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Proposal to add Nine Pointed star to Unicode



Figure 1: Proposed Nine Pointed Star Shape

Introduction

The purpose of this proposal is to request that a codepoint be allocated in the UCS for the nine pointed star character, which is commonly used by members of the Bahá'í Faith.

In Baha'i Literature, different forms of stars were used that are not standardized from one publishing to another (examples below). The presence of the nine pointed star will help standardize across the different publications. Adding to that, for religions lacking a representation of their place of worship, it is suggested to use the Place of Worship emoji with the representing symbol of their faith, of which there are exactly none feasible at the moment.

In terms of Unicode, the Nine Pointed Star is one of the most common symbols of the Bahá'í Faith, specifically the most distinctive one other than maybe the Ringstone Symbol (which would be extremely less universally usable), and it would help provide a near complete lineup of religions of the world; currently, there are many religious symbols supported via the Unicode standard - including Jewish (Star of David), Christian, Muslim (Star and Crescent), Sikh, Buddhists, and Wiccan (five pointed star).

The nine pointed star will also introduce a popular star character to the list of available stars in Unicode.

Naming convention

NINE POINTED STAR is a widely accessible and commonly used term for the symbol provided. It follows the same naming standard as other available stars in the unicode (number of points - form of the star - color).

*	U+2734	Eight Pointed Black Star
*	U+2735	Eight Pointed Pinwheel Star
*	U+2736	Six Pointed Black Star
*	U+2737	Eight Pointed Rectilinear Black Star
*	U+2738	Heavy Eight Pointed Rectilinear Black Star
*	U+2739	Twelve Pointed Black Star

Figure 2: Current list of stars in Dingbats

The regular compound nine pointed star, with Schläfli symbol of $\{9/3\}$ or $3\{3\}$, is the most common popular representation among Baha'is. However, the regular star version - the Schläfli symbol of $\{9/4\}$ - is also acceptable, but not as popular.

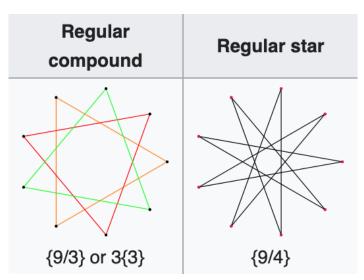


Figure 3: Snapshot from Wikipedia on nine-pointed star formation

(https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Enneagram (geometry))

Other common usage of the star in Bahá'í context uses an outline and filled version, although this is not prescribed in any way. Table 1 provides more variation of stars.

In addition, while fonts can be introduced to provide a variety of options to the user, Baha'i organizations do not have a standard font library nor have sufficient resources to deploy specialized fonts. The need for variation of nine pointed star is better understood in the section of "Use of Nine Pointed Star", as different contexts may demand a star format that is legible on paper, stone, leather or other surfaces. In addition, the significance of access to those symbols for Baha'is around the world, especially users who may not have access to exclusive fonts, ensures that no Baha'i individual is disenfranchised from representing their Faith in the best manner to them.

In terms of placement, the nine pointed star should ideally be added to the current lineup of religious symbols or stars. In practical terms this would for example imply receiving the same treatment as the other symbols with a religious meaning as to being rendered as an emoji in instant messaging context. This would also enable the rendering of a symbol for a Bahá'í House of Worship, of which there are a growing number in the world.

For the purpose of this proposal, I have recommended that the nine pointed star be placed in the *Geometric Shapes Extended* (<u>https://www.unicode.org/charts/PDF/U1F780.pdf</u>) block (1F7D0 - 1F7FF). Religious symbols have been placed in different blocks, including Miscellaneous Symbols (2600 - 26FF), Dingbats (2700 - 27BF), but no blocks were available.

Code Point	Glyph	Character Name
1F7D9	A A	NINE POINTED STAR

History

The nine pointed star is also one of the most used symbols and shapes by the adherents of the members of The Bahá'í Faith. The Bahá'í Faith is a religion that was founded by its prophet Baha'u'llah in 1863. There are over 7 million Bahá'í adherents worldwide¹, and Bahá'í institutions are recognized by many governments in the world - including the United States

¹ Pew Research Center# states "The Baha'i faith began in Persia (now Iran) in the 19th century. Bahá'ís are widely dispersed across many countries, with significant populations in India, the United States, Kenya and elsewhere." Adherents.com# (2005) statistics are: 7 million Bahá'ís around the world, ranking as the 13th largest global religion.

(https://www.bahai.us/) and European Union

(<u>http://www.eprid.eu/members/bahai-international-community/</u>). Bahá'ís also participate in political administrations, such as the United Nations (<u>https://www.bic.org/offices/united-nations</u>), providing insight and perspective towards achieving world unity through discourses that promote the betterment of mankind.

Given the growth of followers of the Bahá'í Faith year over year, and the prominence of the Bahá'í Faith around the world, the availability of the Bahá'í icon

would be significant to practicing Bahá'ís around the world.

