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Zalman Schachter-Shalomi at the grave of Hazrat Inayat Khan.

### The Inayati-Maimuni Tariqat of Sufi-Hasidim

THE INAYATI-MAIMUNI TARIQAT is an inter-spiritual fellowship of seekers committed to a rigorous path of spiritual development based upon both Sufi and Hasidic principles and practices. In this *tariqat* or "order," the Sufi lineage of Hazrat Inayat Khan (1882-1927), the first Sufi master to bring Sufism into the West, has been joined to the Hasidic lineage of Rabbi Israel ben Eliezer, the Ba'al Shem Tov (1698-1760), founder of the influential 18th Century Hasidic movement. But because it is not the first time that these two mystical paths associated with Islam and Judaism have been brought together, we endeavor to connect to and renew the spirit of the original Egyptian Sufi-Hasidism practiced by Rabbi Avraham Maimuni of Fustat (1186-1237), our forerunner, who successfully combined these paths as far back as the 13th Century. For this reason, we are called the "Inayati-Maimuniyya," honoring both Inayat Khan's vision of Sufism as a universal approach to spirituality, and Avraham Maimuni's radical innovation which made a peaceful marriage between Jewish Hasidism and Islamic Sufism in a time of open conflict between the Abrahamic traditions.

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JUST AS THE MESSAGE of Hazrat Inayat Khan recognizes the essential unity underlying all spiritual paths, seeing Sufism as a perennial approach to these paths, so also do we see Hasidism. Thus, the Inavati-Maimuni Tarigat, while certainly connected to the religious traditions of Islam and Judaism, is not limited to them, emphasizing instead the perennial Sufi and Hasidic teachings and methods that evolved out of these traditions. This is why we have also chosen to identify more broadly as The Desert Fellowship of the Message. For the Message is of the essential unity of all Being (as taught by Hazrat Inayat Khan), and the Desert has always been symbolic of where the Message is to be found, especially as the Hasidim, Ihidaya, and Sufiyya---the mystical fellowships of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam---all have their origins in the desert. Indeed, nearly all the mystical traditions of the world have foundations in the "desert experience" of the place of solitude, the wilderness where all boundaries cease to exist. Thus, we return to the desert again and again to hear that Message for ourselves, renewing it in our hearts year after year.

#### The Inayati-Maimuni Seal

Rahmana liba ba-ey, v'liba ba-ey Rahmana.

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"The Compassionate One Desires the Heart, and the Heart Desires the Compassionate One."

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## Khilafat-Nama of the Inayati-Maimuni Tariqat

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#### Khilafat-Nama

TOWARD THE ONE,
THE PERFECTION OF LOVE, HARMONY, AND BEAUTY,
THE ONLY BEING,
UNITED WITH ALL THE ILLUMINATED SOULS
WHO FORM THE EMBODIMENT OF THE MASTER,
THE SPIRIT OF GUIDANCE.

WHEREAS the sacred traditions of the faiths of Beni Israel-Judaism, Christianity, and Islam-derive from the prophecy of Abraham, who "was the first to bring the knowledge of mysticism from Egypt, where he was initiated in the most ancient order of esotericism";

AND WHEREAS the early Sufis of Islam were deeply studied in Judaica (isra'iliyyat);

AND WHEREAS Rabbi Abraham Maimonides observed, "the ways of the ancient saints of Israel ... have now become the practice of the Sufis of Islam," and developed a school of Hasidic Sufism in thirteenth-century Cairo;

AND WHEREAS Hazrat Pir-o-Murshid Inayat Khan founded, in London in 1914, the Sufi Order in the West, a new order of universalist Sufism rooted in the transmission of four unbroken lineages: Chishtiyya, Suhrawardiyya, Qadiriyya, and Naqshbandiyya;

AND WHEREAS Hazrat Inayat Khan appointed Pir Vilayat Inayat-Khan as his Sajjada-nishin, and Pir Vilayat has in turn appointed this faqir as his own Sajjada-nishin;

AND WHEREAS in California in 1975 and New York City in 1976, invoking the names of Melchizedek and Abraham, Pir Vilayat and Reb Zalman Schachter-Shalomi performed mutual initiations, bestowing the titles of *Shaikh* and *Kohen l'El Eliyon* respectively;

AND WHEREAS as a duly authorized Sufi Shaikh and Hasidic Rebbe, Reb Zalman has masterfully integrated the authentic traditions of the Sufis and the Hasidim, in the manner of a "merging of two oceans";

NOW, THEREFORE it is with jubilation of heart that I hereby recognize the establishment of the Maimuniyya, as a new order of Hasidic Sufism, reviving the tradition of the Egyptian Hasidic school and bearing the initiatory transmission of the Sufi Order in the West, whereby it is vested with the *baraka* of Hazrat Inayat Khan and the fourfold chain of *Pir-o-murshidan* preceding him.

