

L O N D O N B A H Á ' Í B U L L E T I N

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"Wherefore, o my loving friends! Consort with all the peoples, kindreds and religions of the world with the utmost truthfulness, uprightness, faithfulness, kindness, good-will and friendliness; that all the world of being may be filled with the holy ecstasy of the grace of Bahá, that ignorance, enmity, hate and rancour may vanish from the world and the darkness of estrangement amidst the peoples and kindreds of the world may give way to the Light of Unity. Should other peoples and nations be unfaithful to you show your fidelity unto them, should they be unjust toward you show justice towards them, should they keep aloof from you attract them to yourself, should they show their enmity be friendly towards them, should they poison your lives sweeten their souls, should they inflict a wound upon you be a salve to their sores. Such are the attributes of the sincere! Such are the attributes of the faithful!

(From the Will & Testament of 'Abdu'l-Bahá)

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The Feast of the Birth of Bahá'u'lláh Sunday, November 11th at 7.30 p.m.

A devotional programme will be followed by music recital and Bahá'í anecdotes. Have you a story to share at this Feast?

The Feast of the Day of Covenant Sunday, November 25th at 7.30 p.m.

Note: Contributions in kind towards refreshments are invited for the above Feasts.

Commemoration of the Ascension of 'Abdu'l-Bahá The Centre will be open on the evening of Tuesday, November 27th. The Meeting Room will be prepared for prayer and meditation and tea will be served in the Committee Room. Two devotional meetings will be held, at 9 p.m. and at 1 a.m.

Nineteen-Day Feasts Feast of Qudrat (Power) - Sunday, November 4th at 3.30 p.m. Host: Eruch Munsiff.

Feast of Qawl (Speech) Friday, November 23rd at 7.30 p.m. Hostess: Mrs. Mansuri.

LONDON TEACHING COMMITTEE

Public Meeting There will be a public meeting on Monday, December 3rd at 7.30 p.m. in the Kent Room, Caxton Hall. Please tell your friends about it now before they get the date booked.

Thursday Evening Meetings at the Centre Weekly, as usual, at 7.30 p.m. The theme for November will be "The Challenging Requirements of the Present Hour".

There will be no Sunday Devotional Meeting in November, as there is a 19-Day Feast on the first Sunday in the month. The next Sunday meeting will be on December 2nd.

Teaching Are you busy making contacts? Have you started a fireside meeting at home? The Guardian says the time is very short and that every individual has the right at least to hear the name of the Cause. We must do our utmost now, or it may be too late.

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Visit from the Norwich Community Our dear friends from Norwich will be coming to see us again on Sunday, December 2nd. We have arranged to meet them at the Centre at 3 p.m. Let us turn up in strength to give them the warmest of welcomes.

Helping the Brighton Community During the last year of the Six-Year Plan we had the privilege to help with the teaching work in Brighton. We are now invited

by the Southern Teaching Committee to render whatever assistance we can in the same field. We feel honoured by this invitation and in consultation with the Brighton Spiritual Assembly, plans are being worked out. Ursula Samandari will be speaking at the Feast of the Day of Covenant in Brighton, on Sunday, November 25th. The Brighton Community would like visits from other London friends on that occasion, also to take part in their devotional programme. This matter will be presented at the 19-Day Feast of Qudrat on November 3rd. Please get in touch with the Secretary if you can visit Brighton.

In Memoriam "Death proferreth unto every confident believer the cup that is life indeed." (Bahá'u'lláh)

Ezzat Alai passed to the Abhá Kingdom on Tuesday, October 16th, after an operation. The funeral took place on October 20th at Streatham Park Cemetery.

Lovingly we offer our heartfelt sympathy to his dear wife, his son, Alapur, and others of the Alai family - so distinguished in the service of the Cause.

Marriage Puran Mahbubi and Harold O'Toole were married at the Centre on Monday, October 15th. May they ever be blessed and confirmed.

Our Community A most loving welcome to Dr. and Mrs. Ramzi (from Tihiran), Dr. and Mrs. G.H. Hakim (from Paris), and Mr. Iraj Hakim (from Edinburgh). They are now members of our Community.

These friends have left our Community: Mrs. Tabandeh Payman to Tihiran, Alapur Alai to Maidenhead, Rustam Khorsandiyán to Frankfurt. May the blessings of Bahá'u'lláh be always with them.

Ahmad Rafiyi is still in hospital. We pray for his speedy recovery.

By-Election As a result of Prof. Zeine's departure for Beirut and Mrs. Slade's move from London, two vacancies occurred in the Spiritual Assembly. At a by-election Ursula Samandari was elected, and there was a tie between Kathleen Hornell, Mehdi Samandari and Rustam Sabit. Fresh voting had to take place.

Mrs. Slade will remain a member of our Community.

Professor Zeine Here the Spiritual Assembly shares with you a letter recently received from Professor Zeine: "I would like to thank you heartily for the very kind letter of 4th October which you wrote to me on behalf of the Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'is of London. Please convey to the Spiritual Assembly my deepest appreciation for their generous sentiments towards me."

"If I were in any way of service to the British Bahá'í Community during my stay amongst them this past year, I am most grateful to Bahá'u'lláh for that privilege. The days which I spent in London and in other towns and cities of the British Isles, surrounded by the friendship and love of the Friends, were days of rich blessedness and deep happiness. Their remembrance has now become the joy and treasure of my heart. My consolation at present is the certainty that while bodily I am hundreds of miles far from you all, spiritually I am more united with you than ever before. Please remember me in your prayers. With loving greetings, Yours joyfully in our Beloved Guardian's service."

On leaving England last month, Prof. Zeine left these four thoughts with us: (1) The friends are "the chosen recipients and the privileged trustees of a divinely conceived Plan." Shoghi Effendi, March 29, 1951. (2) "Time is running short. The effort required to discharge the manifold responsibilities now challenging the members of a lion-hearted community is truly colossal. The issues at stake, demanding every ounce of their energy, and incomparably glorious. An ominous international situation emphasizes the challenge and reinforces the urgency of these issues." Shoghi Effendi, March 29, 1951. (3) Joy: "Each one of you must be attracted and enkindled. Each one must be happy, for he has heard the call of the Kingdom... My spirit communicates with you. It annihilates time and space. God willing, the confirmations of the Supreme Concourse shall descend upon you uninterruptedly." 'Abdu'l-Bahá. (Tablet to the British Believers). (4) "Have full assurance that love is the divine aspect of God; that love is spiritual grace; that love is the Light of the Kingdom; that love is the cause of the manifestation of truth in the material world." 'Abdu'l-Bahá.

The Treasurer again asks you to return the promisory slips, even if you are unable to make a definite promise. So far he has received only seventeen of them.

Study Classes: It is proposed to hold special study classes at the Centre for contacts who might like to attend. The Teaching Committee will make a definite announcement later.

Librarian Ruhi Sabit is appointed the Librarian in charge of the Lending Library.