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FROM THE LEADER'S DESK

"Have you ever heard the sound of taps
being played at your brother's grave?
They say he died so that the flag will continue to wave.
But I believe he died because they had oil to save.
Have you ever heard the sound of a nation rocked to sleep?
The leaders want to keep you numb so the pain won't
be so deep.
But if we the people let them continue another mother
will weep.
Have you ever heard the sound of a nation being
rocked to sleep?"

Carly Sheehan, sister of Casey Sheehan, killed in Iraq 4/4/2004

Gold Star mother and anti-war activist Cindy Sheehan is a possible candidate to receive the Eliot Black award, to be conferred at our next Assembly of the AEU (American Ethical Union) which is the national federation of local Ethical Societies in Chicago, Illinois, over the July 4 2006 weekend.

I will heartily support her candidacy because when she speaks and acts out her convictions in positive, non violent ways all of us walking around with deep reservations about our nation's invasion of Iraq remember that we too are all potential nation-changers; we remember that everyone can do something significant, if not so visible, as Cindy Sheehan.

Do you agree that she's an effective communicator for the states between the coasts? She has emotional, ethical, political range. Her stark sentences in a personal conversational style get that powerful message out without losing either her sense of humor or her heartbreaking gravitas as a grieving mother.

I think that family metaphors will always ring deep chimes in our cultural psyches and the pathways out of the quagmire of our national story may have to be cut by the people who have suffered such personal losses that they are impossible to entirely dismiss as the "other side."

The Christ story I was raised on has so many permutations, but most turn on family metaphors and relationships: the (somewhat) single mother-to-be finds kindly Joseph to marry her and care for the coming child. The couple is turned away from the inn but the baby is born and finds welcome, warmth and some lovely presents in the lowly stable lodging.

The players are not talking heads, not technocrats or politicians, but family players; it's as God's only son that Rebbe Jesus came down to earth to save us all, and in the end of that gospel story, like the beginning, it's not the government, an organization, but a grieving mother Mary who holds the broken body of her son and captures the adoration of the faithful for thousands of years to come.

In September 1955, the decision to hold an open casket funeral made by the mother of the murdered Emmett Till, Mrs. Mamie Bradley, also in that family metaphor, helped to launch a civil rights movement that changed the world.

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2005-2006 THEME - BSEC: BEGINNING OUR SECOND CENTURY PUTTING ETHICS FIRST FEB- RUARY PLATFORMS

Feb. 5 — "Circles of Hope 2005" Investing in Mutual Cooperation and Encouragement Strategies For Lasting and Meaningful Change. With Leader, Lisel Burns. Small groups providing opportunities for social, learning and economic exchanges can recreate the ethical cultures we need to live in the world with open minds, hearts and hands.

Feb. 12 — "From The Crown Heights Youth Collective to The Bethune Cookman College." With speaker Dr. Myrah Brown Green, Co-Founder of The Crown Heights Youth Collective. How community parents created a school and empowered their community.

Feb. 19 -- "An Enriched, Peaceful Life Through Voluntary Simplicity." With member Roger Kaufman. Voluntary Simplicity teaches people to strip away the clutter and waste in one's life in order to give time and economic freedom to pursue a richer aesthetic.

Feb. 26 -- "Annual Poetry Platform" With member Constance Pigozzi. Members and friends will read Personal, Favorite or International Poetry.

March 5 — "Women and Anima Rising" Who Speaks Best For The Human Family In The New Millennium? With Leader Lisel Burns. Modernity offers increased opportunities for gender exploration, overlapping roles and voices. Listen up for what Jung called "Anima" values and voices rising across cultures worldwide.

**Platforms begin at 11am each Sunday
and are free and open to the public.**

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY ASSEMBLY 10:30-12:30

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Send contributions to Maureen at *brooklynethicalsociety@yahoo.com*.

**February Newsletter Deadline
February 15**

Unfortunately, space constraints sometimes dictate whether a contribution can be included.

Leader's Essag cont'd from page 1

I could go on... temples, churches and mosques read or recite, on a weekly basis, passages of what they consider scripture very much as a family story, repeated each year and stretched out over the weekly services to send the lessons, different as they might be from different presentations and perspectives home deep into the hearts and minds (and hopefully conduct) of the members of that community and tradition.