In a non-Baha'i context, the nine pointed star is a common mathematical shape that consists of three intersecting triangles. The nine pointed star is also called a Nonagram, Enneagram, or Star of Goliath. In pop-culture, the nine pointed star also represents the band Slipknot, where they use the regular compound 9 pointed star figure as a symbol (image on right).



Figure 4: Slipknot 9-pointed star

Significance of Nine in the Baha'i Faith

Shoghi Effendi, Central Figure and the Guardian of the Baha'i Administration from 1921 until His passing in 1957, gave significant commentary to the significance of the number 9, which Baha'is represent as 9 pointed star. In a letter written on behalf of Shoghi Effendi, he clearly explains that there are three reason for the significance of the number nine:

First, regarding the significance of the number nine: Its importance as a symbol used so often in various connections by the believers lies in three facts: first, it symbolizes the nine great world religions of which we have any definite historical knowledge, including the Babi and Baha'i Revelations; second, it represents the number of perfection, being the highest single number; third, it is the numerical value of the word 'Bahá'.

(Lights of Guidance, From a letter written on behalf of Shoghi Effendi to an individual believer, July 9, 1939)

Shoghi Effendi's reference to the "numerical value of the word 'Bahá'" in the quotation is based on the Abjad numeral system, a system based on Arabic, Hebrew and other semetic languages dating back to before the 8th Century. In this system, each letter of the alphabet represents a number, so the first letter of the Arabic alphabet, alif, is used to represent the number '1'; the second letter, bā', is used to represent the number '2', and so on.

This is clarified in another letter to a Baha'i believer by Shoghi Effendi:

In the Semitic languages—both Arabic and Hebrew—every letter of the alphabet had a numerical value, so instead of using figures to denote numbers they used letters and compounds of letters. Thus every word had both a literal meaning and also a numerical value. This practice is no more in use but during the time of Baha'u'llah and the Bab it was quite in vogue among the educated classes, and we find it very much used in the Bayan. As the word Baha also stood for the number nine it could be used interchangeably with it.

(Lights of Guidance, From a letter written on behalf of the Guardian to an individual believer, February 19, 1932)

Use of Nine pointed Star

When searching for the term "Bahá'í", the presence of the nine-pointed star cannot be disregarded. The symbol is used widely in different areas of life, including - but not limited to - literature, architecture, gravestones, signage, and websites (for example, <u>https://bahaiteachings.org/</u> uses the nine pointed symbol in its logo).

Additional references are provided at the end of this proposal.

Nine pointed star bullet points in newsletter

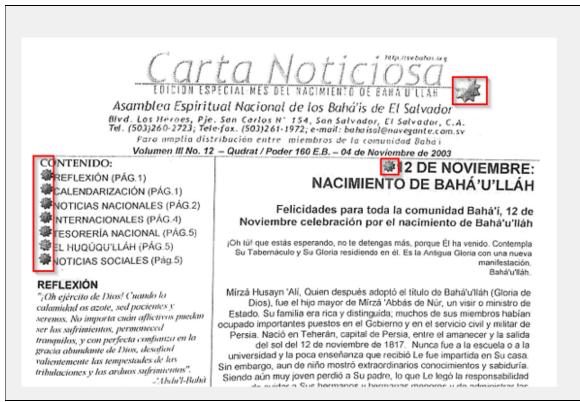


Figure 5: Carta Noticiosa newsletter, National Baha'i Assembly of El Salvador, 11/2003

Nine pointed star used in calendar to mark important Baha'i events

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Figure 5: Kalendar 154 Badi, National Baha'i Assembly of Turkey, 1997 A.D.

Nine pointed star used inline with text next to titles and prayers in Baha'i Writings

 17^{-1} Esplendor - Bahá, 8 c) "Aquel que es la Eterna Verdad, exaltada sea Su gloria, siempre ha amado la fidelidad. El bien sea sobre aquel que adorne su templo con su vestimenta y se honre con esta la mayor de las distinciones". "La honradez, la prudencia y la honestidad son, verdaderamente, los bellos adornos de Dios para Sus criaturas. Felices los que comprenden, y que el bien sea con los que adquieren tales virtudes". "Adheríos siempre a la cuerda de la honradez y asíos al borde del manto de la veracidad: así os lo pide Aquel que es el Verdadero, Aquel en quien confian. Dios es mi testigo, la honradez es una luz que brilla intensamente desde los cielos y conduce a la exaltación de la Causa de Dios, el Omnipotente, el Incomparable, el Todoalabado. Quien ha permanecido fiel a la Alianza ha sido firme en su adhesión a la honradez, mientras que los que lo han repudiado, están en grave error". (LH, 24, 25 y 26) Bahá'u Báh Esplendor - Bahá, 9 a) "Di: iOh pueblo! Arrojad, ante los esplendores de esta Revelación, las cosas que poseéis, y aferraos a lo que Dios os ha ordenado observar. Tal es Su mandamiento para vosotros, y El, ciertamente, es el más capacitado para mandar. iPor Mi Belleza! Es Mi propósito, al revelar estas palabras, hacer que todos los hombres se acerquen a Dios, el Todoglorioso, el Más Alabado. Cuidad de no tratarme como tratasteis a Mi Heraldo. Cuando los versículos de Dios os sean enviados desde

