

# Commemoration of the Martyrdom of the Báb

You are cordially invited to a a program featuring stories from the life of the Báb, music, and devotions followed by a potluck lunch.

Friday, July 9th, 12:30 p.m.  
Bahá'í Center of Raleigh  
212 Linden Ave./Raleigh



The Shrine of the Báb on Mount Carmel in Haifa, Israel.

Mirza Ali-Muhammad, a merchant from Persia (now called Iran), was born on October 20, 1819. In 1844, He proclaimed a new divine message and took the title “the Báb”, which means “Gate” or “Door” in Arabic.

The Báb's mission (1844 – 1850) can be compared to John the Baptist in heralding the coming of Jesus. The Báb was the divine herald Who prepared the way for people to recognize the One for Whom the whole world was waiting, Bahá'u'lláh, Whose name means the "The Glory of God" in Arabic.

Fearful of the spread of the Báb's new teachings, the authorities executed Him in 1850 and brutally martyred 20,000 of His followers. In 1848, only two years before His martyrdom, the Báb revealed the Bayán, the book which served as the principal repository of His laws, fullest expression of His theological doctrines, and tribute to the coming Promised One, Bahá'u'lláh.

*The secret of the Day that is to come is now concealed. It can neither be divulged nor estimated. The newly born babe of that Day excels the wisest and most venerable men of this time, and the lowliest and most unlearned of that period shall surpass in understanding the most erudite and accomplished divines of this age. Scatter throughout the length and breadth of this land, and, with steadfast feet and sanctified hearts, prepare the way for His coming. Heed not your weaknesses and frailty; fix your gaze upon the invincible power of the Lord, your God, the Almighty.... Arise in His name, put your trust wholly in Him, and be assured of ultimate victory.*