Perhaps we can reflect again on the power, potential and actual, of often weekly community gathering where family stories with ethical heroines and heroes and lessons to be learned are told again and again, where encouragement of each other is our duty, and where blame and judgments, competition and colluding with hurtful attitudes and behavior are supposed to be left at the door.

Without a positive culture of mutual encouragement, the individual certainly can wilt. Oppressed groups have long used their religious places as a sanctuary from the dominant culture' s denigration of their gifts or collusion with their low self-esteem with lowered expectations. I believe in deliberately formed communities with shared values as a primary means of keeping hope alive in every generation.

Perhaps that is why the 1912 ethical movement Principles of Unity ended by affirming the local Ethical Societies and their formation of small groups, (commitment circles of mothers, architects, engineers, teachers and other vocations) dedicated to the mutual encouragement of members and the motivation for ethical action in their respective areas of concern and influence. Its ninth principle reads "Ethical Fellowships are the powerful means of encouraging the knowledge and love of right principles of conduct and of giving the strength of character necessary to realize them in action." Only on the basis of the commitment to community, can later principles of Ethical Culture, which we call the "Eight Commitments of Ethical Culture" be properly understood. (Both sets are available for reading on our national web site at www.aeu.org.)

I grieve this week at the recent and unexpected death of a friend, Arlene Baum, who was also a lovely long-time member and leader in both the Long Island Ethical Humanist Society and the feisty Long Island Progressive Coalition on Long Island with another LIHS member, activist and philosophy professor David Sprintzen and others.

It was Arlene Baum, colleague in the International co-counseling movement where we both were active, who told me in the mid eighties that she had found a welcome at LIHS for our co-counseling community agreements of "no put downs," for people taking 100% responsibility for their actions and relationships and for seeing everyone as a leader.

Regardless of how others acted, Arlene' s vision of her Ethical Society was as a place first for mutual caring and ethical reflection, but also, importantly, for mutual learning, a safe community laboratory, she told me, where people could develop their gifts and skills trying new things with caring feedback from others. It motivated me to find out more about the Ethical Culture movement.

And here I am. Thank you, Arlene Baum, and your beloved husband, Will.

Thank you, even on bad days, from the bottom of my heart.

Lisel Burns, Leader

*"One's life has value so long as one attributes value to the life of others, by means of love, friendship, indignation and compassion."
~ Simone de Beauvoir*

SHARING & CARING

HIP is an HMO and cannot be sued for malpractice easily. I was delayed for almost a year from getting a bone density scan by HIP. One of our members has similar stories of delays regarding getting diagnostic testing. Rather than sue, I switched out of HIP into another managed care plan, which has always provided me with needed tests. If you have similar experiences about delayed testing, e-mail me privately at RKaufman33@aol.com. *Roger Kaufman*

"ON TARGET FOR HEALTHCARE FOR EVERYBODY"

Our Community Partner, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom helped plant the seeds for organization this expanding national organization, Healthcare-NOW! The AEU passed a healthcare reform resolution at the National Assembly last Spring, calling on Societies to work with existing organizations such as Health Care-NOW! Contact Maureen at infinity2000@prodigy.net if you'd like to get involved.

HEALTH CARE-NOW!

AN UPDATE FROM THE GROWING GRASS ROOTS MOVEMENT.

Last week in Chicago, Healthcare-Now held its first national strategy meeting with 50 of its leaders from 22 states. Two and a half years ago, WILPF Metro agreed to host a film festival to introduce this new campaign for a national health program. Marilyn Clement, former national Executive Director of WILPF started this campaign, partnering with the Steelworkers, the United Methodists and the Physicians for a National Health Program.

This movement is now growing because of the extreme national healthcare emergency -- and because of Healthcare-NOW. The campaign has created the materials and the power points, the web site and a national network of organizers who are holding Citizen/Congressional Hearings and organizing creative campaigns in 94 venues nationwide. New strategies will involve the kinds of in-your-face tactics of the California Nurses Association, aggressive media outreach, new constituency networks such as the recently evolved Latinos for National Health Insurance, an Artists for National Healthcare Network, Business Owners Network for National Healthcare, continuation of the sign-on campaign by labor unions nationwide, Campus Teach-ins, a national RV tour, Canadian speakers nationwide for a U.S. national healthcare system and many more.

