

Ethiopian Community Mutual Assistance Association

ECMAA

Monthly Newsletter

Events in the Community

SIGD Chassida Shimella

Nov 1 - 3, 2019, 15 West 16th St, 10011

Join the Ethiopian Israeli Jewish community for the tenth annual SIGD Festival 2019. You can find out more details at the link below:
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New York City Marathon

Cheer our runners on!

Nov 3, 2019, Southwest Corner of Marcus Garvey Park, Harlem, 120th Street and Fifth Ave., NYC

Let us know if you're running and we will look out for you just past Mile 22 in Harlem. Come join us cheer on Ethiopia and Kenya's defending champions too! The park makes it a great place to watch with kids..... front runners are expected near Mile 22 around 11am.

ECMAA Annual Membership Meeting

A year ago, at our last annual membership meeting a new Board of Directors was elected. The ECMAA Annual Report reflects the activities that took place over the year. It also outlines ECMAA's strategic plan and what's happened in the past year. You can find the report and presentation at ECMAA's website www.ecmaany.org.

At the meeting, the Board also presented its objectives, mission and longterm vision. The foundation of the organization is its membership, our ability to fund-raise and plan events. We were able to get some feedback and learned:

1. We need to make sure ECMAA programming is widely circulated.
2. We need to actively reach out to the most vulnerable in our community.
3. We need to introduce ourselves as the non-political, non-religious organization we are.
4. We need to ask you to become members and renew your memberships annually.

Please invite us to your place of worship, your small and large communities to share who we are, what we do and how to keep building up our wider community.



Congratulations to Our New Board Members!

We are excited to welcome Yishak Desta and Bethlehem Tesfaye elected to the Board as Vice President and Board Member. We are also happy to have several volunteers, one of whom Hanna Yesuf who

Seeds of Africa – Annual Benefit

Wednesday, 11/6/2019 at 7pm

110 East 25th Street, NY, NY 10010

The benefit will spotlight the mothers Seeds of Africa services and the impact of the support of small businesses. There'll be a special presentation of their work in Ethiopia.

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/seeds-of-africa-annual-benefit-tickets-70926596359?mc_cid=20ed-abbd58&mc_eid=f059a9a5ea

Parishioner’s Luncheon

Saturday, 11/9/2019 at 1pm /

91 Claremont Avenue, NY, NY 10027

Come for a lunch and discussion with Dr. Memher Dr. Zebene Lemma and Dr. Yacob Tekie on an Intergenerational Approach to Mental Health. Details are attached.

Love in Submission

Antu Yacob is raising funds for an intimate and compelling short film following two Muslim women meeting for the first time. Let’s show our support at <https://fundraising.fracturedatlantas.org/love-in-submission?fbclid=IwAR1OSd0RWZISyKlj28OvPjN1MoR6bbFHheu2UD-DLjCyrTJl6Oow-ATTRurl>.

Getting Involved

Become a Member

You can complete the form at <http://www.ecmaany.org/membership/>. The suggested contribution of \$30 can be sent by check (sent to POBox 1349, NY, NY 10027) or through venmo to ECMAA NY

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will serve as a Member at Large representative on the Board as a non-voting member. We are happy to keep growing and learning from each year!

Other Updates

Members of ECMAA were represented in a small gathering of African Leaders in City Government. Thank you Robel Tekleab for the invitation. It was a very productive meeting that led to collaborations with other African Organizations. ECMAA partnered with a Ghanaian and Nigerian organization to apply for funding to ensure the Ethiopian community is counted in the 2020 Census. More to come on this important initiative soon.

Activities for the Coming Year

We’re developing our calendar for the year and hope to share it with you in the coming month. Please join a planning committee to help us pull it off... check the link below and sign yourself up for a committee.



https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1dNy_rjccCQZUZ9jf5XdhG-glg3NrlJ0i2TcAAcLsnHB4/edit#gid=0

Resources

Please do check our website regularly for updates... this month, the resource page was updated with information



from the Mount Sinai Human Rights Program which assists individuals, both in the community and in immigration detention centers, who are seeking asylum in the United States and who have experienced human rights abuses or torture in their countries of origin by conducting expedited psychological, physical and/or gynecological evaluations to support their case. Find out more details at <https://mountsinaihumanrights.org/clinical-services>