

Bahá'í News

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"That one indeed is a man who, today, dedicateth himself to the service of the entire human race."

Bahá'í Scripture

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👉 Please note:

Hidden Words will be closed **Monday 20 October** to observe the holy day of the birthday of the Báb

Wednesday 12 November to observe the holy day of the birthday of Bahá'u'llah

Sorry for any inconvenience.

Parliament of the World's Religions, 3-9 December



Momentum is building around the Parliament of the World's Religions to be held 3-9 December 2009 at the Melbourne Convention Centre.

Held every five years in a different city, the Parliament is the world's biggest inter-faith event. Up to eight thousand people are expected to attend this year's Parliament, which is being held in Australia for the first time.

The theme of the Parliament is "Make a World of Difference: Hearing Each Other, Healing the Earth". Bahá'ís in Australia and overseas are preparing to participate as speakers, panellists, workshop leaders and performers.

Native American Bahá'í Kevin Locke will present a spectacular session titled "There are no back row seats in the Hoop of Life". Mr. Locke is the world's leading performer of the amazingly complex and acrobatic Lakota Hoop Dance. He is an inspiring dancer, traditional storyteller, cultural ambassador and educator.

International human rights law specialist Brian Lepard will also travel to Australia for the Parliament. Professor Lepard, who teaches law at the University of Nebraska, will examine the concept of a human right to development from a Bahá'í perspective. He will also participate in a panel session titled "Towards a Universal Declaration of Human Rights".

Prominent among the Australian Bahá'í speakers will be Arini Beaumaris, the National Secretary for the Australian Bahá'í Community. Ms Beaumaris has been invited to speak at the Parliament in the light of her pioneering role as a female leader in the field of education, as well as her leadership role in the Australian Bahá'í Community.

Western Australian Baha'i Marjorie Tidman and her family will use various art forms including music, story-telling and visual arts to explore The Seven Valleys, a mystical Bahá'í text that describes the journey of the soul through seven stages.

Philip Obah, a Wadja man from central Queensland, will explore traditional Aboriginal spiritual beliefs in relation to the Bahá'í Faith. For more information about the Parliament program and registrations, visit:

<http://www.parliamentofreligions.org>

Communities Night

The Bahá'í Community of Victoria will welcome overseas and interstate Parliament visitors at its "Communities Night" event to be held on Friday 4 December at the Melbourne Recital Centre.

The theme for the evening, "Eternal Time - A Journey of the Spirit", will take the audience on a journey of the spirit that reflects on the changeless essence and connection from one spiritual tradition to the next. It will be an evening of warmth through the staging of a program comprising artistic performances that celebrate the oneness of humanity and harmony of religions in a spirit of joy and unity. The beautiful Melbourne Recital Centre offers a spectacular setting for this unique celebration. We welcome friends from near and far - please note that bookings are essential.

For tickets ~ <http://www.melbournerecital.com.au>

Information Nights at Hidden Words

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.

For more information contact Hidden Words
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Information Nights will start at 8pm:

Oct 16 - Topic: A Baha'i Perspective To Prayer, presenter Mahnoosh Jamali

Oct 30 - Topic: Marriage and Love, presenter Bruni Khoshmashrab

Nov 13 - Topic: Christianity and the Baha'i Faith, presenter Manoucher Mehrkhavari

Nov 27 - Topic: Health & Healing, Presenters Elmira & Soroush Habibi

Tranquillity Zones at Hidden Words

Time: 11:00am Every Sunday

To assist with the relaxation and meditation, friends are encouraged to arrive 5 to 10 minutes before the session starts and observe silence.

Doors will close at 11am sharp.

The sessions are approximately
30 Minutes.

Sessions are free and

Open to all

Last session will be 21 December 2009

First session will be Sunday 13 February 2010

You are cordially invited to attend the fifth annual celebration of World Teachers' Day, to honour the contribution of teachers to our community.

The program will include opening remarks by Cr Tom Melican, Mayor of Banyule, and a short talk by Annette Subhani, early childhood educator and initiator of the "Sharing Circles" character development program, as well as live entertainment followed by supper.

Date: Friday 6th November Time: 7.30pm

Venue: Banyule Theatre

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Sponsored by the Bahá'í Community of Banyule

Opening Hours:
Monday to Friday 10am to 6pm
Saturday 10am to 4pm
Closed Sundays

Bahá'í Holy Days and days of observance for the Bahá'ís of the World.

20 October and 12 November mark the anniversaries of the birth of the Báb (forerunner to Bahá'u'lláh) and birth of Bahá'u'lláh's (Prophet-founder of the Bahá'í Faith)

26 November marks the Day of the Covenant. This day celebrates Bahá'u'lláh's appointment of His son, Abdu'l-Bahá, as the Centre of the Covenant, to whom His followers should turn after His passing.

28 November marks the Ascension of Abdu'l-Bahá. This day marks the passing of Abdu'l-Bahá, the son of Bahá'u'lláh, in 1921.

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Wed 23rd Dec to Sun 17 Jan (inclusive)

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with your name, phone number, and your request.



Shadi Toloui-Wallace, artist / musician states... "that the best way I can serve the [Bahá'í] Faith and honour the extraordinary experiences I've had, is through my strongest skill – music".

Leather Bound Book, is a collection of Baha'i prayers and songs developed over a lifetime of devotion to her faith. Her CD is available at Hidden Words for \$20 each

Shadi will be performing in Melbourne Victoria

Oct 1, 7.00PM at North Melbourne Library 66 Errol St, North Melbourne, **Entry:** gold coin donation

Dec 6, 7:30 PM at Melbourne Convention Exhibition Centre

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