ORGANIZING

Millions of people all over the country are rallying to the news that a national healthcare plan would remove the profiteers from controlling the finances, the best way to provide comprehensive healthcare for every person in this nation without spending more money. Follow-up from our hearings has meant that Representative John Conyers Bill, H.R. 676 now has twice as many co-sponsors. (Every New York City member is signed on except Ackerman.)

H.R.676- FABULOUS HEALTHCARE FOR EVERYBODY

Conyers' bill would pay for every medically necessary procedure including the full hospital bill, doctors and specialists, dental and optical, mental health, long-term care, alcohol and drug treatment, prescription drugs for everybody (not under the control of the pharmaceutical companies), all durable medical equipment and more. It would provide

for Medicare itself to negotiate the price of drug prescriptions and all other expenditures. Regional boards made up of citizens, doctors and nurses would determine the budgets necessary for those regions.

PAY LESS AND GET MORE

All of us would pay less and get more healthcare. No co-pays, deductibles, hospital charges, prescription drug costs, or premiums! How about that as a concept?

HELPING THE ECONOMY

A single payer national healthcare program based on Medicare for All would save hundreds of billions of dollars every year and we would provide enough money to cover everybody. How so? The profits and administrative bureaucracy of the thousands of insurance and HMO payers whose profits and administration sometimes exceed 30% of the cost would be eliminated from the national healthcare budget.

EXPANDED AND IMPROVED MEDICARE FOR ALL

Medicare administration costs only 3% or less. Think what families could do with those extra hundreds of billions of dollars that they no longer have to spend on premiums, co-payments, and deductibles! Think what it would mean if they could quit a job to be with a suffering family member or to become a full-time musician or poet or to do other work that would make them happy and healthy! And think what it would do for our economy if ordinary people had more money in their pockets!

WE CAN WIN THIS

We can win this campaign in the next four years -- Here's how. Insist that candidates for election in the mid-term Congress support single payer national healthcare and will put it solidly on the table, continue our national educational campaign and keep the pressure on, engage in a concerted campaign to find presidential candidates who will support it, get the new president to sign it, and then print up Health Security Cards for everybody.

Report from HCN -- January 21, 2006

To get involved with Healthcare-NOW, call 212-475-8350. www.healthcare-now.org. To be placed on their mailing list, write to info@healthcare-now.org - 339 Lafayette Street, NYC 10012.

A platform on health care is in the planning stages for the spring which will also honor the memory of our beloved member, Dr. Abe Lieberman, who worked so hard on health care reform.

HELLO FROM CHILDREN'S SUNDAY ASSEMBLY - Notes From Audrey Kindred, CSA Director

Dear Community of the Children's Sunday Assembly!

When the year-number changes it always feels to me like a step into the future...young ones of every age suddenly look very grown up after the winter break. In mid-January our Civil Rights Festival welcomed almost as many visiting families as it did CSA families with about 57 people in attendance. We contemplated Justice and Equality: conveying our value of the Civil Rights Movement and its heroes and its lessons, through three artistic processes: theater, mural-making and poetry. Over the years we've created an awesome all-ages approach to theatricalizing the Rosa Parks/ Bus Boycott story through the song: *The Wheels on the Bus Go Round and Round*. Artist, Tasha Paley started our mural of all-colored hands saying "Drum Majors for Justice," and spoke beautifully about the heart beat as the rhythm of caring and of activism. Poet and new CSA teacher, Gabriella Belfiglio led the creation and performance of a poem about respecting people of all kinds. We poured energy toward the love and health of our very own civil rights activist Charlie Horwitz through video-tape -- since we miss his presence at our festivals this year, and have much community-love to send him.

