

Bahá'í Centre, 103 Earls Court Road, W.8.

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"..... Our limbs, our members, o my Lord, bear witness to Thy unity and oneness. Send down upon us Thy strength and power, that we may become steadfast in Thy Faith and may aid Thee among Thy servants. Illumine our eyes, o my Lord, with the effulgence of Thy beauty, and enlighten our hearts with the splendours of Thy knowledge and wisdom. Write us up, then with those who have fulfilled their pledge to Thy Covenant in Thy days, and who, through their love for Thee, have detached themselves from the world, and all that is therein. Powerful art Thou to do what Thou pleasest. No God is there beside Thee, the All-Powerful, the Omniscient, the Supreme Ruler, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting."

Bahá'u'lláh

The Feast of the Declaration of the Báb Thursday, May 22nd.

The weekly Thursday evening meeting will be held as usual at 7.30 p.m. Mr. Richard St. Barbe Baker will speak at this meeting.

The Feast of the Declaration of the Báb begins at 9.30 p.m. The devotional programme is timed for 10.50 p.m. and due to end at 11.20. This period will comprise the actual hour of the Declaration, which by London time is 11.06.

(Contributions in kind and flowers are requested for this Feast. We expect a large number of our contacts will stay on from the earlier meeting.)

Commemoration of the Ascension of Bahá'u'lláh Thursday, May 29th at 4 a.m.

For the use of the friends who cannot attend the earlier morning meeting, the devotional programme is given below:

1. "Selected Writings of Bahá'u'lláh" - p. 43. "I beseech Thee"
2. "The Chosen Highway" - pp. 110 - 111. "The world's great Light, and My Word be heard by all mankind,"
3. "Gleanings from the Writings of Bahá'u'lláh" - XLV.
4. The Tablet of Visitation - "Special Bahá'í Prayers" - No.34 of the new edition of "Bahá'í Prayers", Part II. No.33.
5. "Epistle of the Son of the Wolf" - p. 48. "The breezes of the Most Merciful, manifest dominion."
6. "Gleanings" LXXII
7. "Gleanings" LXXIII

At the meeting, the devotional programme will open and end with a chant in Persian.

This programme will be repeated in the evening of the 29th, at 7 p.m. prior to the usual Thursday evening meeting, which in turn will be devoted to a talk on the Life and the Mission of Bahá'u'lláh.

Nineteen-Day Feast of 'Azamat (Grandeur) Saturday, May 17th, 3.30 p.m.

Hosts: Mr. and Mrs. Ferraby.

Thursday Evening Meetings These meetings are regularly held at 7.30 p.m.

Our Pledge We fulfilled both our financial and pioneer pledge. Our contribution to the National Fund was doubled, and reached the total of £161.

The pioneers who went out from our Community were: Mrs. Violet McKinley and Mr. Hugh McKinley (to Brighton), Miss Tahirih Vatanparast (to Nottingham), Lady Kathleen Hornell (to Belfast), Miss Elizabeth Gorvett (to Cardiff), Mrs. Tairih Alai (to Oxford). Mrs. Alai had just arrived in London from the Holy Land, when hearing of the need for pioneers, she offered to go.

We are immensely proud of them all, and to them goes our deepest love.

Election of the Spiritual Assembly Here is the result of the election held on the first day of Ridván (April 21st). The first nine in the list constitute the Spiritual Assembly for the year 109.

	<u>No. of votes</u>		<u>No. of votes</u>
1. Mrs. Gladys Backwell	32	10. Mrs. Bobby Kamming	16
2. Mr. Hazan M. Balyuzi	32	11. Mr. Abbas Dehkan	10
3. Mr. Henry Backwell	31	12. Dr. Mehdi Samandari	9
4. Mr. Donald Millar	31	13. Miss Beryl de Gruchy	7
5. Mr. John Ferraby	25	14. Mr. Egon Kamming	7
6. Mrs. Dorothy Ferraby	23	15. Mr. Asher Nazar	6
7. Mr. Rustam Sabit	22	16. Dr. Ramzi	5
8. Mrs. Ursula Samandari	19	17. Miss S. Golden Kilford	4
9. Mr. Habib Hazari	19	18. Miss Marjorie Parker	4

(Thirteen other friends also received votes)

Officers of the Assembly Chairman: Hasan M. Balyuzi
Vice-Chairman: Henry Backwell
Secretary: Ursula Samandari
Treasurer: Donald Millar

Our Community We offer the most loving welcome to the following friends, who have come to our Community:

Mr. Dariyush Mehrabi (from Tihiran),
Mrs. Dorothy Rookwood (from Australia),
Mrs. Doris Ballard (from U.S.A.),
Miss Nancy Cooper (from Blackburn).

We have been most happy and privileged to receive visits from the following friends:

Mrs. S. Yuzdi and children,
Mrs. Hakim, Dr. Faridi and Mr. Abrar (all from Tihiran),
Mr. Edward Beckett (from Lima, Peru),
Mr. Veiser (from Evanston, U.S.A.)

Miss Shahin Khamsi and Mr. Nasir Rafat have left for Persia.