

## Monday Night Discussion Group Sexual Harassment

The term *sexual harassment* has been tossed around on radio and TV and in newspaper headlines. But what does it mean? Does it mean different things to different people? Does it mean lewd or suggestive language or sexual assault? Does it mean something in a work environment and something else in a social setting? Can only women be the victim of sexual harassment? Is there a difference between sexual harassment and just plain harassment?

Social worker and MRHS board member **Barbara Clark**, and organizational psychologist, human resources consultant and MRHS board president **Eileen Canty** will lead a discussion on this timely topic. They will present a few current definitions and policies to start off and then ask for questions, personal experiences and opinions.

**Monday, November 14, 7:30 to 8:30 PM**  
**MRHS Temp. Location, Building VI, #MD**

**RECOLLECT \* DISCUSS \* PARTICIPATE**  
**LEARN \* CELEBRATE**

**\*\*\* MRHS is  
closed on  
Friday,  
November 11  
for Veteran's  
Day and on  
Thursday,  
November 24  
for Thanksgiving.**

**We wish everyone a Happy  
Thanksgiving! \*\*\***



## The Story of NY's First Nickelodeon Operator, Sol Brill

Sixty long black limousines comprised the funeral cortege that led from Temple Shaaray Tefilah on the Upper West Side to Beth El Cemetery in Queens in February 1932, where the earthly remains of **Solomon Brill** were interred. Rising from rags to riches, Brill's life on the Lower East Side, Harlem, and the Upper West Side was the stuff of legend, and his partnership with William Fox in their earliest years of business formed the foundation of two fortunes. Their work remains today, both physically and in human memory. Just think 20th Century Fox!

After a few years together, the two schoolboy chums went into business in Williamsburg, Brooklyn in 1906, converting a former penny arcade to the first space open on a daily basis to exhibit moving pictures. A small chain was built up, but the partners sold out to B.S. Moss after a few years. Brill built movie palaces all over the NYC region, and I need not tell you of Fox's accomplishments.

New to the Gardens, **Benjamin Feldman** has lived and worked in New York City for the past 47 years and is the author of three works of non-fiction about 19th and early 20th century New York. His essays and book reviews about New York City and American history and about Yiddish culture have appeared online and in print in CUNY's *Gotham History Blotter*, *The New Partisan Review*, *The Forward*, *New York Archives Magazine* and in his blog, *The New York Wanderer*, on the web at [www.newyorkwanderer.com](http://www.newyorkwanderer.com). He is the chair emeritus of the Board of The National Yiddish Theater — Folksbiene, and currently chairs the Board of the New Yiddish Repertory Theater.

**Wednesday, November 9 at 7:00 PM**  
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## Director's Column

If you are on the MRHS mailing list then you have been receiving weekly photographic updates of our renovation progress. Maybe you've noticed the new format of our email communications to coincide with the new look of our space. (If you are not on MRHS's email list and would like to be, please contact Assistant Director Joanna Stolove at [joannas@mrhsny.org](mailto:joannas@mrhsny.org).) The renovation is proceeding on schedule with no major glitches or surprises so far. We hope to be in our new digs early in the new year.

I want to thank everyone for their patience as we all get used to our temporary space in Building 6, generously provided to us by MHC. Tom Gerbino and his crew did a remarkable job in fixing up the temporary space for us! I want to give a shout out, as they say, to the tremendous help provided by volunteer Bob Komatsu. In the waning days of September Bob and Paul Nikolaidis could be seen lugging heavy equipment on hand trucks, populating our temporary space with desks, chairs, tables and files. We never could have made it without Bob's help and Paul has played a critical role in the entire renovation story.

In addition to Paul, I want to thank our entire staff, Joanna, Margaret and Marie, for their patience and flexibility as we adjust to tighter quarters. From having to get used to a new telephone system to dealing with a bathroom door that one day simply refused to unlock, the staff has remained cheerful and upbeat. Most importantly, I want to thank the staff for carrying on the work of MRHS, the daily effort to provide needed care to the most vulnerable residents of the Morningside Gardens community.

