



Clergy-Psychotherapy Discussion Sunday April 21 Will Be Televised on the BCAT Program "Frontiers"

Join us here at BSEC for a very special Community Conversation between Brooklyn clergy and psychotherapists about *The Relationship Between Psychotherapy and Spirituality in Difficult Times*.

Come be a part of this groundbreaking workshop and dialogue as Brooklyn psychotherapists and clergy search for ways to come together in support of our cherished communities. The conversation will be held on Sunday April 21 at 2:00pm and is free and open to the public.

The event will be recorded to air on a special edition of *Frontiers* via Brooklyn Community Access Television (BCAT), and will be moderated by *Frontiers* co-host and co-producer Hugh Simmons, CSW. The event is being co-sponsored by BSEC and *Frontiers: The Brooklyn Cable Psychotherapy Journal* (<http://www.frontiers.tv>). For more information e-mail info@frontiers.tv or call 624-0115.

April Platforms

This Season's Platform Theme is *Foundations of Ethical Living: Vision, Action, Practice, and Reflection*. The question of the year is "What is the Good Life?" How do we balance our outward and inward lives, and shape them into a coherent and ethical whole?

April 7: Raising Moral Children

Philosophy for Children and Other Great Resources for Families and Communities. What can we do to help children develop strong reasoning and moral judgment in an age of sound bytes and instant gratification? With David Kennedy, Director of the Institute for the Advancement of Philosophy for Children at Montclair State University. After Lunch, Dr. Kennedy will lead a workshop in the techniques of Philosophy for Children for parents, educators, and interested others.

April 14: Spring Festival

An annual intergenerational celebration with the Children's Sunday Assembly. This year the festival will involve improvisational and participatory skits on the theme of bullying, led by BSEC Member and national schools consultant Allyson Kurker.

Later, join the CSA and members of the Mideast Dialog Project at 1pm or 5pm for a video presentation of the Oscar-nominated documentary *Promises*, following the lives of Israeli Jewish and Palestinian children in Jerusalem, settlements, and refugee camps.

April 21: Morality and Unionism: An Insider's Perspective

With Charles Ensley, President of the Social Service Employees Union, Local 371. While fighting for workers, Ensley also fights to expand and preserve services to the poor. Recently, he has fought for better conditions in homeless shelters, and has opposed the use of welfare recipients as unpaid workers doing the work of union labor. He continues to support progressive candidates for public office in New York and around the country.

April 28: Marriage from the Heart

Lois Kellerman, Leader Emeritus of Brooklyn Ethical, discusses her much-anticipated new book, *Marriage from the Heart: Eight Commitments of a Spiritually Fulfilling Life Together*, co-authored with Nelly Bly. There will be a book signing during lunch. In the afternoon Lois will lead a Couples Workshop in the Library.

May 5: Peace Site Platform

Every year BSEC gives a Peace Site Award to an individual or group who has made great contributions to the cause of peace in the world, and invites them to speak at our Sunday Platform. This year, BSEC welcomes Rita Lasar, who lost her brother in the World Trade Center attacks, and then went to Afghanistan with other 9/11 survivors to meet with and call world attention to Afghani people who have lost family members in the conflict there.

Platforms are held every Sunday morning from 11am to 12:15pm in the main hall of the Meeting House at 53 Prospect Park West, followed by a convivial and delicious buffet lunch.

Ethical Action News

Community Outreach Program

Ethical Action is working on a new outreach program which will provide English classes and conversation, technology assistance and opportunities for cultural exchange, to immigrant and low-income communities in our area.

Open suppers will be held at BSEC every Friday in April and May at 6:30pm. The April 5th supper will be for interested volunteers and planning. Program coordinator Devlin Goldberg can be reached at diablita@hotmail.com.

We are looking for bilingual individuals (especially Spanish, Haitian/Creole, and Arabic) who would be able to assist in outreach and administration. Also let us know if you would like to offer your services in ESL classes, cooking for suppers, or general administrative assistance.

You're welcome to come to any of the suppers. Check the BSEC website (bsec.org) for additional information and updates.

Justice for Detainees & Washington Rally

The Ethical Action Committee is participating in weekly marches down Fifth Avenue in Brooklyn to the Metropolitan Detention Center in Sunset Park to demand the full rights of over 40 individuals who have been held there in secrecy since last September. The marches leave 5th Avenue & 9th Street every Saturday at noon, and will continue until the detainees are granted their full constitutional rights.

There will be a major rally in Washington D.C. against war and racism on Saturday April 20th. Buses will leave at 6am from the Unitarian Church on Monroe Place in Brooklyn Heights. Contact Charlotte Phillips of Brooklyn Parents for Peace at 624-5921 to get involved.

Life & Ethics Series

Social Action – Spiritual Healing Wednesday April 17, 7:30pm

BSEC's Life & Ethics Series continues on April 17 with *Social Action–Spiritual Healing*. How can we reconcile the struggle for social justice and peace with the spiritual dimension of life, the respect for human worth and dignity? Join distinguished civil rights attorney (and BSEC's own) Charles Horwitz.

The cost for the workshop is \$10, \$8 for BSEC Members, with a \$2 discount if you reserve before April 10. See our website (bsec.org) for more information.

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always open to friendly discussion. Our newsletter
staff, like the membership at large, may vary in their
thinking on many issues, yet we are all committed to
putting deed before creed, and to strive constantly toward
living out, each in our own particular way, the Ethical
Ideal of eliciting the best from ourselves and others.