IT IS MY PRAYER that the Maimuniyya will bring healing to the tragically divided family of Abraham and guide many sincere seekers on the path that leads to the fulfillment of life's purpose. May the Message of God reach far and wide!

IN WITNESS THEREOF I have signed this deed at The Abode of the Message on the 6th of May, 2004.

PIRZADE ZIA INAYAT-KHAN

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Below are are the "Thirteen Aspirations of Faith" of the Sufi-Hasidim as well as the "Ten Sufi Thoughts" and "Three Objectives" of *Hazrat* Pir-o-Murshid Inayat Khan's Sufism as they are found in his *The Way of Illumination:* 

### The Thirteen Aspirations of Faith

- I. My God, I aspire to perfect faith in Your Infinite Light, issuing from the Source beyond time and space, Who, longing for a dwelling-place in the Worlds below, compassionately contracts Her Radiant Glory in order to emanate, create, form, and effectuate all that exists in the Universe.
- II. My God, I aspire to perfect faith in Your Oneness with all of Creation, a Oneness without a second, a Oneness that says, all that exists in the Universe is called into being according to Your Desire in every moment.
- III. My God, I aspire to perfect faith in Your intent and purpose in Creation, that the Divine He may become known to us through Creation, the Divine She, that we expand this awareness until the Worlds are filled with the consciousness of God, as the waters cover the sea.
- IV. My God, I aspire to perfect faith in Your unfolding plan, in which all of us may come to constitute one consciously inter-connected and organic whole, that every living being may know that You are the One Who constantly causes their existence.
- V. My God, I aspire to perfect faith in all the paths through which the Holy Spirit manifests and reveals to us, that all Your manifestations are one, though they are called by different names throughout time and space.
- VI. My God, I aspire to perfect faith in the mission of each path as an organ of the collective being that comprises all existence, that through Your compassion on all creatures, it be revealed to all how integral each Message is to the health of all the species of our collective being.
- VII. My God, I aspire to perfect faith in the reciprocity of Your Universe which takes our impressions, that everyone who does good with one's own life takes part in the fixing of the world, and that everyone who uses that life for negative purposes, likewise, participates in the destruction of the world, that every action has an impact on the rest of existence.
- VIII. My God, I aspire to perfect faith in Your perfect judgment, that the amount of good in the Universe is greater than the amount of negativity, and that our entire movement through the chain of evolution is designed to bring about the fulfillment of Your Divine Intention.
- IX. My God, I aspire to perfect faith in Your tradition, that the deeds of the mothers and fathers inure to the benefit of the children, that the traditions passed on contain within them the seeds of the light of redemption.
- X. My God, I aspire to perfect faith in Your compassion, that our prayers are heard

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#### The Iron Rules

My conscientious self:

- 1. Make no false claims.
- 2. Speak not against others in their absence.
- 3. Do not take advantage of a person's ignorance.
- Do not boast of your good deeds.
- 5. Do not claim that which belongs to another.
- 6. Do not reproach others, making them firm in their faults.
- 7. Do not spare yourself in the work which you must accomplish.
- 8. Render your services faithfully to all who require them.
- 9. Seek not profit by putting someone in straits.
- 10. Harm no one for your own benefit.

#### The Copper Rules

My conscientious self:

- 1. Consider your responsibility sacred.
- 2. Be polite to all.
- 3. Do nothing which will make your conscience feel guilty.
- 4. Extend your help willingly to those in need.
- 5. Do not look down upon the one who looks up to you.
- 6. Judge not another by your own law.
- 7. Bear no malice against your worst enemy.
- 8. Influence no one to do wrong.
- 9. Be prejudiced against no one.
- 10. Prove trustworthy in all your dealings.

XII. My God, I aspire to perfect faith in Your continuity, that physical death does not terminate the existence of the soul, that there are innumerable Worlds in which the souls reside.

XIII. My God, I aspire to perfect faith in the fixing of the World and its becoming alive, possessing a consciousness and feeling, becoming a fitting vessel for the revelation of the Divine Will.

