



## Children's Sunday Assembly News

The "Stoop Sale" in May was a big success. Special thanks to our CSA parent, Robin Feld, for her organization, determination and motivation which made the whole event come together.

Also, a big "Thank You" to all the CSA families who helped moving the items to be sold, putting up fliers and other related jobs to make the Stoop Sale possible. We also would like to thank all those who donated items and came to shop.

On June 1st, there was a Town Meeting, where CSA parents and children were encouraged to share what they liked about this year's program and share their ideas about what they would like to see improved. We always appreciate to hear and learn from your experiences.

On June 8th, during our last class we held a picnic party from 10:00am-1:00pm. This year's picnic theme was "Your family's favorite food and game." All were invited and everyone was asked to bring one of their favorite dishes and share one of their favorite games or activities to play with others, such as Frisbee, Treasure Hunts, Limbo, and special dances.

Lastly, a very special "Thank You" goes out to Ellen Raider for her work and all the help with our "Spring Festival." In addition our appreciation goes to her for her input in our workshops on Conflict Resolution.

Congratulations again to our graduates Jason Leibowitz, Victoria Wagnerman, and Alejandro Kolleeny. We wish them all the best for the coming years.

## American Ethical Union News

The proposed calendar for meetings and conferences of the AEU Board is:

September 12-14: Board Retreat

October 24, 25: 14th Annual AEU Growth & Development Conference - *Stronger Societies for Stronger Ethical Movement*

November 8: Board of Directors Meeting

November 14-16:

Religious Education Conference

January 10, March 13, May 6, 2004:

Board of Directors Meetings

AEU Board Members are:

Arnold Fishman, Philadelphia

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If you have any questions or comments about the American Ethical Union and its Board of Directors, contact BSEC's own representative on the board, Martha Gallahue.



## Medicines Urgently Needed in the Middle East Direct Donations Being Taken Until July 6th

At a recent Bay Ridge Dialog Group meeting, Rev. Khader El-Yateem, a member of the group, shared a story of his trip some weeks ago to the West Bank to visit his family. From his moving personal story, the group learned of the terrible medical service and supply deprivations that exist in the West Bank, Gaza, and East Jerusalem.

The group is forming a Medical Mission Committee to research medical conditions in that part of the world and determine how best to help. In the meantime, there is an opportunity to take an immediate positive step. Grace El-Yateem, wife of Rev. El-Yateem, and herself a nurse, is going to the West Bank with her children on July 6. The need for the simplest of supplies is so great that she has offered to hand-carry, in her luggage, as much in the way of non-prescription, over-the-counter supplies as we can get to her before she leaves.

If you would like to help people in this part of the world to gather or purchase unopened non-prescription medicines (plus related items such as bandages) and deliver them to Grace in time to make the trip to the West Bank on July 6. You may also have an opportunity to ask your doctors (especially pediatricians) for donations of samples.

BSEC Member and CSA Director Tracey Jindyeh will be taking donations from anyone who would like to contribute. Please contact her at (718) 748-7984 to arrange for drop-off, or if you have any other questions.

Here is a partial list of supplies and non-prescription drugs needed (generic brands welcome): Topical analgesics (e.g. Icy Hot or Ben Gay); Immodium or similar anti-diarrheals; Zantac (50 mg or 75 mg); Pepcid or similar acid reducers; Cold/Flu/Cough preparations for adults and children; bandages of all sizes; first aid supplies; hydrocortisone cream; Benadryl; Tylenol; and especially for children, Motrin, Tylenol, and Vitamins.

Thank you so much for your generosity.

## BSEC Board of Trustees

The BSEC Board of Trustees has elected the officers for the coming year.

They are:

President: Constance Pigozzi

Vice President: Anthony Severo

Treasurer: Dr. Kurt Johnson

Recording Secretary: Gary Schechter

Pledge Secretary: Ruth Pikitch

Other members are: Maureen Egginton, Tracey Jindyeh, Joan Donnen Klips, Bruce Leibowitz, Vijay Rao, Rita Wilson.

The next Board meeting will take place on Thursday, July 10, 2003. There will be no meeting in August. In September we will return to the first Thursday of each month, beginning with the first meeting of the Season on Thursday, September 4, 2003.

Society members are always welcome to come to Board meetings, and if you wish to place an issue on the agenda, please contact Constance Pigozzi at (718) 331-1137 or [constancefp@hotmail.com](mailto:constancefp@hotmail.com).

