

Tending Adam's Garden
Study/Dialogue Circle
Cultivating integrity, wisdom and harmony in the human family

"Every apple seed has the potential to become an apple tree. Yet this potential has no meaning unless the seed is planted, watered and cared for. The goal of the seed is not simply to become an apple tree but to bear fruit containing healthy seeds... Human potential, if undeveloped, is a useless concept..." ~ Shah Nazar Seyed Dr. Ali Kianfar, Sufi Master

Tending Adam's Garden Study/Dialogue Circle (TAG) is an interfaith, intergenerational and intercultural program dedicated to the pursuit of what it means to be a complete and fulfilled human being and a responsible member of the human family. "Adam" is a metaphor symbolic of every human being, having free will and the capacity for both beneficial and harmful actions. Humanity is the garden in which we each have a place and a chance to bloom fully.

TAG fosters ways of being in the world that are considered desirable across cultures and by the great faith traditions. Lives of inspiring people in literature and throughout history reflect similar noble qualities, such as trustworthiness, courage and compassion. TAG encourages participants to affirm and pursue their ideals and the virtuous qualities they would like to develop more fully. TAG seeks to help participants attain greater confidence, purpose and peace of mind by applying universal principles for living to their everyday lives and relationships.

Becoming Fully Human
(2010/11 series)

The TAG study/dialogue circle will meet once a month, Sunday afternoons from 3:30 to 6:00 p.m. Each session will begin with a "Three Cups of Tea" time, followed by short panel presentations based on sacred writings from different traditions. After the presentations, there will be Q & A and small group dialogue.

October 3	What can we learn about "being human" from the great teachers of humanity?
November 7	What is integrity and good character and how are they achieved?
December 12	How does one find inner peace in a changing and challenging world?
January 9	What must humans do/be to resolve conflict peacefully?
February 6	What are the requirements on the road to spiritual maturity?
March 6	How might we work together to "repair the world?"
April 3	What do our children and grandchildren need to know and how can we help them learn these things?
May 8	How do we broaden our understanding of the term "We?"

Location: First three sessions will be held at Temple B'nai Torah at 15727 NE 4th Street in Bellevue.
For more information and to register contact: adamsgarden@yahoogroups.com
There is no charge for this study; offerings from the heart accepted. Light refreshments will be served.



**You're Invited
to
Treehouse for Kids Elegant High Tea Party
Sunday, November 14—1:00 p.m.**

The Treehouse Tea Party at the exclusive Norcliffe Estate in The Highlands is an annual tradition. It's an unforgettable experience for attendees and raises needed funds for Treehouse programs that give foster kids a childhood and a future. Join the Newport Table and your entire donation of \$175 will fund programs for foster kids.

Guests mingle among the thousands of vintage hats in an antique collection and always have fun as they choose the hat for themselves and their friends to wear for the afternoon. At 2:00 p.m. the party moves to the ballroom for an elegant afternoon high tea served on an antique tea service. We'll also hear more about the "Treehouse Story".

If you are interested, please contact Linda Hunter at (425) 644-2455 or ldhunter@kpmg.com. (We'll plan to carpool!)

Also – a huge note of thanks to the team of Newport volunteers who worked at the Treehouse Warehouse preparing for the back-to-school rush! Watch for additional Treehouse volunteer opportunities leading up to Christmas. Thank you Newport for making a difference in the lives of foster children!

And a Thank You from Treehouse

We received a letter of thanks from Treehouse for our contribution which allows foster youth the individual education and extracurricular support they need to succeed in school. They had special words for the hard work of Ann Huber and Linda Hunter in spearheading our drives for funds, clothing and school supplies for Washington area foster kids. *"Thank you for showing your commitment to foster kids for the past nine years!"*

And Janis added a personal note "Thanks for your continuing and generous support for foster children in cash contributions, volunteering and in-kind support. You are heroes!"