

Sowing Seeds of Peace and Hope

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Aditya Agashe, a member of the Hindu Temple of the Capital District, is a freshman at Shaker High School and a first year student in Children at the Well.

Kent Busman, an ordained minister in the Reformed Church in America, is the director of Fowler Camp and Retreat Center, in the Adirondack Mountains.

The Dancers of Aakriti, **Maya Bhat, Veda Sripada and Urmi Samadar** are from the Hindu Temple of the Capital District. Urmi Samadar is the choreographer.

Khalafalla Osman & Sarah Ali are long time members of Children at the Well.

Nancy Marie Payne is a member of the Interfaith Story Circle and worships at St . Bernadette's Church in Berne.

Lisa Priddle is a teacher of Hebrew & Jewish studies and a Cantorial Soloist at Congregation Gates of Heaven.

Macaela Rourke, a member of Congregation Gates of Heaven, is a freshman at Niskayuna High School and a first year student in Children at the Well.

"My father was a storyteller," says **Sandy Schuman**, "and so am I." Sandy worships at Temple Israel in Albany.

Anne Snyder is a member of Blessed Sacrament Church and a member of The Interfaith Story Circle.

Ritam Mehta is a member of the Hindu Temple and Children at the Well.

Alex Whisenhunt, a member of the First Unitarian Society of Schenectady, is a freshman at Niskayuna High School and a second year student in Children at the Well.

PROGRAM

Welcome to Congregation Gates of Heaven	Lisa Priddle
Welcome to Seeds of Peace and Hope	Anne Snyder
<i>A Man of the Clothe</i> Based on a European folktale	Kent Busman
<i>Gershon's Monster</i> A story for the Jewish New Year, by Eric A. Kimmel	Macaela Rourke
<i>Saraswati Vandana</i> <i>Durga Shakti</i> (see insert)	Dancers of Aakriti
<i>Snake and Ant</i> An original story written by Alex (in the 4 th grade)	Alex Whisenhunt

REFRESHMENTS

Two Interfaith Ayahs Verses from the Quran	Khalafalla Osman & Sarah Ali
<i>Arjuna and the Bird's Eye</i> A tale from the Mahabharata	Aditya Agashe
<i>If Not Higher</i> Adapted from the story by Isaac Peretz	Sandy Schuman
<i>Wealth or Wisdom?</i> A traditional Hindu tale	Ritam Mehta
<i>The Crescent Moon Bear</i> Japanese version of a traditional tale	Nancy Marie Payne
Closing Song: Circle Chant Music & lyrics by Linda Hirschorn c 1982 BMI	Lisa Priddle