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## Change: The Good, the Bad and the Ugly

Our "Practical Pathways to Peace" series continues at 700 Hartford Turnpike on Sunday, November 23, at 3:00 p.m., when Eugene B. Kogan will present a post-election analysis of political, security and economic developments — and interconnections among the three — primarily as they relate to the United States, but also as they impact our relationships with countries like Russia.

A Senior Political Analyst with Americans for Informed Democracy ([aidemocracy.org](http://aidemocracy.org)), Kogan is also Eskind Fellow in Democracy and Public Policy and a Ph.D. student in International Relations at Brandeis University. Eugene's 2006 M.Sc. in International Relations from the London School of Economics was *with merit* and distinguished in quantitative and qualitative methodology and research design. His research interests include U.S. foreign policy, Congress, international security, and nuclear proliferation in North East Asia.

Please bring a friend and join us at 3:00 p.m. at 700 Hartford Turnpike on Sunday, November 23. There will be time for questions and comments at the end.

## Calendar of Events

Unless otherwise noted, all programs are held at USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike, Hamden, CT. RSVP for dinners at [humanism.meetup.com](http://humanism.meetup.com).

### NOVEMBER, 2008

Sat., 1	Humanist Conversations: <i>60 Minutes</i> : "The Bet That Blew Up Wall Street."	2:30 p.m.
Mon., 3	Social Dinner at Turkish Kebab House, 1157 Campbell Ave., West Haven. (203) 933-0002 for directions.	7:00 p.m.
Sun., 9	Social Brunch at Coromandel, 185 Boston Post Road, Orange. (203) 795-9055 for directions.	12:00 noon
Thu., 13	Waterbury-Area Dinner at Lisboa, 19 Lafayette St., Waterbury. (203) 754-0789 for directions	7:00 p.m.
Sat., 15	<b>Bible Reading Group:</b> More on Moses, and pot-luck dinner	4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Sun., 16	Board meeting	2:30 p.m.
Sun., 23	Monthly meeting	3:00 p.m.
	<b>Main program:</b> Eugene Kogan. Post-election perspectives on foreign policy	3:30 p.m.

### DECEMBER, 2008

Mon., 8	Social Dinner at Turkish Kebab House, 1157 Campbell Ave., West Haven. (203) 933-0002 for directions.	7:00 p.m.
Sat., 13	Humanist Conversations: TBD	2:30 p.m.
Sun., 14	Book discussion: <i>The Jungle</i> by Upton Sinclair	3:00 p.m.
Mon., 15	Potluck dinner	7:30 p.m.
	Annual Meeting, Elections, Solstice Party and Special Guest: Ed Buckner	8:00 p.m.
Thu., 25	Annual brunch at Pacific Buffet & Grill, 20 Ives Road, Wallingford. (866) 462-1506.	12:00 noon

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## Conversations

Join us at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 1, when we will examine credit default swaps as explained in the October 26, 2008, *60-Minutes* segment, "The Bet That Blew Up Wall Street."

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# Bible Discussion And Pot Luck

The next meeting of the Bible Discussion Group will be on Saturday, November 15, at USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike in Hamden. This meeting includes a potluck dinner, so remember to bring something to share! Dinner will be 4:30-5:30 p.m. and the discussion will be 5:30-7:00 p.m. As always, please do all the reading.

Reading for November 15:

A. In "How to Read the Bible: A Guide to Scripture, Then and Now" by James L. Kugel, read the following:

*Chapter 19. P and D 297-316*

*Chapter 20. On the Way to Canaan 317-334*

*Chapter 21. Moses' Last Words 335-363*

B. Review the following:

- The article "The Editorial Team Behind the Bible—Interview with Richard Elliott Friedman"

([http://www.beliefnet.com/story/139/story\\_13986.html](http://www.beliefnet.com/story/139/story_13986.html))

- The Wikipedia entry on the "Documentary Hypothesis" ([http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Documentary\\_hypothesis](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Documentary_hypothesis)).

C. Read the following:

- The Wikipedia entry on the "Passover" (<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Passover>).

- The Wikipedia entry on "Moses" (<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Moses>).

- The Catholic Encyclopedia entry on "Moses" (<http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/10596a.htm>).

- The Wikipedia entry on the "Islamic View of Moses" ([http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Islamic\\_view\\_of\\_Moses](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Islamic_view_of_Moses)).

Note that the reading material includes some review which makes this a good meeting for new people to join us.

## Book Discussion: "The Jungle"

Join us Sunday, December 14, 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. at 700 Hartford Turnpike in Hamden, when we meet to discuss "The Jungle" by Upton Sinclair. Both the book and an audio recording read by George Guidall are

available at public libraries as well as bookstores and online.

This classic 1906 novel exposed working and living conditions and corruption in Chicago's meatpacking industry. Although Congress passed laws which led

to the formation of what is now the U.S. Food and Drug Administration a mere six months after publication, the book is really about the mistreatment of people, and not predominantly about animals or food.

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