APRIL 2002 BSEC CALENDAR

Monday 4/1

7-9pm: *Stone Soup Storytelling Group*, a workshop
for storytellers of all levels of experience.

Tuesday 4/2

7:30-9pm: *Brooklyn Women's Chorus* directed
by Bev Grant. We believe every woman can
sing! Join us. Call 768-2972 for info.

Wednesday 4/3

7-9pm: T'ai Chi Chuan with J.P. Harpignes.
\$12/class; \$40 for 4; BSEC members free.

6:30-10pm: *Pinewoods Folk Open Sing*. Bring
your instruments, friends, and a snack to share.

Friday 4/5

6:30pm: Language & Resource Exchange Supper.

8pm: The Good Coffeehouse concert series pre-
sents gifted singer-songwriter *Jane Barnett*; also
The Garden Verge, urban folk music with Tammy
Greenstein & Doris Muramatsu.

Saturday 4/6

10-11am: *The Art of Belly Dancing*.

Sunday 4/7

10am-12:30pm: Children's Assembly.

11am: Sunday Platform: *Raising Moral Children*.

1-2pm: Workshop in Philosophy for Children.

Tuesday 4/9

7:30-9pm: *Brooklyn Women's Chorus*.

Wednesday 4/10

7-9pm: T'ai Chi Chuan.

Friday 4/12

6:30pm: Language & Resource Exchange Supper.

8pm: The Good Coffeehouse concert series
presents *The Love Handles* and their eclectic
mix of rock, blues, and folk.

Saturday 4/13

10-11am: *The Art of Belly Dancing*.

Sunday 4/14

11am: Sunday Platform: *Spring Festival*.

1pm & 5pm: Video Presentation: *Promises*.

Tuesday 4/16

7:30-9pm: *Brooklyn Women's Chorus*.

Wednesday 4/17

Life & Ethics Series

7:30-9:30pm: *Social Action - Spiritual Healing*.

7-9pm: T'ai Chi Chuan.

Friday 4/19

6:30pm: Language & Resource Exchange Supper.

8pm: The Good Coffeehouse concert series
presents Third Fridays with the Park Slope
Food Coop: *The Andy Middleton Group*, jazz
with Indian and Middle Eastern influences;
also classic Brazilian acoustic music with
The Choro Ensemble, featuring BSEC
Member *Christiane Siebert*.

Saturday 4/20

10-11am: *The Art of Belly Dancing*.

Sunday 4/21

10am-12:30pm: Children's Assembly.

11am: Sunday Platform: *Morality and
Unionism: an Insider's Perspective*.

2pm: Dialogue: *The Relationship Between
Psychotherapy and Spirituality in Difficult Times*.

Tuesday 4/23

7:30-9pm: *Brooklyn Women's Chorus*.

Wednesday 4/24

7-9pm: T'ai Chi Chuan.

Friday 4/26

6:30pm: Language & Resource Exchange Supper.

8pm: The Good Coffeehouse concert series
presents the traditional sounds of *Chris
Seymour and Friends*; also the concertina-
fiddle ensemble *Squeezology*.

Saturday 4/27

10-11am: *The Art of Belly Dancing*.

Sunday 4/28

10am-12:30pm: CSA Stoop Sale.

11am: Sunday Platform: *Marriage from the
Heart* with Lois Kellerman.

1pm: CSA Family Show.

1:30pm: Couples Workshop with Lois Kellerman.

Tuesday 4/30

7:30-9pm: *Brooklyn Women's Chorus*.

Wednesday 5/1

7-9pm: T'ai Chi Chuan.

6:30-10pm: *Pinewoods Folk Open Sing*.

Friday 5/3

6:30pm: Language & Resource Exchange Supper.

8pm: The Good Coffeehouse concert series
presents *Anybody's Guess*, featuring the talents of
Dave and Maggie Roche, Alex MacDonald,
David Kumin, and Marlon Cherry.

Saturday 5/4

10-11am: *The Art of Belly Dancing*.

Sunday 5/5

11am: Peace Site Platform: *Rita Lasar*.

Lois Kellerman Major Book Release at BSEC April 28th

BSEC Leader Emeritus Lois Kellerman's new book, *Marriage from the Heart; Eight Commitments of a Spiritually Fulfilling Life Together*, co-authored with Nelly Bly, is being published Viking-Penguin on April 29th. Join us on April 28th for a special day of celebration:

10am Baby Commitment Ceremony in the Sunroom.

11am Platform: *Marriage from the Heart*.

12:30pm Book signing, lunch, and conversation.

1:30pm Couples Workshop: *Life Partnership from the Heart*, open to couples
and non-couples of all preferences. In the BSEC Library.

Marriage from the Heart provides a compelling and sensitive blueprint for readers of all ages,
backgrounds, beliefs, and stages of marriage. Based on fourteen years of study in life values, it is
grounded in the core principles of Ethical Culture. (See Lois' website at loiskellerman.com!)

In addition, the Children's Sunday Assembly will be holding their Spring Stoop Sale at the
Society from 10am to 12:30pm. And at 1pm, join the CSA for a special Family Show,
featuring CSA Dad Joel Cohen with a sing-a-long, then Richard Mann, CSA Dad and
fantastic storyteller, with a story, followed by more songs. Tickets: \$8 adults, \$3 children.