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## *“If It’s Monday, This Must be Hamden”*

Are you ready for a humanist-themed minivacation? Steve and Susan Boshi plan to carry us away on Monday, January 20 at 7:30 p.m. at 700 Hartford Turnpike in Hamden.

Experience the romance of Prague; Budapest, the Paris of the East; Vienna, the elegant capital of the Austro-Hungarian Empire; Munich, risen from the ashes of the Second World War. Join us for a travelogue that takes us to Central Europe in all its stunning color along with several surprises along the way.

We will begin with our customary half-hour of refreshments and conversation at 7:30 p.m. followed by this special European escape at 8:00 p.m. at 700 Hartford Turnpike in Hamden. Bring a friend!

## *January Humanist*

### *Conversations:*

## *Frontline’s “The Long Walk of Nelson Mandela”*

On Saturday, January 11, we will watch the comprehensive 1999 Frontline biography of Nelson Mandela, “The Long Walk of Nelson Mandela: An Intimate Portrait of one of the 20th Century’s Greatest Leaders.” (111:30 min)

## *Calendar of Events*

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

### **JANUARY 2014**

Mon., 6	Social Dinner at Turkish Kebab House, 1157 Campbell Ave., West Haven. (203) 933-0002	7:00 p.m
Sat., 11	Humanist Conversations: <i>Frontline</i> episode from 1999: “The Long Walk of Nelson Mandela: An Intimate Portrait of one of the 20th Century’s Greatest Leaders.”	2:30 p.m
Sat., 18	Rescheduled — Book discussion: “The Swerve” by Stephen Greenblatt	2:00 p.m
Mon., 20	Monthly Meeting Main program: Steve and Susan Boshi on Europe	7:30 p.m 8:00 p.m
Sun., 26	Board meeting	2:30 p.m

### **FEBRUARY 2014**

Sat., 1	Humanist Conversations: TBA	2:30 p.m
Mon., 3	Social Dinner at Turkish Kebab House, 1157 Campbell Ave., West Haven. (203) 933-0002	7:00 p.m
Sat., 15	Book discussion: “Ishmael” by Daniel Quinn	2:00 p.m
Mon., 17	Monthly Meeting Main program: Paul Chiariello — “Darwin vs Hitler: Why Evolution Makes No Comment on Ethics”	7:30 p.m 8:00 p.m
Sun., 23	Board meeting	2:30 p.m

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# USNH Potluck/Cinema “We Bought a Zoo” Friday, January 10

“We Bought a Zoo” is the USNH Cinema for January 10, 2014. It’s based on a true story of a single dad who decides to give his two children and himself a more “authentic American life.” He does this by buying and moving to a dilapidated zoo in the country. Adventures abound as the family and the old hippies who work at the zoo encounter one challenge after another as they prepare to reopen the zoo. The movie will be preceded by a pot luck dinner at 6:30 p.m. and will begin at 7:00 p.m., to be followed by a discussion.

# Book Group: “The Swerve” and “Ishmael”

Our discussion of “The Swerve: How The World Became Modern,” which was postponed due to snow, has been rescheduled for Saturday, January 18 at 2:00 p.m. (note the time - an hour earlier than originally announced in Meetup). In case of bad weather, the back-up date is Saturday, January 25 at 2:00 p.m.

We have also scheduled our February book a philosophical novel: “Ishmael: An Adventure of the Mind and Spirit” by Daniel Quinn. The premise of “Ishmael” is, quite frankly, too ridiculous to describe, but the substance lies in the Socratic dialogue about humanity’s place on this Earth.

The February discussion will be on Saturday, February 15 at 2:00 p.m. In case of bad weather, the backup date will be Saturday, February 22 at 2:00 p.m..

Both books are widely available at public libraries and at online and retail bookstores. Refreshments will be served.

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