

ECMAA Newsletter

FEBRUARY 2021



Spring Fair 2019

FEATURED EVENTS

Yekatit 12

February 21 at 3pm

ECMAA's annual event commemorating Yekatit 12 Remembrance Day (የሰማዕታት ቀን). Register [here](#).

Guest Speakers:

- **Jeffery Pearce, author of "Prevail: The inspiring Story of Ethiopia's Victory over Mussolini's Invasion"**
- **Nicola DeMarco, member of Global Alliance for Justice: The Ethiopian Cause.**

Amharic Class

Registration Open for Level 1 class for Adults

We'll be launching Level 1 Amharic Class in March, for ten weeks. Classes are for those over 16 and cost \$100. If you're interested, please [sign up here if you have not already](#).

From the Board

We've been planning our events for the year and are excited to kick off with our annual Yekatit 12 Commemoration, scheduled on February 21, at 3pm. Registration is required, please take a moment to do that [here](#). We've developed a tentative calendar for 2021 and have attached it with the newsletter. Examples include the Teen Experience and a Home Sellers workshop in March, Networking & Leadership and Enetewawek in April, College Planning in May, Yelugnta in June.

While Ethiopia and its people are experiencing significant hardship, we encourage each of you to do what's right for you to support the efforts. To aid in the humanitarian efforts to help the displaced, consider contributing to the [International Rescue Committee](#). ECMAA remains a non political, non religious and non-ethnicity centered organization available as a resource to members of the Ethiopian community in the tri-state area. While we will share information we receive that could be of interest to members of our community, our programming will be centered on what could be of use to the community here in the tri-state area while we continue to pray and think about families and friends during conflict.

Finally, in addition to healthcare workers and first responders, the following groups are eligible for vaccination: **NYC Taxi and Limousine Commission licensed drivers, restaurant workers, public transit employees, teachers and child care providers, grocery workers and all adults over 65**. If you are eligible for vaccinations and would like help registering, please call ((201) 870-0335) or email (ecmaany@gmail.com) us, we can try to be a resource for helping sign-up. In New Jersey, [you can sign up here](#) and in [New York City, you can sign up here](#).



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OTHER EVENTS

Tri-State Tegarū

Protest

February 11th at 10am-3pm

Dag Hammarskjöld Plaza

47th ST and 1st AVE

New York, NY

If you plan on attending, please wear a mask and maintain social distance.

For more info, please e-mail contact@tristatetegarū.org.

Members of the community have shared [this link](#) for making contributions toward medical supplies.

Virtual Meeting

February 14th at 3pm

The Permanent Mission of Ethiopia is planning to conduct a virtual meeting to brief the Community on the current affairs of Ethiopia.

Meeting ID: 884 5927 6913

Passcode: 295384



Arts Corner: Awol Erizku

We'll be featuring arts and culture events by and about the Ethiopian Community around the tri-state in the newsletter. Please send us information you would like featured. We'll also be scheduling periodic safe outings to see them. Send us an email at ecmaany@gmail.com if you're interested in keeping posted on this.

Awol Erizku, born in Ethiopia and raised in the Bronx, will have his collection of 13 photographs entitled "New Visions for Iris" installed at 200 JCDcaux Bus Shelters around the city beginning this month. The body of work was inspired by the recent birth of his daughter—Iris—and was a way for him to discuss difficult subjects around identity and religion with her. Erizku's body of work is inspired by pre-colonial and oral African history and includes objects such as Nefertiti busts, cowrie shells, wax casts of African masks, and Ethiopian letterforms. [Read the full press release here.](#)

February 24 - June 20

Awol Erizku: New Visions for Iris

JCDcaux Bus Shelters, Citywide: New York, New York

SUPPORT SMALL BUSINESSES

We'll be featuring small Ethiopian owned businesses in this corner every month, please send us information you'd like featured at ecmaany@gmail.com.

Abyssinia Restaurant

What began as an injera and catering business out of their Harlem apartment, has quickly become a part of the fabric of 135th street. Abyssinia Restaurant is available for takeout and delivery options. [Check out their full menu here.](#)



Haile-Manas Academy



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Introducing Haile-Manas Academy

Members of the Ethiopian community find different ways to give back. Rebecca Haile launched [Haile-Manas Academy](https://www.ecmaany.org), a brand new co-ed secondary boarding school for students of promise recruited from across Ethiopia. It opened to its first class of 9th graders on January 11, 2021.

HMA's mission is to provide rigorous, world-class academic instruction in a residential setting where Ethiopia's future leaders are called upon to think critically, build community and collaborate as a foundational basis for effective problem solving.

Located in the town of Debre Birhan, HMA is a model school in and for Ethiopia, and the first of its kind. This first year, HMA welcomed 35 pioneering students, coming from several different regions/linguistic groups. In future years, HMA will accept 100 students a year, with students admitted without regard to financial circumstances to the extent possible.

Opening day was the joyous culmination of several years of effort involving the construction of a state-of-the-art campus, the recruitment of extraordinary faculty and staff, and much more. It was a magical beginning to an ambitious project that will transform student lives and, through partnerships and the sharing of best practices, impact education in Ethiopia more broadly. HMA is the flagship project of Ethiopia Education Initiatives (EEI), a not-for-profit organization co-founded by Ethiopian American Rebecca Haile and her husband Jean Manas to bring quality education opportunities to Ethiopian students. Rebecca is the daughter of Prof. Getatchew Haile. EEI Board members include prominent Ethiopian Americans Sossina Haile, Dr. Elizabeth Nega, and Liben Hailu.

Learn more about EEI, how to support its efforts, or get information on applying to teach or learn at HMA on [their website](https://www.ecmaany.org). We will send a separate email that will have the registration details.

GET INVOLVED

Visit our website www.ecmaany.org for ongoing updates and to become a member. Follow us on [Facebook](#) and [instagram](#) for the most up to date information on what's going on between the newsletters.

Feel free to circulate information you receive and to encourage others to join. We also welcome volunteers.

Finally, if you or those you know need immediate food and other assistance click on the links based on where you live [New York](#), [New Jersey](#).

For more general COVID related assistance, go to [ACCESS NYC](#).