

# Ethiopian Community Mutual Assistance Association

## ECMAA

### Monthly Newsletter

#### FEATURED EVENT

##### ECMAA Ethiopian Day Picnic September 8th, 2-6 Sakura Park, Harlem

Our annual picnic is scheduled for Sept 8th. We invite you to join us in celebration of the new Ethiopian year, and to hear about the programs and events planned for the coming year.

#### Amharic Classes

**June 23, 2019 2pm**  
**WeWork, 8 W 126th Street**  
If interested register at [Amharic Class Sign Up](#)

#### RESOURCES

##### Discover NYC with Culture Pass

Your library card now gets you free access to more than 30 NYC museums throughout the city. For more information visit <https://www.culturepass.nyc>

#### ECMAA Spring Fair



We were so happy to see everyone and their families at our Spring Fair on June 9th, at Riverbank State Park in Harlem. The event represented the finale of an ambitious and exciting year of programs that aimed at connecting and re-connecting the Ethiopian Community in the tri-state area.

The afternoon was filled with music, food, games, and insightful discussion which sought to address important issues in our community, with topics ranging from Autism, immigration, inter-generational panel discussion to poetry.

The day concluded with a panel discussion about bridging the generation gap in our community with a focus on the cultural values we want to pass on to our children and the next generation.

We would like to thank our invited speakers and panelists for their time and for the information they shared. You can access the presentation at <http://www.ecmaany.org/resources/>

## OTHER

### Volunteer English Teacher and Ethiopian History Teacher Needed

Do you know someone interested in teaching English to someone who doesn't speak the language? Do you know someone who can teach history to an adoptee? Please contact us with any leads, we have members in the community looking for assistance.

## Getting Involved

### Membership

Become a formal member by completing [ECMAA Membership Form](#).

### ECMAA Planning Survey

Tell us more about what you'd like to see from ECMAA by completing [the ECMAA Planning Survey](#).

### Ethiopian Diaspora Trust Fund

Interested in contributing to the Ethiopian Diaspora Trust Fund: Please register at [www.ethiopi-atrustfund.org](http://www.ethiopi-atrustfund.org)



Our appreciation goes out to our volunteers and sponsors who donated their time, money, and food to make the event a success.







## Ethiopian Cultural Festival Day

ECMAA and the Ethiopian Social Assistance Committee (ESAC) partnered with The Children's Museum of the Arts for a celebration of Ethiopia Day which was held on June 2nd. Several Ethiopian artists and their works were also featured.

Habte Awalom began our segment of the program with music and engaged the children right away. It was followed by an Eskista dance performance.

The program ended with an elaborate coffee ceremony in the lobby, accompanied by a history of coffee and its symbolism in Ethiopian culture.

We met several parents with young children who came with their kids to participate in this unique cultural day. Many came to our picnic the following week as well, and we are happy to welcome them to our ECMAA family.



## ECMAA Strategic Planning

Over the summer the board will continue to work on completing its strategic initiative. The objectives are identifying our operational needs, improving our organizational capacity, finalizing our 5 year objective, and raising funds for ECMAA.

We would like to include your voice in the planning process. Please tell us more about what you'd like to see in ECMAA programming at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/P99TQTB>

Thanks to our intern Layla Ashe for capturing these and more amazing photos that can be found at <http://www.ecmaany.org/ethiopian-cultural-festival-2/>.