Figure 6: Selección de los escritos de Bahá'ulláh y el Báb para la reflexión y la profundización, revisado y aprobado por Asamblea Espiritual Nacional de los Bahá'ís de Bolivia

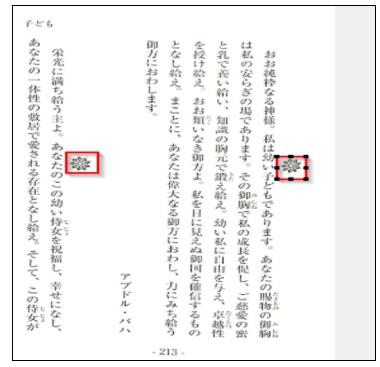


Figure 7: Baha'i inori no sho (バハイの祈り), p.213. Prayer book in Japanese



Figure 8: Baha'i inori no sho (バハイの祈り), p.213. Prayer book in Japanese

Nine pointed star used in map and map legends

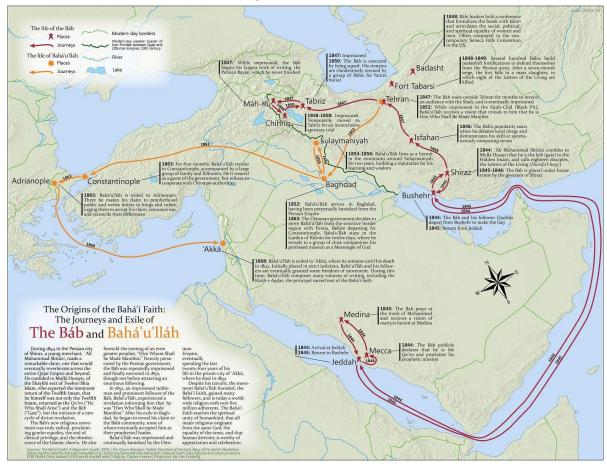


Figure 9: Map - The early history of the Bahá'í Faith, Clayton Hamre (https://www.reddit.com/r/bahai/comments/35myqw/map_the_early_history_of_the_bah%C3%A1%C3%A D_faith_1650x1275/)

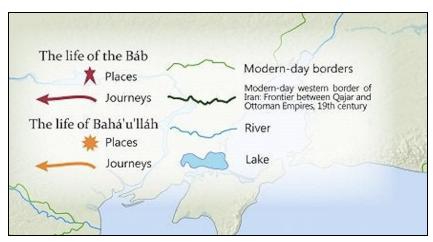


Figure 10: Zoomed image of the legend from Figure 9, highlighting the use of a 9 pointed star as an element inside the map legend.

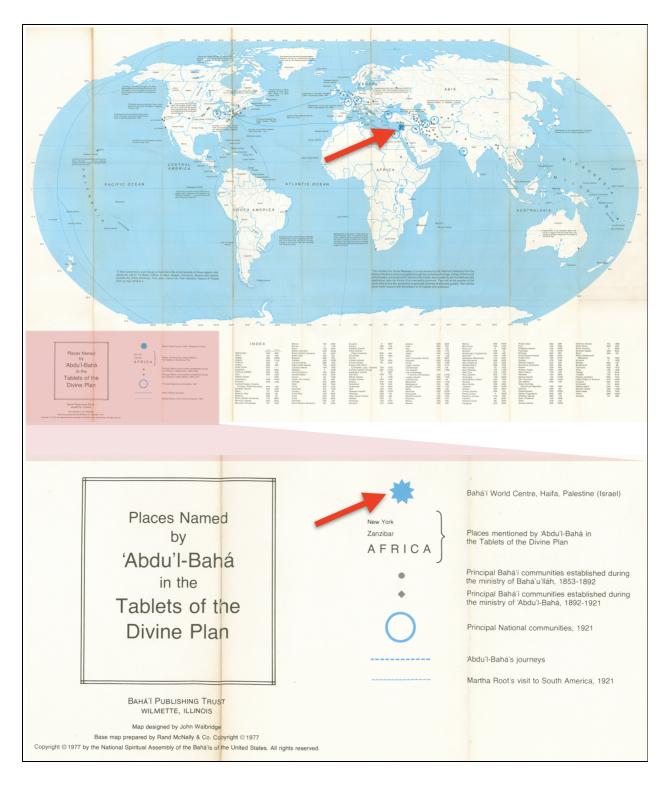


Figure 11: Places named by 'Abdu'l-Bahá in the Tablets of the Divine Plan, Published in Bahá'í World, Vol.17 (1976-1979). Full size version at

https://bahai-library.com/images/b/bw17 map1 places named abdulbaha 1977 full.jpg



Figure 12: Image of a physical, hardcopy Map of Haifa with Nine Pointed Star legends highlighting important Baha'i sites. Baha'i World Center, Haifa.

