

ECMAA Newsletter

OCTOBER 2021



FEATURED EVENTS

[Soccer and Fitness
Day at Riverside Park](#)
COMING SOON...

We will continue the momentum from the soccer series this summer, stay tuned for more games! We plant to host fall soccer games for adults and teens and facilitate more outdoor activities together.

[Enetewawek: A
singles mixer](#)
COMING SOON..

Single and ready to mingle? After taking off year from matchmaking, ECMAA is back to facilitate more connections within the community.



From the Board

We can't express the joy we felt seeing members of our community come together at ECMAA's Ethiopian Day Picnic. We had Layla Ashe, our intern from a couple of years ago, document what happened. You can access photos [here](#). We continue to pull together different members of the community, made up of our hard core supporters from the beginning and those who've recently arrived and rolled up their sleeves to help. We were also happy to hug and greet each other as a Board. For some of us it was the first time seeing each other in person since being elected about a year ago.

We left recommitted to continuing to serve and keeping ECMAA strong for another 40 years to serve the next generation. A highlight was hearing from our Board member Tegest Hailu discuss her childhood as an ECMAA kid as her father Fetene Hailu served the community. We were hearing this as many other children were running around, drawing with chalk, jumping rope, playing soccer and just playing with new and old friends.

There were many ideas discussed about eskista classes and more formal cultural programming for kids, members of our community interested in leading these initiatives. You may be seeing them as our new Board members next year! Join us as we tell you more about it all at our annual meeting on **Sunday, October 17 at 3pm**. We will be sending a ballot for elections shortly after. We're holding the event virtually and ask you to pre-register [here](#) to attend and participate. You can also see it on [youtube](#) and [facebook](#).

Join us.... Come to the meeting, become a member, get on our email list and if you're a member, when you receive a ballot, vote! You matter, we're here for you....Join us!



COVID-19 UPDATES

NEW YORK CITY

COVID-19 restrictions have now been lifted in NYC, as 70% of residents have now been vaccinated. Large-Scale Indoor Events Venues, Pre-K to 12 Schools, Public Transit, Homeless Shelters, Correctional Facilities, Nursing Homes and Health Care Settings and must still adhere to existing COVID-19 Health Protocols and unvaccinated persons must still wear masks as per CDC guidelines.

NEW! NYC is now offering all residents at home vaccinations, to register [click here!](#)

To register for a COVID-19 vaccine, visit:
<https://covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/>

NEW JERSEY

To schedule an appointment for a vaccine visit:

<https://covid19.nj.gov/pages/finder>

Residents 65 or older that need assistance with scheduling support can call the senior hotline from 8am-8pm (846) 249-7007.

CONNECTICUT

You can schedule vaccine appointments [online](#) or by phone at (877) 918-2224- available 8:00am to 8:00pm EST, 7 days a week.

Emergency Rental Assistance Program

Do you have rental arrears? Are you a property owner with renters who could use financial assistance? [Go here](#) to learn more about the New York Emergency Rental Assistance (ERAP) . Applications will be available soon. You can [click here](#) for New Jersey which is already accepting applications. Our understanding is that this program is available to undocumented members of our community.

RESOURCES

VISIT THE [CDC](#) WEBSITE FOR THE MOST CURRENT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SAFE ACTIVITIES FOR FULLY VACCINATED INDIVIDUALS

ALL RESIDENTS OF NEW JERSEY, NEW YORK AND CONNECTICUT 12 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER ARE NOW ELIGIBLE TO BE VACCINATED





ANNOUNCEMENTS

Amharic Class

Our Amharic classes are back! Starting from early November, we will be offering a 10 week, intermediate (Level 2) class virtually. To be enrolled in the class, basic Amharic reading, writing, and speaking knowledge is required. The Level 2 class is designed to help students get comfortable holding conversations in Amharic, while also putting focus on building their reading and writing skills. The class meets twice a week for 1.5 hours. The cost of attendance is \$100. Application for the class can be found [here](#), please submit by **October 25th.**

Wegen le Wegen

Organizers of Wegen le Wegen are still collecting and sending medical supplies to Ethiopia. They are most in need of blood pressure monitors, forehead thermometers and pulse oximeters. Supplies can be sent directly from Amazon to Wegen Le Wegen at 700 Broadway, #12, Amityville, NY 11701.