--- Pir Zalman Schachter-Shalomi & Murshid Netanel Miles-Yepez

#### Ten Remembrances

There are ten principal Sufi thoughts which comprise all the important subjects with which the inner life of man is concerned:

- 1) There is one God, the Eternal, the Only Being; none else exists save God.
- 2) There is one Master, the Guiding Spirit of all souls, who constantly leads all followers towards the light.
- 3) There is one Holy Book, the sacred manuscript of nature, which truly enlightens all readers.
- 4) There is one Religion, the unswerving progress in the right direction towards the ideal, which fulfils the life's purpose of every soul.
- 5) There is one Law, the law of Reciprocity, which can be observed by a selfless conscience together with a sense of awakened justice.
- 6) There is one human Brotherhood, the Brotherhood and Sisterhood which unites the children of earth indiscriminately in the Fatherhood of God.
- 7) There is one Moral Principle, the love which springs forth from self-denial, and blooms in deeds of beneficence.
- 8) There is one Object of Praise, the beauty which uplifts the heart of its worshipper through all aspects from the seen to the unseen.
- 9) There is one Truth, the true knowledge of our being within and without which is the essence of all wisdom.
- 10) There is one Path, the annihilation of the false ego in the real, which raises the mortal to immortality and in which resides all perfection.

### Three Objects

- 1) To realize and spread the knowledge of unity, the religion of love and wisdom, so that the bias of faiths and beliefs may of itself fall away, the human heart may overflow with love, and all hatred caused by distinctions and differences may be rooted out.
- 2) To discover the light and power latent in man, the secret of all religion, the power of mysticism, and the essence of philosophy, without interfering with customs or belief.
- 3) To help to bring the world's two opposite poles, East and West, closer together by the interchange of thought and ideals, that the Universal Brotherhood may form of itself, and man may see with man beyond the narrow national and racial boundaries.

#### My conscientious self:

- 1. Consider duty as sacred as religion.
- 2. Use tact on all occasions.
- 3. Place people rightly in your estimation.
- 4. Be no more to anyone than you are expected to be.
- 5. Have regard for the feelings of every soul.
- 6. Do not challenge anyone who is not your equal.
- 7. Do not make a show of your generosity.
- 8. Do not ask a favor of those who will not grant it you.
- 9. Meet your shortcomings with a sword of self-respect.
- 10. Let not your spirit be humbled in adversity.

#### The Golden Rules

My conscientious self:

- 1. Keep to your principles in prosperity as well as in adversity.
- 2. Be firm in faith through life's tests and trials.
- Guard the secrets of friends as your most sacred trust.
- 4. Observe constancy in love.
- 5. Break not your word of honor whatever may befall.
- 6. Meet the world with smiles in all conditions of life.
- 7. When you possess something, think of the one who does not possess it.
- 8. Uphold your honor at any cost.
- 9. Hold your ideal high in all circumstances.
- 10. Do not neglect those who depend upon yon.



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#### Awrad

FOR MUSLIM SUFIS, the Islamic prayer-rite of *Salat* forms the core of one's prayer life, but around this rite different Sufi orders have woven additional prayers and practices particular to their own path. These are usually contained in a *wird*, or prayer-book. In the same way, the Sufi-Hasidim, though Universalist in orientation, use a prayer-book containing the normative prayer rites of the murid's own religious background, be it Jewish, Christian or Islamic; but added to these rites are non-traditional prayers, meditations, and practices composed by *Hazrat* Pir-o-Murshid Inayat Khan and the leadership of our order, some of which have been included here.

In the right hand column is our "Source of Time and Space" prayer composed by Pir Zalman Schachter-Shalomi and Murshid Netanel Miles-Yepez. Below are a number of prayers by *Hazrat* Pir-o-Murshid Inayat Khan as they were originally composed in English in the early part of the 20th Century:

#### Toward the One

Toward the One,
The Perfection of Love, Harmony, and Beauty,
The Only Being,
United with All the Illuminated Souls,
Who Form the Embodiment of the Master,
The Spirit of Guidance.

### Saum

Praise be to Thee, Most Supreme God, Omnipotent, Omnipresent, All-pervading, the Only Being. Take us in Thy Parental Arms, Raise us from the denseness of the earth. Thy Beauty do we worship, To Thee do we give willing surrender, Most Merciful and Compassionate God, The Idealized Lord of the whole humanity. Thee only do we worship; and towards Thee alone we aspire. Open our hearts towards Thy Beauty, Illuminate our souls with Divine Light, O Thou, the Perfection of Love, Harmony and Beauty! All-powerful Creator, Sustainer, Judge and Forgiver of our shortcomings, Lord God of the East and of the West, of the worlds above and below, And of the seen and unseen beings, Pour upon us Thy Love and Thy Light, Give sustenance to our bodies, hearts and souls. Use us for the purpose that Thy Wisdom chooseth, And guide us on the path of Thine Own Goodness. Draw us closer to Thee every moment of our life, Until in us be reflected Thy Grace, Thy Glory, Thy Wisdom,

# Toward the One in Hebrew

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Translation into the Liturgical Hebrew of the Jewish Tradition.

