

MADISON SUFIS



Future Event

**Weekend
with
Murshida
Tasnim Fernandez
November 8- 10**

***A Sufi Retreat*
with Murshida Leilah Be
September, 20 - 22**

Unity of Madison
601 Tompkins Dr.
Monona

*A weekend of Dances of Universal Peace,
Zikr, Meditation and Sufi Practice*

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Dances of Universal Peace

**Third Friday dances will be at Unity of Madison
to open our Sufi Retreat with Leila Be**

Friday, September 6

7:00–9:00 p.m.

**Gates of Heaven Synagogue
302 East Gorham Street**

Friday, September 20

7:00–9:00 p.m.

**Unity of Madison
601 Tompkins Dr.**

Monona

Jamila, 608-338-0709

***FRAGRANCE-
FREE REQUEST:***

*Out of consideration for those
with allergies to chemicals
and fragrances, we request that
everyone refrain from
using fragrances and scented
products when attending our
activities or special events.*

Universal Worship Vespers Service

Sunday, September 8
6:30 pm

Please note change
of time and place

Unity of Madison
601 Tompkins Drive

We will open the autumn Universal Worship season with a vespers service at Unity of Madison. Vespers signifies an early evening service, near sunset or the close of the day. As the busyness of daily life settles into the stillness which allows us rest and retreat, we will contemplate and celebrate the small kindnesses which are always an option for us to offer one another, including all living beings, and which have big impacts on our bodies, hearts and souls.

No artificial fragrances.

For more information, contact
jodycurley@gmail.com

Ziraat Lodge

Monday, September 9
6:00 p.m.

2709 Willard Ave

Ziraat is a ceremony that uses nature as a metaphor for the cultivation of consciousness.

Rachel, 608-241-2776,
rachel.roang@gmail.com

Women with Wings Open Sing

Monday, September 9
7:30 p.m.

2709 Willard Ave

Open to all. Come to listen
and to sing love.

Rachel, 608-241-2776,
rachel.roang@gmail.com

Rahmat's Class

Thursday, September 12th

7:00-9:00 pm
Rahmat's house

We will continue to explore practices of presence through Dance, Zikr, silent meditation and Kirtan.

For more information contact Rahmat.
608-225-8584, moore.madison@att.net

Grassroot Gathering

Friday, September 13 (See page 5)

Healing Service

Sunday, September 18
11:00 a.m.

Alima's home

Healing Service is a beautiful practice where we pray for others who need healing. If you have any names you would like to add to the healing list contact Rachel. Please ask permission of the person before adding them to the list.

Rachel, 608-241-2776
rachel.roang@gmail.com

Sufi Songs and Teachings

Wednesday, September 25
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Cynthia Alima's home

Jamila Joy leads this class of singing, practices and materials from the Githa papers. This class is recommended for Mureeds. Please let Jamila know if you plan to attend for the first time.

Jamila Joy, 608-513-3950

Karima's Sunday Heart Gathering

Sunday, September 29
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Note change of date
to the 5th Sunday
due to Leila Be Retreat

Ann's home

On this Eve of Rosh Hashana- Jewish New Year come join for a retreat atmosphere of this autumn turning of time as we look within our hearts. Sufis call this Muhasabai, examination of consciousness. In honor of this day and time to honor where we have been and to take time to heal and begin anew. "May our prayers prepare us better to meet life with courage and inner strength." Come join for Sufi practice, meditation, and sharing from heart to heart

Please call a week in advance if you are new.

Karima, 608-215-3081

A Prayer for the Jewish New Year

By: Rabbi John L. Rosove

May we hold lovingly in our thoughts
those who suffer from tyranny, subjection, cruelty, and injustice,
and work every day towards the alleviation of their suffering.

May we recognize our solidarity
with the stranger, outcast, downtrodden, abused, and deprived,
that no human being be treated as "other,"
that our common humanity weaves us together
in one fabric of mutuality, one garment of destiny.

May we pursue the Biblical prophet's vision of peace,
that we might live harmoniously with each other
and side by side,
respecting differences,
cherishing diversity,
with no one exploiting the weak,
each living without fear of the other,
each revering Divinity in every human soul.

May we struggle against institutional injustice,
free those from oppression and contempt,
act with purity of heart and mind,
despising none, defrauding none, hating none,
cherishing all, honoring every child of God, every creature of the earth.

