eradicated from human nature do not understand human nature, nor yet do they understand the nature of religion any better...

“It is in the third attitude, however, and the class that maintains it, that we are chiefly interested, a class that includes some of the most eminent scientists of our day. These men are fully aware that the domain of science has its limits, that the realm of possible knowledge is bounded by a vast outer circle of the unknowable; and they point to this vacant space as the proper sphere of religion.

“May I then be permitted...to make use of an analogy, and to say that our religion differs from older religions as republicanism differs from monarchy. For us, the moral state, like the political state, no longer culminates in the person of a sovereign, the moral law does not express the will of that sovereign, and religion does not consist in loyalty to that sovereign. The moral law originates in the reason of those who are subject to it, and only because it is the utterance of their own reason are they bound to obey it.

“[An ethical society] is designed to become a company of men and women who are bound to practice the higher law, dictates of which they study; who are not saints—where should we find such?—but who desire to become more saintly in their lives; who stand by one another in maintaining better standards of conduct; who regard virtue as the chief concern of human life.”

President's Notes

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equatorial regions of our planet to its northern reaches. That this transfer of energy can be hugely destructive has been a fact of life on the planet from the beginning and is as intimate a part of the dynamics of human systems as it is of weather systems.

We have a tendency to assume that we are somehow different and other than nature. And we hope that the rational mind can learn to curb the forces of nature both without and within. We assume the right to expect better of ourselves than the rest of nature.

We are stunned by natural disasters as we were by the tsunami barely ten months ago and again by Hurricane Katrina just a few weeks ago, but nowhere near as much as we are stunned by a brutal terrorist attack or by our incomprehensible failure to adequately respond to a disaster like Katrina or to have appropriately prepared for it in the first place.

Our arrogant assumption that we are separate and capable of better than nature is both strength and weakness. It makes us capable of wondrous achievements as well as monumental folly and failure. It is though, the basis of our faith here at Ethical Culture. We deeply believe that when human beings accept responsibility for their actions, they are capable of doing wonderful and amazing things.

Our faith is in our capacity and that of those around us to not only rise to the occasion in moments of great national or global distress and hurt, but to also do it daily, right action after right action. We believe that we have no one to blame but ourselves for how we react to what happens around us, and we have faith that if we accept that responsibility wholeheartedly, we

can and will do better—and, as importantly, we can help others do better too.

Katrina brought us stunning failures of leadership and more examples of people not rising to the occasion than we would ever hope to see. But there are, and continue to be, many stories of those who did rise, and are rising, to the occasion. May Katrina bring us the desire and steady will to do better, and the humility to know our limitations.

Sunday Morning

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ment and efforts to reform education and public authorities. He will offer his views on how these efforts can help progressives win elections across the nation and within New York.

Mr. Brodsky has been a member of the New York State Assembly, representing Greenburgh, Mt. Pleasant and parts of the City of Yonkers since 1983. Currently, he chairs the Assembly Committee on Corporations, Commissions and Authority and has led the successful effort to reform New York's Public Authorities. He formerly chaired the Assembly Committee on the Environment and has been a leader on issues of civil rights and education.

He has successfully litigated numerous public interest cases, and also served as Special Counsel in Palm Beach County, Florida, during the 2000 Presidential Election dispute. He will be a candidate for New York State Attorney General in 2006.

October 16—What Politicians Won't Tell You

Henry J. Stern

Through the centuries New York City has been troubled by public and private corruption. The City is not alone. Corruption and thievery are worldwide phenomena, conditions that exist everywhere. Although New York has periodic bouts of reform, somehow there

are still forces exerting unwholesome influences on government decisions. In addition, city government runs on principles which may not be scientifically accurate, and which lead to failed policies and waste. What can citizens do about this chronic condition?

Henry J. Stern, a man with an insider's view who has been recognized for his efforts to protect the environment, will answer this question. A co-founder of New York Civic, an organization promoting good government, he was elected in 1973, and again in 1977, to the City Council as a Member-at-large from Manhattan, a position he held for nine years before being appointed Commissioner of Parks and Recreation by Mayor Koch in 1983. He served seven years in the Koch administration, during which he founded the Natural Resources Group, an environmental watchdog for New York City. In 1994, he was re-appointed Parks Commissioner by Mayor Giuliani and served in that position until 2002.

He and New York Civic were profiled in the *New York Sun* in July 2003: <http://www.nycivic.org/sunarticle.html>.

