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O SON OF SPIRIT! My first counsel is this: Possess a pure, kindly and radiant heart, that thine may be a sovereignty ancient, imperishable and everlasting.

Bahá'í Scripture

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Hidden Words will be closed to observe the Bahá'í Holy Day The anniversary of the Martyrdom of the Báb

Thursday 9 July

Sorry for any inconvenience

ANNIVERSARY OF THE MARTYRDOM OF THE BÁB

On July 9, Bahá'ís around the world commemorate the date in 1850 that the Báb - one of two main figures in the founding of their Faith - was executed by a firing squad in Iran, then called Persia.

The Báb, whose name means "gate" in Arabic, had declared in 1844 that He was a messenger of God sent to prepare the way for the long-awaited promised one of all religions who would come to establish an age of universal peace. In 1863 Baha'u'llah announced publicly that He was that promised one.

The Báb attracted tens of thousands of followers, and the unease and commotion created by His message led the authorities to put him to death on a charge of heresy. He and a disciple who begged to share His martyrdom were executed by a firing squad of 750 soldiers in a public square in Tabriz.

The remains of the Báb are now entombed in Haifa, Israel, in a beautiful shrine on Mount Carmel.

How the Báb was brought to Haifa to His final resting place is in itself a special chapter in Bahá'í history. Indeed, 'Abdu'l-Bahá, the son of Bahá'u'lláh who was the head of the Bahá'í Faith from 1892 to 1921, considered providing a fitting burial for the Báb to be one of the key duties and accomplishments of his ministry.

The remains of the Báb had been rescued by His followers from a ditch near the execution site and were carefully hidden in Iran for nearly half a century. In 1899, at the behest of 'Abdu'l-Bahá, the remains were transported - under great threat from civil and religious authorities and others - by way of Isfahan, Kirmanshah, Baghdad and Damascus, to Beirut and then by sea to Acre north of Haifa where 'Abdu'l-Baha lived.



Shrine of the Báb, Haifa, Israel

'Abdu'l-Bahá hid the remains for another decade before presiding over an emotional ceremony on Mount Carmel where he himself placed the sacred trust at a specially prepared site that had been designated by Baha'u'llah for the final resting place of the Báb.

Much later, an exquisite shrine with a golden dome was built over the tomb. This building has become one of the best-known landmarks of northern Israel and is a place of pilgrimage for Bahá'ís from all over the world.

Information Nights at Hidden Words

Be Inspired, Be Informed, Be Enlightened ... that and more at the Hidden Words Bahá'í Bookshop. This is your personal invitation! These information evenings provide an opportunity to share in understanding the Bahá'í Writings, principles and teachings. From historical accounts of the Life of Bahá'u'lláh, the founder of the Bahá'í Faith to the application and practice of His teachings on harmony, community, self understanding, joyfulness and our personal connection to our creator; these evenings are designed to inspire a glimpse of the principles, practice and spiritual foundations of the Bahá'í Faith.

Dates and Topics:

July 10 – Topic: Bahá'u'lláh - The Return of Christ, presenter: Vaughan Papaná

July 24 – Topic: How to talk to children - the language of virtue, presenter: Derek Patton

Aug 14 – Topic: Harmony between science and religion, presenter: Farzad Azari

Aug 28 – Topic: Modern Art and its influence on Spiritual concepts, presenter: Alice Chew

Sep 11 – Topic: The role of the youth in advancing civilization, presenter: Niloufar Shahzadi

Sep 25 – Topic: Action on Climate Change: A Baha'i Perspective, presenter: Sophie Willis

All sessions will start at 8 pm, admission is free and no booking required.

***Close the door...
for just a while...
Seek the peace within...***

Shut out the world and all its noise, and
let the silence in.

Close your ears for just a while until
you only hear, that still,
small voice that whispers.
All is well, for you are here.

**"Oasis of calm and well-being for
body, mind and soul"**

Tranquillity Zones at Hidden Words

Time: 11:00am Every Sunday

*Please arrive 5-10 minutes prior to
the start of the session to assist
with your reflection.*

Sessions are free and open to all



Opening hours:

Monday – Friday: 10am – 6pm

Saturday: 10am – 4pm

Sunday: Closed

Father's Day Sunday, 6 September



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