New families who have recently or previously visited: if you wish to join us on a regular basis, please feel welcome. We meet each Sunday (except for long weekends) 10:30-12:30 in the Poly Prep School House right next to BSEC. You may contact me, Audrey Kindred, Director of CSA and Family Programming at Ethicalkin@hotmail.com with any questions. We also invite you to come with us to BAX on February 26 to hear Leader, Lisel Burns speak on family and spirituality. (See box this page for details)

Everyone! We're transforming our parent committee into an RE committee (it stands for Religious Education, in keeping with the AEU's lingo). We will aim to meet every 4 weeks with an open meeting to be scheduled soon. If you are interested, as a BSEC member or as a CSA parent, in serving on this committee, please contact me at Ethicalkin@hotmail.com. Much appreciation goes to parent Pam Mills who will be spearheading this committee.

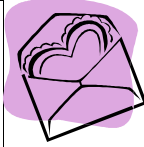
SCHEDULING NOTE: No CSA on February 19

HAPPY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



Bea Garber--11
Selma Richman--12
Vijay Rao--15
Michael Wagnerman--21
Stephen Klips--28
Jonathan Wagnerman--29

LIFE AND ETHICS FEBRUARY VALENTINE LEARNING



Many thanks to the volunteers and splendid performance of Stephanie Bates and band who made the hopefully first annual MLK Legacy Concert and party a rousing success. More than 60 people came for the concert and many stayed to dance their way into supper and more dancing. We also recorded another of Tasha Paley's wild ballads to Charlie Horwitz for a video tape of the day's festivities and retirement party to cheer him through his long hospitalization.

On Sunday February 12, the Life and Ethics Team sponsors a small (pilot) - learning exchange. We hereby invite any and all learners and teachers to let us know a skill - based or service session you can offer or want to take Feb 12 or a later date this Season. We will schedule learning exchange workshops from 3-6 pm Sunday, February 12 and follow them up with an informal supper if registrations suggest a crowd. Pot luck will be the style; more information on registration. We have scheduled to date a yoga & de-stressing class with a team of our own Audrey Kindred and Nettie Paisley and Computer Email Communication, basic graphics and using (Spreadsheet) EXCEL with Jason Kellerman. With enough interest we will add a trial session of Non Violent Communication practice, or another one of the other small groups that are now beginning at the BSEC or nearby.

In the upcoming Spring 2006 Life & Ethics Series we will start with a March 5 Salute to Women's History and continue our 05-06 themes of leadership, community empowerment, ethical education and learning exchange. Please contact us with ideas for a workshop you would like to lead or participate in by Feb 15 for the Spring Series, to provide adequate planning time.

BSEC LEADER TO SPEAK ON INTERFAITH PANEL - WHAT ABOUT SPIRITUALITY? FAMILY 2006 A HYBRID CONVERSATION SERIES AT BAX

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2006 AT 6:00 PM

Featuring: Clergy Leader Lisel Burns from Brooklyn Society for Ethical Culture, Rev. Charlotte Cowntane From the First Unitarian Congregational Society in Brooklyn, Rev. David Dyson from the Lafayette Presbyterian Church and Rabbi Ellen Lippmann of Kolot Chayeinu in Conversation with BAX Executive Director, Marya Warshaw.

Different families define spirituality in different ways. Some emphasize faith in God and membership in an organized religion. Others focus on faith in humanity, moral behavior, and unity with all living things. Others mention practices such as prayer or meditation. How does a parent guide their child's spiritual life without one well defined for themselves? How does a gay family reconcile a homophobic doctrine or teaching? Join us to explore & discuss! Suggested contribution: \$5. - For reservations: call (718) 832-0018 or visit www.bax.org

Brooklyn Arts Exchange - 421 Fifth Avenue & 8th St. (at 8th Street), Park Slope - Brooklyn, NY 11215



PLEDGE – IF YOU HAVE NOT YET SENT IN YOUR PLEDGE FOR THE

2005-2006 SEASON, PLEASE DO SO BY SENDING A CHECK OR MONEY ORDER TO

RUTH PIKITCH, PLEDGE CHAIR, C/O BSEC OFFICE. THANK YOU.



THOUGHTS FROM GRACE LEE BOGGS —

Michigan Citizen, Nov. 27-Dec. 3, 2005

**AOTHER WORLD IS NECESSARY
ANOTHER WORLD IS POSSIBLE
ANOTHER WORLD HAS ALREADY STARTED**

- * Practice global citizenship to reserve the best of our historical traditions
- * Social justice and cooperation instead of exploitation and competition

WHAT DO WE DO NOW ? HOW DO WE GET FROM HERE TO THERE?