October 23—New York: Capital Punishment at the Tipping Point

David Kaczynski

David Kaczynski, executive director of New Yorkers Against the Death Penalty, will review the status of New York's death penalty statute and discuss how and why New York turned away from capital punishment in 2005. He will outline the ongoing campaign to abolish New York's death penalty and why it matters so much to the national movement.

Mr. Kaczynski's presentation will continue with a special panel for the afternoon program at 2:00 p.m. He will introduce several people with very different connections to the anti-death-penalty movement. Sammy Thomas,

wrongfully convicted of murder when there was no death penalty, spent six years in jail before he was exonerated. Paul Bosco's sister was murdered but he does not believe the death penalty serves as a deterrent and does not believe it would have eased his pain. Laura Porter, staff organizer for New Yorkers Against the Death Penalty, will share her perspective on the campaign to stop the death penalty (NYADP website: www.nyadp.org).

October 30—Einstein on Race

Fred Jerome and Rodger Taylor

Discover a new dimension to Albert Einstein. The avalanche of Einstein images—genius, brilliant, absent-minded, kindly, bumbling and more—has all but buried Einstein's political dimension and totally covered up his civil-rights activities.

Einstein and Paul Robeson, two of the 20th century's most famous figures, were not only friends but co-chaired American efforts to end lynching. Einstein supported W.E.B. Du Bois, was a friend of Marian Anderson and had many ties to the African-American community in Princeton. The story remained untold until the publication of *Einstein on Race and Racism*. (A book signing will follow.)

Authors Fred Jerome and Rodger Taylor will present information they've uncovered from Einstein's letters, speeches and articles and through interviews with African-American Princetonians. If racism in America depends for its survival at least partly on the smothering of anti-racist voices, this new book is part of a grand "unsmothering."

Fred Jerome is the author of *The Einstein File: J. Edgar Hoover's Secret War Against the World's Most Famous Scientist*. He is a veteran journalist and science writer, whose articles and op-ed pieces have appeared in dozens of publications, including *Newsweek* and *The New York Times*.

Rodger Taylor's articles on city life, jazz and early African-American New York have been published in local newspapers and magazines, including *New York Newsday*. He is a member of the St. Augustine's Slave Gallery Committee, the Seneca Village (a 19th century African-American community displaced by Central Park) Committee, and a former member of the Steering Committee on the African Burial Ground Project. He is a supervising branch librarian with the New York Public Library.

**Early Sunday
10:00 AM**

October 2—Everyday Ethics: Envy
Abe Markman

October 9—Colloquy

October 16—Poetry Reading

October 23—Coffee 'n Chat

October 30—Singing Practice
Gerald Ranck

**Sunday Afternoon
2:00 PM**

October 2—Ethics in the News
Mary Ellen Goodman

October 9—Medicare Part D (Drug Plan)

October 16—Benefit Concert
Ruth Cohen

October 23—Death Penalty Panel
David Kaczynski

October 30—The Face-to-Face Circle
Abe Markman

**The Power of the
Face-to-Face Circle**

Abe Markman

On Sunday afternoon, October 30, we will experience a demonstration of the power of the circle as a vehicle for change. In 1899 Jane Adams founded Hull House in Chicago and used the face-to-face circle to bring about improvements for the neighborhood poor. As the settlement house move-

ment spread, the "circle" became a basic method of communication. Settlement houses developed strategies that succeeded in bringing desperately-needed bath houses to the Lower East Side and low-rent housing to New York City.

Using the topic "How to Improve the New York Society for Ethical Culture," we will demonstrate discussion-in-the-round techniques. Using Adams' methods, we will attempt to reach a consensus for a possible improvement within the Society or for a recommendation to be considered by others in the Society.

Our Ethical Family

Suzy Frazer

We welcome our newest member, **Carina Tam**, who is also our *youngest!* Carina attended the Ethical Culture School as a child before returning to her native Hong Kong for several years. She is currently a high school student at Marymount. Carina has enjoyed Elaine Berman's writing course, our film nights and Sunday morning meetings. Her interests include reading, drawing, and Chinese, and she volunteered in the Membership office this summer.

Our next **Orientation** will be Sunday, October 23, at 1:00 p.m. Please RSVP to me at 212-874-5210, ext. 113, if you would like to attend, and members—please feel free to invite friends and family who are interested in exploring Ethical Culture further. A lovely lunch will be included!