Liqrat ha'ehad,
Ha'yahid ha'ehad v'ha'm'yuhad,
Shleymut ha'ahavah, ha'tzedeq
v'ha'tif'eret,
Hannimtza ha'yahid,
Ha'kolel kol hann'shamot ha'ne'orot,
Yotzrey hag'shammat harrabbi,
Ha'ruah haqqodesh.

# Source of Time and Space

Source of Time and Space,
Our Sovereign Father and Mother,
Draw down to us the great renewal,
A stream from the Infinite,
Attuning us to Your timely intent.

Let Wisdom flow into our awareness, Awakening us to foresight, Guiding us to help instead of harm.

> May every tool and device Of human use Be sparing and protecting Of Your Creation.

Help us to set right
All that we have debased,
To heal what we have made ill,
To care for and restore
What we have injured.

Bless the Earth, our home; Guide us in how to care for her So we might live According to Your promise, Days of Heaven

Most gracious Lord, Master,

Messiah, and Savior of humanity, We greet Thee with all humility.

Thou art the First Cause and the Last Effect,

the Divine Light and the Spirit of Guidance, Alpha and Omega.

Thy Light is in all forms, Thy Love in all beings: in a loving mother, in a kind father, in an innocent child, in a helpful friend, in an inspiring teacher.

Allow us to recognize Thee in all Thy holy names and forms; as Rama, as Krishna, as Shiva, as Buddha.

Let us know Thee as Abraham, as Solomon, as Zarathushtra, as Moses, as Jesus, as Muhammad, and in many other names and forms, known and unknown to the world.

We adore Thy past; Thy presence deeply enlighteneth our being, and we look for Thy blessing in the future.

O Messenger, Christ, Nabi, the Rasul of God! Thou Whose heart constantly reacheth upward, Thou comest on earth with a message, as a dove from above when Dharma decayeth, and speakest the Word that is put into Thy mouth, as the light filleth the crescent moon.

Let the star of the Divine Light shining in Thy heart be reflected in the hearts of Thy devotees.

May the Message of God reach far and wide, illuminating and making the whole humanity as one single Brotherhood in the Fatherhood of God. Amen.

#### Khatum

O Thou, Who art the Perfection of Love, Harmony, and Beauty, The Lord of heaven and earth.

Open our hearts, that we may hear Thy Voice, which constantly cometh from within. Disclose to us Thy Divine Light, which is hidden in our souls,

that we may know and understand life better.

Most Merciful and Compassionate God, give us Thy great Goodness;

Teach us Thy loving Forgiveness;

Raise us above the distinctions and differences which divide men;

Send us the Peace of Thy Divine Spirit, And unite us all in Thy Perfect Being. Amen.

### Nayaz

Beloved Lord, Almighty God! Through the rays of the sun, Through the waves of the air, Through the All-pervading Life in space, Purify and revivify me, and, I pray, Heal my body, heart, and soul. Amen.

#### Nazar

O Thou, the Sustainer of our bodies, hearts, and souls, Bless all that we receive in thankfulness.

Amen.

Pir

Become aware of You And the gift of being You grant them in every moment.

May we realize
The Shaping of our lives,
And may everything that breathes
Share breath and knowing,
Delighting in the One Great Breath.

Guide us in the understanding
Of the art of partnering
With family, with friends,
And with neighbors, new and old.

Aid us in dissolving old enmities;
May we come to honor,
Even in those whom we fear,
Your image and form,
Your-Light-Dwelling
In their hearts.

May our star soon rise on the day When Your House will indeed be A House of Prayer for All Peoples, Named and celebrated in every tongue; On that day You will be known As One with all Cosmic Life.

> Pir Zalman Schachter-Shalomi & Murshid Netanel Miles-Yepez

Thy thought riseth as a divine spring,

Thy tender feelings waken sympathy in my heart.

Beloved Teacher, thy very being is forgiveness.

The clouds of doubt and fear are scattered by thy piercing glance;

All ignorance vanishes in thy illuminating presence;

A new hope is born in my heart by breathing thy peaceful atmosphere.

O inspiring Guide through life's puzzling ways,

In thee I feel abundance of blessing.

