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# The HUMANIST ASSOCIATION of CONNECTICUT

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## Separation of Church and State

On Monday, August 21 at 7:30 p.m. at 700 Hartford Turnpike in Hamden, our very own Douglas Peary will report on the proceedings of a national philosophical conference on the separation of church and state.

Coffee and conversation begins at 7:30 p.m. and Rev. Peary's presentation begins at 8:00 p.m. Bring a friend!

## UU Humanism

The Gowards, the Raffords, and the Schafers will present a one-hour service of Humanist music, readings, and brief remarks entitled "Humanism for Humanity" at the Unitarian Society of New Haven, 10:00 am Sunday, July 30. Music will include two songs written by David Schafer and two solos from Gershwin's *Porgy and Bess*.

## Conversations

Join us at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, August 5, at 700 Hartford Turnpike in Hamden. We will view and discuss the June 30 edition of ABC's 20/20, *A Country Divided: Examining the State of Our Union*. George Stephanopoulos examines today's political polarization in America.

## Calendar of Events

### JULY, 2006

Unless otherwise noted, all programs are held at USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike, Hamden, CT

Sun., 30 Humanist Service — *Humanism for Humanity* 10:00 a.m.

### AUGUST, 2006

Sat., 5 Humanist Conversations: *A Country Divided* 2:30 p.m.

Mon., 7 Dinner at Pasta Fair, 262 Boston Post Road, Orange. RSVP at [humanism.meetup.com](http://humanism.meetup.com). (203) 799-9601 for directions. 7:00 p.m.

Sun., 13 Darwin Exhibit at the American Museum of Natural History, Central Park West at 79th Street in New York City. Meet at Ticket Booth. 1:00 p.m.

Tues., 15 Dinner at Northern Galapagos, 281 Winsted Rd., Torrington. (860) 795-0030 for directions. 7:00 p.m.

Sun., 20 Picnic at the Lyons' home in Cornwall 12 noon

Mon., 21 Monthly meeting 7:30 p.m.

**Main program: Doug Peary — National Conference on Separation of Church and State** 8:00 p.m.

Sun., 27 Board meeting 2:30 p.m.

Wed., 30 Dinner at Lisboa, 19 Lafayette St., Waterbury. (203) 754-0789 for directions. 7:00 p.m.

### SEPTEMBER, 2006

Sat., 2 Humanist Conversations: topic TBA 2:30 p.m.

Mon., 4 Dinner at Pasta Fair, 262 Boston Post Road, Orange. RSVP at [humanism.meetup.com](http://humanism.meetup.com). (203) 799-9601 for directions. 7:00 p.m.

Sun., 10 Book discussion: David Kertzer's *The Kidnapping of Edgardo Mortara* 3:30 p.m.

Mon., 18 Monthly meeting 7:30 p.m.

**Main program: Barry Kosmin, Director, Institute for the Study of Secularism, Trinity College.** 8:00 p.m.

Sun., 24 Board meeting 2:30 p.m.

Wed., 27 Dinner at Lisboa, 19 Lafayette St., Waterbury. (203) 754-0789 for directions. 7:00 p.m.

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## Visit the Darwin Exhibit

Meet us in front of the ticket booth at the American Museum of Natural History, Central Park West at 79th Street, on Sunday, August 13, at 1:00 p.m. Call (203) 264-8546 for more information.

## Book Group: Edgardo Mortara

Join us on Sunday, September 10, from 3:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. at 700 Hartford Turnpike in Hamden when the book group will discuss, *The Kidnapping of Edgardo Mortara*, by historian David I. Kertzer, who has recently been named Provost of Brown University. Reviewers have compared this nonfiction book to a great epic novel.

## Picnic in the Northwest Hills

Join us on Sunday, August 20, for a picnic and discussion at the lovely home of Bill and Kathy Lyon. The picnic starts at noon. The Lyons will provide meat for the grill, soft drinks and materials to discuss. Feel free to bring a side dish, beverage and/or lawn chair.

**Directions** to 120 Dudleytown Road in Cornwall, Connecticut, from the New Haven area. Route 8 north to exit 38 (Thomaston). Turn left off the ramp. Turn left onto 254 toward Litchfield. Turn left at the end of 254 onto 118. Turn right onto Route 63 before Litchfield center. Turn left onto Route 4 at the rotary in Goshen. Stay on Route 4 when it turns left. Watch for a sign for Cornwall Village. Turn left onto Pine Street (directly opposite Route 125). At the end of Pine St. turn left onto Valley Road. After 2 miles, continue on Valley Road past the second street on the left (Everest Hill Rd.). Go over a small metal bridge and take the right fork onto Dudleytown Road. The road turns to dirt a half mile up the mile-long hill. At the end there's a metal gate, beyond which is a dirt path. The driveway is on the right. #120 is painted on the telephone pole. Call the Lyons at (860) 672-0550 if you get lost.

## Northern Galapagos

Join us for dinner at Northern Galapagos Restaurant, 281 Winsted Road, Torrington, on Tuesday, August 15 at 7:00 p.m. Phone: (860) 795-0030. Web: <http://www.northerngalapagosrestaurant.com>.

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