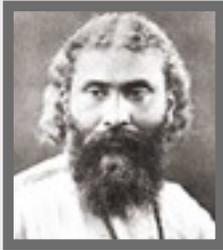


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February 5th is the anniversary of
Hazrat Inayat Khan's passing



*Distance cannot separate those who
are united in the Cause of god, no
enemies nor difficult situations can
separate mureeds who are truly
linked with the soul of Murshid.*

*This friendship which exists is born
of God, it is everlasting, and it has
no end. It is ever increasing, it can
never die; if I am away, I am still
close to you my mureeds.*

*That very reason makes me keep
closer in spirit.*

Hazrat Inayat Khan

Special Spring Event

In-person Retreat

with Tasnim and Saadi

March 30 -April 2, 2023

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Special Events

for the

96th URS of Pir-O-Murshid Hazrat Inayat Khan

Ruhaniat Family Zoom Gathering . . .

**Invoking and Embodying the Breath
and Atmosphere of the Master**

with [Murshida Leilah Be](#)

Saturday, February 4th
10:00 am Pacific, UTC -8

[Link to More Info Here](#)

The Inayatiyya Order is highlighting a . . .

**Sama Live from Baroda
Thursday, 9th February 2023**

As part of celebrations of Pir-o-Murshid Hazrat Inayat Khan's 96th Urs, Pir Zia and friends invite us to gather via Zoom for a very special *Sama*, live from Baroda (Vadodara), India. Baroda is birthplace of our Murshid and the home of the living musical lineage of the Inayatiyya.

Joining Pir Zia live from Baroda will be renowned Indian vocalist Aziza Rekha Bhardwaj, classical Indian musician and scholar Pandit Srinivas Reddy, and samazan Shams al Haqq.

The *Sama* will take place at 8:30 pm in New Delhi
and at 10 am Central Time.

<https://inayatiyya.org/event/hazrat-pir-o-murshid-inayat-khans-96th-urs/>

February Activities

Dances of Universal Peace will be held at the

**Tai Chi Center
1304 S. Midvale Blvd**

1st Friday, February 3

7:00–9:00 p.m.

Jamaila, jamila@madisonsufis.com

3rd Friday, February 17

7:00–9:00 p.m. Long Dance Night

Ziraat Lodge

Wednesday, February 8

4:30 p.m. via Zoom

Ziraat uses a metaphor of agriculture to develop the mind and experience deep ecology.

We will be returning to zoom for the winter months unless otherwise notified.

Noor Rachel, rachel.roang@gmail.com
Gayatri, annaswegan@gmail.com

Sufi Songs and Teachings

Wednesday- February 22

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

This class for Mureeds continues on the 4th Wednesday. Class will be held in person at the home of Cynthia Alima. You are welcome to attend in person if you have taken a rapid Covid test on the day of class and the result are negative.

Please contact Jamila if you are interested in attending this class. She may have Covid tests available if you arrive 20 minutes before we start.

Info and a zoom link will be sent in advance of the class.
Jamila Joy, jamila@madisonsufis.com

Healing Service

Sunday, February 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 either of the conductors.

Noor Rachel, rachel.roang@gmail.com
Jmaila, jamila@madisonsufis.com

Karima's Sunday Heart Gathering

Sunday, February 27 via Zoom

11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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

Please call Karima a week in advance if you are new to class.



18 January 2023

Dear Companions on the Path,

When Hagar and her infant son Ishmael arrived in the Paran desert and Abraham took his leave (peace be upon the three of them), there was no water to be seen. Hagar set Ishmael down and walked back and forth seven times between the hills of Safa and Marwa. Returning to Ishmael, she found that a spring was welling up. It hadn't been there until she took her walk – not visibly at least. When times are uncertain, sometimes a walk is exactly what is needed to reveal the way forward.

Just as lockdown was declared three years ago, Sartaj and I moved into a little house by the river in Richmond. A daily walk, whenever possible, has always been my custom, so I lost no time in exploring our new neighborhood by foot. To my fascination I found that there were virtually no cars on the roads, flâneurs were strolling in droves, and those who weren't walking were on their porches, waving at passers-by, playing instruments, and drinking tea. I felt as though I had stepped into William Morris' *News from Nowhere*. With time, however, normalcy gradually returned. Cars reappeared and porch sitters disappeared. My walks have continued, but – with the exception of an occasional runner or dog walker – the sidewalks are now largely vacant.

It isn't always easy to make time for my walk. I might be tired after a long day, or my inbox might be overflowing. I remind myself then that a walk is not so much an expenditure of energy as an infusion of *élan vital*. My work won't suffer but will instead gain a boost if I imbibe fresh air and stretch my limbs. What is more, a walk is a chance to greet human neighbors, cats, birds, trees, clouds, and sunbeams. It might be an opportunity to hail the last sycamore leaf of autumn or the first purple crocus of spring. You never know who is going to cross your path or what the sylphs of the sky will send down. Unless it's torrential, rain isn't a reason for me to cancel my walk. Why shouldn't I bathe outdoors?