#### Nabi

A torch in the darkness,
A staff during my weakness,
A rock in the weariness of life,
Thou, my Master, makest earth a paradise.
Thy thought giveth me unearthly joy,
Thy light illuminateth my life's path,
Thy words inspire me with divine wisdom,
I follow in thy footsteps, which lead me to the eternal goal.
Comforter of the broken-hearted,
Support of those in need,
Friend of the lovers of truth,
Blessed Master, thou art the Prophet of God.

#### Rasul

Warner of coming dangers,
Wakener of the world from sleep,
Deliverer of the Message of God,
Thou art our Savior.
The sun at the dawn of creation,
The light of the whole universe,
The fulfillment of God's purpose,
Thou the life eternal, we seek refuge in thy loving enfoldment.
Spirit of Guidance, Source of all beauty, and Creator of harmony,
Love, Lover, and Beloved Lord.
Thou art our divine ideal.

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# The Desert Message

THE DESERT MESSAGE is an open access page for posting articles and resources which may be of interest both to Inayati-Maimuni murids and murids of other Inayati orders. To this end, we will post articles below as downloadable PDFs with descriptive synopses following them. Downloadable resources---prayers in Hebrew, artwork, and maps---will be available in the blue-banded sub-section below.

#### **Articles**

"Walking and Breathing at the Maqbara" by Murshid Netanel Miles-Yepez - July 23, 2008.

In this article, Murshid Netanel Miles-Yepez describes the pilgrimage he made to the Maqbara (lit. "tomb") of Murshid Samuel Lewis (1896-1971) at Lama Foundation in San Cristobal, NM in the Spring of 2008. In it he gives instructions for carrying-out a pilgrimage ritual at the Maqbara and describes the rationale behind the elements of the ritual he created for the occasion.

### Resources

"Maqbara Pilgrimage Map" by Murshid Netanel Miles-Yepez - July 23, 2008

This map describes the basic features of the pilgrimage route to the Maqbara of Murshid Samuel Lewis at Lama Foundation in San Cristobal, NM.

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#### Calendar

## Calendar of the Inayati-Maimuniyya

- \* **JANUARY 15**: The *urs* of *Pir-o-Murshid* Samuel (Sufi Ahmed Murad Chishti) Lewis (1896-1971).
- \* **JANUARY 28**: The *hillula* of *HaRav* Yosef Yitzhak of Lubavitch, the *Rebbe Rayyatz* (1950) (10 Shevat 5710).
- \* **FEBRUARY 5**: The *urs* of *Hazrat Pir-o-Murshid* Inayat Khan; he died at 8:20 A.M., in Delhi, India, 1927. Called *Visalat* ("return," "reconnection") among Inayati Sufis.
- \* **FEBRUARY 13:** The *urs* of *Sheikh al-Haj* Muzaffer Ozak *Ashki al-Jerrahi al-Halveti* (1985) (22 Jumada I 1405).
- \* **FEBRUARY 27:** The *urs* of *Pir-o-Murshid* Moineddin Carl Jablonski (2001).
- \* **MARCH 11:** The *urs* of *Sheikh al-Masheikh* Hasan Muhammad (1575) (28 Dhu al-Qi'dah 982).
- \* MARCH 16: The *urs* of *Khwaja* Mu'in ad-Din Hassan Ajmiri, *Gharib Nawaz* ("Sultan of the Poor") (1236) (6 Rajab 633).
- \* MARCH 21: The hillula of HaRav Shalom Dov Baer of Lubavitch, the Rebbe Rashab (1920) (2 Nissan 5680).
- \* **MARCH 28**: The *hillula* of *HaRav* Menachem Mendel of Lubavitch I, the *Tzemah Tzedek* (1866) (13 Nissan 5626).
- \* APRIL 3: The urs of Khwaja Nizam ad-Din Awliya ("Saints") (1325) (18 Rabi' II 725).
- \* MAY 6: The founding day of the Inayati-Maimuni Tariqat of Sufi-Hasidim (2004).
- \* MAY 7: The *urs* of *Sheikh al-Masheikh* Mawlana Fakhr ad-Din (1785) (27 Jumada II 1199).
- \* MAY 22: The hillula of HaRav Israel ben Eliezer, the Ba'al Shem Tov (1760) (6 Sivan 5520).
- \* MAY 29: The *urs* of *Sheikh al-Masheikh* Nizam ad-Din Awrangabadi (1730) (12 Dhu al-Qi'dah 1142).
- \* **JUNE 17**: The *urs* of *Pir-o-Murshid* Vilayat Inayat Khan (1916-2004).
- \* **JULY 2:** The *urs* of *Sheikh al-Masheikh* Jamal ad-Din Jamman (1534) (20 Dhu al-Hijja 940).

