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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

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Tricia Idrobo is the point person on solitary confinement for the Criminal Justice Reform Task Force of the Unitarian Universalist Faith Action New Jersey, a member organization of the NJ Campaign for Alternatives to Isolated Confinement (NJCAIC). She is a Spanish teacher and writer residing in Livingston.

Marshall Justice Rountree served 23 years in New Jersey prisons. He spent several of these years helping other incarcerated men as a prison paralegal and believes these activities led to him being targeted and placed in solitary confinement. Upon his release from prison, Justice began speaking about his experiences and organizing for social and institutional change. He now works closely with

advocacy groups including the Prison Watch Program of the American Friends Service Committee, and the



New Jersey Coalition for Alternatives to Isolated Confinement (NJCAIC) through the National Religious Campaign Against Torture.

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Mr. Whitaker is the recipient of the Community Service Award for 2017 by the New Jersey Chapter of the National Black MBA Association, Inc.

The School Board of Maplewood-



South Orange has recognized Mr. Whitaker for his outstanding dedication to social justice and the well-being of our students, stating, "CHS Teacher TJ Whitaker has worked tirelessly to protect the rights and promote the welfare of our students and our community. Mr. Whitaker helped organize a 'Charlottesville Teach In' with other educators from around NJ on September 9th, which provided teachers with ways to help their students process disturbing recent national events."

April 21 Beryl Goldberg, "Three Families in Burkina Faso"

Beryl Goldberg writes, "I am a photographer of people: people in their daily life, people at work, at rest, at play with families or alone at events. My goal is to portray the joy of the human spirit in positive, upbeat images that are also true and valid. I strive to bring out the best in people and present the power that exists in each of us." Ms Goldberg's photos present a positive view of life in Africa — a counter narrative to the too often negative portrayals we see in our media.



Beryl Goldberg, photojournalist, is a long time resident of New York City. She began photographing when she was in a graduate program in African Studies at New York University. She soon realized that photojournalism would combine her long-term

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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!

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, preferably via email: gilman.howard@gmail.com.

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interest in Africa, her desire to know and portray the reality of lives and cultures and her love for art. She first visited West Africa in college as a volunteer with Operation Crossroads Africa. When she decided to become a photographer it was natural to return to West Africa where she then traveled for several months photographing and gaining real life experience after her years of study. After that she returned to photograph in West Africa many times.

Ms Goldberg has worked on assignment with many international organizations and publishers including UN agencies, the Ford Foundation, Family-Health360, the New York Times, Response Magazine, McGraw Hill, Houghton Mifflin and Pearson Publishers. In the course of her assignments she has photographed and sometimes also written about programs focusing on women's health, human rights and economic development. The veteran photographer has photographed in more than 50 countries on five continents. Her photographs have been exhibited in the United States, Canada and Europe. Her work was included in three different CURATE/NYC online exhibits in 2013. Her work is in the permanent collection of the Portland, Maine Museum of Art; The Museum of the Jewish Heritage; the Skirball Museum in Los Angeles; and in various private collections. She has taught workshops and given lectures at many institutions including Rutgers University, Lehman College in the Bronx, Bread and Roses Project of DC 1199 - NYC, Stuyvesant High School, NYC, and NE State Prison in Newark, New Jersey.

Beryl Goldberg's undergraduate degree is from Douglass College of Rutgers University. Along with the graduate study at New York University, she also studied French at the University of Bordeaux in France and Arabic at the Bourguiba School in Tunis, Tunisia. She studied photography at the New School and privately with the esteemed photographer and teacher, Harold Feinstein.

FAMILY EDUCATION PROGRAM

The Family Ethical Education Program is meeting at 10 am on **April 14th** for a session on privilege facilitated by Youth Leader, Danielle Samake and CHS teacher, TJ Whitaker. On **April 28th** at 10 am, the program will meet for a session on pollinators and planning our own pollinator garden.

The mission of Ethical Education for Children at the Ethical Culture Society of Essex County is to enable children to discover who they are to themselves, the community and the world around them, as they become global citizens. Our program focuses on developing a robust moral compass in relation to the self and others and to the world at large. This helps the child on a spiritual journey, which includes religious and ethnic exploration. As part of a caring community, children will explore and develop relationships and humanist values.

April 28 Tony Calabrese "Work Search in Today's World"

Tony Calabrese's presentation will deal with:

Predicament(s) Facing Job Seekers:

a.) Companies are hiring people only for the length of particular projects, and not with a long term perspective in mind.

b.) Mergers/acquisitions, long time businesses closing continually, making stability at one company not as prevalent in the past.

c.) Introduction of technology into the workplace changing both the way that people work and the type of jobs available.

d.) More generations (and individuals) in the work force than ever before. These generations are learning what it is to work with (and communicate with) each other.

I. Factors Those in Search are Facing in the Work World of Today

II. The 4 Ways To Find Work (Conduct a Search)

III. Some of the Work Arrangements of Today

IV. Ways to Get Help in Your Search

V. Questions/Answers

Tony Calabrese is the founder of Absolute



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 9am - Tai Chi Chuan	1 APRIL 2019	2 11am - Chair Yoga	3	4	5	6
7 9am - Tai Chi Chuan 11am - Tricia Idrobo and Justice Rountree, "Ending Solitary Confinement in NJ" 12pm - Social Action	8	9 11am - Chair Yoga	10 1pm - ECSEC Board 7:30pm - Grannie	11	12 7:30pm - Folk Friday	13
14 9am - Tai Chi Chuan 10am - Family Ethical Ed.: Privilege 11am - TJ Whitaker, "Privilege and Inequality"	15	16 11am - Chair Yoga	17	18	19	20
21 9am - Tai Chi Chuan 11am - Beryl Goldberg, "Three Families in Burkina Faso"	22	23 11am - Chair Yoga	24	25	26	27
28 9am - Tai Chi Chuan 10am - Family Ethical Ed.: Pollinator Garden 11am - Tony Calabrese "Tackling the Changing Work Scene"	29	30 11am - Chair Yoga	1	2	3	4

Transitions, LLC and a Certified Get Five Career Coach. Tony works with clients who are in job search or looking to change careers. He offers his clients a strategic and research based approach to their job search, working with them both through their career search and life coaching issues.

Tony resides in Maplewood, NJ with his wife, Carolina.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Folk Friday April 12

Sing-Along & Jam — Bring acoustic string and rhythm instruments. Join in playing, singing or listening with us. Bring some refreshments to share. Everyone is invited! Until June, Folk Friday is second Friday of every month, 7:30-10:30 pm. lnovemsky@comcast.net, (973) 763-8293



Fine Art Exhibit through April

Through April, paintings by artists Mary Franklin (above) and Lorena Vera (below) will be on view at the Society building and available for purchase.

Social Action Committee Notes

- Chair Sue Willis reminded everyone to mark calendars for the Local Hero Award to Cate Lazen on May 12, 2019.
- The next Social Action Committee meeting will be Sunday April 7, 2019. — *Meredith Sue Willis*

Ethical Culture is a religion centered on ethics, not theology, whose mission is to encourage respect for humanity and nature and to create a better world. Members are committed to personal ethical development in their relationships with others and in activities involving social justice and environmental stewardship.

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