Walking runs in the family. Hazrat Inayat Khan was known to take regular strolls through Suresnes along a route he especially favored. Even more than Murshid was, my uncle Shaikh al-Mashaik is prone to long walks, in Suresnes and elsewhere, and I'm convinced it's the secret to his excellent health and longevity. He turned ninety-five last year and is as vigorous as ever, God bless him.

Walking also runs in the larger spiritual family of the nayatiyya. Murshid taught his murids to silently intone zikr while walking. The method is outlined in Shah Nizam ad-Din Aurangabadi's *Nizam al-qulub*. When going briskly, *illa'llahu* is said with every footstep. When going slowly, on the right foot one says *la*, on the left foot *ilaha*, on the right foot *illa*, and on the left foot *'llahu*. When going at a moderate pace, on the right foot *la ilaha* is said, and on the left *illa'llahu*. Throughout, one is walking in the consciousness of one's Murshid (and therefore Murshid's Murshid, etc.).

As it was in the past, so may it be in the future. My grandson Kara-Suleyman, now a year old, has begun taking his first wobbly but determined steps. "To learn wisdom at every step on the path of life is the only work of the Sufi," said Kara-Suleyman's great-great-grandfather.

Sauntering is an interesting word. Thoreau believed it arose as a description of medieval pilgrims making their way to the *sainte terre*, or "holy land," of Jerusalem. The truth is that sacred ground is already under the foot of every saunterer whose soul and soles are in good accord.

Now, isn't it time to step out the door?

Yours ever,
Pir Zia

*What we generally think of as the breath is this little inhaling and exhaling which we feel through the nostrils.
We think that is breath and attach little importance to it, while in reality,
breath is a life-current running the innermost part of being towards the surface.
It would be no exaggeration, according to the mystical point of view,
to say that the breath connects heaven and earth.*

~Pir-o-Murshid Hazrat Inayat Khan

Breath makes your movement

~Grandmaster William C.C. Chen

Breathing Space Chi Kung for well-being of body, mind, heart and soul



What: Gentle Tai Chi-Chi Kung sessions
When: Wednesdays, 12:00-12:30 pm
Beginning February 1, 2023

Where: Live-streamed on Zoom

Who: Master Jody Curley, M.A.,
Tai Chi Ch'uan/Chi Kung
diplomate-certified teacher, 40
years experience

Cost: Free of charge or donation to
organization of your choice

Contact: jodycurley@gmail.com

Tai Chi Peace Zoom Studio
taichipeace.wordpress.com



As an offering to interested members of Madison Sufis as well as other members of the wider community, a weekly livestream ZOOM series of Tai-Chi/Chi-Kung sessions with an emphasis on gentle functional movement and connection to the power of the breath will be offered on:

**Wednesdays
12:00-12:30 pm CT**

February 1 to April 28.

The series is called ***Breathing Space Chi Kung*** and the leader is Jody Murad Curley, diplomate-certified Tai Chi Chuan teacher and practitioner since 1983.

Participants are welcome to drop in on any or all of the thirty minute sessions. There is no participation fee, but if there is a desire to make a financial contribution, it's suggested that the donation be made to Madison Sufis or another worthy organization or independent teacher.

No prior registration is required other than contacting:



The Light that Shines in the Darkness

Tasnim & Saadi Retreat

March 30 – April 2, 2023

Madison, Wisconsin

Holy Wisdom Monastery

Neil and Tasnim gather again in Madison after a gap of three years. Taking into consideration the challenges, personal and worldwide, that we have all been through, they will share practices, meditations, teachings, walking meditations, and Dances of Universal Peace, updating the familiar ones with pointers towards what is most pressing now.

As usual, they will draw from a wide variety of the world's spiritual traditions, especially the unitive, non-sectarian Sufi lineages of Ibn Arabi, Shahabuddin Suhrawardi Maqtul, and Jelaluddin Rumi, also expressed through the living transmission of Hazrat Inayat Khan, Pir Vilayat Inayat Khan, Murshid Samuel L. Lewis, and Murshid Moineddin Jablonski. Other influences they tap into are Zen Buddhism, Jewish mysticism, mystical Christianity, and the Aramaic Jesus tradition.

In a practical sense, the way these teachers talk about *light*, the *nur al Haqq*, allows us to discern and know what is actually true in our lives. By using the talisman of the soul, it then becomes possible to distinguish truth from falsehood, even in our day-to-day reality.

"Light upon light, back and back we trace it to its Source...." Sura 24:35

"We take refuge in the break of dawn, the dawn of awareness...." Sura 113:1

"The light shines in and together with the darkness, and one does not understand the other.... This light of right direction, the heart's GPS, shines within every person who comes into the world" John 1:5, 9 (meditation on the Aramaic text).



