

## Celebrating Child-Led Learning



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### *HomeschoolNYC Newsletter*

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#### THE JOB OF THE TEACHER AND PARENT

There are just [four things](#) that we need to do! It's so very simple.

By doing these things we create an environment where learning can occur independently or with our help, at any time. It is an environment that can be carried with you for a lifetime.

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#### Classes with Laurie

[Animals! Animals!](#) for ages 8-10



Mondays now through May, 10:00 am - noon

Located in Riverdale (Bronx), NY

This class has been going on all year, as we explore science, math, history, art, reading and writing, with a focus on animals both real and imaginary. Join us!

[Improv and Theater Games](#) for ages 10 and up  
Thursdays 12:30 - 3:30, April 20 - May 25, Manhattan's upper west side, NYC

Invaluable life skills are learned through play! Join us as we enter the imaginary world of theater games with a focus on the work of Viola Spolin. Come and play!

Space is limited. For more information contact Laurie at [LSpigel@gmail.com](mailto:LSpigel@gmail.com).

## February is Black History Month



As a child, I remember the thrill of discovering a square of diamond-shaped glass panes buried in the sidewalk before 157 Willow St. in Brooklyn Heights, just north of Pierrepont St. A plaque on the house says the window provided light to an underground tunnel that connected #159 to a post-Civil War stables. The houses were built in 1830, and in my child's imagination I envisioned the tunnel being used to help runaway slaves escape. To me this was proof that parts of the Underground Railroad were indeed underground.

[Black History Field Trips in NYC](#)

[African-American History Books for Kids](#)

## WINTER IS THE TIME TO PLAN FOR SUMMER



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Road Trips:

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[Mystic, CT and Old Lyme](#)

[Walt Whitman and Long Island](#)



### Quote by Clay P. Bedford

**"You can teach a student a lesson for a day;  
but if you can teach him to learn by creating curiosity,  
he will continue the learning process as long as he lives."**

~Clay P. Bedford (1903-1991), American Industrialist and Engineer

### Education Uncensored

"I would like to tell the parents reading this who haven't yet read your book, Education Uncensored: 'Please Do!' I finished reading it a few weeks ago but haven't been able to put it away in my library, nor have I been willing to lend it out. For those of you haven't read it yet, it is part memoir, part education book, part homeschooling primer, all wonderful."

~Mary O'Riordan, Ed.D, educator and homeschooling parent

"You made me laugh, you made me cry, and you inspired me. I can literally hear your voice, and love your storytelling and your wisdom and just the whole package. I'm stimulated and filled with ideas for my own teaching."

~ Dr. Bonnie Shulman, professor of mathematics, Bates College

"I just wanted to tell you how much I appreciated meeting you and reading your book. It is terrific, and for me, the best part was its New York perspective. I know no other book available to homeschoolers that so overtly references an urban perspective."

~ David Albert, author of *And the Skylark Sings with Me* and other books

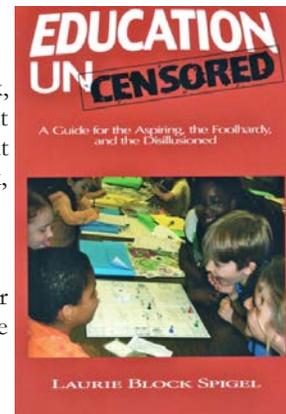
"Laurie's evolution as a teacher and life-long involvement in the world of education has given her a profound understanding of the problems that plague today's schools. This book offers an insightful look at how an increasingly standardized system is robbing our children of their individuality and passion for learning. Additionally, it provides innovative how-to curriculums for anyone involved or interested in educating children."

~ Ellen Labiner, homeschooling parent and special educator

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