I would be amiss if I also didn't thank our many volunteers, including board members, as well as program participants who have had to scramble to figure out where the next MRHS program or meeting is actually taking place!



## Happy November Birthday!!

To: Marion Butler-Mills, Israel Francus, Delores Gruber, Mary Jane Knight, Rita Lauchlin, Peggy McNamara, Frank Munzer, Susan Opotow, Jean Rooks, Leah Stenzler, Mary (Spirit) Taylor, Mamie Thomas, Kathleen Todd, and Kristina Vician.

Do you have a friend, relative, or neighbor in the Gardens who is having a birthday this month? Come and celebrate with MRHS!

People with birthdays in November are all invited to our Birthday Party! Come on **Tuesday, November 15 at 12:30 PM.** MRHS provides coffee, tea, and birthday cake.

## Saturday Afternoon Movies

**Nov. 5 Best of Enemies** (2015) 1 hr, 27 min.  
A documentary of William F. Buckley and Gore Vidal's ten televised debates during the 1968 presidential conventions; with Dick Cavett, Paul Newman, Noam Chomsky, Walter Cronkite, Arthur Miller, Christopher Hitchens. Five awards and 25 nominations. Directed by Robert Gordon and Morgan Neville. Rated R

**Nov. 12 Citizen Four** (2014) 1 hr, 54 min.  
A documentary film directed by Laura Poitras, concerning Edward Snowden and the NSA scandal. The film won the 2015 Academy award for Best Documentary Feature. Rated R

**Nov. 19 Dead Man Walking** (1995)  
2 hr, 2 min. This film is based on the real life experience of Sister Helen Prejean (played by Susan Sarandon) and her book of the same title. After carrying on correspondence with convicted killer, Matthew Poncelet (Sean Penn) who is on death row in Louisiana State Penitentiary, Sister Helen agrees to act as his spiritual advisor. Tim Robbins wrote the screenplay and directed the film. Rated R

**Oct. 26 Genius** (2016) 1 hr, 44 min.  
A bio flic about the world renowned editor Maxwell Perkins (Colin Firth) and the larger-than-life author Thomas Wolfe (Jude Law). Perkins also discovered F. Scott Fitzgerald and Hemingway. Directed by Michael Grandage. Rated PG-13

**Movies start at 2:00 PM. Please arrive early. Suggested donation: \$1.00.**

## Just a Reminder

**Tuesday Lunch** – Bring a lunch and join us for terrific conversation every **Tuesday at 12:30 PM** in the Tuttle Center.

**MRHS Sing-Along** –Come to the Sing-Along every **Tuesday at 1:00 PM**.

**MRHS Office Hours** – The following is the MRHS Tuttle Center schedule:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8 – 6	9 – 6	8 – 6	9 – 6	9 – 6

**Nurse's Hours** – Marie Phillips' schedule:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9 – 4	9 – 4	9 – 4	9 – 4	9 – 4

**Hypertension Screening on Wednesday,**

Nov. 2    Nov. 16    Nov. 30

9:00 AM to 11:00 AM in 549 W. 123<sup>rd</sup> St. #MD

**The Fairway Shuttle** departs from the bus shelter near 90 La Salle St., Mondays at 1:00 PM and Fridays at 10:00 AM.

**Nurse Marie Phillips' "Take Charge of Your Health"** will be held on **Thursday, November 17, at 2:30 PM**.

**"Later Life Transitions"** group will be announced at a later date.

The **MRHS Book Club's** next meeting will be **Wednesday, November 30**, at MRHS. The group will discuss ***The Diary of a Country Priest*** by Georges Bernanos. Everyone is welcome!

