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## Michelle Koth, "Women And Islam (II)"

Monday, August 19

At last November's Humanist meeting Michelle ("Mickey") Koth presented the very well-received first half of her talk on "Women and Islam." Thoroughly researched, highly informative, and fascinating, that first installment dealt with the status of women in Arabia before Islam, the rights and status of women in Islam, women's roles in Islam, woman's sexuality in Islam, and hijab (Muslim rules and conventions concerning women's attire). This month, at 8:00 p.m. on Monday, August 19 in the Children's Chapel (enter by the side/north door!) Mickey will resume this theme, starting with a brief summary of last November's topics and continuing with a discussion of marriage and the family, divorce, and polygamy in Islam. She will also provide a handout and bibliography for those who would like to follow up on their own. Of course, there will be our usual vigorous discussion, with questions, answers, and comments from the floor! Don't miss this opportunity to clear up some of the widespread confusion about these matters. The evening will begin at 7:30 p.m. with our customary informal half hour of refreshments and conversation,

## Calendar of Events

### AUGUST, 2002

Mon., 5	Dinner at Gabriele Restaurant, 326 Boston Post Road, Orange	7:00 p.m.
Sat., 10	Conversations, Bill & Kathy Lyon's house, Cornwall, Connecticut.	3:00 p.m.
Mon., 19	Monthly meeting, USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike	7:30 p.m.
	Coffee and conversation	7:30 p.m.
	Manny Ratafia — <i>Why I am a Humanist</i>	7:50 p.m.
	Main program. Mickey Koth: <i>Women and Islam</i> — <i>Continued</i>	8:00 p.m.
Thu., 22	Dinner at Connecticut's oldest inn, the Curtis House, Main Street South, Woodbury	7:00 p.m.

### SEPTEMBER, 2002

Mon., 9	Dinner at Gabriele Restaurant, 326 Boston Post Road, Orange	7:00 p.m.
Fri., 13	Conversations, USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike	7:00 p.m.
Mon., 16	Monthly meeting, USNH, 700 Hartford Tnpk.	7:30 p.m.
	Coffee and conversation	7:30 p.m.
	Doug Peary — <i>Remembering 9/11</i>	7:50 p.m.
	Main program. Ken Feder, <i>Mysterious Circles of Stone: Megalithic Monuments of Western Europe</i>	8:00 p.m.
Thu., 19	Dinner at Connecticut's oldest inn, the Curtis House, Main Street South, Woodbury	7:00 p.m.
Sun., 22	Board meeting, USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike	2:00 p.m.

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culminating in a talk on one of our favorite subjects, "Why I Am a Humanist," by Manny Ratafia, our president. Come and bring a friend!

At 7:30 p.m. on Friday, September 13, Humanist Conversations will follow up on Mickey's talk with a discussion concerning aspects of "Women in Islam."

## Why Are You a Humanist?

We will be publishing some of the "Why I am a Humanist" presentations on the Association's web site at <http://www.cthumanist.org>.

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# Conversations in the Northwest Hills

Our next Conversations meeting will be held at Bill & Kathy Lyon's new home in Cornwall, Connecticut. Bill plans to cook chicken, hot dogs, and Kielbasa on the grill. Kathy plans to provide some dessert. Your part is to bring a side dish to share and a lawn chair for your comfort.

Directions: Take Route 8 north from either I-95 or the Merritt Parkway. Go through Waterbury and get off at exit 38 (Thomaston).

Make a left at the end of the exit ramp. Go a short ways until you see signs for Route 254. Make a left onto 254 and head up towards Litchfield. 254 ends at Route 118 where you make a left turn and go up the hill about a 1/2 mile.

Make a right onto Route 63 before you go through Litchfield center. Stay on 63, pass the Goshen Fairgrounds, and make a left onto Route 4 at the rotary in Goshen. In a few miles you will make another left at an intersection in order to stay on 4.

Watch for a sign for Cornwall Village. You will make a left onto Pine Street (a right would take you onto Route 25). At the end of Pine St. make a left onto Valley Road. Follow this for 2 miles. Continue on Valley Road past the second street on the left (Everest Hill Rd.).

Go over a small metal bridge, and then the road forks. A right takes you onto our road which is unmarked and a dead end. Climb a mile up the hill. The road turns to dirt a half mile up. At the end there's a metal gate, beyond which is a dirt path. The driveway is on the right. There is no mailbox, but #120 is painted on the telephone pole.

In case you get lost, the Lyon's phone number is (860) 672-0550.

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