

# Greek Bahá'í Summer School 2011

## “ I W a n t Y o u T o B e H a p p y ”

### Attaining True Joy

22-28 AUG	Monday 22nd	Tuesday, 23 <sup>th</sup> Chair: Mariam Vassou	Wednesday, 24 <sup>th</sup> Annie Willis	Thursday, 25 <sup>th</sup> Timon Smaragdis	Friday, 26 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday, 27 <sup>th</sup> Konstantinos Vassou	Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> Aug.	
7:30	ARRIVAL AND REGISTRATION	Early morning prayers	Early morning prayers	Early morning prayers	Early morning prayers	Early morning prayers	Prayers	
8.30		<b>BREAKFAST</b>						CHILL BREAKFAST
9.15		<b>Day Opening</b> Co. Martha Milani	<b>Day Opening</b> Co. Martha Milani	<b>Day Opening</b> Co. Martha Milani	<b>Day Opening</b> Co. Martha Milani	<b>Day Opening</b> Co. Martha Milani	<b>Day Opening</b> Co. Martha Milani	
10.00		<b>“Happiness is a Spiritual State”</b> <i>The life and travels of Abdu'l-Baha</i> Giuseppe Robiati	<b>“Happiness is a Spiritual State”</b> <i>The life and travels of Abdu'l-Baha</i> Giuseppe Robiati	<b>“Happiness is a Spiritual State”</b> <i>The life and travels of Abdu'l-Baha</i> Giuseppe Robiati	<b>“Happiness is a Spiritual State”</b> <i>The life and travels of Abdu'l-Baha</i> Giuseppe Robiati	<b>“Happiness is a Spiritual State”</b> <i>The life and travels of Abdu'l-Baha</i> Giuseppe Robiati	<b>“Happiness is a Spiritual State”</b> <i>The life and travels of Abdu'l-Baha</i> Giuseppe Robiati	<b>Fare well Devotional</b>
Unit 1 →								
11:30		<b>CaféLatte (Coffee Break)</b>						
12:00		<b>“Heavenly Food for you”</b> <i>Deepening Program</i> Socrates + Shirin Maanian	<b>“Heavenly Food for you”</b> <i>Deepening Program</i> Socrates + Shirin Maanian	<b>“Heavenly Food for you”</b> <i>Deepening Program</i> Socrates + Shirin Maanian	<b>“Heavenly Food for you”</b> <i>Deepening Program</i> Socrates + Shirin Maanian	<b>“Heavenly Food for you”</b> <i>Deepening Program</i> Socrates + Shirin Maanian	<b>“Heavenly Food for you”</b> <i>Deepening Program</i> Socrates + Shirin Maanian	GOOD BYES
Unit 2 →								
13:30		<b>LUNCH... ..and time .....for leisure.....beach.....or siesta!</b>						
17:30		<b>Come for a chat!</b>			<b>FREE TIME!</b>	<b>Come for a chat!</b>		
17:45		<b>Stories Worth Sharing</b> Eleni Dimopoulou	<b>Stories Worth Sharing</b> Yannis Vatsellas	<b>Stories Worth Sharing</b> Timon Smaragdis		<b>Stories Worth Sharing</b> Ilias Blekos		
18:00		<b>“Rejoice in the Gladness of thine Heart”</b> <b>WORKSHOPS</b> A. Superparenting B. Theatre C. Special Talks <i>(see windows!)</i>	<b>“Rejoice in the Gladness of thine Heart”</b> <b>WORKSHOPS</b> A. Superparenting B. Theatre C. Special Talks	<b>“Rejoice in the Gladness of thine Heart”</b> <b>WORKSHOPS</b> A. Superparenting B. Theatre C. Special Talks D. My Home		<b>“Rejoice in the Gladness of thine Heart”</b> <b>WORKSHOPS</b> A. Superparenting B. Theatre C. Special Talks D. My Home		
Unit 3 →								
19:30		<b>DINNER</b>						
21:15	<b>Official opening + PLAY IT! Games</b>	<b>FIND IT!</b> Treasure Hunt	<b>PAINT IT!</b> Painting Activity	<b>HEAR IT!</b> “The Economic Crisis from a Baha’i Perspective” <i>Giuseppe Robiati</i>	<b>SHOW IT!</b> Talent Show	<b>SEE IT!</b> Performances of the children, theatre workshop a. o.		
22:30	<b>Close</b>							

