

Ethiopian Community Mutual Assistance Association

ECMAA

Monthly Newsletter

FEATURED EVENT

Ethiopian Day Picnic

Games, Song, Dance and Celebration

Join ECMAA in launching the New Year kicking off our Membership Drive.

September 29, 2019 2-6 pm, Sakura Park
(500 Riverside Drive, Between 122 and
123rd St., NYC)

1. Games for kids

We'll lead our children in song, dance and play. Please follow the following link <http://www.ecmaany.org/events-listing/> with your kids ahead of the event to help them enjoy the experience more!

2. Community Building Activities

- Mingling opportunities to meet people you don't know
- Small group discussion of common themes of interest such as mental health, childrearing, etc....

3. Membership Drive

- ECMAA Membership drives our programming and keeps the organization growing. Membership is a suggested contribution of \$30 for each Ethiopian Calendar Year. Thank you for last year's members, please come prepared to re-sign up by bringing a check you can also make payments through Venmo to ECMAA NY.
- Mark your calendar with upcoming events and complete the membership form at: <http://www.ecmaany.org/membership/>
- Tell us what you want to see by completing our at: <http://www.ecmaany.org/contact-us-2/>.

Melkam Addis Amet

September is such a joyous and beautiful month for our community. Enkuan Abro Le Adisu Amet Aderesen!

We are excited about kicking off our new year! ECMAA's fiscal year operates on the Ethiopian Calendar and it's time to update memberships, plan the year ahead and get centered. Attached please find our updated strategic summary for the coming years. We need your support to kick it off.



Join us, bring your family and your friends to the Ethiopian Day Picnic.



Looking Ahead

We've had a couple of tragedies in our community that prompts us to look at mental health and other disabilities and how we support each other. We're creating a working group to plan an event, please let us know if you have resources, interest or skills that could contribute to creating a helpful event in our

Events in the Community

Demera

All Ethiopian Orthodox Churches in the Area 9/28/2019 from 8am to 6pm

Bisrate Gebriel EOTC

1046 South Orange Avenue, Newark, NJ 07106

Please look at the flier for more information. A celebration of Meskel that brings the Orthodox Christian Community together.

Mahmoud Ahmed

Queen of Sheba and DJ Mehari October 12, 2019 Doors Open at 6pm

630 Second Avenue, NY, NY

The legendary musician is coming to New York. You can buy tickets at Queen of Sheba, Awash, Abyssinia and Buna Café.

Shadow King –

Maaza Mengiste with Marlon James

Wednesday, 9/25/2019 at 6:30pm

476 Fifth Avenue, NY, NY 10018

Book Discussion on the “1935 Italian Invasion of Ethiopia as imagined through the extraordinary women who worked to save their country from fascism.” Register at <https://www.nypl.org/events/programs/2019/09/25/shadow-king-maaza-mengiste-marlon-james>.

Getting Involved

ECMAA General Membership Meeting

Sunday 10/27/2019 at 2:30pm

220 Manhattan Avenue, NY, NY 10026

Join us at ECMAA’s annual general membership meeting. We’re looking for dedicated members of the board, volunteers and your ideas for our strategic plan for the next five years. The summary is located [here](#) and is attached for your review. We’ll discuss details and would love your feedback, please come share your thoughts.

community. There is an event planned on October 6, 2019 to address just this topic we’ll be sending details shortly. Join us at the picnic to discuss further.

Youth Vs. Experience Rematch

The controversies don’t stop! It was once again a complicated result. This time the Youth team needed assistance from the over 30 crowd and from Berhane, the ref-



eree/their goal keeper – can you see where things went wrong? It was the middle of August and so a smaller but harder fighting crowd. We had a blast and look forward to another rematch in November.

Website Update

Our intern, Helena Rajalingam has helped us update our website with a resource page. Please let us know if you know of others to share. We’ve also created a Sponsors page for organizations and individuals who’ve given their time and money towards our organization’s success. Finally, with Jonathan Apikian’s help we’ve created a strategic plan in the Programs and Services page. Please check it all out and let us know how you’d like to help or if you need help. www.ecmaany.org

Information for our Community:

1. The **Diversity Visa Application** has been changed, please check out more information from African Communities Together on the changes [here](#)
2. The NYC Mayor’s Office have invited ECMAA to the **African Heritage Month** reception at Gracie Mansion on the evening of 9/26/2019. Two members can join us, send an email to ecmaany@gmail.com.
3. Please check out an IndieGoGo Campaign to raise funds for **RAS** an Organic Plant Based Ethiopian Restaurant opening in Brooklyn. You can see the inspiring story [here](#) ... give what you can or purchase perks!