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**Sunday Morning
Platform Meetings**
11:15 AM

**September 4–Ceremonial Hall
American Labor Unions 2011:
Have We Been Here Before?**

*Irwin Yellowitz, Professor
Emeritus, City College, CUNY*
Monica Weiss Presides

**September 11–Auditorium
Ten Years Later: A Community
Reflection on 9/11**

Curt Collier, Leader
Dr. Anne Klaeysen, Leader

**September 18–Ceremonial Hall
The Legacy of 9/11 and the
Way Ahead**

Dr. Joseph Chuman, Leader
Dan Hanson Presides

**September 25–Ceremonial Hall
The Human Right to Peace: The
Core of the Culture of Peace**

Ambassador Anwarul K. Chowdhury
Dr. Anne Klaeysen Presides

***Bring a Friend
on Sundays***

September Happenings

Come on **Monday, September 12, 7:00 pm**, for a most timely **Advocacy Forum** to hear Leader Dr. Joseph Chuman interview *New York Times* correspondents Eric Schmitt and Tom Shanker about their book, *Counter Strike, The Untold Story of America's Secret Campaign Against Al Qaeda*. The authors can offer us an inside look at how US strategists are working to disrupt jihadist networks in ever more creative ways. Ceremonial Hall. (See page 7)

Join us on **Friday, September 16, 7:00 pm**, when **Ethics and the Theater** presents Susan Sandler's play, *Crossing Delancey*. Izzie's yiddishe Bubbie is afraid that Izzie, single and in her late 20s, won't marry and have children in time for her to enjoy them, so she hires a matchmaker, who finds the "perfect husband material." Join the fun as Izzie, who has her own ideas about "perfect," is torn between tradition or following her heart, and afterward participate in our usual lively discussion. Come at **6:30 pm** for a wine and cheese reception. Ceremonial Hall. (See page 6)

On **Saturday, September 24, from 11:00 am through 5:00 pm**, participate in a world-wide day of consciousness-raising events to call attention to the dangers of climate change—**Moving Planet Day**. NYSEC, along with other US organizations, is cosponsoring a petition drive and a march. Join Leader Curt Collier, Virginia Arnold, Paula Claycomb, Pat Cohen, Abe Markman, Carol Rost, Beth Zucker, UN staff members, and other volunteers from the US and abroad in this opportunity to make our voices heard around the world. (See page 7)

From the Leader's Desk

Dr. Joseph Chuman



The tenth anniversary of the September 11, 2001, assault on America will soon be upon us. Anniversaries are, of course, artificial milestones, but by convention they take on meaning and demand recognition. So it is with 9/11. There will be memorials and commemorations aplenty. Many will honor the almost 3,000 dead. Others will seek after wisdom.

As noted at the time of this horrific event, the terrorist attack on America by foreign agents was something new in the American experience. It was the end of a state of innocence, which also ended our sense of safety and security as a nation, protected as we have been by the massive oceans that separate us from the Eastern Hemisphere. We had Pearl Harbor, but that was far away and remote from population centers. There was the 1995 destruction of the Murrah Federal Office Building in Oklahoma City, which left 186 dead. But this was domestic terrorism, and

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Leader’s Desk

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though it was the deadliest before 9/11, it was on a continuum of violence emerging from the right-wing lunatic fringe. The Oklahoma City bombing was awful, but it was not unfamiliar.

However, the destruction of the World Trade Center and the attack on the Pentagon by a foreign enemy was truly unprecedented in America’s experience, and it has left us transformed. But how?

When I travel to Europe I am struck by how the Second World War is still a lived reality in the minds of Europeans. Despite the passing of generations, the present is still felt in continuity or in contrast to that awful period when war and mass killing ravaged Europe from one end to the other. This is because the scope of the Second World War was unprecedented and protracted over years. With its genocide and concentration camps, foreign occupations, cities bombed to rubble, and tens of millions dead, World War Two has had no equal. Moreover, the diseases of Nazism and Fascism were nurtured on European soil in a way that demands profound and continuous soul searching. Though 9/11 is similar to the European experience, that is only to the extent that it has shattered our sense of security. In

matters of scale and duration it is different and leaves a lighter footprint on the national landscape.

