



Brooklyn Uniting for a Better World

Community-Wide Ethical Action Workshop - Sunday 9/29 - 1:30pm

The Season begins with a renewed call to Ethical Action. We invite Brooklyn activist organizations and religious institutions to send delegations to an afternoon workshop course at BSEC, led by Reverend Finley Shaef, a longtime leader in peace, justice, and environmental matters, and the former pastor at Park Slope United Methodist Church.

The workshop offers an overview of key global issues that impact the human family, and introduces possible winning strategies we might use working together, combining the differing gifts and capacities of our Brooklyn-based communities.

“We can do better [at] what we’re doing with a sense of being part of a large movement with overall strategies and a shared understanding of the total picture.

Working and thinking together will give us more hope.” - Finley Shaef

The workshop runs from 1:30 to 5:30pm. \$10 will cover lunch and materials. Pledges to support future organizing may be made at the workshop or by sending a check to the BSEC Ethical Action Committee. Contact Charley Horwitz (chorwitz@earthlink.net) for more information.

September 11th: Reflections & Remembrance

BSEC will open its doors to the community on 9/11 from 5 to 9pm for *Reflections and Remembrance*. Anyone who wishes may come in to reflect, listen to poetry and music, share their feelings, or just sit quietly. BSEC Member Herb Dalin will play the cello, accompanied by his friend Jo on the piano.

9/15: Ethics for Children Workshop and Open House

The Season kicks off on 9/15, with the Annual Open House for BSEC’s Sunday School program, the Children’s Sunday Assembly.

This year’s Open House is entitled *Ethics for Children*, and will offer people a chance to learn ways to bring ethical principles into raising a family, plus learn more about CSA.

We want to help families of all kinds raise children to have positive moral values and a principled approach to making ethical decisions.

Schedule:

10:30-11:00 Bagels, Games, and Displays

11:00-12:30 Orientation and mini family stress reduction workshop.

Please join us for what promises to be a fun and informative workshop!

September Platforms

This Season’s Platform Theme is *The Heart of Ethical Culture: Faith in All People; Eliciting the Best from Ourselves and Others*.

The first three platforms of the Season will focus on these questions: “Who are we, really? What are we here to accomplish? How do we mean to accomplish it? How do we mean to reach out to the larger community?” Following the themes of community, social action, and personal journey, we will offer Members and friends opportunities to engage with the community in new ways throughout the year.

September 22:

The Heart of Ethical Culture: Faith in All People

Is there a faith experience for the members of the Ethical Culture movement? What if anything does that faith require of us? BSEC Leader Lisel Burns opens the Season.

September 29:

Ethical Culture: Uniting for a Better World

Charles Horwitz discusses the unique role BSEC can play as a bridge between communities, as he introduces the Ethical Action projects for the year, creating a community network for social change. With special guest Reverend Finley Shaef, followed by an Ethical Action Workshop.

October 6:

Eliciting the Best in Ourselves and Others

Dr. Kurt Johnson discusses the personal journey that lies at the heart of Ethical Culture, alongside community and social change.

Platforms are Sunday mornings at 11am.

Raffle at Opening Platform 9/22

Don’t forget, it’s still possible to win at least \$500 by buying 50/50 raffle tickets to help support the upkeep of our beautiful landmark building. You can mail back the raffle tickets you received to reach the office by 9/18, or bring them with you to the opening platform on Sunday 9/22, when the drawing will take place. Tickets will also be on sale that day.

Remember, the more we can sell, the more you can win and you don’t have to be present to be a winner. For info, contact Ruth Pikitch (ruth2@juno.com) or the BSEC Office. Thanks to all who have participated so far!

Fifth Annual Brooklyn Bluegrass & Old-Time Jamboree September 27th & 28th at BSEC

Brooklyn might seem an unlikely place for an old-time bluegrass music festival, but it will be like a homecoming party when the Good Coffeehouse celebrates its *Fifth Annual Jamboree* on Friday and Saturday, September 27th and 28th at the BSEC Meeting House. The Jamboree brings together musicians and fans of the traditional American music born in the mountains of Appalachia. James Reams, who conceived of the Jamboree and is himself an old-time and bluegrass musician of some renown, said, “We plan to keep things on a small scale. We want people to feel at home and have a good time. The only thing ‘big’ is the big time we hope everyone has! That’s why the Jamboree’s motto is: *Just a big old time.*”

Last year’s celebration attracted more than 250 musicians and fans from all across the Northeast. It was held both inside the Meeting House and outside in the garden where passersby, attracted by the music, stopped in and stayed for the day. The jamboree kicks off Friday at 8pm with a concert featuring Copper Creek recording artists *James Reams and the Barnstormers*. Admission to the concert is \$8 at the door or \$7 in advance. Saturday will be a full day, starting at noon and going on until 10:30pm, with activities including music workshops, jamming and song swaps, BBQ & vittles, children’s activities, and an evening of concerts by various old-time and bluegrass performers, all for only one dollar for the whole day.

