

THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY IN DETROIT
Chartered in 1916 as a Branch of the Theosophical Society in America



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27745 Woodward Avenue
Berkley, Michigan
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Theosophy has been called the Wisdom Religion. The word stems from the Greek words "theos" (God) and "Sophia" (Wisdom) and refers to the "Wisdom of the Gods". In the 19th century Helena Blavatsky's work, with the help of others, was to reveal a portion of this wisdom tradition to the world. Through the exploration of one theme per month, we offer you the opportunity to gain greater depth about the wisdom tradition.

FRIDAY EVENING PROGRAM

DOORS OPEN AT 7:30

PROGRAM STARTS PROMPTLY AT 8 PM

SUGGESTED DONATION \$5.00

- NOV 5 THE SPIRITUAL MEANING OF DREAMS**
ROBERT ZURAW
How to know a true dream. Taoist interpretations of dreams, animal dreams and what they mean, Taoist sleeping art meditation.
- NOV 12 ART AS A VISION FOR PEACE**
BETTY APPLEBY
Betty's inspiration comes from the works of the late Henry Scripps-Booth of the Cranbrook Educational Community, artist Nicholas Roerich, architect of the World Trade Memorial, Daniel Libeskind and the national effort for a U. S. Department of Peace. Betty, a modern mystic, will enlighten us as to the path she took to capture her many visions of peace for our time.
- NOV 19 TRUTH & BEAUTY THROUGH ART**
JIM NANI
Jim will present "Truth & Beauty" through art as it manifests itself thru the heart. Art being an experience, which transcends the mind on the vehicles of the senses by way of audio, visual and tactile mediums. Jim's artistic experience and expression began as a young man in New York and continues now in the Detroit area.
- NOV 26 "THEOSOPHY & THE FUTURE OF RELIGION" – Video & Discussion**
RADHA BURNIER, International President of the Theosophical Society
In part one, Radha Bernier takes a look in retrospect to the history of religion as a system with its dogmas and hierarchy. In part two she presents the "essence" of religion as in nature or with a "Christ Consciousness.
- DEC 3 KABBALAH: Magic & Mystery**
DAYA KUJANSU
The Kabbalah is one of the foundational teachings and is also a way of life. This talk explores the basics of Kabbalah and invites the audience to participate in the mysterious principles that have been applied to many magical schools. The emphasis will be on the universal truths that have been illustrated in the Kabbalistic writings.
- DEC 10 AWAKENING SPIRIT SELF: The Esoteric Christmas**
ROBERT THIBODEAU
Solstice, Festival of Lights, Christmas, The 12 Days thereafter as Psychic Forecast of coming months, signs and symbols and their meaning (ie. Santa, North Pole, the Tree, etc.) as metaphors of initiation and its secrets. From Jesus to Christ, from arhat/adept to Bodhisattva. The cycle of the year, its festivals and meanings in light of the Secret Doctrine of HPB.
- DEC 17 CELEBRATION & CEREMONY: Honoring the Cycles in Nature & Culture**
Open Forum – Discussion
Each tradition has seasonal festivals, ceremonies and traditions which help us celebrate and honor the cycles in our cultural heritages and nature. An evening of sharing wisdom and understanding of our human expressions of celebration.

**DEC 24
&
DEC 31**

**NO FRIDAY EVENING PROGRAM
DUE TO THE WINTER HOLIDAYS**

SEE YOU IN JANUARY!!

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SPECIAL EVENTS

MEMBERS' WINTER CELEBRATION

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21

Time: 7:00 – 8:30 PM

Winter gathering for TS members, family and friends. Potluck vegetarian supper, gratitude ceremony, & blessing tree. For friendship circle, bring something you enjoy sharing for the winter holidays – a poem, prayer, story or song.

WORLD HEALING DAY

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31

Time 3:00 – 4:00 PM

Readings and silent meditation for world healing and peace. Light refreshments. All are welcome.

DANCES OF UNIVERSAL PEACE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Time 7:30 – 9:30 PM

With sacred songs and dances from several traditions we will celebrate the beauty and peace of this season. No experience or special talent needed. Bring friends, musical instruments or simply your voice. Wear comfortable clothing. Light refreshments provided & welcome. Led by Robin Mallor, Certified Leader DUP. Suggested donation \$5.00

WEEKLY GATHERINGS

Tuesdays

Time: 7:30 — 9:00 PM

Members' study: "The Spirit of Peace" by His Holiness the Dalai Lama

Teachings on Love, Compassion and Everyday Life. Inspiring thoughts by His Holiness the Dalai Lama on how to live a peaceful and happy life. World perspectives on faith, science, and more.

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### **OPEN FORUM: LIVING IN THE WISDOM TRADITION**

**Wednesdays**

**Time: 7:30 - 9:00 PM**

*Wide-ranging studies in applied theosophy, drawing from various traditions and points of view. Informal, interactive. Bring your questions. All are welcome.*

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MEDITATION CIRCLE

Thursdays

Time: 7:30 – 9:00 PM

*This support circle is meant to encourage a regular daily practice, using brief reading and sharing to affirm the richness of meditation. We will use several 20-minute silent "sits" to touch and share the power in and beyond us. **Please arrive a few minutes early.** For information call Ron at (248) 280-4711.*