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## Where Is Humanism Going?

On June 18 at 7:30 p.m. at Unitarian Society of New Haven Dr. Robert Rafford will introduce and moderate this panel and open discussion. Nat Wolf and Manny Ratafia, who carried the flag of the Humanist Association of Central Connecticut to the 60th Annual conference of the American Humanist Association, May 18-20, in Los Angeles, CA, will share with us their impressions of the event. Bonnie Cohen will discuss current events in freethought circles, such as the Freedom from Religion Foundation. David Schafer will talk about "where we think we are going next, where we would like to go, and how we will get there. My vision for the Humanization of the planet involves media, money, and 'magination—and plenty of them all. Incidentally, this is not just a question of getting people to like us or accept our ideas, it's a question of the survival of the human race."

Come with a friend to USNH at 7:30 p.m. for a socially relaxed half hour of refreshments and conversation before the panel at 8:00 p.m., and participate in the exciting discussion afterward!

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## Calendar of Events

### JUNE

Sun., 10	Annual Picnic at Rob & Joan Rafford's house in Middlebury. Bring a salad or dessert.	12 noon to 3:00 p.m.
Sun., 17	Board meeting, USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike.	2:00 p.m.
Mon., 18	Monthly meeting, USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike. Coffee and conversation.	7:30 p.m.
	Main program: Panel Discussion <i>Where Is Humanism Going From Here?</i>	8:00 p.m.
Thu., 21	Dinner at MisFitz Inn in Southbury	7:00 p.m.
Fri., 29	Humanist Conversations at 700 Hartford Turnpike.	7:30 p.m.

### JULY

Sun., 22	Board meeting, USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike.	2:00 p.m.
Mon., 23	Monthly meeting, USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike. Coffee and conversation.	7:30 p.m.
	Main program. Dr. Nash Boutros - <i>Humanism and the Problem of Evil</i>	8:00 p.m.

### AUGUST

Sun., 5	Board Meeting, USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike.	2:00 p.m.
Mon., 21	Monthly meeting, USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike. Coffee and conversation.	7:30 p.m.
	Main program: Panel Discussion: <i>Globalization</i>	8:00 p.m.

## Humanism and the Problem of Evil

One of our most popular speakers is returning! Nash Boutros, M.D., professor of Psychiatry and Neurology at Yale University, will talk to us about *Humanism and the Problem of Evil*.

Does the word "evil" refer to a real thing or an abstraction? Do Humanists believe "evil exists in the world?" If so, what does this mean? What's the difference between "evil" and just plain "bad?"

Because Nash is going to be overseas through most of July, we have had to move our monthly meeting to the fourth Monday of the month. This moves our meeting to Monday, July 23, so be sure to mark the date on your calendar!

As usual, the meeting will be held at USNH at 7:30 p.m. Bring a friend; refreshments will be served.

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The deadline for each issue is three weeks prior to the monthly meeting.

The editor would like to thank everyone who contributed to this issue.

## Picnic Directions - June 10

Our annual picnic will be early this year. As usual it will be held rain or shine at the lovely home of Dr. Rob and Ms. Joan Rafford, 57 Clearview Knoll Rd., Middlebury, CT.

Telephone: (203) 758-9798

Bring something to eat and drink for yourself, a little food to share (hot or cold, salad, dessert, fruit, vegetables, or what have you), and your relaxed and festive Humanist mood. The Raffords will provide hot dogs on the grill.

*From the New Haven area:*

Take Rte. 8 north to I-84 and go west to Exit 17. From the exit go straight ahead (west) on Rte. 64 to the stoplight...

*From the Stamford area:*

Take Rte. 7 north to I-84 and go east to Exit 17. At the exit turn left onto Rte. 63, go straight to the stoplight (Rte. 64), and turn left again onto Rte. 64...

*From the junction of Rte. 64 with Rte. 63:*

Head west on Rte. 64 less than one mile, passing through one more stoplight. If you pass a gas station you have gone too far. On the right, look for Tzezos Law Firm sign. At that sign, turn right onto Clearview Knoll Road and drive to the top of the hill. #57 is on the left. Park in the driveway (2 cars wide) or on the street.

## Humanist Conversations

The next Humanist Conversation is Friday, June 29 at 7:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Society of New Haven, 700 Hartford Turnpike, Hamden. The topic will be announced at the monthly meeting on June 18th. We will order pizza as usual.

## Dine at MisFitz

Dine in Southbury at MisFitz Thursday, June 21 at 7:00 p.m. Feel free to park anywhere on the street except the liquor store. Please RSVP to Carol Stone (e-mail [editor@cthumanist.org](mailto:editor@cthumanist.org) or phone (203) 264-8546) by Tuesday, June 19.

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