

TRANSPORTATION

AIR ARRIVALS

We recommend flying into LAX or Santa Barbara airport and renting a car or sharing an airport shuttle van with other arrivals to get to the Sahavas. It is also possible to obtain a ride from local Sahavas attendees.

RIDE SHARING

If you need assistance with transportation to and from the Sahavas, contact the Transportation Coordinator, Ron Holsey, by email at RonHolsey-JaiBaba@yahoo.com and he will arrange for your transport. Schedule your flight arrival time (at LAX) to accommodate the extra two-hour ride out to the Sahavas, to get there by starting time.

CAN YOU GIVE A RIDE?

Please contact Ron Holsey by email at RonHolsey-JaiBaba@yahoo.com. Sharing a ride is a nice way to begin a Sahavas by meeting new people.

HOW TO GET THERE

From Los Angeles: Drive North on the 405 Fwy to the Ventura Fwy (101) North. Drive 74.9 miles to the San Ysidro Road exit. Turn right and go 1 mile to E. Valley Road, CA-192. Turn right and go .3 miles to El Bosque Road. Turn left and go .5 miles to La Casa de Maria, 800 El Bosque Road, Santa Barbara CA 93108.



A Great Universal Drama Will Be Enacted

Los Angeles Silence Day Sahavas
La Casa de Maria in Santa Barbara, California
July 4—July 6, 2008

**Meher Baba said that Sahavas means close companionship
This is an opportunity given by the Avatar to spend time with Him and to
intimately feel His presence; a gathering held in His honor where His lovers
and followers meet to remember Him.**



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A SPECIAL INVITATION

Please join us in celebrating our 34th Annual Sahavas in a beautiful and inviting new site nestled in the foothills of Santa Barbara, near the California coast. Join us to relax in an atmosphere of Baba's love, companionship with our guests and a chance to drink in Mother Nature at this gorgeous retreat site.



SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER

Bhau Kalchuri

We are always pleased whenever Beloved Baba's close Mandali, Bhau Kalchuri, graces the L.A. Sahavas with his wonderful presence. Bhau met Meher Baba in 1952 and joined Him as one of Baba's men Mandali in 1953. At His instruction, Bhau wrote Meher Baba's biography, published in the multi-volume *Lord Meher* series. A distinguished poet, Bhau has written thousands of ghazals, published in such works as *Meher Sarod*. He currently serves as Chairman of the Avatar Meher Baba Perpetual Public Charitable Trust in India.