May the Jewish people, the state of Israel, and all peoples
know peace in this New Year,
And may we nurture kindness and love everywhere.

<https://reformjudaism.org/practice/prayers-blessings/prayer-jewish-new-year>

An Alternate Un'taneh Tokef

By: Rabbi Joseph B. Meszler

On Rosh HaShanah it is written, on Yom Kippur it is sealed:

That this year people will live and die,

some more gently than others

and nothing lives forever.

But amidst overwhelming forces

of nature and humankind,

we still write our own Book of Life,

and our actions are the words in it,

and the stages of our lives are the chapters,

and nothing goes unrecorded, ever.

Every deed counts.

Everything you do matters.

And we never know what act or word

will leave an impression or tip the scale.

So, if not now, then when?

For the things that we can change, there is *t'shuvah*, realignment,

For the things we cannot change, there is *t'filah*, prayer,

For the help we can give, there is *tzedakah*, justice.

Together, let us write a beautiful Book of Life

Rumi Quotes

In acknowledgement of Mevlana Jalaluddin Rumi's birth

September 30, 1207

"My soul is from elsewhere, I'm sure of that, and I intend to end up there."

"Learn the alchemy true human beings know. The moment you accept what troubles you've been given the door opens."

"Your hand opens and closes, opens and closes. If it were always a fist or always stretched open, you would be paralyzed. Your deepest presence is in every small contracting and expanding, as beautifully balanced and coordinated as birds' wings."

"Try not to resist the changes that come your way. Instead let life live through you. And do not worry that your life is turning upside down. How do you know that the side you are used to is better than the one to come?"

"Be like a tree and let the dead leaves drop."

On the web ...

Dances of Universal Peace:
www.dancesofuniversalpeace.org

Madison Sufis
www.madisonsufis.org

Sufi Ruhaniat International:
www.ruhaniat.org

the Inayati Order:
www.inayatiorder.org

International Sufi Movement:
www.sufimovement.org

Grassroots Gathering

Friday, September 13

5:30 pm gather
6:00 pm potluck meal
7:30 pm activity TBD

23 Mondale Ct

Join us for friends, food, and fellowship. Watch [sufifriendsofmadison](#) group for more information. Contact Rafiqa to RSVP, and to be notified directly.

Rafiqa, tober@rocketmail.com

LEILAH BE IN MADISON A SUFI RETREAT

SEPTEMBER 20 - 22, 2019

UNITY OF MADISON 601 TOMPKINS DRIVE



Friday 7pm-9pm
Saturday 10am-4pm and 7-9pm
Sunday 1-5pm

Full Retreat - \$200

Saturday includes lunch and dinner

Friday or Saturday Evening sessions are open for separate registration
- \$20 per evening

Young Adult Scholarships & Work Exchange available. *Please inquire!*

For Info and registration:

Basir 608-338-0709: basir@madisonsufis.com

To register online: www.madisonsufis.com/special-events



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
					Dances of Universal Peace Gates of Heaven 7:00-9:00 pm	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Universal Vespers Service Unity of Madison 6:30 pm	Ziraat 6:00 p.m. Women with Wings Open Sing 7:30 pm 2709 Willard Ave			Rahmat's Class Rahmat's home 7:00-9:00 pm	Grassroots 23 Mondale Ct Gather 5:30 pm Potluck 6:00 pm Activity 7:30 pm RSVP	
15	16	17	18	19	20*	21*
Healing Service Alima's home 11:00 am					Dances of Universal Peace Unity of Madison 7:00-9:00 pm	*Sufi Retreat Leilah Be Unity of Madison 10 am- 4 pm 7- 9 pm
22*	23	24	25	26	27	28
Retreat cont. 1 - 5 pm	<i>Autumnal Equinox</i>		Sufi Songs and Teachings Alima's home 7:00 - 9:00 pm			
29	30	October 1				
Sunday Heart Gathering Ann's Home 11:00-1:00 pm <i>Rosh Hashanah begins at sunset</i>	<i>Rumi's Birthday 1207</i>	<i>Rosh Hashanah ends at nightfall</i>				

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Basir, Treasurer, Madison Sufis

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Milwaukee Area Activities

Universal Worship

September 1st, 10:00 at the Tower

On the Lake side.

Celebrate Air and the Breath of life.

Call Sara 414-299-0318.

Dances of Universal Peace in Southeastern Wisconsin

For information visit: <https://wisdup.org>

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