Yet we are not the same nation after that terrorist assault than we before it, and the changes that awful day wrought have, for the most part, not been good. Most dramatically, in exposing our national vulnerability, 9/11 has placed us in a defensive posture both internationally and domestically. It has been the pretext for two lengthy, costly, and highly destructive wars—one in Iraq, which occasioned more than 100,000 deaths and was total folly; the other, the ongoing war in Afghanistan, which arguably could have been better waged as a police action and not as a military venture requiring a massive commitment to nation-building, an effort that will predictably collapse with the long-belated departure of American troops. In concert with our “war on terror” has been negation of the bedrock values on which the United States has prided itself. Having historically promoted the Geneva Accords and having seen itself as the champion of human rights, the United States denied its best values through employing torture and “extraordinary rendition” as matters of policy. By so doing it has squandered its claim to the moral high ground in the international arena. Fortunately, under the current administration these

excesses have been partially corrected, but the damage to our values, image, and international leverage has been done.

On the domestic side, we have been too quick to forfeit our liberties in the dubious quest for security. Let us remember that the Patriot Act has been revised several times and the surveillance powers without warrant of the executive branch have been amplified at the expense of our freedoms. Historically, when liberties have been curtailed in the aftermath of episodes engendering national fears, mistakes have been acknowledged and liberties restored. This time, that has not occurred, or not yet.

In the days immediately following 9/11, there were enthusiastic, high praises rendered to our sense of national unity. Indeed, it was my view at the time that the backlash against Muslims for the al-Qaeda attack could have been much greater. More broadly, it looked as if America was transcending its age-old prejudices, enough in fact to elect an African-American president. But stoked by unemployment and economic malaise, the dark underside of xenophobia has re-emerged on the landscape, yoked to a politics of extremism and a mentality of deep-reaching anti-intellectualism.

Great national tragedies can become turning points out of which something better can be built. The tragedy of 9/11 does not seem to be one of them. Ten years after the terrorist assault on America, the road ahead does not seem bright. We need to respond as we always have, namely, with a dogged faith in the values we hold most dear—reason, knowledge, the worth of all people, and a belief in a better future if we work to make it so.

Open House for Sunday School Families

Starting **Sunday, September 11, at 11:00 am**, in the Elliott Library, Room

507, a new season begins for our young students and their families, who are invited to join us for a continental breakfast. We'll catch up on what we did this summer, reconnect with old friends, and meet new ones. This is also an opportunity to review the school's calendar, curriculum, and upcoming social action projects.

Save these dates: The weekend of **November 4-6** is the **American Ethical Union's Religious Education Fall Conference and Family Weekend**, to be held at the Stony Point Conference Center in Stony Point, NY.

For more information, call Yalitzza Garcia at 212-874-5210, ext. 118.

Sunday Morning Platform Meetings 11:15 AM

September 4—American Labor Unions 2011: Have We Been Here Before?

Irwin Yellowitz, Professor Emeritus, History, City College, CUNY

On Labor Day 2011, Professor Yellowitz will "go beyond the headlines." He believes the current state of the US labor movement is less the result of recent politics and much more the outcome of historical developments that stretch back decades, or in some cases more than a century. Such an analysis not only helps explain why American labor unions are where they are, but why we see so concerted an attack on the labor movement today. He will also comment on public employee unions, and why they have become the focal point of that attack.

Professor Yellowitz is a "strong supporter of the labor movement," but his background as a historian has trained him to evaluate things as they are, rather than as he would like them

to be, he notes. Comments and questions are welcome.

He has been a historian of US labor at the City College and the Graduate Center of the City University of New York, and has written and lectured about the US labor movement, both past and present. He also was an officer of the union that represents CUNY's faculty and academic staff, the Professional Staff Congress/CUNY, for over 25 years.

The shared charity is Jobs with Justice. Ceremonial Hall.

September 11—Ten Years Later: A Community Reflection on 9/11

Curt Collier, Leader, and Dr. Anne Klaeyesen, Leader

It hardly seems possible that a decade has gone by since the day our world stood still, and then shattered all around us. Thousands died that day, millions grieved, and children have been born with no memory of 9/11. Our city and country still bear the wounds, and we struggle to make sense of the violence that continues to traumatize us. Still, we nurture the hope that lessons learned and shared will help us build a culture of peace. Join us for reflection and sharing on this very important anniversary.

After the Social Hour in Social Hall, we will show *The 11th of September: Moyers in Conversation*, a collection of eight interviews that journalist Bill Moyers held with a diverse group of guests just 36 hours after the tragedy.

The shared charity is Peaceful Tomorrows. Auditorium.

September 18—The Legacy of 9/11 And the Way Ahead

Dr. Joseph Chuman, Leader

The assault on America ten years ago was an event of unprecedented historical significance. It ended America's innocence based on the absence of attack on our soil by a foreign enemy.