MUSICAL GUESTS

Jamie Newell



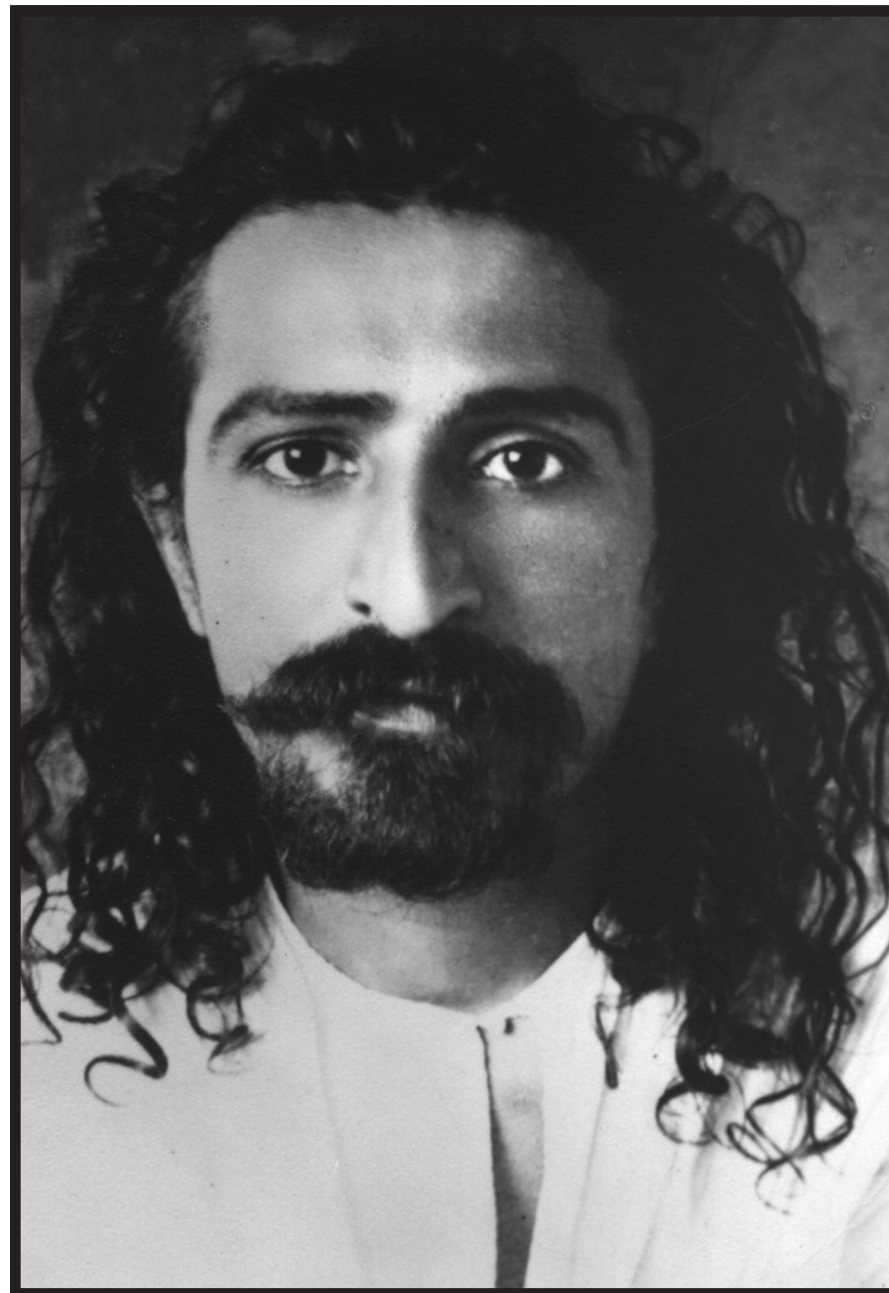
Jamie Newell is a performing songwriter who has written and performed beautiful Baba music for many years. In his younger days, Jamie performed in the bands of a variety of great blues singers including John Lee Hooker, James Cotton, Jr. Wells, Hubert Sumlin, Big Joe Turner, The Fabulous Thunderbirds, and others. In addition to his performing career, Jamie recently earned a Ph.D. in History and Critical Theories of Religion, from Vanderbilt University. His dissertation is entitled

Experiencing Qawwali: Sound as Spiritual Power in Sufi India.

Mark Trichka



Accompanying Jamie on mandolin is Mark Trichka who first heard of Meher Baba in 1979 when he was 20 years old. Baba's sister Mani gave Mark the nick-name "Mandolin Walla" (one who is in charge of the mandolin). Meeting Jamie Newell in Boston in the early '80s was a watershed event for him that catapulted the two into playing and recording many of Jamie's tremendous Baba and Hafiz songs. Mark will soon be releasing his new Baba CD, *Mandolin Walla*.



"A Great Universal Drama Will Be Enacted."

"My manifestation will embrace the economic, social and religious aspects of life. It will spiritualize all human activities in art, science, music, politics and drama. In the near future a great universal drama will be enacted, the theme of which will be pure love, selfless service. I will play the leading part in the world-awakening drama."

~ Avatar Meher Baba ~

ALSO AT THE SAHAVAS

- ♥ Baba's Close Mandali
- ♥ Professional Musicians
- ♥ Arti
- ♥ Dhuni
- ♥ Toddy Shop (Chai, Sweets, Music & Fun)
- ♥ Child Care (Ages 3-9)
- ♥ Hiking, Swimming, Volleyball and Basketball
- ♥ Gourmet Meals Served by a Real Chef
- ♥ Comfortable Private Rooms
- ♥ The Retreat Atmosphere of La Casa de Maria
- ♥ A Complimentary Photo of Avatar Meher Baba

MORE ABOUT THE SAHAVAS

The Sahavas is an entirely volunteer effort. The committee gives its efforts to Baba so that His lovers may draw deeply from His Ocean. Anyone may join the Sahavas effort, regardless of where they live. We actively invite your participation.