Ya Hazrati Inayat, Qaddasa Allahu sirrahu.

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# Possible *Urs* and *Hillula Zikr* Gatherings in 2009

- \* Monday, March 16, 2009: The *urs* of *Khwaja* Mu'in ad-Din Hassan Ajmiri, *Gharib Nawaz* (6 Rajab).
- \* Thursday,May 7, 2009: The *urs* of *Sheikh al-Masheikh* Mawlana Fakhr ad-Din (27 Jumada II).
- \* Wednesday, June 17, 2009: The *urs* of *Pir-o-Murshid* Vilayat Inayat Khan.
- \* Thursday, July 2, 2009: The *urs* of *Sheikh al-Masheikh* Jamal ad-Din Jamman (20 Dhu al-Hijja).
- \* Sunday, July 5, 2009: The birthday of *Hazrat Pir-o-Murshid* Inayat-Allah Khan. Called *Viladat* among Inayati Sufis.
- \* Wednesday, August 12, 2009: The *urs* of *Sheikh al-Masheikh* Nasir ad-Din Mahmud, *Kali Shah* (15 Safar), & the *urs* of *Sheikh al-Masheikh* IIm ad-Din (1406) (26 Safar).
- \* Thursday, August 27, 2009: The birthday of *HaRav* Israel ben Eliezer, the *Ba'al Shem Tov* (18 Ellul).
- \* Sunday, September 13, 2009: the day *Hazrat Pir-o-Murshid* Inayat Khan departed from India at the direction of his murshid to come to the West. This is known as *Hejirat* among Inayati Sufis.
- \* Monday, September 14, 2009: The *urs* of *Khwaja* Nasir ad-Din, *Chiragh-i Dihli* (18 Ramadan).
- \* Wednesday, October 7, 2009: The *urs* of *Sheikh al-Masheikh* Muhammad Abu Hashim Madani (29 Shaban).

- \* JULY 12: The urs of Sheikh al-Masheikh Ghulam Qutb ad-Din (1797) (17 Muharram 1212).[1]
- \* AUGUST 8: The urs of Sheikh al-Masheikh Siraj ad-Din al-Awliya (1414) (21 Jumada 817).[2]
- \* **AUGUST 12:** The *urs* of *Sheikh al-Masheikh* Nasir ad-Din Mahmud, *Kali Shah* (1862) (15 Safar 1279). [3]
- \* AUGUST 12: The *urs* of *Sheikh al-Masheikh* Ilm ad-Din (1406) (26 Safar 809).[4]
- \* **AUGUST 27**: The birthday of *HaRav* Israel ben Eliezer, the *Ba'al Shem Tov* (1698) (18 Ellul).
- \* **SEPTEMBER 13**: On September 13th, 1910, *Hazrat Pir-o-Murshid* Inayat Khan departed from India at the direction of his *murshid* to come to the West. This is known as *Hejirat* among Inayati Sufis.
- \* **SEPTEMBER 14:** The *urs* of *Khwaja* Nasir ad-Din, *Chiragh-i Dihli* (1356) (18 Ramadan 757).
- \* **SEPTEMBER 25**: The *hillula* of *HaRav* Shmuel of Lubavitch, the *Rebbe Maharash* (1882) (13 Tishrey 5643).
- \* OCTOBER 7: The *urs* of *Sheikh al-Masheikh* Muhammad Abu Hashim Madani (1907) (29 Shaban 1325).
- \* OCTOBER 17: The *urs* of *Khwaja* Farid ad-Din, *Ganj-i Shakar* ("Storehouse of Sugar") (1265) (5 Muharram 664).
- \* OCTOBER 17: The *urs* of *Sheikh al-Masheikh* Shah Kalim Allah Jahanabadi (1729) (24 Rabi' I 1142).
- \* **NOVEMBER 4:** The *urs* of *Sheikh al-Masheikh* Muhammad Hasan Jili Kalimi (1890) (21 Rabi' I 1308).
- \* NOVEMBER 5: The *urs* of *Sheikh al-Masheikh* Muhammad A'zam (1630) (29 Rabi' I 1040).
- \* NOVEMBER 22: The *urs* of *Sheikh al-Masheikh* Mahmud Rajan (1494) (22 Safar 900).
- \* **NOVEMBER 27:** The *urs* of *Khwaja* Qutb ad-Din, *Bakhtiyar Kaki* (1235) (14 Rabi' I 633).
- \* **NOVEMBER 28**: The *hillula* of *HaRav* Dov Baer of Lubavitch, the *Mittler Rebbe* (18270 (9 Kislev 5588).
- \* **DECEMBER 3:** The *urs* of *Sheikh al-Masheikh* Kamal ad-Din 'Allama (1355) (27 Dhu al-Qi'dah 756).
- \* **DECEMBER 7**: The *hillula* of *HaRav* Avraham ben Moshe Maimuni, *HaNagid* (1237) (18 Kislev 4998).
- \* **DECEMBER 10:** The *urs* of *Sheikh al-Masheikh* Yahya Madani (1689) (27 Safar 1101).
- \* **DECEMBER 15**: The *hillula* of *HaRav* Dov Baer, Maggid of Mezritch (1772) (19 Kislev 5533).