Nine pointed star used on gravestone markers



Figure 13: Example of tombstones in the U.S. with nine pointed stars

Nine pointed star used as signage for Baha'i Centers



Figure 14: Example of nine pointed stars as signage for Baha'i Centers in the U.S.

Nine pointed star added to logos to indicate Baha'i affiliation



Figure 15: Bahá'í Publishing Logo (US Trademark Office: Serial Number 72221623)

Nine Pointed Star in Bahá'í Literature

Currently, the governing institution of the Bahá'í Faith employs the five-pointed star and nine-pointed star in its Holy Writings and literature to define characters similar to a comma or period.

Currently, Baha'i institutions use the nine-pointed star in a graphical format at the end of each of their reports, guidance, or writings. Some examples can be viewed here (with screenshots below):

https://bahaiworld.bahai.org/library/the-cause-of-universal-peace/ https://bahaiworld.bahai.org/library/is-economic-justice-possible/ https://bahaiworld.bahai.org/library/a-new-cycle-of-human-power/ https://bahaiworld.bahai.org/library/the-light-was-in-the-darkness/

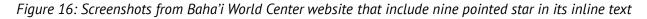
> during which Bahá'í endeavors worldwide have become increasingly focused on capacity building in local populations to take greater ownership of their spiritual, intellectual, and social advancement, opening new possibilities in the long-term effort of the Bahá'ís to root out racial prejudice and contribute to the emergence of a society based on racial justice and unity.

Conclusion

The pursuit of racial justice and unity have been defining aspirations of the Bahá'í community of the United States since the earliest days of its establishment in the country. Indeed, for well over a century, it has dedicated itself to racial unity. During periods of racial turmoil, it has contributed its share to the healing of the nation's racial wounds. 'Abdu'l-Bahá provided the example during his visit in 1912 and set in motion a race amity movement in 1921 for the Bahá'í community to build upon. Bahá'ís continued this work for decades with some fits and starts, but always moving forward under the inspired guidance of the Guardian of the Faith and then the Universal House of Justice.

This consecration of humanity's creative pursuits would, as 'Abdu'l-Bahá foresaw it, in the centuries ahead give rise to "a new art, a new architecture, fused of all the beauty of the past, but new."⁴¹ Despite all of its cultural ferment and experimentation, then, the early years of the twentieth century—with its "landscape of false confidence and deep despair, of scientific enlightenment and spiritual gloom,"⁴² a landscape on which the "luminous figure of 'Abdu'l-Bahá"⁴³ appeared— might thus be seen merely as the first streaks of the dawn of a "new cycle of human power."⁴⁴

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Demand and the Need of Nine Pointed Stars

This proposal is an individual proposal not brought forward by any Bahá'í organization specifically. However, the governing Baha'i body (Baha'i World Center) has provided a lot of materials and supporting documents of available usage of the nine pointed stars. Additional materials are attached to this proposal's appendix.

Historically, followers of the Baha'i Faith were not able to place the nine pointed stars in Baha'i literature due to the lack of nine pointed stars in printing and rotary presses of the time. Evidence of this can be seen in the figure below:

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قضىالامر فىهذا اللوح الذىلاحت	٧٨ قل من انت با ايمًا المعافل الغرّار * و منهم من يرّعى البالهن و بالهن البّالهن قُلّ يا ايّها الكنّراب تالله ما عندك انه من القشور تركناها لكم كما نترك العظام للكلاب ٧٩ تالله الحقّ لو يغسل امن ارجل العالم و يعبر الله على الأدغال و الشّراجن
من افقه شمسالخكمة و التبيان 🛪	والجبال و الثنان و الشناخيب و عن كلُّ حُجَّر و شَجَّر و مَرَر ولارًا بَتَمَعَ عَنْهُ عَنْهُ عَنْهُ عَ ٨٠ رضأتم لن يثبل ابدًا عزا ما حكم به مولى الأنام ء كم من عبد اعتران في جزآئر
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تمسكوا بحبل الاسباب متوكلير	۸۳ بقبولى اقرۇا(" الالوام لتعرفوا(" ما غو المتصود فى كتب الله العريز الوقاب ، من فارىخبى متى له أن يتعد على سرير العتيان فى صَرر الأمان و الدى منم عنه لو
على الله مسبب الاسباب جم قد حرّم	۱۴ یتعر علی القراب آنه یستعین منه الی الله مالک الأدیان » من یکمی آمرًا قبل اتمام الف سنة كاملة انّه كذّاب معتر نسئل الله بان یوّیزه علی الزّموم ان ناب انّه ۵۰ هُور: النّوَاب » و آن اصرّ علی ما قال بیعث علیه من لا یرحه انّه شدین العقاب »
عليكم تقبيل الايادي فيالكتاب هذا	۸۹ من ياوَل هذه الآية او ينسَرها بغير ما نزّل في الظّاهر انّه محرومٌ من روم الله التعرفنّ ۲ (۵) افراوا ۶ (۵) و لن ۳ (۵) مدر ۳ (۵) اذا ۲ (۵) ان ۳ (۱ الهو ۲٫۴

