Ascension of Bahá’u’lláh

Bahá’ís commemorate the anniversary of the death of Bahá’u’lláh, the founder of the Bahá’í Faith; it took place in what is now northern Israel in 1892.

The Ascension of Bahá’u’lláh is one of the nine holy days in the year where work is suspended.

Date
- The date varies year to year. The Bahá’í day ends and a new one begins at sunset; consequently, the day on which a Feast or Holy Day is observed begins at sunset of the day before the Gregorian calendar dates listed.
- Link to Bahá’í calendar for year/date lookup.

Greetings
There is no traditional greeting for this holiday.

Common Practices and Celebrations
The day is often marked with prayers about eight hours after sunset (early morning).

Common Dietary Restrictions
- Bahá’ís are asked to abstain from alcohol.
- There are no dietary restrictions.

Impact to U-M Community
- Those observing the Bahá’í Faith suspend work and school on this holiday.
- Link to U-M Guidance Regarding Conflicts.

U-M Campus Resources
- Maize Pages - Bahá’í, U-M
- Association of Religious Counselors, U-M

Information Sources
- Bahá’í Center of Washtenaw County, Ann Arbor
- Bahá’í Teachings
- Bahá’í of the United States

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