It also launched the “war on terrorism.” But has the legacy of 9/11 changed our self-understanding as Americans? Has it changed our relation to the international community? In the face of the tragedy we recognize on the anniversary of that awesome day, has it somehow left us better off as a nation? I will be looking at some of these larger questions as we join our fellow Americans in mourning the dead and reflecting on the larger meaning of 9/11.

The shared charity is Riverkeeper. Ceremonial Hall.

September 25—The Human Right To Peace: The Core of the Culture of Peace

Ambassador Anwarul K. Chowdhury

The international community over the years has been endeavoring to establish the universality of peace and human rights. The UN in its Charter recognized peace as central to its existence and affirmed that it is both a prerequisite and a consequence of the full enjoyment of human rights by all, notes Ambassador Chowdhury. As the 20th century was ending, it declared that “after this century with its horrible wars, barbarism, and crimes against humanity and human rights, it is high time for the Human Right to Peace.” This focus on peace is expected to prevent violence, intolerance, and injustice in order to overcome the cult of war and build the culture of peace, says the Ambassador, “Both objectives remain elusive; the right to peace has not yet been fully and formally recognized by the UN, and efforts to advance the culture of peace remain sidelined in the UN system.”

Ambassador Chowdhury served as Under-Secretary-General and High Representative of the United Nations from 2002 to 2007, responsible for the most vulnerable countries. He also

served as Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the UN from 1996 to 2001; as President of the UN Security Council in 2000 and 2001, where his initiative led to adoption of the groundbreaking UN Security Council Resolution 1325 on women and peace and security; and as President of the UNICEF Executive Board twice. In 1999 he led a UN General Assembly initiative for adoption of the Declaration and Program of Action on a Culture of Peace and Proclamation of the International Decade for the Culture of Peace and Nonviolence for the Children of the World (2001–2010).

The shared charity is National Peace Academy. Ceremonial Hall.

Early Sunday 10 AM

(Rooms subject to change)

Sept. 11—Colloquy—Peace. Dr. Anne Klaeyen presides. Room 408.

Sept. 18—Poetry Reading—Welcome back. You’re all invited to another year of reading, listening, and responding with our group of avid poetry lovers. Cheryl Gross presides. Room 508.

Sept. 18—Chorus Practice—All voices, big and small, are welcome. We’ll practice the songs we sing on Sunday mornings, and get some tips to improve our singing technique. It’s a lot of fun, so join us! Led by Pat Debrovner and Jerry Ranck. Ceremonial Hall.

Sunday Afternoon 1:30 PM

(Except as noted)

Sept. 18—Life with Health—The Healing Process of Forgiveness. Eva

Mozes Kor, a Holocaust survivor who publicly forgave a death camp doctor, said, “I call forgiveness the modern miracle medicine. You don’t have to belong to an HMO. There is no co-pay, and there are no side effects. And if you don’t like the way you feel without the pain of the past, you can always go and take your pain back.” Not everyone, including her husband, agrees with her.

Learn about the process of forgiveness, how it can break the cycle of pain and help us get more out of life. Dr. Anne Klaeyen. Ceremonial Hall.

Sept. 25—Ethics in the News. Mary Ellen Goodman presides. Room 508.

Music 2011–2012

Gerald Ranck, Music Director

Greetings! I hope you have all enjoyed a healthy and productive summer.

Much of the autumn music schedule has been determined, and it looks to be both wide-ranging and richly entertaining. Here are the details we know:

September 11—For this most solemn and auspicious anniversary, a string quintet from the Strathmere Ensemble will reunite to perform the Samuel Barber *Adagio for Strings*.

In early October, violinist Alex Weill, who captivated everyone as a young prodigy, will return as a fully mature artist to play for us again.

October 23—I’ll be speaking on “Clarence Darrow—Ethics, the Law, and Monkeys.” William Zito (guitar) and Louise Schulman (viola) will preview their new CD of 19th century salon music by Mauro Giuliani.

October 30—We’ll welcome Paul Chamlin and his musical partner, bringing us a “Tin Pan Alley” cabaret.

November 6—We will once again welcome Carrie and Michael Kline and their inimitable bluegrass folk music.

Since I will turn 70 (!) this year, I have decided to give Ethical Culture some birthday presents in the form of evening concerts beginning in January, 2012, among them two concerts with cellist Mark Shuman comprising all of Beethoven's music for piano and cello; a four-hand recital of works by Mozart and Schubert with my esteemed colleague, Jon Liechty; a harpsichord recital including Bach's "Goldberg" variations; and possibly more.