Figure 17: Side by side comparison of Al-Kitab al-Aqdas, the most Holy Book, Baha'u'llah. The version on the left is the 1943 version published in Tehran, the version on the right is the 1899 version published in Russia. Due to lack of availability of nine pointed stars, members of the Baha'i Faith utilized other available stars in the region (six pointed stars and eight pointed stars) in Baha'i Literature. <u>https://www.h-net.org/~bahai/areprint/vol1/aqdas/aqd.htm</u> With the presence of Unicode standards and symbols, members of the Baha'i Faith will have a common star standard for their literature and have an appropriate way to mark religious affairs like places of worship in line with the other already represented religions, as there is no existing symbol that could work for this appropriately so far.

Unicode Properties

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Maps with 9-pointed stars

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The early history of the Bahá'í Faith [1650x1275]

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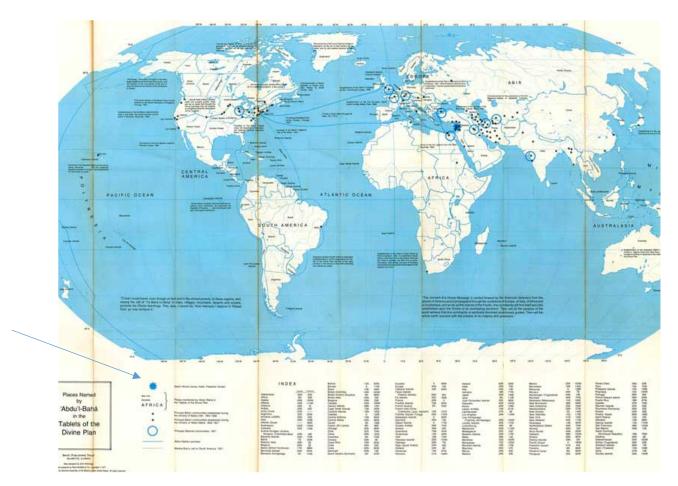


Map found at

https://www.reddit.com/r/bahai/comments/35myqw/map_the_early_history_of_the_bah%C3%A1%C3 %AD_faith_1650x1275/

More information about the map at https://bahai-library.com/slav_origins_bahai_faith

Places named by 'Abdu'l-Bahá in the Tablets of the Divine Plan (Library has a physical copy)

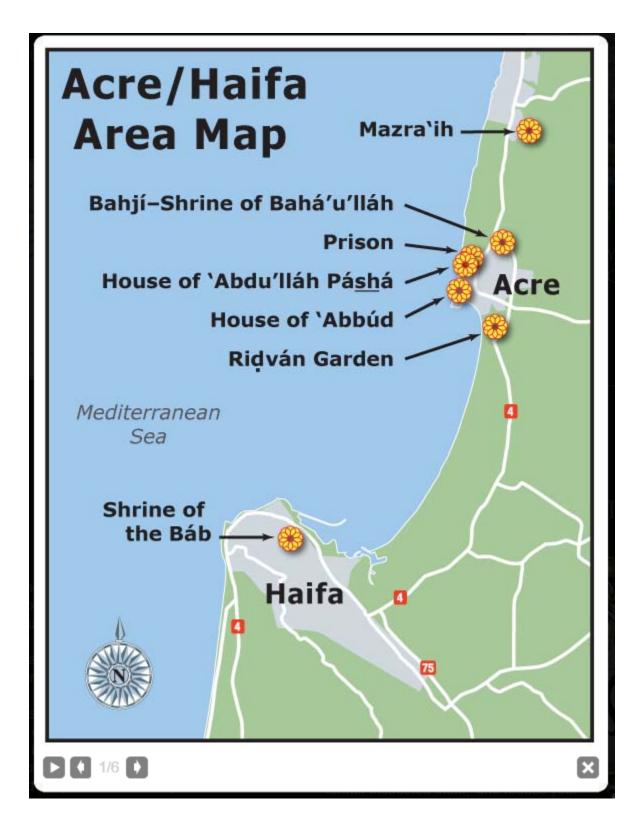


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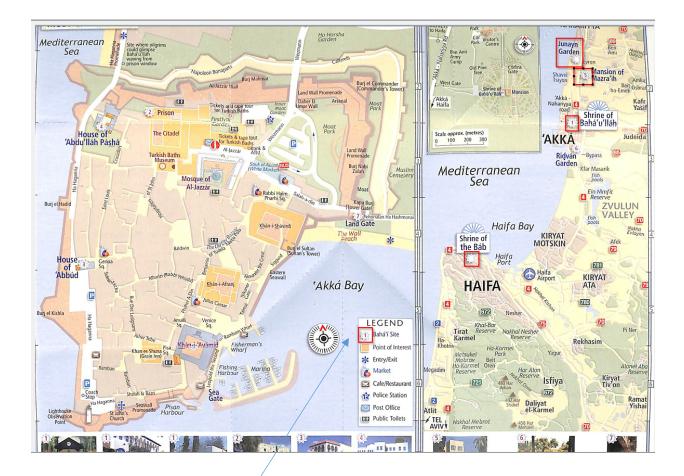
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Acre/Haifa Area Map



