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A Humanist in Israel

Please note: the wrong date for this event was published in the June newsletter. The correct date is Monday, July 21, our usual third Monday of the month.

Please join us on July 21 at 7:30 p.m. at 700 Hartford Turnpike, Hamden, when our monthly meeting will feature Hartford Area Humanists President Dan Blinn.

As a Humanist and a secularist of Jewish descent, Dan has long held mixed feelings about the Jewish state of Israel. When his daughter spent last semester as a visiting student at the University of Haifa, he had the opportunity last April to visit and tour the country. Dan's perspective on visiting Israel differed from many tourists, because, as a student in the Humanist Institute and a secular leader, Dan has spent considerable time contemplating the importance of religious expression in forging communities. He recognized the trip as an opportunity to observe the role of religion in Israeli communities and how the various communities within Israel, both secular and religious, interacted with each other. He was not disappointed.

Dan will discuss his experiences and observations as a Humanist in the Holy Land, and he

Calendar of Events

Unless otherwise noted, all programs are held at USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike, Hamden, CT. RSVP for dinners at meetup.com/cthumanist.

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Sat., 5	Humanist Conversations: Living a Full Life	2:30 p.m
Mon., 7	Social Dinner at Turkish Kebab House, 1157 Campbell Ave., West Haven. (203) 933-0002	7:00 p.m
Sat., 12	Book Discussion: "The Demon-Haunted World: Science as a Candle in the Dark" by Carl Sagan	2:00 p.m
Sat., 19	Walk in Woodbridge at Fitzgerald Trails, 100 Center Road, Woodbridge.	10:30 a.m to 12:00 noon
Mon., 21	Monthly Meeting Main program: Dan Blinn, a Humanist in Israel	7:30 p.m 8:00 p.m
Sun., 27	Board meeting	2:30 p.m

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Sat., 2	Humanist Conversations: TBA	2:30 p.m
Mon., 4	Social Dinner at Turkish Kebab House, 1157 Campbell Ave., West Haven. (203) 933-0002	7:00 p.m
Mon., 18	Monthly Meeting Main program: David Schafer on <i>Cosmos</i>, old and new, with a showing of the final episode of the new <i>Cosmos</i>.	7:30 p.m 8:00 p.m
Sun., 24	Board meeting	2:30 p.m

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will share his insights on how the Israeli experience may relate to efforts to build Humanist communities at home. He will also describe his experience observing the interactions between Jews and Palestinian during a visit to a

Jewish settlement in the Occupied West Bank.

We will start with half an hour of coffee and conversation at 7:30 p.m. Dan's talk will start after brief announcements at 8:00 p.m.

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Woodbridge Walk

Join us on Saturday, July 19, from 10:30 a.m. until 12:00 noon for a walk or jog on a walking/jogging trail in Woodbridge. The walk will be followed by an optional lunch at a nearby diner or other restaurant. Fitzgerald Trails is located at 100 Center Road in Woodbridge, Connecticut, and there's plenty of parking at the Woodbridge Town Library at 10 Newton Road. We will meet on the trail next to the intersection of Center Rd (Route 114) and Beecher Rd. If you arrive after we have started, just wait at this location and you will see us in a few minutes as we walk around the track, or you can call one of the mobile numbers below. Well-behaved dogs are welcome too.

The event will be canceled in the event of rain. If in doubt about the weather, contact Manny Ratafia: e-mail: manny@ratafias.com, home 203-387-1430, mobile 203-901-9553 or Nina Stein: home 203-757-2539, mobile 203-215-0022

Humanist Conversations

Do you live your life on your terms? Join us on Saturday, July 5 at 700 Hartford Turnpike in Hamden at 2:30 p.m. We'll watch a short TED talk by David Brooks, "Should you live for your résumé ... or your eulogy," and a Tavis Smiley interview with Barbara Ehrenreich about her recent memoir, *Living with a Wild God, a Nonbeliever's Search for the Truth about Everything*. Refreshments will be served.

The Demon-Haunted World

The Book Discussion Group will next read and discuss "The Demon-Haunted World: Science as a Candle in the Dark" by Carl Sagan. The discussion will be held on Saturday, July 12 at 700 Hartford Turnpike in Hamden from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. There's still time to read this classic! Refreshments will be served.

editor@cthumanist.org. We welcome humanist-themed letters, articles, poetry, news items, cartoons, and illustrations.

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