

Sponsoring Organizations:

- ✧ Cantor/Rabbinic Association of Greater San José
- ✧ Catholic Diocese of San Jose
- ✧ Council of Churches of Santa Clara County
- ✧ Silicon Valley Conference for Community and Justice
- ✧ South Bay Islamic Association

Participating Organizations

Catholic Campus Ministry at San Jose State; *Center for Spiritual Enlightenment, San Jose*; Congregation Beth Am, Los Altos; *Congregation Beth David, Saratoga*; Congregation Shir Hadash, Los Gatos; *Episcopal Diocese of El Camino Real*; Interfaith Chaplaincy at Norman Y. Mineta San Jose International Airport; *International Satsang Association: Bay Area Chapter*; Islamic Networks Group (ING); *Presbytery of San Jose*, Rahima Foundation; *St. Philip's Episcopal Church, San Jose*; SEMAH (Safety, Education, Mutual Respect, Awareness, Hope); *South Valley Islamic Community, Morgan Hill*; Temple Emanu-El, San Jose

Food Arrangements:

Thanks to Nancy Smereski, Aida Hamshari, Zeya Mohse; special thanks to restaurants contributing food: Chandni (Newark), Mughal (Hayward), Shahnawaz (Milpitas), Zafaran (Santa Clara), and to Costco.

Get Involved

Southbay Interfaith

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Council of Churches of Santa Clara County

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Interfaith Space

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Silicon Valley Council for Community and Justice

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Fasting and Feasting Together:

A Family Reunion of Abraham's Children

Circle of Palms, San Jose

3 Tishrei, 5766

Thursday, October 6, 2005

Ramadan 02, 1426



SHALOM

PEACE

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The meeting of our Holy Days in early October prompts our meeting together as neighbors and family. We want to get to know and respect one another as people of faith in Silicon Valley. We intend to be clear that we will not permit our differences of opinion to divide us from each other.

World Communion Sunday (October 2) is observed by several Protestant Christian denominations as a celebration of worldwide Christian unity and peacemaking.

Rosh Hashana (begins at sundown October 3, lunar calendar) marks the Jewish New Year 5766, and begins the High Holy Days or Days of Awe, a ten-day period of prayer and penitence culminating in Yom Kippur [Day of Atonement] on October 13.

Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi (October 4). Roman Catholics and some Protestant groups commemorate St. Francis, founder of the Franciscan Order, peacemaker, and patron saint of animals and the environment.

Ramadan (October 5- November 3, lunar calendar). The Muslim month of fasting . During this time, Muslims fast daily from dawn to sunset as part of an effort towards self-purification and moral excellence. Fasting during Ramadan is one of the “Five Pillars” or foundational practices of Islam.

In these days, when relationships among our religious traditions worldwide are too often marked by violence and misunderstanding, we stand together and together find lasting ways to strengthen our ties to one another. We hope that the **Family Reunion of the Children of Abraham** will be a significant step in that ongoing task.

Shalom, Peace, Salaam

The Reunion Steering Committee



Program

Call to Prayer in Three Traditions

Cathedral Bells, Mark Cahn, Tahir Markar

Invocation

[Jewish Community], Sr. Marcia Krause
Aida Hamshari, Rev. D. Andrew Kille

Introduction

Bart Charlow

Silicon Valley Conference for Community and Justice

Message

Imam Tahir Anwar

South Bay Islamic Association

Rabbi Dana Magat

Temple Emanu-El

Father José Rubio

Catholic Diocese of San José

Rev. Margo Tenold

Council of Churches of Santa Clara County

Instructions for Breaking the Fast

Blessings Over Food

Rebecca Bronstein, Faten Hijazi, Brian Summerfield

6:45 pm- Sunset: Breaking the Fast

Maghrib (Sunset) Prayer

Closing

Steering Committee

Imam Tahir Anwar (South Bay Islamic Association); **Bart Charlow** (Silicon Valley Conference for Community and Justice); **Maha ElGenaidi** (Islamic Networks Group); **Rev. D. Andrew Kille** (Interfaith Space); **Rabbi Dana Magat** (Temple Emanu-El); **Father José Rubio** (Diocese of San Jose); **Rev. Margo Tenold** (Council of Churches of Santa Clara County); **Reshma Yunus** (South Bay Islamic Association)