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Dear Members and Friends of BSEC,
Welcome back!

I hope your Summer was a good and healthy one. I know it was an unusually hot one and I do hope you managed to keep cool.

Our season is about to begin and we are planning and looking forward to a very busy and interesting one.

We are hoping that the Society will be able to survive the financial crunch that has engulfed us and much of the world and we urge you to do your best to help us out in any way you can by volunteering whatever you can, be it financially or time, to help us advance forward in our important ethical mission.

I hope to see you at the Opening Platform on September 22nd and thereafter.

In Ethical Peace.

Love,
Constance Pigozzi,
President, Board of Trustees

New BSEC Members: Vijay Rao, Fiona Boneham

BSEC welcomes two new members to our ranks! *Vijay Rao* has been an active participant in many BSEC activities for the past year. This year, as he makes the commitment to join the Society, he will be joining the Membership committee.

Fiona Boneham is a Children's Sunday Assembly parent, along with her husband David Brooks. Even before she decided to join, she was an active member of the CSA Parent Coordinating Committee. Welcome to you both!

Membership News

Our beloved Marshall Dubin has been relocated to a Baltimore, MD nursing home, which is near his son Jonathan and his family. His son Jason had been caring for him here in Brooklyn, and he and Jonathan decided to place him in an environment with others that also need special care, and to be close to his grandchildren. He is acclimating well and would love to hear from you. Please contact the BSEC Office (768-2972) for his address.

Celeste Leibowitz is recuperating from minor surgery and is expected to back to her regular self very soon. We wish for a speedy recovery!

Congratulations to Anne Klaeyen, who will soon take on the role of Leadership at the Long Island Ethical Society. Best wishes, and don't forget to visit!

Deepest sympathy to Linda Stallard and family in the loss of her father, Vito D' Ambro. He had lived with the Stallard family for many years before a short stay in Florida, and was brought back here for his final-rites. Condolences to Linda, Dennis, Justin, and Cynthia.

Bev Darwin Safin would appreciate a card or note. She is now residing in Pennsylvania and misses all her friends from BSEC. She sends a 'thank you' to all those who have visited her husband Martin. Contact the BSEC Office for Bev's address.

Congratulations to Greta Gladney, on her MBA from Baruch, and on her recent visit to Asia!

Congratulations to Donna Roberts and Rita Wilson, adjunct leaders now performing wedding ceremonies.

Welcome back from the AEU Summer Leadership Workshop at "The Mountain" in North Carolina: Kurt Johnson, Tony Severo, Martha Gallahue, and Lisel Burns.

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Wednesday 9/11

5-9pm: Reflections and Remembrance

Sunday 9/15

Ethics for Children Open House

10:30am-11am: Bagels, Games & Displays.

11am-12:30pm: Orientation and a Mini Family Stress Reduction Workshop.

Tuesday 9/17

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

Wednesday 9/18

7-9pm: Tai Chi Chuan with J.P. Harpignes. \$12/class; \$40 for 4; BSEC members free.

Sunday 9/22

9:30-10:30am: New Couples Orientation.

10am-12:30pm:

Children's Sunday Assembly.

10-11am: CSA Parents Meeting

11am: Platform: *The Heart of Ethical Culture: Faith in All People* with BSEC Leader Lisel Burns.

12:30pm: Lunch with the Bunch.

Tuesday 9/24

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

Wednesday 9/25

7-9pm: Tai Chi Chuan.

Friday 9/27

8pm: The Good Coffeehouse kicks off the season with *James Reams and the Barnstormers*. \$10 donation.

Saturday 9/28

12-10pm: A full day of American Traditional Music at *The 5th Annual Bluegrass Oldtime Jamboree*. Donation one dollar!

Sunday 9/29

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Tuesday 10/1

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

Wednesday 10/2

7-9pm: Tai Chi Chuan.

6:30-10pm: *Pinewoods Folk Open Sing* with potluck supper & snacks.

Thursday 10/3

7:00pm: Board of Trustees Meeting.

Sunday 10/6

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

11am: Platform: *Eliciting the Best in Ourselves and Others* with Dr. Kurt Johnson.

12:30pm: Lunch with the Bunch.