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ASHS Affiliate

“Women and Islam”

Attend our regular monthly meeting in November to enjoy “Women and Islam,” presented by member Michelle Koth, a music librarian at Yale, who has long been interested in this subject and motivated to do considerable research in the area.

Mickey is not a Muslim. Most of her information comes from a variety of books and Internet sites—pro-Islam, anti-Islam, and neutral—in original English or English translation. She will address a number of key questions: What is the status of women in Islam? Does Islam oppress or liberate women? What do the sacred writings of Islam say about women and their relationship to the religion, men, and the world? How do non-Muslim Westerners view Islam and its treatment of women, compared to how Muslims, both Western and Arab, view the same? She will include such specific topics as equality of the sexes, veiling, marriage and divorce, and inheritance within the over-all context of basic concepts of Islam and its beliefs, practices, and terminology.

The meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m., Monday, November 19, starting with an informal half hour of refreshments and conversation followed by Mickey’s talk at 8:00. Plan to attend and join in the stimulating open discussion that is sure to follow!

Calendar of Events

NOVEMBER

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| Mon., 19 | Monthly meeting, USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike. | 7:30 p.m. |
| | Coffee and conversation. | 7:30 p.m. |
| | Main program. Mickey Koth - “Women and Islam.” | 8:00 p.m. |
| Sun., 25 | Board meeting, USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike. | 2:00 p.m. |

DECEMBER

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| Thu., 6 | Dinner at MisFitz Inn, 57 Oak Tree Rd. Southbury | 7:00 p.m. |
| Mon., 17 | Annual meeting, USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike. | 7:30 p.m. |
| | Coffee and conversation. | 7:30 p.m. |
| | Elections and Solstice Party | 8:00 p.m. |

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| Mon., 21 | Monthly meeting, USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike. | 7:30 p.m. |
| | Coffee and conversation. | 7:30 p.m. |
| | Main program. Walter Wells | 8:00 p.m. |
| Sun., 27 | Board meeting, USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike. | 2:00 p.m. |

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350 Thanksgiving Dinners

Thanksgiving is fast approaching, and as in past years Interfaith Cooperative Ministries (ICM) is planning to prepare 350 Thanksgiving dinners. Two hundred fifty of these will be delivered to frail elderly persons in their homes, and one hundred will be served to the homeless at the Center Church Parish House, 311 Temple Street, New Haven. Any leftovers will go to the Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen. We will need turkeys (frozen or baked), pies, money, and volunteers to help prepare or deliver the food.

Everyone involved has greatly appreciated your generous support in the past. As you are aware, the need this year is even greater. Please sign up on the sheet in the USNH lobby or call me at (203) 281-6232.

--June Schafer, ICM Representative for USNH

Thank You

Thank you, Mary Kippur, for your generous donation.

Dine at MisFitz

Our final social dinner of the year will be held in Southbury at MisFitz Thursday, December 6 at 7:00 p.m. Feel free to park anywhere on the street except at the liquor store. Please RSVP to Carol Stone (e-mail editor@cthumanist.org or phone (203) 264-8546) by Tuesday, December 4.

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Did you know?

December is our annual business meeting and solstice party. This year members will be asked to approve a change to the by-laws in addition to board members for next year. Members will receive a special mailing next week. If you would like to vote, join!

The solstice party also includes music, dancing, a pot luck and a silent auction. Be sure to bring articles for the auction! Proceeds from the silent auction go to our endowment fund.

If you have not joined the American Humanist Association, ask a board member how your new membership can benefit the

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We are on the internet. You can always get up-to-date information and directions at www.cthumanist.org.

We have an e-mail list. Instructions to join or leave are printed in the sidebar to the left of this article.

The American Humanist Association has a new web address, which is www.americanhumanist.org.

Check out the Humanist Institute and their publication, *Humanism Today* on the web at www.humanistinsitute.org and www.humanismtoday.org.

Editor will be considered for publication. We welcome letters, articles, photographs, poetry, comic strips, news items, cartoons and other illustrations related to humanism. Send e-mail submissions to: editor@cthumanist.org. Approximate circulation: 120 copies. Annual subscription price \$10.00, included in membership.

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.

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