**Ethical Action
Committee**

Christine Swann

This committee has dissolved and we are searching for a newer, more dynamic format. In lieu of monthly meetings, we would like to try a more project-based approach, and we encourage members who have an issue on which you would like to work to

take on the leadership role for the life of that particular project.

We have put together a team of coordinators who will be there to help you get the word out about your issue and ask members to join with you on the project. You can use the Society's website, weekly calendar, newsletter, calls to action, and Sunday letter-writing table.

Please contact any of the following through the Society office, 212-874-5210, if you would like to take the lead on a particular issue: Barbara Levenson; Christine Swann; Eva Yachnes; or Suzy Frazer, the Membership Director.

Honoring Our Shelter Volunteers

Dr. Maria Fridman

A dinner to honor our shelter volunteers



(L-R) David Leiman, Christine Swann and Michael Bogdanffy-Kriegh

was held on June 8. Michael Bogdanffy-Kriegh, President of the Society's Board of Trustees, welcomed Society members and volunteers, the supervisor of volunteers from Columbia University, the staff of the Olivieri Center and Partnership for the Homeless and Shelter clients. He spoke of how proud the Society is about the Shelter and its long partnership with the Olivieri Center and the Partnership for the Homeless.

Win Jackson, of the Walt Disney Company, presented Steven Hornsby, Director of Programs at the Olivieri Center, with a check for \$1,000.

Maria Fridman noted that the Shelter is a program of the Social Service Board and thanked its members.

Task Force on Corporate Ethics

Suzy Frazer

Our next meeting will feature guest speaker Patricia Wolf, Executive Director of the Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility. Please join us in learning what positive actions we can take to improve and enforce corporate responsibility. We will meet on Wednesday, October 5, at 6:30 p.m. (See notice in the lobby for the room number.)

Fall Writing Workshop

Elaine Berman

The new fall semester of "The Joy of Personal Writing," our ten-week Thursday writing class, will begin on October 6. This hands-on workshop welcomes both new and experienced writers. For more information, including time, location, and cost of the classes, please call Suzy Frazer at 212-874-5210, ext. 113.

Film Forum

Cheryl Gross

Join us on Friday, October 7, at 7:00 p.m., to see Martin Scorsese's *Mean Streets*.

Starring New York City itself, *Mean Streets* (1973) depicts the gritty day-to-day life of a group of friends on the streets of Little Italy. Charlie (Harvey Keitel) is attracted to the gangster life but feels obligated to follow the decrees of the Catholic Church and to be a moral interloper in the life of his mentally unstable friend, Johnny Boy (Robert De Niro).

Mean Streets was the first collaboration of director Martin Scorsese and actor Robert De Niro. This dynamic duo later teamed up to make other films set in New York City, including *Goodfellas* and *Taxi Driver* (also with Harvey Keitel). Exceptional cinematic features and

a powerful story made this one of the most significant movies of the 1970's.

The discussion following the showing will be led by Richard Bruno. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and the movie begins at 7:00 p.m. Admission is \$3 for members and \$4 for nonmembers. Popcorn and beverages are included.

Ethics and the Theater

Patricia Bruder Debrovner

Our Ethics and the Theater series was such a great success last season that it is back by popular demand. Join us on Tuesday evening, October 11, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., as we continue our monthly celebration of the world of live theater. We'll present Arthur Miller's Pulitzer Prize-winning masterpiece, *Death of a Salesman*, the poignant story of Willy Loman, a father who can't face his failure, and the tragic results of the lessons he has taught his two sons. Cheryl Gross will be our moderator, and we have a fabulous cast!

Come and enjoy the experience of watching members read aloud key scenes that highlight the moral conflicts of each play, followed by a lively discussion of these ethical dilemmas.

Open House Tour

Suzy Frazer

Join us for a fabulous walk through our landmark Viennese Secessionist building, rich with architectural detail, unique sculpture and painting, and a treasure trove of social justice history.

The Open House Tour will be led by our Archivist, Marc Bernstein, and will be held on Friday, October 14. Reception on the 5th floor from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tours begin at 6:00 and 6:45 p.m. This will be a wonderful way to get to know our fabulous building and members!

Fall Bike Trip

Henryka Komanska

This four-hour biking adventure on Saturday, October 15, sponsored by the Membership Services Committee, will take us from 72nd Street in Manhattan to Wave Hill Garden in the Riverdale section of the Bronx. This will be a great ride, and we'll see many points of interest along the way.

The cycling distance will be approximately 20 miles on mostly flat terrain with a couple of low hills. Most of the ride will be on the Hudson River bike path, with some of the ride on quiet city streets.