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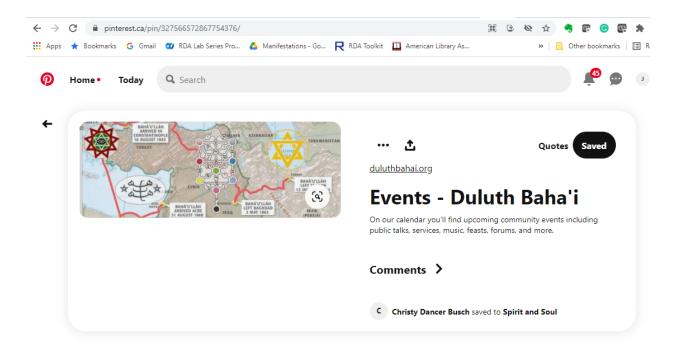
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Events – Duluth Baha'i



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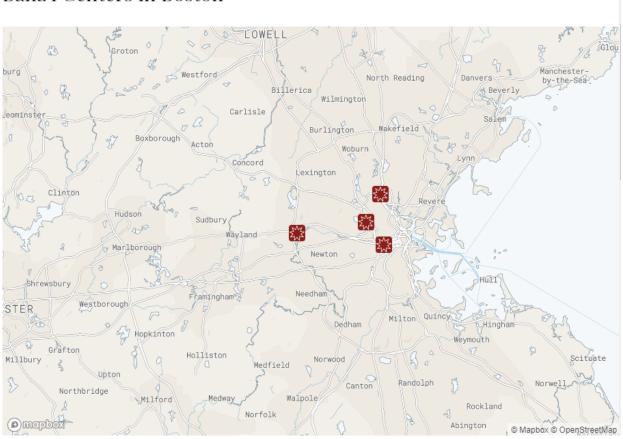
A map showing activities of persecution of the Bahá'ís in Iran

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Map found at https://bahaipedia.org/Persecution

Bahá'í Centers in Boston



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An image of the Bahá'í star, with the symbols of the world's major faiths represented within it.



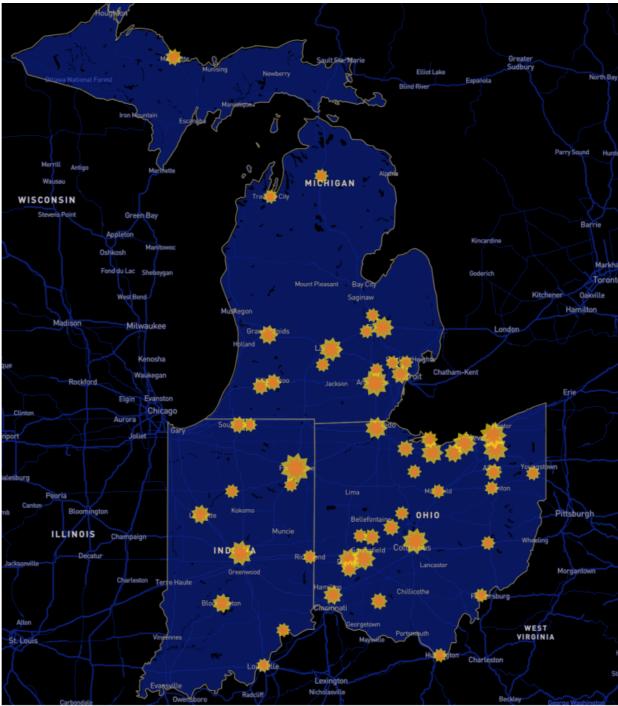
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Bahá'í Sommerfest 2019 Map



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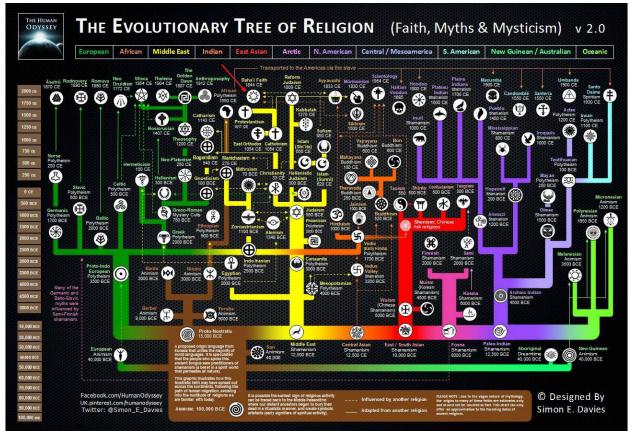
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The Evolutionary Tree of Religion