# “Daily Focus Quotes”

*From the Message of the Universal House of Justice of 28/10/2010*

## **TUESDAY: About humility, joining hands and bonds of friendship:**

*"As an increasing number of believers participate in the teaching and administrative work, undertaken with a humble attitude of learning, they should come to view every task, every interaction, as an occasion to join hands in the pursuit of progress and to accompany one another in their efforts to serve the Cause. In this way will the impulse to over instruct be quieted. In this way will the tendency to reduce a complex process of transformation into simplistic steps, susceptible to instruction by manual, be averted. Discrete actions are placed in context, and even the smallest of steps is endowed with meaning. The operation of spiritual forces in the arena of service becomes increasingly apparent, and bonds of friendship, so vital to a healthy pattern of growth, are continuously reinforced." (8)*

## **WEDNESDAY: About purity, materialism, youth and the example of parents:**

*"The forces at work on the hearts and minds of the young, to whom the Guardian directed his appeal most fervently, are pernicious indeed. Exhortations to remain pure and chaste will only succeed to a limited degree in helping them to resist these forces. What needs to be appreciated in this respect is the extent to which young minds are affected by the choices parents make for their own lives, when, no matter how unintentionally, no matter how innocently, such choices condone the passions of the world—its admiration for power, its adoration of status, its love of luxuries, its attachment to frivolous pursuits, its glorification of violence, and its obsession with self-gratification. It must be realized that the isolation and despair from which so many suffer are products of an environment ruled by an all-pervasive materialism. And in this the friends must understand the ramifications of Bahá'u'lláh's statement that "the present-day order" must "be rolled up, and a new one spread out in its stead." (33)\**

## **THURSDAY: About prejudice:**

*"While it is true that, at the level of public discourse, great strides have been taken in refuting the falsehoods that give rise to prejudice in whatever form, it still permeates the structures of society and is systematically impressed on the individual consciousness. It should be apparent to all that the process set in motion by the current series of global Plans seeks, in the approaches it takes and the methods it employs, to build capacity in every human group, with no regard for class or religious background, with no concern for ethnicity or race, irrespective of gender or social status, to arise and contribute to the advancement of civilization. We pray that, as it steadily unfolds, its potential to disable every instrument devised by humanity over the long period of its childhood for one group to oppress another may be realized." (34)*

## **FRIDAY: About the high standard and at the same time our human efforts:**

*"On the one hand, the high standard of conduct inculcated by Bahá'u'lláh's Revelation can admit no compromise; it can, in no wise, be lowered, and all must fix their gaze on its lofty heights. On the other, it must be acknowledged that, as human beings, we are far from perfect; what is expected of everyone is sincere daily effort. Self-righteousness is to be eschewed." (35)*

## **SATURDAY: About unity, true believers and divine love:**

*"Composed of such individuals and such institutions, the community of the Greatest Name becomes that spiritually charged arena in which powers are multiplied in unified action. It is of this community that 'Abdu'l-Bahá writes: "When any souls grow to be true believers, they will attain a spiritual relationship with one another, and show forth a tenderness which is not of this world. They will, all of them, become elated from a draught of divine love, and that union of theirs, that connection, will also abide forever. Souls, that is, who will consign their own selves to oblivion, strip from themselves the defects of humankind, and unchain themselves from human bondage, will beyond any doubt be illumined with the heavenly splendours of oneness, and will all attain unto real union in the world that dieth not."" (43)*