We'll meet at 9:30 a.m., at the Eleanor Roosevelt statue at 72nd Street and Riverside Drive. Bring a water bottle, bicycle lock, and money for the garden entrance fee of \$5. You can either bring your own lunch or purchase one at the Garden's cafe. **Note:** You absolutely must wear a bicycle helmet; you will not be permitted to ride with us otherwise.

You don't need to sign up, just show up at the appointed hour. If you need more information, call Henryka 212-582-5192. Rain cancels.

Foundations of Ethical Culture

Patricia Bruder Debrovner

Mark your calendars for our upcoming Foundations of Ethical Culture course.

We urge new members to attend, but even those of us who have been members for many years enjoy this very informative and popular series so much that we keep coming back.

Curt Collier, Leader of the Riverdale/Yonkers Society, will conduct the first session, to be held on Tuesday, October 18, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. His subject will be the "Philosophy and Values of Ethical Culture."

On Tuesday, October 25, Joseph Chuman, Senior Leader of the Bergen Society, will discuss the "History and Social Roots of Ethical Culture."

Course fees for the series are: \$15 for members and \$20 for nonmembers. Please attend and meet other new and long-time members and gain a better understanding of Ethical Culture.

Cultured Comedy

Suzy Frazer

Our very popular Cultured Comedy Club returns—by relentless demand! Join us for a night of **all new** stand-up comedy on Thursday, October 20, at 8:00 p.m., in our deliciously dive-like "Basement Lounge." The theme will be "Mayoral Mayhem—with a New York Accent." The performers will be announced.

This year the CCC will also branch out into improv, sketch comedy and much more. Be there and be prepared for a great experience.

Hurricane Katrina Relief Efforts

Dear Fellow Member:

All of us are searching for ways to help in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, and I thought you would be interested in the following excerpts from a letter from Jone Johnson Lewis, Interim Executive Director of the American Ethical Union.

Michael Bogdanffy-Kriegh

President

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From AEU Interim Executive Director, Jone Johnson Lewis (*August/September 2005*)

Some words of Felix Adler about suffering and oppression have been haunting me this week. "It is," he wrote, "as if we stand on the shore, watching mil-

lions drowning, sinking beneath the waves, and we are forced to realize that we are helpless to save them all."

He could not have imagined how those words could apply so literally to the reality today on the coast of our own country. "The only response to such suffering," Adler said, "is to do what it is that we do, even knowing we cannot help everyone."

Most of us in the Ethical Movement are far from the center of human disaster that Hurricane Katrina left in its wake.* Yet even at a distance, we cannot help but feel compassion, outrage and an urgent call to help. The people of Mississippi and Louisiana are suffering, and we can help. Those who are least able to help themselves need us desperately to do what we can—and to contribute generously.

There are different needs for relief for the short-term and the long-term. As do many other organizations our size, without much local [presence] in the Gulf Coast, we suggest that for short-term relief—the food, medicine, and other emergency assistance required—individuals and Societies contribute to agencies that are well equipped to respond quickly.

The immediate need is just that: *immediate*. Collecting funds and then directing them to other organizations will delay those funds. Please make your contributions directly instead, to organizations which are providing help right now. Here are several options among those that you might, as individuals and Societies, consider:

•**Second Harvest:** has mobilized to provide primarily food and water.

•**Americares:** has mobilized to provide medical supplies.

•**American Red Cross:** focusing, at this time, I'm told, on providing shelter for those who have left the immediate area.

I have personally given my contribution to Second Harvest, in an amount that is “what’s right, not just what’s left.”

If you choose another charity, I’d urge you to check out carefully whether it is a legitimate organization, whether it is equipped to actually carry out its goals immediately in the current chaos and confusion, and what its values and principles are (since there are so many different options), before making your contribution.

Children in our families and communities may be feeling the same emotions and wanting to help, but they have fewer options for action. It is important to empower children to make a concrete contribution, at their level of ability, to relieving the suffering they cannot avoid seeing or hearing about. It is one way to help them deal with the sense of powerlessness and hopelessness.

It is important to empower children to make a concrete contribution.

One way children can contribute what they can: loose change can be deposited at many CoinStar locations (with a receipt for tax deductions) and the American Red Cross is one of the options. Search there for locations that accept nonprofit donations. There will also be local collections of donated goods where children can play a part, and there are other ways to empower children to contribute something so they know that their actions can make a difference in the world.