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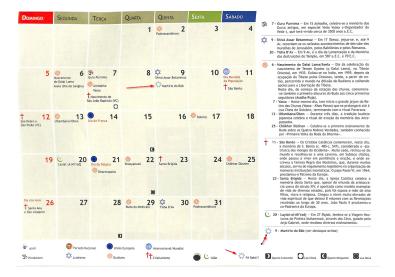
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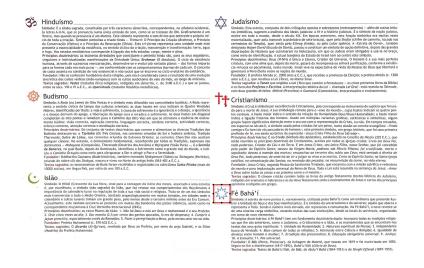
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-Budismo- in Religiões — História, Textos e Tradições Paulinas Editora, 2006



Declaração de fé : confirmação de declaração de fé.

Quando o seu coração lhe disser que Bahá'u'lláh é o Mensageiro de Deus para esta épor então você jã é um bahá'i. Mas, para poder participar da vida comunitária bahá'i, votar e eleições bahá'is, contribuir para o Fundo Bahá'i, receber noticiosos locais e naciona	en iis
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Ao assinar este cartão, declaro minha crença em Bahá'u'lláh, o Prometido de Deus e Autor di. Revelação Bahá'i. Também recontheço O Báb, Seu Precursor e 'Abdu'l-Bahá, o Centro de Seu Convéni e o verdadeiro exemplo da vida bahá'i e intérprete de Seus Ensinamentos. Solicito meu registro n. Comunidade Bahá'i, compreendendo que Bahá'u'lláh estabeleceu principios e leis que se deve seguir, instituições sagradas as quais devo obedecer.

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EL PRIMER TEMPLO BAHÁ'Í EN AMÉRICA LATINA, PANAMÁ, REPÚBLICA DE PANAMÁ

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La Fe Bahá'í

¿QUÉ ES LA FE BAHA'!? "La Fe Bahd'! mantiene la unidad de Dio, reconoce la unidad de sub Profesas e inculta de principio de la unicidad e integridad de toda la reazo humana." SHOGHI EFFENDI

La Fe Bahi'í es la más joven de las religiones independientes del mundo. Su fundador, Bahi'u'lih (187/1892), no sensina que caixe un mineo Dio, que revela su voluntad de forma progretiva a través de sus Menagicon. Bahi'u'lihá es considerado por los Bahi' como el más reciente en la cadena de Mensajeros de Dios que incluyes Abraham, Moisés, Buda, Zoroastro, Cristo y Mahoma.

La idea central del mensaje de Bahá'u'lláh es que la humanidad eu an sola raza y que ha llegado el did de su unificación en una accidad global. Bahá'u'lláh dijo que Dios ha puesto en marcha fuerzas históricas que estin dernibando barreras tradicionales de raza, clase, credo y nación y que con el tiempo crearin una civilización universal. El principal destío al que se enfrentan los pueblos de la tierra es el de aceptar el hecho de su unidad y de syudar a los procesos de unificación.

Una comunidad mundial más de cinco millones de Bahá'ís, representativos de la mayoría de las naciones, razas y culturas de la tierra, trabaja para llevar las enseñanzas de Bahá'u'lláh a la práctica.



BAHÁ'U'LLÁH

La Comunidad Bahá'í

La Comunidad Bahá'í ofrece para toda la sociedad una serie de actividades inspiradas en los principios de unidad, paz y armonía que caracteriza a su religión.

• Las **Clases para Niños** están enfocadas en el desarrollo de cualidades espirituales dirigidas a niños de 5 a 11 años.

 Los Grupos Prejuveniles tienen un propósito doble: contribuir a la transformación de los prejóvenes de 12 a 14 años y ayudarles a que sean participantes activos en el proceso de transformación social.

 Los Círculos de Estudio son una serie de cursos en los cuales se estudia de manera sistemática algunos temas y conceptos morales y espirituales basados en las enseñanzas Bahá'ís, dirigidos tanto a jóvenes como a adultos.

 Las Renniones Devocionales son un espacio para orar, meditar y leel os escritos sagrados de todas las religiones con el fin de fomentar el desarrollo espiritual y la transformación del individuo.

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ABOUT CLEARWATER SKI LODGE:
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ABOUT THE SCHOOL: Everyone is welcome! Classes are based on the Baha'l Teachings and all ages and family members have the opportunity to be a part of the school through study, service, and lots of fun. Enjoy meeting new fiends and old finnds - or bring some fiends! Join in developing these schools as the Gaurdian hoped we would.

