

MADISON



Up Coming Event

HuDost in Madison
Saturday, December 2
7:00 pm

at Unity Church
(see pg. 4)

Save the Date

Songs of the Soul
Winter Solstice Celebration
Wednesday, December 20
7:00 p.m.
Gates of Heaven Synagogue

Sufi Ruhaniat International
Jamiat Aam

In Person Gathering
April 25-28, 2024

Holy Wisdom Monestary
Madison, Wisconsin

*The whole of humanity
is one single body,
and all nations, communities, and races
are the different organs.*

*The happiness and well-being
of each of them
is the happiness and well-being
of the whole body.*

*If there is one organ of the body
in pain
the whole body has to sustain
a share of its strain.*

Hazrat Inayat Khan.

Dances of Universal Peace

Hybrid*

1st Friday, November 6

Gates of Heaven Synagogue
302 East Gorham Street

3rd Friday, November 17

7:00–9:00 p.m. Long Dance Night

Tai Chi Center
1304 S. Midvale Blvd

Jamila Joy, jamila@madisonsufis.com

Ziraat Lodge

Wednesday, November 8 In person or via phone
Noor Rachel's home
4:30 p.m.

Ziraat... a *Celebration of the Season*, uses a metaphor of agriculture to develop the mind and experience deep ecology.

Join us at my home (either inside or out depending on weather). We will complete our agriculture cycle with gratitude for the harvest. Please make sure you are well, have no symptoms and/or have had a negative covid test.

We will celebrate the season with a simple meal after the service. A phone connection can be available for anyone who can't be there in person. Email me and I will give you my address or the phone number to call.

Noor Rachel, Rachel.roang@gmail.com.

Universal Worship Service

Sunday, November 12 In person or via Zoom
10:00 a.m.

Gates of Heaven
302 East Gorham Street

Celebrate with all the Illuminated Souls of the six major religions on one altar. Enliven your Gratefulness with Thanks for all we have been given. The heavens are singing and ready to manifest what is needed. With love and peace. Sara Farishta will see you at the Gates and Basir will connect us with zoom.

Sara Farishta
angelwork99@gmail.com

Healing Service

Sunday, November 19

via Zoom

11:00 a.m.

(Doors open at 10:45 a.m.)

You are invited to join Noor Rachel for the Healing Service, a sacred attunement to the Divine Spirit of Healing established over a century ago by Pir-o-Murshid Inayat Khan. We shall take this time together to offer healing, blessing, ease and solace to those in need through prayer and silence.

If you'd like to add someone's name to the healing list, be sure to ask for his or her permission prior to contacting Noor Rachel or Gayatri. You may also request a Zoom link to the service from any of the conductors.

Noor Rachel, rachel.roang@gmail.com

Gayatri, annaswegan@gmail.com

Karima's Sunday Heart Gathering

Sunday- November 26

via Zoom

This is a time of great change and we will gather to honor the sacredness of life in each moment, and to send healing to all beings everywhere, and in remembrance to honor oneself and this preciousness of life on earth.

We will have time for meditation, readings, music, practices to support our daily lives, and join together in community to explore the Inner Life and readings from Hazrat Inayat Khan and others.

Please call a week in advance if you are new.
Karima, 608-338-0709

Sufi Songs and Teachings

Wednesday- November 29

7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

via Zoom

This class for Mureeds continues on the 4th Wednesday. Info and a zoom link will be sent in advance of the class.

Hybrid*

Events can be attended in person or via Zoom.

Suffering is our first call.

Hazrat Inayat

The horror, the terror, the heartless cruelty, the bloodshed, the devastation, of war! The despair, the folly, the violation of the sacredness of life: of the message of love, harmony and beauty!

We need to listen to the grievances behind the turmoil of outrage on all sides that spur our quarrelling, hating each other, killing each other, wreaking excruciating suffering upon our fellow beings.

We respect all religions and all races. This message fostered by Hazrat Inayat Khan that has meant so much to so many people in our day and age. We try to highlight their commonality. Therefore, we cannot agree to manipulating the believers of different faiths for political objectives.

