

# *Sarasota County Bahá'í News Letter*

## *Happy Holidays!*

December 2011 & January 2012

*"One must see in every human being only that which is worthy of praise. When this is done, one can be a friend to the whole human race." ~ Ábdu'l-Bahá*

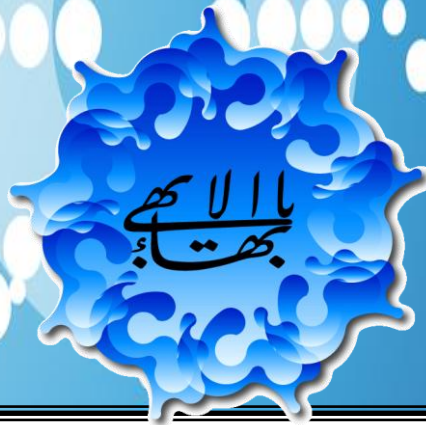
### **Children's Class!**

4514 Cinnamon Dr., Sarasota  
941-552-6637

**Every Saturday  
11:00 -12:00 PM**

Snack and beverage provided.

Children's Class Holiday is from  
December 24, 11 to January 14, 12  
Classes will begin Jan 21, 2012



### **Study Circles:**

*If anyone is interested in  
doing a study circle, or if you  
would like to volunteer to*

host a

Feast or Holy Day

**Please contact**

Nancy Kennedy-Wood  
(941) 552-6637

Or

Email: [nkw4514@comcast.net](mailto:nkw4514@comcast.net)

### **Regular Devotionals**

*If you are interested in going, please call the host  
to verify the dates during the holidays.*

#### **Richard & Janet Henne's Home**

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month at 10:30 AM  
808 Spring Lakes Blvd, Bradenton  
941-755-2110

#### **Trish Wicker's Home**

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month at 10:30 AM  
850 S. Tamiami Trl., Sarasota  
941-955-307

#### **Diane Stinnett's Home**

Last Sunday of Every Month at 10:30 AM  
3215 Glenna Lane, Sarasota  
941-926-1976

## *Feast and Holy Days*

*Sun., December 11 Feast of Questions  
at 7:30 PM*

*Hosted by: Sandy Marchbank  
7846 Saddle Creek Trail, Sarasota FL  
(941) 927-7619*

*Fri., December 30 Feast of Honor  
at 7:30 PM*

*Hosted by: Sitarih and Aziz Khoshnood  
5050 Central Sarasota Parkway,  
Sarasota FL  
(941) 870-5810*

### *\*Next Month*

*Wed., January 18 Feast of Sovereignty  
At 7:30 PM*

*Hosted by: Sue Key  
1701 Oak View Dr., Sarasota FL  
(941) 371-0457*

*As to the Nineteen Day Feast, it rejoiceth  
mind and heart. If this feast be held in the  
proper fashion, the friends will, once in  
nineteen days, find themselves spiritually  
restored, and endued with a power that is not  
of this world.*

*(Abdu'l-Baha, Selections from the Writings of Abdu'l-Baha, p. 91)*

## **Announcements**

**Auxiliary Board Members appointed  
for the Southeast Region  
Propagation**

**Mrs. Nwandi Lawson  
Mrs. Aram Ferdowsi  
Mr. James R. Abercrombie  
Mrs. Farzaneh Rasooly**

### **Protection**

**Mr. Michael O'Neal  
Mrs. Maxcia Lizarraga  
Mr. Tod Rutstein  
Mrs. Raina Racki  
Mrs. Windi Burgess  
Dr. Mahyar Mofidi  
(Three appointments remain to be  
made in this region)**

## **2011 SED Conference**

**December 17 - 20, 2011**

**Rosen Centre Hotel  
Orlando, Florida**

**<http://www.rabbanitrust.org>**

**Phone: 407-740-5415**

**or**

**Fax: 407-647-6079**

# The Yaran

## Jailed Iranian Bahá'í leader appears on Dutch postage stamp

“Postage stamps in the Netherlands depict victims of human rights abuses in Iran. They are, clockwise from top left, Mahvash Sabet, one of Iran's seven Baha'i leaders currently serving a 20-year prison sentence in Tehran's Evin Prison; human rights lawyer Nasrin Sotoudeh, serving an 11-year prison sentence; the prominent Iranian poet and feminist Simin Behbahani, who is barred from leaving the country; and transport workers' union leader, Mansour Osanlou, jailed since 2007.” —<http://news.bahai.org/story/838>

Since 1979, the Iranian government has systematically sought to bar young members of the Baha'i community from higher education. These pages include background information on the campaign and articles about the latest developments



## *Birthday of Bahá'u'lláh*

*The Birthday of Bahá'u'lláh was a wonderful success. Sending out special gratitude to all the people who put this program together, for the hard work, and making this a fabulous celebration! It was a magnificent commemoration, with delicious desserts, and uplifting entertainment! Many of the attendants specifically came to learn about the Bahá'í Faith, turning this extraordinary day into an educational opportunity. This was a grand birthday gift to our beloved Bahá'u'lláh.*

