

# *Harvest of Light*

*A Private Research Library on the Babi & Baha'i Religions*

## *News Bulletin* *October 2002*

Dear Friends,

Loving greetings!

This year marked Harvest of Light's 10th anniversary. Our growth has been steady over our first decade. Our research materials have grown and represent the largest collection in the region. Harvest of Light is an ideal place for serious researchers, Baha'i school teachers, study facilitators, and lovers of Baha'i books. It is a unique resource -- so we encourage you to come by for a visit.

### **Harvest of Light Featured in *Scriptum***

*Scriptum* is a newsletter for Baha'i librarians and information professionals. It is edited by William Collins and can be found at [www.bcca.org/librarians/scriptum/](http://www.bcca.org/librarians/scriptum/)

Harvest of Light appeared in the #8 issue along with a description of the Long Island Baha'i History Project.

### **Cool Reading**

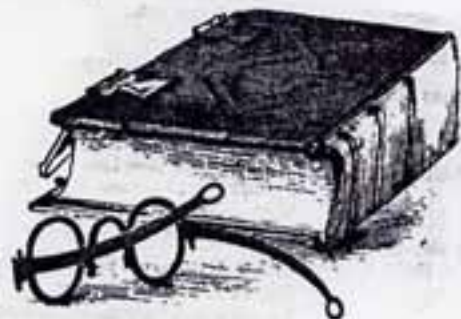
We recently acquired an air conditioner for Harvest of Light, allowing summertime use a pleasant experience, not to mention the benefit to the collection of not being exposed to high temperatures. So between the air conditioning, dehumidifiers, and heating units, we are able to maintain a climate suitable to preserving the collection.

### **Books for Bucks**

Harvest of Light raised \$422.00 for the Baha'i Center in Suffolk County last winter with its used book sales.

### **Safe and Secure**

We recently acquired two library metal cabinets with see-through fronts to secure the rare book and pamphlet collection. These books and pamphlets are almost impossible to replace. The cabinets and the alarm system have increased the security for the Harvest of Light collection.



## New Acquisitions

The following is a list of some of the materials recently acquired:

Reality Magazine Vol. 5, #3-12, Vol. 3-4 #1-7, #9-12  
Unity Triumphant...Elizabeth Harrick 1923  
Mysticism and the Baha'i Revelation. Ruhi Afnan. 1934.  
The School of the Prophets. Mirza Assadullah. 1907.  
Persia and the Muslims. S. K. Neweeya. 1924.  
God Heroes. Laura C. Barney. 1910.  
Surat'Ulhykl Baha'u'llah. 1900.  
Notes from Acca Vol. 3 (1908).  
A Treasury of Early Iranian Photographs  
First Edition 3,500 copies 1992 (very rare)  
Letters from Tabriz. E.G. Browne. Persian.  
Persia. J.B. Fraser. 1839.



## The Long Island Baha'i History Project

This is an ongoing project, undertaken by Harvest of Light, involving collecting oral histories and Baha'i photos, flyers, newsletters, papers, programs, and other materials relating to the history of the Faith here on Long Island. Harvest of Light recently acquired a treasury of materials from the John B. Anderson estate. Mr. Anderson became a Baha'i in 1917. Long time resident of North Sea in Southampton, he and his wife Belle were active Baha'is in the NYC and Long Island area. Among his papers were Baha'i programs, flyers, newsletters, and correspondence dating back to the early 1940s. A great deal of information has been gleaned about the Baha'is on Long Island in the first half of the 20th century thanks to the generosity of John and Elsie and John's sister Joan

## Special Thanks

A special thank you to the Spiritual Assembly of Babylon, the Baha'i Group of Hoosick Falls, NY, Joe & Bernice S. Colleen G. Darcy L. Harry & Harriet O. Jim H. and Zoha T. for their generous support of Harvest of Light.

## For Information

Harvest of Light is open by appointment. The collection is for reference only. Materials are not loaned out. Donations of materials and financial assistance are most welcome.

*"O thou true friend! Read, in the school of God, the lessons of the spirit, and learn from Love's Teacher, the innermost truths. Seek out the secrets of Heaven, and tell of the overflowing grace and favour of God."*

SWA. p. 110.