Opening your home to refugees, or organizing a Society effort to sponsor a family and pay rent and provide for related needs, is another way to respond. Many cities nearer the disaster are overwhelmed. Oklahoma City, 700 miles away, for just one example, may host “tens of thousands” of refugees

“for months.” There are many organizations involved in helping match refugees with housing opportunities. Some screen families (both hosts and guests) and many do not. One of many such opportunities is at <http://www.hurricanehousing.org/>.

For longer-term assistance: it is too early to know what projects will be welcome and needed. The AEU is hearing from a number of members a sense of wanting to contribute more directly. The Board had already identified earlier this year a need for a disaster relief effort, and had begun working to identify a process by which the AEU can identify ways our members can contribute to long-term recovery and development. Several energetic volunteers have stepped up to look into what projects we as a movement would want to urge our membership to support: projects that deal with recovery and development that builds community, promotes human justice, and is environmentally responsible. If you’d like to join in that effort—of looking into projects and helping develop a process to do so in future emergencies as well—please contact the AEU.

And please don’t forget that those whose needs we could serve before this disaster are still with us. Let’s not abandon the other work we can do to create a more humane world through direct assistance and through improving human institutions—we do not want to create even more ripples of devastation from this human disaster by neglecting that other work!

*Jone Johnson Lewis
Interim Executive Director
American Ethical Union*

Also see: An Analysis—9/05: from Boe Meyerson, Leader, Essex Society.

***Note:** *former AEU Treasurer, Greta Gladney, had moved to New Orleans and was working there with a community organization, The Renaissance Project. We have now received word, indirectly, that she is in Texas, alive, and so are her children, grandchildren, and father, but she has had (as of that last contact) no word about her mother’s safety or whereabouts. We send our deepest care and concern to Greta and her family as they deal with this crisis in their own lives and the lives of their community, and we await word on whether there is a way to help support the hard work of rebuilding lives and community through The Renaissance Project.*

Katrina Collections

Andra Miller

NYSEC attendance was high on Sunday, September 4—Labor Day—and our collection for the Hurricane Katrina victims raised an astounding \$1,242! We were especially pleased that on a “go-away” weekend so many people came to the last summer Ethical Culture meeting. An anonymous donor gave \$200 to replace the regular collection for the Society, which helped boost the collection total.

The following Sunday, September 11, we held another collection for Katrina relief, which raised \$1,091. Together, the two collections raised a total of \$2,333, which was sent to Oxfam.

Leiman Memoir Available

Marc Bernstein

Extra copies of Valerie Leiman’s memoir of her days on an Indian reservation in Montana are available for interested Society members. Please call Marc Bernstein at 212-874-5210, ext. 112, to arrange to pick up a copy.

October 2005

Office hours: Monday-Friday, 9:00 am–6:00 pm

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Great Books October 5–Plato, <i>The Crito</i> ECRDG: (Ethical Culture Reading Discussion Group) October 12–Ann Patchett, <i>Bel Canto</i>						1 9:30 am & 1:30 pm Supervised Visitation
2 10:00 am–Ethics for Everyday Living: "Envy" 11:15 am–Morning Meeting 11:30 am–Ethics for Children 12:45 pm–Cafeteria 2:00 pm–Ethics in the News	3 November 2005 Newsletter Deadline 7:30 pm–Shelter	4 7:30 pm–Shelter	5 6:00 pm–Men's Group 6:30 pm–Task Force on Corporate Ethics 7:30 pm–Shelter 7:30 pm–Great Books	6 6:00 pm–Anyone Can Sing 7:00 pm–Thursday Writing Workshop 7:30 pm–Shelter	7 7:00 pm–Film Forum starring <i>New York City - Mean Streets</i> (1973)	8 No Supervised Visitation today
9 10:00 am–Colloquy 11:15 am–Morning Meeting 11:30 am–Ethics for Children 12:45 pm–Cafeteria 2:00 pm–Medicare Part D	10 Society offices closed 7:30 pm–Shelter	11 6:00 pm–Women's Group 6:15 pm–Drawing Class 7:00 pm–Ethics and the Theater 7:30 pm–Shelter	12 3:00 pm–ECRDG 7:30 pm–Shelter	13 7:30 pm–Shelter	14 5:30 pm–Open House Reception - 5 th fl. 6:00 & 6:45 pm–Open House Tours 7:00 pm–Thursday Writing Workshop	15 9:30 am–Bike Ride 9:30 am & 1:30 pm Supervised Visitation
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