

Avatar's Abode 2018 Spring Sahavas Program

(all programs are in Baba's House)

Saturday 29th September – Monday 1st October

Saturday

- 10.00am – 10.50am Morning tea meet and greet with our guests – Meeting Hall
- 11.00am – 11.20am Prayers and Arti in Baba's House
- 11.20am – 12.30pm Morning Program (MC: David Hobson)
- The Wine Shop Singers
 - Introductory stories from Dara and Shireen
- 12.30pm – 1.45pm **Lunch (vegetarian lasagne) provided in the kitchen – (\$8.00 per adult and school age child)**
If you require gluten-free food you must inform Gusi Carpenter by this Wednesday 26th
(Email: gusi_c@westnet.com.au or text – please include your name – on 0431 194 516)
Barista coffee will be available after lunch for \$3 and home-made cakes for \$2
- 2.00pm – 3.00pm Afternoon Program (MC: David Hobson)
Dara and Shireen tell stories from the family's December 1964 – March 1965 visit to India when they regularly saw Baba and His mandali – includes a 2:30 minute film of the family arriving at Meherazad.
- 3.00pm – 3.30pm Afternoon Tea – Meeting Hall
- 3.45pm – 4.30pm Afternoon program contd. – presentation by Jay Bonner (MC: David Hobson)
Meher Baba's teachings can be a source of inspiration for artists and designers alike. Jay Bonner will show examples of his work as an international designer of Islamic architectural ornament, and will discuss how his work is informed by Meher Baba's teachings.

Sunday

- 10.00am – 10.45am Morning tea at the Meeting Hall
- 10.55am – 11.15am Prayers and Arti
- 11.15am – 12.30pm Morning program (MC: Jeanette Isaac-Young)
- The Wine Shop Singers
 - Dara and Shireen continue their stories – life back in England after the 1964/1965 visit to see Baba in India, including the story of Baba arranging Dara's marriage to Amrit.
- 12.30pm – 1.45pm **Bring a plate to share lunch in the kitchen**
(fridges, gas stove, conventional oven, microwave ovens and food warmers provided)
Barista coffee will be available after lunch for \$3 and home-made cakes for \$2.
- 2.00pm – 3.00pm Afternoon program (MC: Jeanette Isaac-Young)
In December 1968 Adi Jnr., Franey, Dara and Shireen return to India for Mehera's birthday celebration and Dara and Amrit's wedding reception at Meherazad. This proves to be the last gathering of Baba's lovers before He dropped His physical form. We'll show a 12 minute video of this gathering and Dara and Shireen will tell stories from this visit.
- 3.00pm – 3.30pm Afternoon Tea at the Meeting Hall; or pre-volleyball juice making in The Shed
- 3.45pm – 4.30pm Afternoon Program contd. (MC: Jeanette Isaac-Young)
- Sufism and the early Australian Baba Movement – Charmaine Foley
 - Volleyball – co-ordinated by Jethro, Charlotte and family

Monday

9.30am – 10.15am Morning Tea at the Meeting Hall

10.25am – 10.45am Prayers and Arti

10.45am – 12.00 noon Morning Program (MC: Jaya Foley)

- A song or two from Angela Newcombe
- Dara returns to England with his new wife Amrit. Shireen's family also return to England. Shireen's parents start to hold monthly meetings at their home in London, Meher Manzil, for the "new wave" of young Baba lovers, which includes many Americans who stop off in London en route to their first ever pilgrimage to Baba's Tomb-Shrine in Meherabad. The Iranis very close family friend and long-time disciple of Baba's, Delia de Leon, plays an important role in these meetings. Dara, Shireen and Jay tell stories from these times.

6.00pm – 9.00pm **Bring-a-plate-to-share meal at Glenda & David Hobson's home, 21 Meher Road, Kiels Mountain. B.Y.O. drinks.**

Spring Sahavas Donations: Donations towards the cost of running the Sahavas will be greatly appreciated and can be made during the Sahavas. We suggest \$20 per adult per day, or \$40 for the weekend; however any amount you can comfortably afford will be welcome.

Bookstore Opening Hours: For your convenience the Avatar's Abode Bookstore will be open on Saturday and Sunday from 1.00pm - 1.45pm.