Stay with us for an extraordinary season of great music of all types. Best wishes; see you on the 11th of September.

Lunch Discussions Thursdays, 12:00 Noon

Bring your lunch and join Leader Dr. Anne Klaeysen in the Elliott Library, Room 507, from **12:00 noon to 1:30 pm**. This month's topics include:

Sept. 1—US Labor Movement Update—various articles.

Sept. 8—Ten Years After September 11—various articles.

Sept. 15—Multiculturalism and Christian Terrorism—various articles.

Sept. 22—Business Ethics: An Oxymoron?—various articles.

Sept. 29—"The Triumph of New-Age Medicine" by David H. Freedman, *The Atlantic*, July/August 2011.

Folders with relevant articles will be available from Yalitzta Garcia in the Leaders' office. Please come and join the discussion.

Our Ethical Family

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It was a long, hot summer, and now it's nearly over and it's hard to believe

we are already looking forward to our fall season. Remember that after Labor Day, Sunday platforms will revert to their regular starting time, 11:15 am, so some of you can sleep one hour longer!

NYSEC hummed along steadily, if a bit quietly. We had Leaders from various Ethical Societies and other organizations as guest speakers for our Sunday platforms, which made for an interesting change of pace. Our members kept busy too. On Saturday, July 30, **Patrick Arenas** and **Tod Whitaker** hosted a buffet lunch for a small gathering of newcomers. Wonderful food, good company, and interesting conversation made for a great time for all involved. On Sunday, Aug. 7, immediately following a stimulating platform, 17 intrepid members picnicked in Central Park. In spite of wet ground and 90-degree heat, we ate, talked, and laughed. A good, if enervating, time was had by all. Thanks to **Barbara Levenson** and **Bonnie Bean** for organizing the picnic.

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Special thanks to all those members who volunteered as newcomer hosts between Independence Day and Labor Day: **Bob Berger**, **Henryka** and **Chris Bernhardt**, **Paula Claycomb**, **Dan Hanson**, **Barbara Levenson**, **N. Sharon Pope**, **Carol Rost**, **Tom Weishaar** and **Monica Weiss**. You all do such a great job as hosts—welcoming guests, answering their questions, and making them feel a part of our NYSEC community!

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Barbara Litke is currently exhibiting a painting at the Hudson Guild Gallery (441 W. 26th St., NY, NY) as part of its annual Community Art Jam. Her painting will be on view in a group show until Monday, September 5.

Sheila Kleinwald and **Bob Berger** have been working hard, organizing

and planning activities for the upcoming Fall Retreat. It promises to be a great weekend for those who will be there, and by the time you read this you should have all the necessary information about transportation and other details.

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Member News:

The following members are celebrating birthdays in September: **Lynn Mallison**, 9/3; **Bruce Feld**, 9/4; **Barbara Michaels**, 9/5; **Helene Basist**, 9/6; **Mo Malekshahi**, 9/9; **John Langsdorf**, 9/12; **Barbara Bernstein**, 9/13; **Margaretha Jones**, 9/13; **Laura Fandino-Swedowsky**, 9/15; **Matthew Ies Spetter**, 9/15; **Carol Rost**, 9/17; **Ghazal Khan**, 9/19; **Christina Nargolwala**, 9/19; **Virginia Arnold**, 9/20; **Paula Claycomb**, 9/29; **Douglas Proops**, 9/29.

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On **Thursday, November 24**, **Project FIND** will serve Thanksgiving dinner to seniors and families in need in our neighborhood. NYSEC will be organizing a group of members to volunteer for that day, so please let me know if you are interested. You may contact me at mmyint@nysec.org, or call 212-874-5210, ext. 113.

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A Celebration of Rose Walker's Life

Join Rose's family and friends on **Saturday, September 17, at 5:00**



pm in Ceremonial Hall *Rose Walker* to share memories, and honor the life, of this remarkable Ethical Culturist.

Rose dedicated herself to the cause of peace and forged lasting relationships with people from around the world through her work at the UN. She will always be remembered by those who knew and loved her.

Ethical Enrichment

Ethics in Film

Chris Everett

Join us on **Friday, September 2, 7:00 pm** (the doors open at **6:30 pm**), in Ceremonial Hall, to see the 1979 film *Time After Time*, which was directed by Nicholas Meyer.

Notorious serial killer Jack the Ripper (David Warner) is back to continue his ghastly reign of terror. But this time, he's found his way from Victorian times to the late 1970s, and he's intent on taking care of some unfinished business.

