



*Happy Birth  
of Baha'u'llah!*

# Birth of Bahá'u'lláh

Bahá'í

[bah-OH-ah-lah](#)



Bahá'ís observe the anniversary of the birth of Baha'u'llah who was born on Nov. 12, 1817, in Tehran, Persia.

Baha'u'llah, which means the “Glory of God,” is the founder of the Bahá'í Faith. This is one of the nine holy days of the year when work is suspended; the Bahá'í Faith is based on justice, unity, and peace. The Birth of Bahá'u'lláh is one of nine holy days in the Bahá'í calendar.



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## Date

- The date varies year to year. The Bahá'í day ends and a new one begins at sunset; consequently, the day on which a Feast or Holy Day is observed begins at sunset of the day before the Gregorian calendar dates listed.
- Link to [Bahá'í calendar](#) for year/date lookup.

## Greetings

An appropriate greeting would be “Happy Birth of Baha'u'llah” or “Happy Twin Holy Days.”

## Common Practices and Celebrations

Bahá'ís usually honor the holy day with community gatherings with prayers and music.

## Common Dietary Restrictions

- Bahá'ís are asked to abstain from alcohol.
- There are no dietary restrictions.

## Impact to U-M Community

- Those observing the Bahá'í Faith suspend work and school on this holiday.
- Link to [U-M Guidance Regarding Conflicts](#).

## U-M Campus Resources

- [Maize Pages - Bahá'í](#), U-M
- [Association of Religious Counselors](#), U-M

## Information Sources

- [Bahá'í Center of Washtenaw County](#), Ann Arbor
- [Bahai Teachings](#)
- [Bahá'í of the United States](#)

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