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SUNDAY PROGRAMS

Programs are subject to change without notice. All are welcome. Programs begin at 11 a.m. 973-763-1905

April 1 *[to be announced]*

Social Action Committee Note

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April 8 Lawrence Tamburri, "The Newark School of the Arts — Our First 50 Years"

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Starting in 2018, the Newark School of the Arts (NSA) will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary. The School provides high-level training in the performing and visual arts. Since 1968, the school has offered instruction for everyone with an interest in the arts regardless of age, talent and financial resources. [By the way, Stella Lass, one of the school's two founders, was a resident of Maplewood, as was Steve Shiman, the longest-tenured executive director.]

NSA is a family and community oriented school that has served 46,000 individuals since its inception, and provides education for 800 students each week. [For further information, see: www.newarkschoolofthearts.org/]

Lawrence Tamburri has been the Executive Director of the Newark School of the Arts since April 2013. He served as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra (PSO) from 2004 to 2011. Prior to joining the PSO, he served in the same capacity for the New Jersey from 1991-2003, as well as Savannah and New Hampshire Symphony Orchestras.

A lecturer in Arts Management at SUNY Purchase, Tamburri has served as a member of the Adjunct Faculty of Seton Hall University's Graduate Arts Administration program, as well as the Adjunct Faculty of Carnegie Mellon University's Heinz School of Public Policy. Tamburri was a board member of the South Orange-Maplewood Adult School. Additionally he was a board member, as well as president, of the Newark Arts Council and ArtPride NJ.

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In Theresa's words, "Things are changing and people are waiting for things to go back to the way it was — which is causing more challenges. We have to think differently about changes. We have to change the way we look at money."

"As an investor you get your money to work for you. Money can always work a lot harder for you than you can work for it, only if it's in the right place. But because we live in such a financially illiterate society, most people don't know where the right places are."

"My goal is to help people have financial freedom / personal freedom by learning HOW MONEY WORKS!"

Theresa Henry has worked with a

broad range of leading financial firms for almost three decades in the areas of life, health insurance and securities. She has certifications for 401k Retirement Plans, Financial Needs Analyst, Long Term Care and Debt Solutions. Theresa is also actively involved in the community, helping to foster financial literacy, youth development and quality of life initiatives. She is currently working with Donna Karan, Spirituality for Kids and The Beacon House, Women's Empowerment program to Raise Awareness to Inspire Change and serves as President for The Progressive Women. She currently serves on the boards of The Newark Women's Conference, Women's Urban Conference and The Women's Fund.

April 22 Amy Blake, Family Education Program

Please join the Educational Initiative on Sunday April 22nd for an Earth Day celebration including literature, music and art. This will be a celebration of the planet we call home — the planet that gives us all we need to survive. Details for this Sunday program are still being finalized and will be passed along as soon as possible. Please join us!

The Educational Initiative presents intergenerational family programs where we explore ideas. Come be part of our conversation and exploration. Through talk, art and music we will engage everyone of any age.

April 29 E. Betty Levin, "Becoming 92: I Reach, I Learn, I Grow — A Work in Progress"

(rescheduled from February)

As I travel Life's Journey, I encounter fine teachers and many challenges. Valued lessons and ultimate

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The Ethical Culture Society

is a religious and educational fellowship that seeks to achieve the ethical life without dogma; to develop the highest values in human relationships in ourselves, our families, and our community; and to elicit the best in others, thereby eliciting the best in ourselves.

Ethical Culture is a humanist religion — come and visit! Did you know that we perform weddings, baby namings and other humanist ceremonies? Call 973-763-1905

Newsletter

Opinions offered in this publication are those of the authors. Newsletter items must be received by the eighth of the month for inclusion in the following month's edition. Editor reserves right to edit for length, clarity and content. *If you put something for the newsletter in the EC office's mail slot or in the mail, please also email or call me, especially if time-sensitive.* — Howard Gilman, newsletter email: gilman.howard@gmail.com.

meaning finally emerge. I make errors as well and seek forgiveness.

With a moral compass shaped by the Ethical Culture movement, I have somehow become a humanist, perhaps flawed at times. What a privilege that you fellow travelers have provided a platform for me to share the path I've traveled. I look to all of you for help during whatever time remains.