My sister Noor gave her life and was tortured to death to support the attack on the Nazis who were torturing the Jews and now the Israeli Government is torturing the Palestinians!

When meditating last night, a whole further perspective kept on revealing itself: the wisdom of the divine programming that overpasses our personal reasonings and initiatives.

When the unreality of life pushes against my heart, its door opens to the reality.

These last words of Hazrat Inayat Khan as he was passing beyond tell us that it is deceptive to count upon our intellectual reason, our perfunctory assessment of situations that seem so obvious! When one's heart is broken (because of the terrible sufferings wreaked upon some people) then an understanding emerges which makes sense of what our intellect could not grasp: the divine intention behind what seems totally incongruous to our mind.

We are all emotionally shocked and outraged by the incredible cruelty, the horror. In fact, we are a wounded human family. The present crisis demonstrates the degree to which resentment and hatred can lead towards monstrous acts, especially if they are sustained by a faulty understanding of one's religion. There is misunderstanding, mis-assessment, miscommunication.

In this conundrum, we have an impelling need to communicate with each other our quandaries, open our hearts, admit our uncertainty as to which is the appropriate action to deal with the ignominious challenge to the world in which we have been accustomed to live, admit that we ourselves are not immune from perhaps unavowed emotions of hate, intolerance, discrimination, or a partisan spirit understandably inspired by loyalty. In this we are tested in exactly the challenge that determines the decisions not only of those responsible for the conduct of situations that affect our lives, our security, our welfare, but of those operating behind the scenes disrupting the world order to give vent to their grievances and resentment.

If you never searched for truth come with us and you will become a seeker.

If you were never a musician come with us and you will find your voice...

*In our gathering one candle lights hundreds, we will light your path and give you courage
so you will open like a flower and join in joyous laughter.*

*Plant the seed of truth and watch it grow when it spreads its branches
come with us and sit under the blossoms. Your eyes will open to the secret of the truth.*

~Rumi

HuDost returns to Wisconsin

They will be playing a slew of new songs and chants from their upcoming projects as well as some old favorites.

Saturday, December 2
7:00 PM

HuDost Live at Unity Church of Madison

601 Tompkins Drive
7:00 PM

HuDost is an Electric-Folk, World-Rock Musical duo who enjoy collaborating with other musicians, touring the world, and working for social and environmental justice through music, advocacy, and art.

Pir Shabda's October 2023 Message

Beloved Family,

Our hearts and eyes are crying at the state of the world, how we as humans behave to other humans. It certainly feels so much more immediate and important to intensify our efforts for cleaning our own hearts, practicing loving kindness and compassion and awakening to our True Nature.

Many of you know that my elder sister, two of her three children and 8 grandchildren all live in Israel, and many of you have been writing me to ask if they are OK. They are! They are all shaken up, especially the kids, with school closed and air raid sirens and bombs exploding every day all around them.

Murshid Sam wrote this in a letter to me: "A Sufi is one who sees from the point of view of another as well as of themselves." My practice is to attune to everyone in the terrible conflict, to be the Israeli, and the Hamas fighter, to be the bomber, to be the bombed, to be the kidnapper and be the kidnapped, the rapist and the victim. May we all find our way to true inner and outer Active Peace and learn to live in harmony.

For our local family, I am on a flight to Madison when our October 19 Thursday evening San Rafael Zikr Circle happens, so the class will be lead by our dear Bhavani, Sadaya and Fazl. November 16th, which is the next date on the old Zikr flyer, I am also in flight. I am rescheduling the San Rafael Zikr Circle to November 9th! Please mark your calendars and here's a link to the [New Flyer](#)

Join me in [Madison WI](#). Oct 20-22. November 17- 19 takes me to [Seattle](#) and to [Maui](#), Dec 1-3. After the devastating fires in Maui, the locals are calling for us tourists to come back to help revivify the economy!

Our Pilgrimage to Hazrat Inayat Khan's URS in [Mother India](#) Feb1-10, 2024 is filling up, if you are intending to join us, please register soon.