Using a time machine to pursue Jack into the future, H.G. Wells (Malcolm McDowell) meets Amy (Mary Steenburgen), a bank clerk who teaches Wells about life in the '70s while at the same time helping him hunt for Jack.

Andra Miller will lead our post-film discussion. The suggested donation, \$5.

Ethics in Literature Reading Group

Join us on **Monday, September 12, 1:00 pm–3:00 pm**, in the Elliott Library, Room 507. Leader Dr. Anne Klaeysen will host a discussion of *A History of God: The 4,000-Year Quest of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam* by Karen Armstrong. This book, written for both scholars and lay people, details the history of the three major monotheistic traditions: Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. Also included are Buddhism and Hinduism. The evolution of the idea of God is traced from its ancient roots in the Middle East up to the present day.

There is no charge for members; the public's suggested donation is \$5.

Ethics and the Theater

Patricia Bruder Debrovner

On **Friday, September 16, 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm**, in Ceremonial Hall, **Ethics and the Theater** will present Susan Sandler's play, *Crossing Delancey*. In her late 20s, Izzie is still single, and her yiddishe Bubbie worries that she won't live to see grandchildren. So, Bubbie hires a matchmaker, who finds a man whom both older women consider to be the "perfect husband." Sam is young, Jewish, single, and owns a good business, a pickle store in Bubbie's Lower East Side neighborhood. But Izzie, who works in a small independent bookstore, has her eye on Tyler, an author of acclaimed, if small-market, novels. Which will prove stronger—the pull of tradition or the lure of the literati?

Susan Horowitz directs our cast, which includes Alex Bone, Pat Debrovner, Carol Rost, Sharon Schiller, and Jessica Woodard. Afterward, participate in a discussion of the ethical issues of the play, led by Muriel Berger. The suggested donation is \$5.

Ethics in Film: Contemporary Documentaries

On **Monday, September 19, 1:00 pm–3:00 pm**, join Leader Dr. Anne Klaeysen in the Adler Study, Room 514. We'll be showing *The Atheism Tapes* (2004). Come and hear six renowned intellectuals discuss whether God exists in these fascinating interviews with playwright and atheist Jonathan Miller. Highlights

include playwright Arthur Miller discussing the anti-Semitism he has faced and his disbelief in God. Other participants are biologist Richard Dawkins, author of *The God Delusion*; theologian Denys Turner; physicist Steven Weinberg; and philosophers Daniel Dennett and Colin McGinn. Admission: free to members, \$5 for nonmembers.

Seminar on Felix Adler's Writings

Join us this coming season for a new seven-part seminar on the writings of Ethical Culture founder Felix Adler. We'll be meeting on **Tuesdays, September 27, October 11 and 25, November 8 and 22, and December 6 and 20, from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm** in the Adler Study, Room 514.

Leaders Dr. Joseph Chuman and Dr. Anne Klaeysen will guide us in a close study of Adler's writings, with the goal of our gaining a thorough understanding of his thoughts and aims through probing discussion.

For more information, see the Fall/Winter 2011 issue of the **Ethical Enrichment** brochure. The seminar is limited to eight participants with a strong commitment to attend **all** of the sessions. Admission is free, but registration is required. Please contact Yalitza Garcia at 212-874-5210, ext. 118 to register.

Personal Writing Classes

Elaine Berman

Our two popular writing workshops, both called "**The Joy of Personal Writing**," are in their eighth year. The classes help you get started writing per-

sonal nonfiction or return to it after a time away. New and experienced writers work together in a supportive atmosphere that helps everyone maintain a sharp focus on writing, as we begin with basic writing skills and advance to more complex ways of thinking about writing.

One workshop meets on **Mondays** and the other on **Thursdays**, both

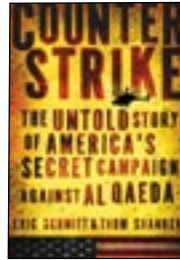
from **6:30 pm to 8:30 pm**, beginning on **October 3** and **October 6**, respectively. The course fees are \$160 for members and \$260 for nonmembers.

For more information, you can phone Yalitza Garcia in the Leaders' office at 212-874-5210, ext. 118. If you'd like to read material by current and past workshop writers, please visit our website, www.nysec.org/workshop-writers-space.