Times/Dates: **Thurs.** (3/30) 7-9PM ~ **Fri.** (3/31) 10AM to 5PM ~ **Sat.** (4/1) 10AM to 5PM ~ **Sun.** (4/2) 9:30AM to Noon
 Retreat begins on Thursday evening (3/30) 7-9PM with the complete Aramaic Lord's Prayer Cycle led by Saadi & Tasnim.
 Friday (3/31) 7-9PM & Saturday (4/1) 7-9PM ~ Evenings of Dances of Universal Peace & Zikr with volunteer leaders

Location: [Holy Wisdom Monastery](https://www.holywisdommonastery.com) **Map:** (<https://tinyurl.com/HolyWisdomMonastery>)

Housing: *On-site housing is now full. You may ask to be put a waiting list in case there is a cancellation.* A block of rooms has been reserved at a local hotel. Reservations can be made at: <https://tinyurl.com/BaymontMadisonSufis>
 Be sure to mention the group name "**Madison Sufis**" to receive a discounted room rate.

Transportation: A shuttle will be available for attendees to go between the Baymont hotel and the retreat.
 Taxi fare from the airport to the hotel is approximately \$25 [Union Cab – 608-242-2000].

REGISTRATION			
Type	On-site Accommodations or Commuter	Meals	Fees
Entire weekend	Private Room On-site Thurs eve–Sun AM <i>(not available)</i>	Includes all meals (Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner) Fri – Sun	\$480
	Shared Room On-site Thurs eve–Sun AM <i>(not available)</i>	Includes all meals (Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner) Fri – Sun	\$395
	Commuter staying off-site Thurs eve – Sun AM	Includes Lunch & Dinner on Fri & Sat	\$275
Fri Only	Commuter	Includes Lunch & Dinner on Fri	\$150
Sat Only	Commuter	Includes Lunch & Dinner on Sat.	\$150
Thurs. Only	Commuter (Thurs. evening Aramaic Lord's Prayer Cycle)		\$25

Scholarships available. No one will be turned away for lack of funds.

For more information: Call Basir at (608) 338-0709 or E-mail: basir@madisonsufis.com

Online Registration with Credit Card: Go to <https://www.madisonsufis.com/special-events>

----- To register for Saadi & Tasnim March/April 2023 retreat by mail, fill in form below, and mail with check. -----

Registration for retreat with Saadi & Tasnim March-April, 2023 ~ Make check payable to: **Madison Sufis**

Mail to: Madison Sufis – P.O. Box 46463 – Madison, WI 53744-6463

Name: _____

Address: _____

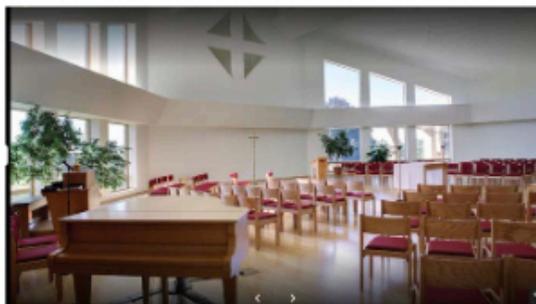
City/ST/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Check here to be put on the waiting list for on-site housing in case there is a cancellation.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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					Dances of Universal Peace Tai Chi Center Hybrid 7:00-8:30 pm	
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Urs Pir-O-Murshid Inayat Khan 1927			Ziraat 4:30 pm via Zoom	Sama Live from Baroda, India Pir-O-Murshid's birthplace 10 am CT (pg. 1)		
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		Valentine's Day			Dances of Universal Peace Tai Chi Center Hybrid 7:00-8:30 pm	
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Healing Service via Zoom 11:00 am			Sufi Songs and Teachings Hybrid 7:00-8:30 pm Hybrid			
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Milwaukee Area Activities

Milwaukee Universal Worship Service

Exception for this month:

Milwaukee UW

Feb. 12th.

10:00 a.m.

Call Sara for info at 414-299-0218.

Happy Winter!

Dances of Universal Peace Waukesha/Delavan WI Circle

Note the change to **Saturday** afternoon

Hybrid on February 11th at 2 p.m. CT

We will concentrate on the theme **Love!**

506 N. Washington in Waukesha

Through spiritual practices, chants and movement, we will honor the heart center that leads us toward compassion for one another and the wish for all to experience blessings of peace.

Families and friends of any age may enjoy sharing this midwinter afternoon of peace building.

All are welcome to step into our circle!
Registration is not required although RSVP is helpful.
No cost; free will offering accepted.

Zoom link/info available from Prajna Patti Kies
pattiburncake@hotmail.com or 262 642-9289.

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