We are in the midst of a great transformation, not only economically but psychologically, culturally, politically, in our relations with one another, to the Earth, to other species and to other peoples of the world, and in our concept of ourselves and of our rights and responsibilities as human beings.

To an unprecedented degree, as we approach 2006, millions of us are aware that our present and impending disasters are not natural but man-made, the consequence of our limitless pursuit of capital accumulation.

Up to now the main victims of this have been the peoples of the global South. But now the chickens are coming home to roost. In our own countries, the United States and throughout Europe, there are tens of millions who for decades have been marginalized, living how they can, without any social safety nets, unemployed, disempowered, disenfranchised, disengaged, disrespected, and without a perspective of another positive future. These people in the so-called informal sector are now being joined by those who through centuries of struggle and sacrifices thought they could look forward to a stable and secure future for themselves and their children.

At this moment and under these circumstances it would be easy to despair. But this universal crisis is not only a danger but a promise, an opportunity to advance ourselves and our societies to a new level, based on a new vision, new principles and values:

- * Respect for the limits of the earth
- * Responsibility for community and not just for self
- * Concern for posterity into the seventh generation
- * Partnership instead of patriarchal relations
- * A new concept of Work based on usevalues and skills
- * Resistance to commodification of human relationships and of all life
- * Local, sustainable and self-reliant economies instead of one global dominant economy
- * Diversity instead of mono-cultures
- * Restore the joy of living in community with all creatures

WE can begin by restoring our relationships to each other and to the Earth

WE can create gardens, for food, health and to create a community as a basis for resistance, for learning and enjoyment of young and old.

WE can create new subsistence skills to grapple with our present problems and the challenges to come.

WE can transform our schools from job-and-career oriented institutions to places where children and young people can learn the values of teamwork, serving the community, self-reliance and the joys of creativity

WE can initiate discussions in our communities locally, nationally and internationally on new visions, a new perspective, and the profound historical meaning of the great turning during this time in which we live.

WE can share and spread the word of what people are already doing to create a better world.

Grace Lee Boggs, Detroit, Michigan., Boggscenter.org

This statement emerged from some of the participants in the International Workshop on Self-Organizing and Common Self-Reliance, Cologne, Germany, October 20-22, 2005.

Maria Mies, Koeln, Germany; Women and Life on Earth (WLOE) Shea Howell, Detroit, Michigan, The Boggs Center <http://www.boggscenter.org/ideas/>; Werner Ruhoff, Koeln, Germany; Hilmar Kunath, Hamburg, Germany; Elisabeth Voss, Berlin, Germany; Irina Vellay, Dortmund, Germany; David Schwartzman - Professor Department of Biology Howard University Washington, DC; Larry Sparks - Boggscenter

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MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS

Please give a warm welcome to three new members of the BSEC Community, — **Sandy Schilen**, economist and global coordinator, GROOTS INTL; **Helen Engelhardt**, Encampment for Citizenship counselor, storyteller, playwright and community leader; and **Liz Calvin**, a global trainer and currently Director of World Day of Prayer, USA.



The Eight Commitments of Ethical Culture Series will begin on Saturday, April 8, 2006 hosted by the Membership Committee. The series will take place over four Saturdays during the months of April and May. Watch this space for further information.



Saturday, February 25 at 7:30 p.m. a movie watching party at the home of Melanie and Tony Severo, We will choose a movie to watch with an ethical dilemma and overtones and discuss it afterwards. RSVP to melanieannr@verizon.net

Have you wondered whether Ethical Culture is a religion or why? Could Ethical Culture be right for me?



MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE HOSTING INTRODUCTION TO ETHICAL CULTURE

A new informal program to introduce the history, value and potential of the Ethical Culture movement; open discussion and Q & A. on

Sunday, February 19 and March 19

Initial sessions following Platform at 12:30 - 1:15 pm in the BSEC Library
Light refreshments will be served

For more information and to RSVP, call or email Co-Vice Chair, Vandra Thorburn at 718 623 1911 or v.thorburn@verizon.net

ETHICAL ACTION COMMITTEE NEWS

February 12 - Committee Meeting – 1pm at BSEC.
Contact Nancy at nancyrye@earthlink.net.