### **For Your Information**

If you have information that you think will be useful to Morningside Gardens' residents and you want it announced, please send the information to the MRHS office by the third Friday of the month (i.e. Friday, November 18, 2016). Please print clearly or type all information that you want included in the Newsletter. \*

***\*Due to space limitations, it may not be possible to include all information submitted.***

## Assembly Member Daniel O'Donnell Annual Book Drive

The drive is from January through February, 2017. They are accepting all gently worn books for children, Pre-K through High School. Please, NO textbooks or books formerly owned by the Public Library, please. Donations can be left at my door (Bldg 4, Apt 7E) for delivery to the Assembly Member's office.

Alice Lilly

E-mail [alicelilly659@gmail.com](mailto:alicelilly659@gmail.com)

### **Election Day is November 8th!**

Buildings 1,2,3,and 6 vote at 80 La Salle Street. Buildings 4 and 5 vote at 1295 Amsterdam Avenue. If you need assistance walking to a polling site, please call MRHS at 212-666-4000 for help.

**\*\*\* Did you know that the Jackie Robinson Senior Center, located in the Grant Houses at 1301 Amsterdam Avenue, offers breakfast and lunch daily. The Center is open from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday. \*\*\***

### **Experience the Many Cultures Of the Holidays With the Morningside Players**

Saturday, December 3, at 5:00 PM and Sunday, December 4, at 3:00 PM at 100 La Salle St. in The Morningside Players Theater Space in the lower level.

Please join us for our holiday special! There will be a short, children's play of the story of Chanukah, and a reading of A CHILD'S CHRISTMAS IN WALES by Dylan Thomas. There will be music, singing and dancing. Refreshments to follow!

Tickets at the door, or reserve at 646-200-5089.

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## Neuroscience Wednesdays

The series will continue with a talk by neuroscientist and Building VI resident, **Tiana Leonard** leading the discussion. The topic is ***Autism II***. It is a continuation from the discussion Tiana led in June.

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## Great Decisions 2016

Great Decisions meets next on **Tuesday, November 1 at 7:00 PM** with a discussion on "Climate Change." The meeting will take place in the **Thurgood Marshall Room, 80 La Salle, 1<sup>st</sup> fl.** *Sarah Eggleston* will be facilitator. Reading material for the discussion is available from the MRHS office.

## Columbia University Program

Columbia University offers its ***Manhattanville Lifelong Learners*** and ***General Course Auditing Programs*** to residents of zip code 10027. The **Lifelong Learners Auditing Program** is designed for individuals 65 years of age and older who are committed to the principles of lifelong education. This program allow older adults not currently enrolled in college the opportunity to attend selected lectures and courses drawn from the University's offerings in the Arts and Sciences during the academic year ***at no charge***. The **General Course Auditing Program** provides adults under 65 not currently enrolled in college the same opportunity as the Lifelong Learners. Participants will have access to Columbia libraries and bookstore.

***The correct link for the Manhattanville program is:***

<http://sps.columbia.edu/auditing/manhattanville-auditing-program>

For additional information, please contact the **School of Professional Studies** at:

**Email:** [auditing@sps.columbia.edu](mailto:auditing@sps.columbia.edu)

**Phone:** 212-854-9666

## MEN: A message for YOU!

**The next Men's Group Luncheon will be on Wednesday, November 9 at 1:00 PM at MRHS, 549 W. 123<sup>rd</sup> St., #MC.** The luncheons are a great opportunity to make new friends, learn, and have fun. Men's Group luncheons take place on the second Wednesday of the month.

The cost of lunch is \$10 payable to MRHS. Please call 212 666 4000 to RSVP.

## Low Vision Support Group

The purpose of this group is to offer social and emotional support for individuals living with vision impairments. Come join the **Low Vision Group** and help us collaborate on the agenda for the rest of the year. We need your expertise! The first Meetings is set for Friday, **November 4 and November 18** at 2:00 PM. Please call MRHS at 212-666-4000 to reserve. We also welcome drop in visits.

## What Can a FIDA Plan Do For Me?

FIDA is a new kind of health care program for individuals who have both Medicare and Medicaid. The NYC Department for the Aging's *Health Insurance Information Counseling & Assistance Program* will offer information for you to learn about FIDA.

**Monday, October 31, 2:00 PM**  
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