ECMAA Board Elections

Instead of Amharic Corner, this month, we'll be telling you a bit about Board Positions so that you can consider running. Please nominate yourself or others [here](#). Below are descriptions of open positions.

President (OFFICER) – (VACANT 10 -15 hours)

The President leads all meetings of the Board, Prepares the Annual Report and serves as a spokesperson of ECMAA. In the absence of a Board Member, the President fills in. The President works collaboratively with Board Members to set ECMAA's yearly goals and programs and oversees execution of those goals. The President, in collaboration with the Secretary and the Vice Presidents manages general communication with the members by email, through the website or the newsletter.

Vice President (OFFICER – 2 VACANT POSITIONS 6-10 hours)

The Vice Presidents assist the President in the discharge of his/her duties. In the absence of the President, the First Vice Presidents shall serve in the capacity of President. The Vice President will also be responsible for monitoring and responding to email traffic and monitoring the execution of the goals for the year along with the President.

Secretary (VACANT 10-15 hours)

Practically, the Secretary will manage membership and other meeting notes and planning documents to ensure continuity between meetings, years and Board of Trustees. The Secretary will also assist the President with executive and planning of Board and Other meetings.

Board Member (3 VACANT Positions 5-10 hours)

Practically, a Board Member can be a member who focuses on an area of need or of interest. Possible areas of focus can include organizing one special event or a series of events. Board members can focus on an area of individual interest with the President and Board's consent. Subcommittees can then be developed to flesh out new ideas, make a plan and execute it with the support of the Board, members, volunteers and interns.



ETHIOPIAN COMMUNITY MUTU ASSISTANCE ASSOCIATION (ECMAA)

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

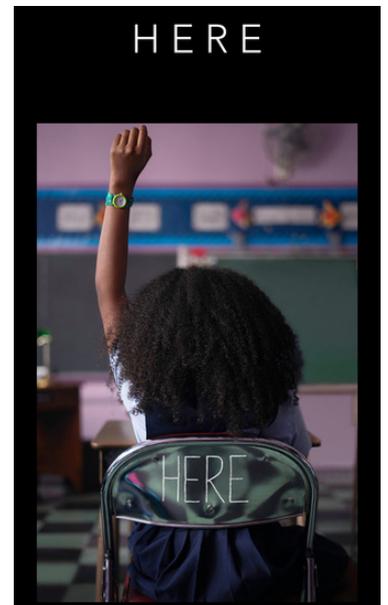
[ACCESS NYC](#).

SUPPORT THE ARTS

We'll be featuring arts and culture events by and about the Ethiopian Community around the tri-state in the newsletter. Send us information you would like featured. Let us know if you'll join us on our next outing at ecmaany@gmail.com.

Here, a short film by Bethel Dixon

In the film *Here*, writer/producer Bethel Dixon introduces an eleven year old girl, named Meskerem, who with the help of her immigrant Ethiopian mother, finds the courage to act bravely when confronted with cultural bias. Dixon believes "as an Ethiopian-Eritrean American, I would love to see more contemporary habesha films on screen that depict the experiences first generation youth may experience growing up in the U.S. between two worlds." Dixon is in the post production process of the film and is asking for support in the form of finishing funds. To learn more about the movie or to donate [click here](#).



Other Israel Film Festival presents: *With No Land*

Thirty years ago, Operation Solomon brought 15,000 Jews from Ethiopia to Israel in under 24 hours, and was hailed as a magnificent military operation that only Israel could have pulled off. Discover the untold history...with firsthand testimonies and unique archive footage, the film retells the history leading up to Operation Solomon and follows the current efforts to bring those who were left behind in Ethiopia to Israel.

Preview the film on **Tue, November 9, 8:15pm Marlene**

Meyerson JCC Manhattan, you can find tickets [here](#). Or view

virtually from November 4-11, 2021, for virtual viewing click [here](#).