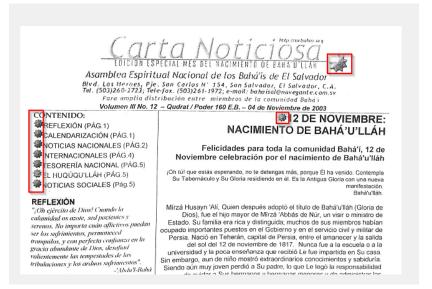
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Examples of Nine Pointed Stars used in Newsletters

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2. Bahá'í listy newsletter

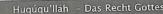
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3. Bahá'í World Centre newsletter



4. Österreichische Bahá'í Mitteilungen newsletter



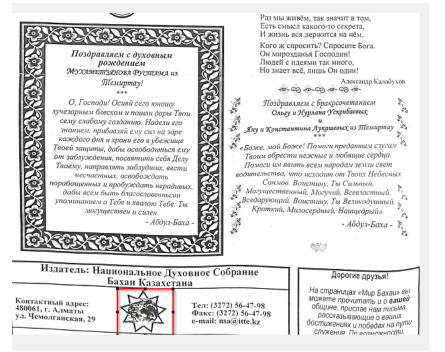
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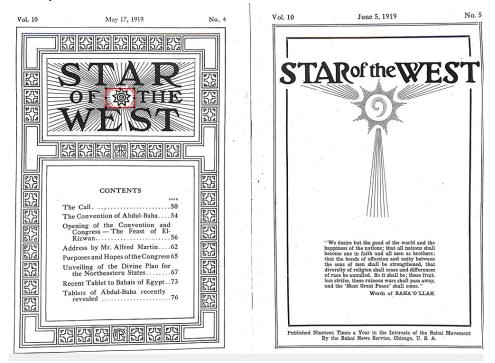
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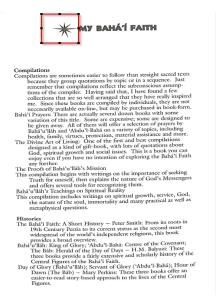


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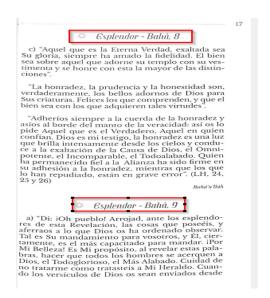
7. History of the Bahá'í community of 'Ishqábád / by Ustád 'Alí Akbar Banná Yazdí ; edited and annotated by Vaḥíd Rafati.



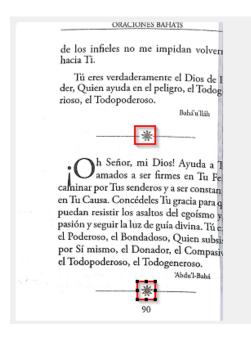
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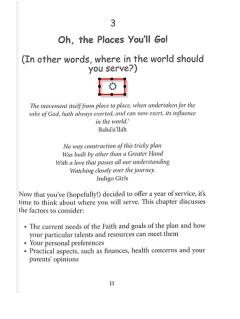
9. En alas de los versículos divinos : selección de los escritos de Bahá'ulláh y el Báb para la reflexión y la profundización / preparado por Manoucher Shoaie ; revisado y aprobado por Asamblea Espiritual Nacional de los Bahá'ís de Bolivia.



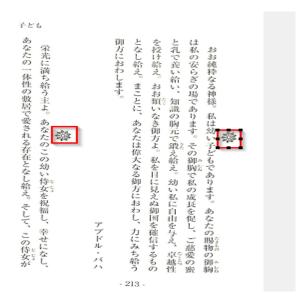
10. Oraciones Bahá'ís : Selección de oraciones / reveladas por Bahá'u'lláh, El Báb y 'Abdu'l-Bahá.



11. Arising: A year of service handbook for volunteers / by Demali Knight Weiler.



12. Bahai inori no sho, Prayer book in Japanese



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13. Resolute advance : A history of the Bahá'í Faith in New Zealand 1912-2001 / Joan Camrass.

CHAPTER TEN Advancement of Women

Women played a prominent role in the early days of the Faith in New Zealand. The first believers were women, and the first playins to travel from New Zealand to the Holy Land were three women. When the first Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'is of Auckland was elected in 1926, eight of its members were women. Later, all three of the Convention of the Bahá'is of Australia and New Zealand the rest National Convention of the Bahá'is of Australia and New Zealand were women; as were the New Zealand members of the National Spiritual Assemblies formed in New Zealand, with five women elected in Devonport (1951), and spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'is of New Zealand in 1937, four of the national Spiritual Assembly. Use the inaugural National Convention of the Bahá'is of New Zealand, with five women were elected to serve on the first National Spiritual Assembly. Eventually, in 1972, the Bahá'i International Community decided to ascertain the extent to which women were involved in all areas of communities; unfortunately no report is available concerning New Zealand. DECADE OF WOMEN 1976–1985

DECADE OF WOMEN 1976-1985 As a prelude to the Decade of Women, the United Nations designated 1975 as International Year of Women, and the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Kurt Waldheim, stated:

16. Is important link everyone gives serious attention now to International Women's Var 1975, and to how the role of women in society could be substantially improved all over the world... The Year coincides with the time of increasing awareness throughout the world 298

14. The Pillars of the new World Order by Ghulám Alí Dihqán.



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