



# Zenith



THE TUCSON CENTER FOR THE MESSAGE

April 2011

*"The true religion, to the Sufi, is the sea of truth, and all different faiths are as it's waves." Hazrat Inayat Khan*

Dear Friends,

Are you ready to strengthen the Spring buds that you are hearing in your heart? We have many opportunities this month. We are looking forward to having Aziza come April 9 & 10th, Wali Ali in Prescott for a one day or 6 day silent retreat and on April 22nd a Passover ritual and dinner (more information on each is in this newsletter).

This month we will not be having a Suluk class due to the full schedule.

Blessings to you, Amira

PS: News just in! Sharif Munawwir Graham will be in Sedona on May 7th for a seminar on Theotherapy (see flyer attached).

## Cultivating the Garden of the Soul

### Retreat with Aziza Scott

Saturday April 9, 10 am to 5 pm

Sunday April 10, 10 am to 4 pm

\$115 for 2 days if paid by April 1  
or \$140 at the door (\$70 for one day)

To register mail check payable to Sufi Order to:

Kate Qayyima Schmidt, 11471 E. Placita Rancho Grande,  
Tucson AZ 85730

Or Call for more info: 721-5016

### Location Change:

Now at Amira's home 5491 N. Whitethorn Place

## TEAHOUSE FOR THE SOUL MEETING

Sunday, April 3, 10:00 am to Noon

Ishwara's house 4737 E. Cecelia Street  
Phone 325-1854

Just east of Swan, between Broadway and 22<sup>nd</sup> St.  
Please bring a snack to share.

In the March meeting we returned to Salat, focusing on the first three of the second group of male masters, saints, and prophets, Abraham, Solomon, and Zarathustra. Abraham, in particular, generated a lot of response regarding his willingness to sacrifice Isaac and the role of unconditional obedience to God's will. This allowed for a lively discussion of submission, and how we see it in our relationship with the Divine.

In April we will continue with Moses, Jesus, and Mohammed, and in May we will begin with the female divine messengers. Ishwara

Dear Friends,

We have a wonderful month coming up. Aziza Scott will be leading a retreat April 9 and 10, "Cultivating the Garden of the Soul". Aziza has the gift of being able to clearly explain and transmit the teachings of Pir Zia and Pir Vilayat. I always feel a great sense of renewal when I do a retreat with her and I encourage you all to come.

Plus, we will have a Passover Seder on Friday, April 22 at 6 PM. This will be the traditional Jewish ceremonial meal made relevant and fun for us today. We will be exploring our exodus from slavery to freedom. Warning: You may find yourself being a child again!

Our regular Universal Worship and Healing Service will be at my home on April 1, Friday, at 10 AM. We will focus on healing for the earth, as well as healing for those who have requested to be on our healing list. Possibly we will have some interesting guests. For more information, please call me at 795-9250.

Wali Ali will be in Prescott and (a little advance notice) Sharif Graham will be in Sedona May 7.

I wish you much inspiration and many hugs this April.  
Love, Rafia

This information was forwarded by Devi.

Hopi call for Prayer to Restore Balance: From the Hopi Elders on 2nd Mesa. The Hopi are praying for the people of Japan and for the people around the world as we face crisis in our world out of balance.

We are in a time of great change upon mother earth. These events have been foretold by our Elders. Through our Prophecies and our Ceremonies the sacred land of this earth is now crying. And our children are looking to Hopi to balance life for their future. Our Elders have given us guidance for how to move through these changes. Humanity is now choosing the path upon which all life will follow and we have known this time would come. Hopi say there is a path to follow that allows for us to move through this time of change:

In this time of change, we ask all the people of the world return to a more balanced way of life.

Walk gently upon our earth with respect for her and all life.

Connect your heart with the heart of the path to the future.

Plant gardens, respect our Sacred life giving waters and all of life for future generations of our children.

Kwak wha, Lolmani (Thank you, may there be good things in the future.)

Kikmongwi, Chief of Shungopavi Village

Invitation to a Sufi Community  
PASSOVER SEDER  
FRIDAY, APRIL 22, 2011 6:00 pm  
ISHWARA'S HOUSE

Please RSVP as soon as you decide to come.

Rafia, Siddiq, and I are organizing a semi-traditional Passover ritual and dinner for our community, and invite you and your family/loved ones to attend. The Seder is the celebration of Moses leading the Jews out of slavery in Egypt and into a homeland. The ritual includes telling of the story, lighting candles, eating traditional symbolic foods, singing special songs, and contemplating how this story applies to us in our lives today. Our emphasis will be thoughtful and meditative, as well as engaging and fun.

Since this ritual includes a sit-down dinner, our space will be limited by the size of my house, so we need to know well in advance if you plan to come. I would appreciate an RSVP as soon as possible letting me know how many you think you will be. You can telephone (520) 325-1854 or email me at [ishwara.thomas@gmail.com](mailto:ishwara.thomas@gmail.com). After April 3, I will open this to others outside the Sufi community who have expressed interest. We will keep a waiting list if the response is that large.

Each of us will bring food to share and Siddiq, who is organizing food sharing, will let you know what we need so the ritual foods are covered. We plan to have a vegetarian option for all who do not eat meat. The Seder is a full evening ritual, and we will provide snack times for those who need something before the meal is served.

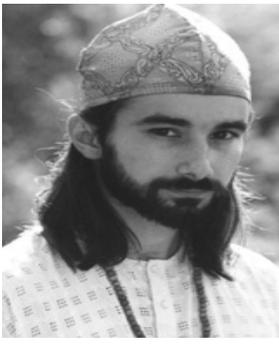
*Dances of Universal Peace in Tucson*

Second Saturday - April 9 — 7 to 9 pm  
Call Teresa at 275-2855 or email [teresa@sierrita.org](mailto:teresa@sierrita.org)  
for more info.

Can You Help? Primavera Meal

The "Friends of Primavera" will be serving a meal to the homeless men of Primavera Shelter on the 4th Friday of the month—April 22, 2011. This is an opportunity to share our message of compassion and friendship with a few of the many who are in need. If anyone would like to participate or make a donation to support the meal/program, please contact me. Always in love and light,

Aisha 742-5182



# April 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Universal Worship and Healing Service 10 am Rafia 795-9250	2
3 Teahouse for the Soul 10 -12 noon Ishwara 325-1854	4	5	6	7	8	9 Aziza Scott Retreat Amira's home Qayyima for info: 721-5016 Dances of Universal Peace 7-9pm Yoga Oasis 275-2855
10 Aziza Scott Retreat Amira's home Qayyima for info: 721-5016	11	12	13	14	15 Murshid Wali Ali Retreat (see below)	16
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Welcoming Divine Presence: A Retreat with Murshid Wali Ali Meyer

April 15 & 16, 2011

Mountain Club Clubhouse, Prescott, AZ

Friday, 7 to 9 pm: Sufi Teachings - Saturday, 9 am to 4 pm: Wazifas and Walks, Teachings and Dances, with potluck lunch 12 to 1:15

Saturday 7 to 9 pm: Dances of Universal Peace

Sufi Silent-Retreat with Murshid Wali Ali Meyer

Sunday, April 17 – Friday April 22nd, 2011

Chapel Rock Retreat Center, Prescott, AZ

For more information contact Barakat at (928) 717-2017 or email her at [barakat@prescottcircle.org](mailto:barakat@prescottcircle.org)

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Dances of Universal Peace  
Teresa Newberry 275-2855  
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2nd Saturday 7-9 PM  
Yoga Oasis

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### PHOENIX METRO AREA

[www.phoenixdances.org](http://www.phoenixdances.org)

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First, second, third and last  
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