- al-Masheikh Muhammad A'zam (29 Rabi' I).
- \* Thursday, December 3, 2009: The *urs* of *Sheikh al-Masheikh* Kamal ad-Din 'Allama (27 Dhu al-Qi'dah).
- \* Monday, December 7, 2009: The *hillula* of *HaRav* Avraham ben Moshe Maimuni, *HaNagid* (18 Kislev).
- \* Thursday, December 10, 2009: The *urs* of *Sheikh al-Masheikh* Yahya Madani (27 Safar).
- \* Tuesday, December 15, 2009: The *hillula* of HaRav Dov Baer, Maggid of Mezritch (19 Kislev).
- \* Sunday, December 27, 2009: The hillula of HaRav Shneur Zalman of Liadi, the Alter Rebbe (24 Tevet).



- \* All Jewish and Muslim calendar dates have been converted to the Gregorian Calendar day on which the event occurred. In some cases, they may be off by a day.
- 1. This is a disputed date.
- 2. It is not mentioned whether it is Jumada I or II, so we chose to go with Jumada I.
- 3. This is a speculated date.
- 4. Two different sources given the same month and day but different years (901 and1495), but it is suspected that the truth is probably between.

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#### Links

### Inayati Sufi Organizations

THE FOLLOWING are links to Inayati Sufi organizations:

#### \* The Sufi Order International:

**The Sufi Order International** is the organizational face of the Inayati lineage passed from *Hazrat* Pir-o-Murshid Inayat Khan (1882-1927) to his eldest son, Pir-o-Murshid Vilayat Inayat-Khan (1916-2004), which is currently led by his own eldest son, Pir Zia Inayat Khan.

**Pir Zia Inayat-Khan** is the son and successor of Pir Vilayat Inayat-Khan as leader of the Sufi Order International. Pir Zia was trained both by his father as well by *murshidan* of the Chishtiyya order in India. He also studied Buddhism under the auspices of His Holiness the Dalai Lama while living in Dharamsala, and received his Ph.D in religion at Duke University. Pir Zia was invested with spiritual authority by his father and Pir in the year 2000, making him a Pir in the lineage of Hazrat Inayat Khan. Continuing in the tradition of his father and grandfather, Pir Zia offers seminars and trainings across North America, Europe, and India, as well as in a newly established school of esoteric studies, the Suluk Academy. Pir Zia is the editor of *A Pearl in Wine*, a book of essays about Hazrat Inayat Khan, and edits the biannual magazine, *Elixir*.

#### \* Sufi Ruhaniat International:

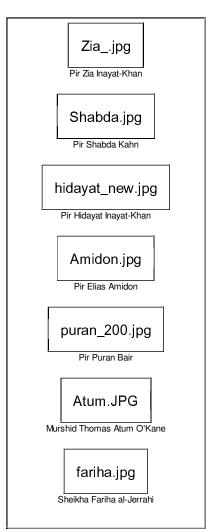
**The Sufi Ruhaniat International** is the organizational face of the Inayati lineage founded by Murshid Samuel L. Lewis (1896-1971), a direct disciple of *Hazrat* Pir-o-Murshid Inayat Khan (1882-1927), currently led by Pir Shabda Kahn.

**Pir Shabda Kahn** has been a disciple of Sufism since 1969. He is a direct disciple of Murshid Samuel Lewis and worked closely with the great American Mystic Joe Miller. Shabda is currently the Pir of the Sufi Ruhaniat International and the Director of the Chisti Sabri School of Music. He spent 24 years studying under the late Pandit Pran Nath, the North Indian classical vocal master. Today, Pir Shabda travels throughout the world spreading the Sufi Message of Love, Harmony and Beauty, bringing warmth, humor and clarity in his efforts to help seekers on their Path to Awakening.

