

Subject: Berkeley Dances 12/22 and East Bay Sufi Camp Update

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Dear Treasured Community of East Bay Sufi Camp and Friends of the Berkeley Dances.

How auspicious that we will be doing the Dances of Universal Peace on the first day after the winter solstice, the first day the days begin to lengthen, the first day of the the increasing of the light.

It will also be just a few days before Christmas and a couple days after Hannukah. What a beautiful time to remember that so many of the best gifts of the season are actually free. The lights, the music, and the sentiments and significance of birth and light in darkness, generosity, connection, all the color and warmth in winter---so much abundance to experience just being here in the body in this moment and place.

I hope you can come join us to commune and celebrate together in our own inclusive

way and sing the light into the new year.

Please let me know if you think you will be able to come play an instrument or drum this Friday.

regular details:

Please note: Heather will be away this time and so folks to help set up would be especially helpful.....

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Berkeley Dances of Universal Peace:

4th Fridays

7:45-9:45 PM (doors open 7:30PM)

1606 Bonita Ave, Berkeley 94709

@ corner of Cedar

20 min walk from either Berkeley Bart Station or park in the neighborhood go through courtyard gate and up stairs on left to Connie Barber room at the Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists

\$10 donation requested. No one turned away for lack of funds

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Heather 459-3452

Update on East Bay Sufi Camp 2018:

We are taking the year off. Gaiatree had said that sometimes letting land lay fallow for a year is following the natural flow of life that has pauses and rests in it and a great

way to help the soil recover and become richer.

Despite the beautiful enthusiastic efforts of several key folks to rally and find us a new site for this year, we have decided that rather than invest extensive energy to tackle new territory and create something new when it is really only a temporary need---we would rather take a field trip!

The idea would be to form a caravan with a bunch of our lovely community, and follow the many folk who already go every year to Pamplin Grove Sufi Camp Labor Day Weekend. It is something Heather and I would love to do anyway. We have never been, because our East Bay Sufi Camp falls around the same time--so this is our chance. Here is last year's info in case you are already curious: <https://sites.google.com/site/pamplin2009/pamplin-grove-campout> It is about a 4.5 hour drive to Humbolt.

GAIATREE REENTRY NEWS from NOV 26th:

The photo at the top is Gaiatree's photo taken of the sunset on Nov 25th, soon after she landed back in the US. The next day, she posted this to her Facebook---so it is a little old but many may have missed it so I am reposting it here.

Yesterday's California sunrise! The positive side of Jet Lag. I was able to re-enter the country this Tuesday at Oakland airport. What an amazing event after so long a struggle and so many prayers, for which I cannot thank you all enough.

I got home to paper hedgehogs, red foxes 🦊🦊 and tea cups hanging from the ceiling and lots of flowers, sweet, dear friends. 😊😊

The only thing I can say right now is I'm not fully here yet but it's getting less surreal each day! It's wonderful to see family and begin to reconnect with you all. The sounds and smells are so different here, there's a hawk crying right now, lots of roosters though the night and coyotes sometimes, I love that. The smell of the Bay leaves and the dryness.

I had 3 weeks since leaving my mums flat after we cleared it out before flying back. I wanted to get back under the 6 month time line for an easier re-entry, my lawyers advice. I travelled to see my wonderful cousins Up North where I wuz brung up, definitely colder up there. That was musical and a lot of fun. Spent time with my lovely brother in Sheffield, we walked up on the beautiful rugged Yorkshire moors.

My cousin gave me a lift to Glastonbury where I used to live. There I have a home with my other family which is [Sue Pelham's](#). Thanks for putting me up for so many days with such love and graciousness, all the amazing local walnut bread and great curries and pakoras, but really it was the Love! The Joy of spending time with people where all the time that had elapsed made no change to the friendship between us, except our life experience meant we had even more to bring to the relationships, so more depth. How amazing! 🌈🌈 Last stop was Brighton, to spend time with more people I love, I was staying with my extended family Joe

and [Amalia Cole McGavin](#) whose amazing children I had never met. I am so grateful for that time at the end of my journey to be held in their sweet family at a transition time that has been very hard for me. I was flying from Gatwick nearby, when I left there it was the wonderful damp chilly aliveness at the start of an English Winter. Leaving Albion after so long away and such an intense dying experience with my mum was not easy. This is just the beginning of a new life on so many levels. Much to integrate, let go of and to embrace. I aspire to give myself time and kindness, Breathe, stay close to myself and allow what needs to happen. It's so easy to jump over oneself to try to get one's life back together. Whatever that means! Deeply listening to?..... We shall see..... 🦋🦋 it's a Mystery, another Great Opportunity!

At the moment I am missing doing Facetime with my mother in the body. Now I have to do a different kind of FaceTime and I don't have it down yet... So I just talk anyway.

Thanks again to all of you for your support and love here and in England,🙏🙏 the new Friends and the Old. We are in this epic journey together, with Love💕💕 May the Circle be open yet unbroken 🌟🌟🌟 So it is

Other Dates and Events of Note:

Still time to register for --

Dancing Hearts Winterly retreat

Martin Luther King Weekend **Jan 12-15**

in San Luis Obispo and enjoy the Dances of Universal Peace for An Entire Weekend plus imbibe the vibe of the originator of many Dances that we know and love.

Maitreya will be the special guest. Here is a much better link than last time: <https://squareup.com/store/dancing-hearts-winterly>

Jan 15th: The Urs

and yes, you can make it back in time. This is an annual gathering of the tribe of all Lovers of the Dances across the Bay, often 3 circles deep. It is the commemoration of Murshid Samuel Lewis who began these precious dances as part of his expansive and inclusive spiritual journey, with the idea that elevated states could be achieved through chanting sacred phrases and peace could be promoted if only people would Eat Dance and Pray together. We usually dance for at least an hour, share stories, and eat ice cream. This year it is at:

COMMUNITY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

45 Rock Hill Dr., Tiburon, CA 94920 . Please see image below of flyer for more details.

Halim and Vakila have a Zikr at Mentorgarden in SF on Fri 12/29 (see attached flyer)



Come Enjoy with Us!

BERKELEY 4th FRIDAYS



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A Celebration of the 47th URS of Murshid Samuel L. Lewis



Monday, January 15, 2018
7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

COMMUNITY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
45 Rock Hill Dr., Tiburon, CA 94920

Hosted by: Pir Shahida Kahn

Suggested Donation - \$20 - graciously accepted to cover the rental
Golden Gate Sufi Circle - Sufi Ruhaniyat International
For Information: (707) 429-3209 Bhawanji

PARKING: Parking is available in UCC's parking lot at the top of Rock Hill Drive. There is also street parking (be sure to check your wheels). Even though there is ample space in the parking lot, carpooling is encouraged.

Zikr with Halim and Valida

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29 at 8 PM
8:00pm - 9:00pm. Please arrive on time!

An evening of deep and ecstatic Sufi Zikr with Halim Friedman and Valida for Veda in the Montagarter, the original site of Murshid Samuel Lewis' "Sufi Dancing". Easy movements and chants, accompanied by live music.

The Montagarter, 410 Piedra Avenue, San Francisco at 8PM

Please join us for this special evening!



All welcome, donations gratefully accepted. Reservations: 714-211-8623
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