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## Walter Kaufmann, Humanist Hero

Join us at the Unitarian Society of New Haven, 700 Hartford Turnpike in Hamden, on Monday, May 19 at 7:30 p.m. when Douglas Peary will introduce us to his latest Humanist Hero, Walter Kaufmann. Doug says of Kaufmann, "He wrote some of the finest books I have ever had the privilege to read."

Walter Kaufmann was a professor of philosophy at Princeton. Raised as a Christian in Germany where he was born in 1920, he converted to Judaism on his own at age 12 because he could not believe in the trinity. Imagine his surprise to learn that he was already a Jew and his grandmother had converted to Christianity. In 1938 he came to the United States and attended Williams college where he became a skeptic and unbeliever. He died at the early age of 60 in 1980.

As is our custom, we'll start off with twenty minutes of informal conversation and refreshments at 7:30 p.m. At 7:50 June Schafer will speak briefly on the popular topic "Why I Am a Humanist." Doug Peary's talk will begin promptly at 8:00. Bring a friend and join us Monday, May 19!

## Calendar of Events

### MAY, 2003

Mon., 12	Dinner at Gabriele Restaurant, 326 Boston Post Road, Orange	7:00 p.m.
Mon., 19	Monthly meeting, USNH, 700 Hartford Tnpk. Coffee and conversation	7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
	June Schafer — <i>Why I am a Humanist</i>	7:50 p.m.
	Main program. Doug Peary — <i>Walter Kaufmann, Humanist Hero</i>	8:00 p.m.
Sun., 25	Board meeting, USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike	2:00 p.m.
Wed., 28	Dinner at Connecticut's oldest inn, the Curtis House, Main Street South, Woodbury	7:00 p.m.

### JUNE, 2003

Sat., 1	Conversations, USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike <i>After the Iraq War</i>	3:30 p.m.
Mon., 9	Dinner at Gabriele Restaurant, 326 Boston Post Road, Orange	7:00 p.m.
Mon., 16	Monthly meeting, USNH, 700 Hartford Tnpk. Coffee and conversation	7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
	June Schafer — <i>Why I am a Humanist</i>	7:50 p.m.
	Main program. Doug Peary — <i>Walter Kaufmann, Humanist Hero</i>	8:00 p.m.
Sun., 22	Board meeting, USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike	2:00 p.m.
Wed., 25	Nash Boutros on Evil with discussion and dinner to take place in the Southury/Woodbury area.	6:30 p.m.

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## Conversations

"Follow, Follow, Follow!"

Join us Saturday, June 7, 3:30 p.m., at the Unitarian Society of New Haven. We will have a video and discussion following up the Iraq War, with such suggested themes as "Following Through to Democracy after Military Victory," "Follow the Oil Money," "A Hard Act to Follow," and "Between Iraq and a Really Hard Place?" Light refreshments will be served. David Schafer will lead.

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# Dinners and Evil

We will be meeting for a purely social at Gabriele Restaurant, 326 Boston Post Road, Orange, on Monday, June 9.

We'll also be meeting for dinner in Woodbury at the Curtis House on Wednesday, May 28, at 7:00 p.m.

On June 30, at 6:30 p.m., Dr. Nash Boutros has agreed to give an encore of his presentation on evil, which may take place at the Curtis House, provided we have sufficient numbers to reserve their larger room, so that we may continue with a lively discussion over dinner. In order to allow more time for discussion, we will begin a half hour earlier than usual.

Please RSVP for any of these events to Carol Stone ((203) 264-8546 or [editor@cthumanist.org](mailto:editor@cthumanist.org)).

# Freethinker Support Group

Bob Wolsch has let us know, "To get started, we've reserved MUUS on the first two Sundays in July, 3-5 p.m., for the Free-thinker Support Group." MUUS is the Mattatuck Unitarian Universalist Society, 122 South Pomperaug Avenue in Woodbury. Watch this space for more information!

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Got your attention, huh? Our committees could use a hand. Any one of our committees would be hard-pressed to continue if anything happened to the chair.

If you're interested in lending a helping hand of any kind, please talk to any board member. All assistance welcome.

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