Nettie Paisley, Coordinator of the P.S. 44 Community Partnership has meet with the parents and staff and finalized the second annual P.S. 44 Fund Raiser with the BSEC for Sat.May 20, 8pm – **SAVE THAT DATE!!**

* P.S. 44 Bedford-Stuyvesant parents and staff appreciate the BSEC partnership and the computer lab we helped to equip with the fund raiser last spring. This year, funds raised will go for a state of the art multimedia projection system and "smart board," and establish a new line for Phone Master which permits staff to send automated announcements and messages if children are late, absent or other school business.

ETHICAL ACTION PLATFORMS —We are planning platforms on education reform, universal healthcare and fair compensation during the remaining Season.

SMALL GROUPS FORMING

Please contact the Leader's office for information about the small groups in the process of formation this Season:

- * Growing Older Together – third Wednesdays, 1 pm
- * Informal Art Making – third Sundays, 1 pm
- * Couples circle and supper – Saturday evenings - monthly, 5-8 pm
- * Zip code suppers – as volunteer hosts schedule with the Leader's Office
- * Courage to Lead Study Group – being scheduled at homes, month to month
- * Parenting Circle – after lunch monthly
- * Ethical Culture - First Sundays start in February with informal discussion on Ethical Culture readings, which will be provided at the session
- * Reading for March 5 will be a chapter from How Good People make Tough Choices by Rushworth Kidder.
- * EC Ceremony Officant team training workshops – four times a year
- * Neighborhood Women Leadership Support Training – in neighborhood locations – for more information contact Lisel at liselburns @earthlink.net

VOICES —

WORLD CHANGING RADICAL HISTORICAL FIGURES BROUGHT TO LIFE BY BROOKLYN YOUTH

Narration by Anthony Arnove and Brian Jones
Saturday, February 4th, 2006 at 7 pm

Script based on the book,
Voices of a People's History of the United States by Howard Zinn and Anthony Arnove, Co-Editors

Presented by Brooklyn Nonviolent Communication, 421 Fifth Avenue, 2nd Floor, Park Slope Call for reservations 718.797-9525- www.BrooklynNVC.org \$15 General Admission \$10 Youth (21 and under) and low-income.

Endorsed by the Ethical Action Committee of BSEC

"INSPIRATIONAL MOMENT" INTRODUCED AT PLATFORM

You may already have experienced the new brief addition our Sunday mornings called "Inspirational Moment" which has been introduced by the Platform Committee. At each Platform, just after the lighting of the candles, one member will present his or her personal contribution to this Inspirational Moment.

The speaker will follow loose guidelines - about a three minute limit- and should relate a moment in which ethics played a major role in the person's life. It may be an inspirational experience, a tender encounter or a personal ethical challenge. It may be based on personal life, thoughts or actions, a decision, a story, a poem or anything else that moves the speaker, but that also serves to re-enforce one's identity with the Ethical Culture Movement. Adriana Baker will coordinate participants which will be done randomly whenever she has volunteers. Please contact her at sweetadrianna@att.net for more information.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		Chorus 7-	1 7-9pm Community Sing	2 7pm: Board Meeting	3 GCH: 8-10pm	4 7:45-9:45am Tai Chi w/Sy
5 10:30 CSA 11am: Platform 1pm Leader's Reading Group	6 7pm Mem-ber-ship Meet-ing 7pm Storytel-ling Group	7 Brooklyn Women's Chorus 7-9pm	8	9 7pm: Platform Meeting	10 GCH: 8-10pm	11 7:45-9:45am Tai Chi w/Sy Tepper Tepper
12 10:30am CSA 11am Platform 1pm Ethical Action	13	14 Brooklyn Women's Chorus, 7-9pm	15 7pm Finance Committee	16	NO GCH: 8-10pm	18 7:45-9:45am. Tai Chi w/Sy Tepper
19 No CSA today 11am Platform 1pm Newcomer Information Session 1pm Art Making	20	21 Brooklyn Women's Chorus, 7-9pm	22	23 6:30 – Buildings & Grounds Mtng	24 GCH: 8-10pm	25 7:45-am .Tai Chi w/Sy Tepper 7:30pm Movie Night – Call BSEC for details
26 10:30am: CSA 11am Platform	27	28 Brooklyn Women's Chorus, 7-9pm				