Advocacy Forum

Dr. Joseph Chuman

On **Monday, September 12**, from **7:00 pm to 9:00 pm** in Ceremonial Hall, I will interview authors Eric Schmitt and Thom Shanker on their book, *Counter Strike, The Untold Story of America's Secret Campaign Against Al Qaeda*. Schmitt and Shanker believe it will be impossible to eradicate many of the motivations for terrorist action: poverty, lack of education or hope, and the insidious corruption in public life across the developing world. So, what can we do? During the ten years following the September 11 attacks, the military and intelligence community has transformed the way it fights terrorism, now taking more subtle and nuanced approaches, to better effect. The authors can provide you with an inside look at how US strategists are disrupting jihadist networks in ever more creative ways.



Eric Schmitt

Eric Schmitt is a terrorism correspondent for *The New York Times*, and has been embedded with troops in Iraq, Afghanistan, Somalia, and Pakistan. He has twice been a member of *Times* reporting teams that were awarded the Pulitzer Prize. He lives in the Washington, DC, area.



Thom Shanker

Thom Shanker is a Pentagon correspondent for *The New York Times* and routinely spends time embedded with troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. He was formerly a foreign editor and correspondent for the *Chicago Tribune*, based in Moscow, Berlin, and Sarajevo. He lives in the Washington, DC, area.

Admission is \$5 for members and students; \$10 for guests. For more information, call 212-874-5210, ext. 118.

Save the Date for the **Advocacy Forum's** second program on **Wednesday, September 21**. The **Civic Education Initiative** will present a panel discussion on "9/11 Ten Years Later: What Should Schools Teach?" The panel will be moderated by Leader Dr. Joseph Chuman and will include authors and educators Deborah Meier, Andy Rotherman, and Seth Andrew. Stay tuned to www.nysec.org for details.

Get Involved on Moving Planet Day!

Abe Markman

Moving Planet Day is an international grass roots day of events aiming to wake up the world to the dangers of climate change. On **Saturday, September 24**, around the world groups are organizing marches, bicycle rides, and a huge variety of other eye-opening, consciousness-raising activities.

Join Leader Curt Collier, Paula Claycomb, Pat Cohen, Virginia Arnold, Carol Rost, Beth Zucker, me, UN staff and other volunteers between **11:00 am and 5:00 pm**. NYSEC is cosponsoring a petition drive and a march. We will meet at the Merchant's Gate, West 59th Street, where Central Park South and West meet. The marchers are gathering across the street at Columbus Circle from 11:00 am to 12:00 noon.

Other cosponsors are the New York for the Public Interest Study Group, 350.org, and other organizations. You can petition (bring your own clipboard if possible), petition and march, or just march to the UN Plaza.

Moving Planet Day was initiated and organized by Bill McKibben's nonprofit 350.org. That number represents 350 parts-per-million of carbon in the atmosphere. McKibben is convinced that is the tipping point for the horrific effects of climate change and notes that we are already at 390 ppm.

For more information, or to sign up to petition, contact me at: amarkman1@nyc.rr.com.



September 2011

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

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<p><u>Ethics in Literature: A Reading Group</u> Sept. 12 – <i>A History of God: The 4,000-Year Quest of Judaism, Christianity and Islam</i></p> <p><u>Ethics and the Theater</u> Sept. 16 – <i>Crossing Delancey</i> by Susan Sandler</p> <p><u>Ethics in Film: Contemporary Documentaries</u> Sept. 19 – <i>The Atheism Tapes</i> (2004)</p>				<p>1</p> <p>October 2011 Newsletter Deadline</p> <p>12:00 pm – Leader Lunch Discussion</p> <p>6:30 pm – Thursday Writing Workshop</p>	<p>2</p> <p>7:00 pm – Ethics in Film: <i>Time After Time</i> (1979)</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4</p> <p>10:15 am – Morning Meeting 11:15 am – Social Hour</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Society Offices Closed Labor Day</p>	<p>6</p> <p>6:00 pm – Socrates Café</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>12:00 pm – Leader Lunch Discussion 6:00 pm – Empowering Ethical Elders</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>11:00 am – Society Board Retreat</p>
<p>11</p> <p>10:00 am – Colloquy 11:00 am – Ethics for Children 11:15 am – Morning Meeting 12:45 pm – Light Brunch</p>	<p>12</p> <p>1:00 pm – Ethics in Literature 6:30 pm – Board of Trustee 7:00 pm – Advocacy Forum</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>12:00 pm – Leader Lunch Discussion 6:00 pm – Empowering Ethical Elders</p>	<p>16</p> <p>7:00 pm – Ethics and the Theater</p>	<p>17</p> <p>5:00 pm – Rose Walker Memorial</p>
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