#### \* The International Sufi Movement:

**The International Sufi Movement** is the organizational face of the Inayati lineage passed from Hazrat Pir-o-Murshid Inayat Khan (1882-1927) to his youngest son, Pir Hidayat Inayat-Khan, of which is currently Pir.

**Pir Hidayat Inayat-Khan** was born in London, England in 1917, the son of Hazrat Inayat and Pirani Ameena Begum. In his youth he studied music and composition at L'Ecole Normale de Musique in Paris, and later enjoyed a



has frequently been broadcast internationally. In 1988 Pir Hidayat assumed the role of Representative-General of the International Sufi Movement and Pir-o-Murshid of its Inner School. He divides his time between Holland and the family home in Suresnes, but travels extensively, giving classes and lectures on Sufism.

#### \* The Sufi Way:

**The Sufi Way** is the organizational face of the Inayati lineage founded by Pir-o-Murshid Fazal Inayat-Khan (1942-1990), the son of Pir Hidayat Inayat -Khan, currently led by Pir Elias Amidon.

**Pir Elias Amidon** was a student of Murshida Shahzadi Khan-de Koningh and Pir-o-Murshid Fazal Inayat-Khan, and Pir-o-Murshida Sitara Brutnell. He also received initiation in the Qadiri Order, and jukai in the Soto Zen lineage of the White Plum Sangha. Over the years Elias has helped to found, and teach in, four schools for spiritually-based activists. He is currently active in interfaith peacebuilding work in the Middle East. With his wife Rabia, he is co-editor of the books *Earth Prayers*, *Life Prayers*, and *Prayers for a Thouand Years*.

#### \* IAM: Institute for Applied Meditation:

**IAM:** Institute of Applied Meditation was founded by Puran and Susanna Bair at the request of Pir Vilayat Inayat-Khan in 1987. Pir Vilayat instructed them to "Take all of my teaching, and the teaching of my father (*Hazrat* Inayat Khan), and bring this message to the public for practical use, using a professional and scientific approach." IAM specializes in teaching a heart-centered meditation practice and therapy (Heart Rhythm Meditation and Heart Rhythm Therapy).

**Pir Puran Khan Bair** was a *khalif* of Pir-o-Murshid Vilayat Inayat-Khan and his senior representative for many years. He holds an MS degree in Computer Science from the University of Pennsylvania and was the vice-president of a mutual fund company in Boston. Today, Pir Puran is one of the finest teachers of Sufi meditation in the world, and, along with his wife Susanna, travels throughout the United States and Europe training groups and individuals in Heart Rhythm Meditation and Therapy.

#### \* The Art of Spiritual Guidance Training:

The Art of Spiritual Guidance Training Programs were founded by Murshid Thomas Atum O'Kane. These 2-year training programs in America, Canada and Europe are for people in a mature place on their path---spiritually or psychologically or both---and who are committed to further learning and exploration. The training comes from an interfaith perspective, integrating the wisdom and insights of Transpersonal and Jungian Psychology. The training is for those called to spiritual guidance and will also benefit those working in medical, religious, teaching and helping professions by broadening their understanding of spiritual development.

**Murshid Thomas Atum O'Kane** was a *khalif* of Pir-o-Murshid Vilayat Inayat-Khan and Secretary General of the Sufi Order International for twelve years. His other mentors include, Rabbi Zalman Schachter-Shalomi, who served as an advisor and mentor for his graduate studies, and Frances Vaughn, one of the founding voices of Transpersonal Psychology. Atum is a graduate of the Guild for Spiritual Guidance, which focuses on the depth psychology of Carl Jung, the vision of Teilhard de Chardin and the practice of Christian Mysticism. He also holds a Master's degree in Psychological Counseling and a Doctorate in Transpersonal Psychology.

The Nur Ashki Jerrahi Sufi Order is a community of dervishes within the Halveti-Jerrahi Tariqat, in the specific lineage and spirit of Shaykh Muzaffer Ashki al-Jerrahi, Shaykh Nur al-Jerrahi, and Shaykha Fariha al-Jerrahi. They are based at Dergah al-Farah in NYC, with various circles throughout the U.S. and Mexico. They joyfully welcome seekers and students of all religious and non-religious paths into their gatherings.

### Jewish Friends

- \* The Reb Zalman Legacy Project:
- \* ALEPH: Alliance for Jewish Renewal:

### Christian Friends

- \* Contemplative Outreach:
- \* The Desert Foundation:

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