CREATIVE RUNNING

Member Joan Klips participated in the costume parade and contest with her running team, the Mercury Masters, on New Year' s Eve in Central Park. The parade preceeds the yearly Emerald Nuts Midnight Run. Her running team won a first place award for the best overall costume, with their entry called "Dancing Feet." Part of the parade was shown on January 9, 2006, on the YES Sports Channel on Cable TV. See Joan at extreme left of picture.



LOOKING BACK —

BSEC Goes Baroque

The scene outside was cold and white with the Winter' s first snow but inside, the walls of the Brooklyn Society for Ethical Culture' s meeting room sur- rounded the most glorious soaring music of the Ba- roque period played by magnificent musicians on very exiting and unique Baroque instruments. The audience sat in complete awe as these beautiful mu- sical moments became a part of their reality.

It all happened on Sunday, December 4th. The group was Brooklyn Baroque who specializes in the music of Bach and his contemporaries but its concerts often range further back into the seventeenth century or as far forward as to Beethoven.

Rebecca Pechefsky is no stranger to BSEC nor will she be in the future. Last year she performed a solo recital on her harpsichord which was absolutely thrill- ing. We are hoping to schedule regular concerts sev- eral times a year so keep your eyes open for one in the Spring.

Peace. Constance Pigozzi

THE GOOD COFFEEHOUSE MUSIC PARLOR 31ST ANNIVERSARY SEASON
BROOKLYN'S HOME FOR ACOUSTIC ROOTS MUSIC

Shows start at 8 PM – (\$10 at door, \$6 for kids, *except where noted)



Feb 3 Frank & Nancy Moccaldi and friends – \$10 adults—\$5 kids)

Folk & Old-Time Country Music Folk singers/instrumentalists/husband-and-wife team Frank and Nancy Moccaldi offer an evening of old-time country music duets, Native American songs, blues, and singer-songwriter Americana. Joining them will be Ken Ficara on harmonica, Jules Siegel on bass and viola da gamba, and multi-instrumentalist Alan Podber (formerly of the Delaware Water Gap). In addition, there will be music from Ralph Litwin (who with Alan forms the "Fabulous Furry Harmonica Brothers") as well as Alan' s dad, Lenn Pat; Alan' s son Adam on guitar and daughter Naomi on flute. Rounding out the bill will be old-time country band Hammer and Saw from Vermont, three women who combine double frailing banjos, fiddle, mandolin and guitar with vocal harmonies.

Feb 10 Steve Gillette & Cindy Mangsen – Traveling Troubadour Series (adults \$15, kids \$6)

Steve Gillette is among folk' s most prolific, enduring and offcovered songwriters, whose songs have been recorded by singers from John Denver to Tammy Wynette. Cindy Mangsen is one of the finest traditional singers working today. Together, they play guitar, concertina, banjo, and fiddle, creating a captivating sound with delicate vocal harmonies. Steve and Cindy have three award-winning duet CDs and a dozen other recordings as soloists and members of various groups.

Feb 24 Le Nozzi de Carlo – European pop (adults \$10, kids \$6)

Le Nozzi de Carlo creates their own interpretations of the golden age of European pop music. The results are charming, surprising and unique – like your first cappuccino. They'll be playing new and old tunes that might include songs by Paolo Conte, Nino Rota, Django Reinhardt, Edith Piaf or Bob Marley – or something different entirely.

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"Always act to elicit the best in others and thereby in oneself."

Felix Adler, Founder



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"What we are about in Ethical Culture is not immortality, but finding moments of eternity in the way we lead our lives. Holding a baby and seeing her or him look back into your eyes, helping a friend or a stranger, listening to great music, standing up for what you think is right; these, for me, are some moments of eternity."

- Lois Kellerman,
BSEC Leader Emerita
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