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FEATURING:

Interfaith Discussion about Holy Books

at the Sikh Gurdwara, Palatine
Wednesday, May 24

4:00 – 5:30 p.m. – Holy Books Discussion with Q&A.

5:30 – 6:30 p.m. – Tour of Gurdwara followed by
a traditional vegetarian meal.



Father Corey Brost, C.S.V., co-founder of The Children of Abraham Coalition, moderates the discussion.

Speakers include:

- Rabbi Steve Hart, Temple Chai, Long Grove – Torah
- Pastor Joel Lohafer, Christ Lutheran, Palatine – Bible
- Dr. Sabeel Ahmed, Islamic Society of NW Suburbs, Rolling Meadow – Qur'an
- Chirag Barot, BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Chicago – The Bhagavad Gita
- Iris Wang, Dharma Drum Mountain Buddhist Association, Mount Prospect, – Buddhist Tripitaka
- Dr. Balwant Singh Hansra, Sikh Religious Society – Guru Granth Sahib

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What to expect when visiting the Sikh Gurdwara in Palatine

- Please **dress so that you can comfortably and with decency sit on the carpeted floor**. Try sitting on the carpet for a short period to see if the clothing is suitable.

There are benches and chairs available for those who cannot sit on the floor due to old age or a medical condition.

- All visitors entering the Main Prayer Hall, called the [Darbar Sahib](#) and the Dining ([Langar](#)) Hall will have to **remove their shoes** and place them in the shoe racks provided.



- All visitors will have to **wear a head covering** while in the [Gurdwara](#). Covering one's head is simply a sign of respect and is a requirement based on ancient cultural traditions.

Acceptable head coverings for men include a large knotted handkerchief or Yamaka. The Gurdwara may provide a handkerchief sized cloth to cover the head. Other hats and caps (baseball-style caps) are not appropriate.

Women need to wear a headscarf. The Gurdwara has scarves available, but you may bring your own headscarf for this purpose.

- **Smoking, alcohol, or drugs is not allowed** in the vicinity of the Gurdwara premises.



- Visitors will be offered [Kara Parshad](#) (sweet flour and oil based food offered as a gift) in the worship hall, which is usually given in cupped hands and eaten with the right hand. Please do not refuse it or throw it away. If you don't want to eat it, please take it with you in a small plastic bag.

- After the tour, a meal called [Langar](#) (vegetarian food from the communal kitchen) will be served to visitors. If you do not wish to consume this food you can ask to be excused. When in the Langar Hall, it is better to ask for less rather than take too much and waste the food.



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