"Save the date" for the 2024 Sufi Sesshin which will take place March 3-8 at the Bishops Ranch.

Save the date. We will celebrate Murshid Wali Ali's URS through ZOOM on the Saturday after Thanksgiving Nov 25th, 10am PT.

For our next wazifa practice let's combine three phrases for Protection: Ya Mu'min, Ya Muhaimin, Ya Hafiz.

With the Murshid Sam Biography, "***Sunrise in the West, the Life of American Mystic Samuel L. Lewis***" arriving soon, we hope many of you will practice generosity and purchase the [Special Hardcover Edition](#) for \$101 plus shipping and handling to support all the funds that were spent to make the project happen.

Much love,

Shabda

Text and Commentary to Study

This month we finish reading Hazrat Inayat Khan's ***Gatheka on Mental Purification*** with commentaries by with commentaries by Murshid Samuel Lewis and Murshid Moineddin Jablonski

Read and contemplate Chapter 10, [The Will](#), pages 141-157

[Click here](#) to download the document [Mental Purification Commentary](#)



12 October 2023

Dear Companions on the Path,

As I write, rockets are flying between Tel Aviv and Gaza. Apartment buildings are thundering to the ground. Parents and children cannot find each other. The grief is immeasurable.

How did we get to this point? How did the Holy Land become a Hell on Earth?

Arabs and Jews have never truly been enemies. They have lived together for centuries, and they can again.

Imagine a Holy Land in which there are no barbed wire fences, occupations, checkpoints, or blockades ... a land in which people of all faiths and races are fellow citizens with equal rights ... a land in which property is passed down the generations or fairly bought and sold, but never taken by force (or, if so, returned) ... a land where the Temple Mount, with its Al-Aqsa Mosque and Western Wall, is amicably shared between Abrahamic siblings as a *house of prayer for all people*.

I remember accompanying my father when he took part in interfaith peace talks in the Sinai Desert in 1984, culminating in a predawn ascent of the holy mountain. You will find my father's report of the meeting below, as well as the message he sent after 9/11.

Below also please find a list of aid organizations caring for the wounded in Palestine and Israel, as well as survivors of the recent devastating earthquake in Afghanistan. To fund their urgent humanitarian work, these organizations depend on the generosity of people of goodwill, and donations of every amount help.

Let us continue to pray for all those in harm's way, intoning *Amaan* 101, 301, or 501 times each day. Our task is to remember the harmony of the prophets in the heavens, to work for the harmony of all people on Earth, and to seek every opportunity to realize peace and justice in the world. Every life is incalculably sacred.

Yours ever,
Pir Zia

Aid Organizations:

- [Help Humanitarian Efforts in Israel and Gaza](#)
- [How to Help Afghanistan Earthquake Victims](#)

Pir Vilayat:

- ["Keeping in Touch" Letter from Pir Vilayat, 1984](#)
- [War or Peace: Retaliation or Conflict Resolution by Pir Vilayat](#)



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
					Dances of Universal Peace Gates of Heaven 7:00-9:00 pm	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
			Ziraat 4:30 pm Noor Rachel's home			
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Universal Worship Gates of Heaven and via Zoom 10:00 am					Dances of Universal Peace Tai Chi Center 7:00-9:00 pm	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Healing Service via Zoom 11:00 am					Thanksgiving	
26	27	28	29	20	1	2
Karina's Heart Gathering via Zoom 11:00 am -12:30 pm			Sufi Songs and Teachings via Zoom 7:00-8:30 pm			Hu Dost Concert Unity Church

The Waukesha Dance Circle

The **Third Thursday in November on the 16th,**

we will return to dance in Waukesha when the theme the offerings will center around is *Generosity*, and there will undoubtedly be dances included that bring the prayers of the other side of the world home again.

Prajna Patti Kies

pattiburncake@hotmail.com

or call (not text) 262 642-9289.

Milwaukee Universal Worship Service

Universal Worship Zoom

10:00am
Nov. 5, 2023

Contact Sara for zoom feed to
Join the Many for Harvesting Hope

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