We strive to make the Sahavas affordable for everyone. This event is not designed as a profit center for our group. Everyone is charged the lowest rates possible based on our costs for the Retreat Center as well as the travel costs for guests, mailing and printing costs, child-care, etc. Our overhead does not include the countless hours and professional contributions of committee members and many others.

THE ANNUAL SILENCE DAY SAHAVAS IS SPONSORED BY:

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Questions? Contact Mahoo at
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or Mahoo at MahooBaba@gmail.com

CHECK FOR PROGRAM & UPDATES ON OUR WEBSITE:
www.Meherabode.org

REGISTRATION FORM

You are registered when you send us this completed form, along with your payment in full, or a deposit. A non-refundable deposit of \$100.00 for each adult and \$50.00 for each youth & child will hold your reservation until June 15th, when payment is due in full.

This Sahavas program is not designed to yield any profit for the Avatar Meher Baba Center of Southern California.

We will then either mail or email your receipt to you.

Make checks Payable to **SAHAVAS**, and mail to:
Avatar Meher Baba Center of Southern California
1214 S. Van Ness Ave.

Los Angeles, California, 90019-3520

NOTE: Please write SAHAVAS on your envelope.

First Come, First Served:

While La Casa De Maria Retreat Center is a most comfortable and beautiful retreat site, it has a limited capacity. There are only 131 beds, which limit us to accepting only the first 131 people to register for the Sahavas.

Financial Assistance:

We will be holding a special lottery for several people to come to this year's Sahavas free of charge. This is intended to allow those who **could not otherwise attend** to participate; so please, **apply only if you have no other way to come.**

The deadline for the Lottery application is June 15th.

The lottery is solely funded by donations given specifically for that purpose.

Please fill in the following:

Family Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____

Names of all those attending, and list the age if younger than 18:

...and please check this box if this will be your first Sahavas

_____	Gender: _____	Age: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
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How much will it cost?

		Payment in full	Deposit Plan <small>(First Come, First Served)</small>	Sub-total
Adults (13 and over)	X	\$290.00	=	
Youth (8-12)	X	\$190.00	– or –	=
Children (3-7)	X	\$160.00	– or –	=
Toddlers(1-2)	X	\$0–\$160.00*	– or –	=

***Charge for Toddlers is with bed provided—if you bring your own bedding for your toddler there is no charge.**

I would like to sponsor someone who can't afford the requested donation.
 Enclosed is \$_____ for this purpose.

Total Enclosed: _____
 Visa/MasterCard/Number: _____ Expires: _____
 Name on Card: _____

QUESTIONS? Call Mahoo at (310) 544-8754 or Email: MahooBaba@gmail.com

REGISTRATION FORM

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Room Preferences

Write the name of each registrant in the spaces provided to the right, then check the boxes that apply. A checked box means "yes," a blank box means "no," or "not applicable."

Each room comes with 3 real beds plus private bathroom, sheets, blankets, pillows and towels.

NOTE: Parents of toddlers (1-2 yrs. old) may provide separate beddings OR Retreat Center will provide a bed, for an extra fee.

If you have no preferences, please check here:

Do you snore loudly?

Would you prefer that there be no children in your room?

Would you rather that your roommate preferences take precedence over the above? (There is space at the bottom of this sheet to list roommates)

We are able to provide family rooms for families of three (plus one toddler with bedding provided by the parents. Would you prefer to be with your family in a family room?

Participation

VOLUNTEER HELP: Would you like more information about ways you can participate in Baba's work at the Sahavas?

ENTERTAINMENT: Please let us know if you have an interest in performing...what do you have in mind?

Special Needs

MEDICAL NEED: Does anyone in your party require special assistance or have any special needs? Please let us know in advance by writing in the "Notes" section below.

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DIETARY NEED: Please check if applicable: REGULAR DIET:

VEGETARIAN DIET:

VEGAN DIET:

MEDICALLY RESTRICTED DIET:

NON-RED MEAT DIET:

Notes

Fill in the blanks with more detail for any of the items above: roommates (i.e. Dudley with Horatio, or Blanche with Mary Sue); entertainment; medical or health needs, or areas in Sahavas work for which you'd like to volunteer.