E. Betty Levin has been a long-time Ethical Culture Society member, peace educator and psychotherapist. As a private practice psychotherapist for over 40 years, Betty has a broad understanding of contemporary society and tradition-anchored humanistic values, vital for a meaningful human journey. An indefatigable member of the Ethical Culture Movement almost all her adult life, Betty is also currently active in the Peace Movement.

Ethical Culture Society Membership

We have had the pleasure of introducing to our community several new members who have joined our Ethical Culture family. This month, we are introducing Phyllis Hackett/Sakina, who wrote the following:

Facing health challenges compelled me to move closer to my daughter and her family. Three years ago, I chose to relocate to Maplewood, NJ from a lifelong residence in Indianapolis, IN. My politically active mother provided me with early experiences in social activism and humanism. Every summer in my mid-teens, we passed out voter registration and political information in my neighborhood. This empowered many to go seek jobs in the government network. Later I received a BA at Indiana University in English and Telecommunications, Interning as Producer/Director for the ABC affiliate. Eventually, I became a Community Advocate resolving issues at our City Council and State Legislature.

Past experiences included: community organizer; educator; City of Indianapolis Economic Development Staff; State Department computer consultant; IUPUI database manager; artist and advocate and event coordinator; owner representative negotiating with developers on a \$20 million construction project; former president of Riverside Neighborhood working on a National Register nomination, I

received the Key to The City; and Sufi Order International Board with training Certifications in Breath and Meditation modalities.

Since moving to Maplewood, I continue to do outreach as a trainer in leadership in Disease Self-Management and working with Maplewood Children's Gardening Program. Lastly, joining the Ethical Society provides me with opportunities on various humanitarian platforms. As an example, navigating various pathways at the UN as a representative for National Ethical Services, and cultural exchanges with enduring shared values of membership. The added benefit is exposing my grandchildren to the higher principles of our interconnectedness through an ethical lens in a global changing world.

It is a great pleasure to have Phyllis Hackett / 'Sakina' join our Ethical Culture community.

— Barbara Cotler and E. Betty Levin,
Membership Co-chairs

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Folk Friday, April 13, 7:30 pm

Sing along and jam. Bring acoustic string and rhythm instruments. Join in playing, singing or listening. Bring refreshments to share. 7:30 pm, second Fridays of the month through June. Everyone invited!



Zora, Nina, Maya and Sakina
at NYC 2017 Women's March

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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AEU on Gun Control

From the 27 Feb 2018 statement

American Ethical Union reaffirms its commitment to strict gun control and for an end to the culture of gun violence.

How many people must die before we confront the evil of gun violence in America? There is a deep sickness in any society which values private gun ownership over the lives of children, yet time and again grotesque acts of mass violence are followed by political apathy as elected officials choose donations from the gun lobby over the safety of young people in school.

It is well past time to enact restrictions on the sale and ownership of firearms, and to promote a culture of life and freedom over the deadly culture of the gun. Every year guns take tens of thousands of lives: in tragic accidents; when guns are used for suicide; and

through criminal action. Marginalized communities—particularly women and people of color—are disproportionate victims of gun violence, and have been raising their voices for decades without action.

The evidence from multiple scientific studies and international comparisons make clear that rates of gun violence in a society are directly related to the number of guns in that society: more guns means more gun violence. To reduce the amount of gun violence in America we must start reducing the number of guns. This is in no way contrary to the Constitution. The concept of an individual right to private ownership of almost any firearm is a recent and perverse reinterpretation of our founding documents. Regulation of private ownership of firearms is consistent with American history and American law, and is an ethical necessity.

Gun ownership offers a false sense of security while compromising the safety of our families, who are at much greater risk of gun violence if we bring a gun into the home. Gun culture thrives on fear, is driven by greed, and results in death.

We call for an end to a culture which believes that the answer to gun violence is more guns. We call for the creation of a culture in which guns are viewed not as a guarantee of safety but as the lethal weapons that they are, a threat to all who encounter them.

We call on people of goodwill everywhere to support the efforts of the gun violence survivors and their families to restore rationality and an ethic of life to our national discussion of guns.

We urge Ethical Society members and friends to support the upcoming event on April 20: #NationalWalkOut — a student walk-out, on the 19th anniversary of the Columbine High School massacre.

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