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## SUMMER 2003 BSEC CALENDAR

**Wednesday 7/2**

**7-9pm:** T'ai Chi Chuan with J.P. Harpignes.  
\$13/class; \$40 for 4; BSEC members free.

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

**Friday 7/4**

**Noon:** BSEC 4th of July Picnic.

Potluck and Barbecue.

**3pm:** Ethical Culture Reading Group. *Ethical Culture: Vision and Basic Principles*

**Saturday 7/5**

**3-8pm:** *Alt 4th on the 5th: Voices of Independence.*

**Monday 7/7**

**7-9pm:** *Stone Soup Storytelling Group*, a monthly open workshop for storytellers of all levels of experience. Led by professional storyteller Mary Savage.

**Tuesday 7/8**

**7:30-9pm:** *Brooklyn Women's Chorus* directed by Bev Grant. We believe every woman can sing! Call 718-965-0720 for details.

**July 8-21**

BSEC Leader Lisel Burns in Germany doing training for GROOTS International.

**Wednesday 7/9**

**7-9pm:** T'ai Chi Chuan.

**Thursday 7/10**

**7pm:** Board of Trustees Meeting.

**Tuesday 7/15**

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

**Wednesday 7/16**

**7-9pm:** T'ai Chi Chuan. Every Wednesday.

**Thursday 7/24**

**6-9pm:** Supper and Ethical Culture Reading Group at Lisel Burns' home.

**Tuesday 7/29**

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

**Wednesday 7/30**

**7-9pm:** T'ai Chi Chuan.

**Sunday 8/3**

**11am:** Sunday Colloquy: *Reason.*

**Monday 8/4**

**7-9pm:** Stone Soup Storytelling. First Mondays.

**Saturday 8/9**

**CSA Summer Camp**

**Sunday 8/10**

**11am:** Sunday Colloquy: *Forethought.*

**Thursday 8/14**

**6-9pm:** Supper and EC Reading Group.

**Thursday 9/4**

**7pm:** Board of Trustees Meeting.

**Sunday 9/14**

**CSA Open House**

**Friday & Saturday 9/19 & 20**

**Sixth Annual Park Slope Old-Time/  
Bluegrass Jamboree**

**Sunday 9/21**

**10am-12:30pm:** Children's Sunday Assembly.  
**11am:** Opening Platform.

### Independence Day Weekend at BSEC Potluck Picnic & Reading Group on Friday the 4th Poetry & Music on the Saturday 5th

The BSEC Meeting House will be as busy as ever on Independence Day Weekend.

Everyone who's in town should come by for a wide range of fun and fellowship.

**Friday, July 4th**

**Noon - Potluck Picnic and Barbecue**

Our chefs Tony and Bruce are ready to roll out the grill in our beautifully refurbished lush garden. For more information call Ruth Pikitch at 256-6739.

**3pm - Reading Group: Ethical Culture Visions and Basic Principles**

An opportunity to read and discuss some of the core documents of the Ethical Culture Movement. Additional sessions will be held 7/24 and 8/14 at Lisel Burns' home.

**Saturday, July 5th**

**3-8pm - Alt. 4th on the 5th: Voices of Independence**

BSEC and *Fab. 4 Productions* present an alternative celebration of music, poetry and eats. New member Les Lopes (founder of *Fab. 4 Productions*), poet and producer of local poetry events, has volunteered to organize a fundraiser to benefit BSEC. \$5 suggested donation, BSEC Members and kids free. Come rain or come shine, the show will go on. A great variety of poets and musicians to stir our blood, with an open mike, for those who feel like sharing their talents. Bring your friends for a good time and help to maintain our building. Call the office for more info, or contact Maureen Egginton at [brooklynethicalsociety@yahoo.com](mailto:brooklynethicalsociety@yahoo.com), or Les Lopes at [LopesLR@aol.com](mailto:LopesLR@aol.com).

### BSEC Platforms Sunday Colloquies August 3rd & 10th

This Summer, BSEC will be offering two colloquies in August, Sundays at 11am. The colloquy is a more meditative type of Ethical Culture ceremony: arranged around a topic, a colloquy allows plenty of time for music, and sharing, with space for reflection.

**August 3: Reason**

**August 10: Forethought**

Next Season's Platform Theme will be *Waging Peace: Hearts, Minds, and Hands Building an Ethical Culture.*

The first Platform of the Season, following this theme, will be on Sunday, September 21st, at 11am, led by BSEC Leader Lisel Burns.

If you can't join us this Summer, then we'll see you in the Fall!

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