

Gifts of Love

The Bahá'í Faith has the unique honor of being founded by two Messengers of God. The Báb, whose name means “the Gate” in Arabic, was born in Shíráz, Persia (now Iran), in 1819. Bahá'u'lláh's birth took place in Tihrán in 1817.

One day in 1844, when Bahá'u'lláh was about 27, a student brought Him a scroll of the Báb's writings. It had been sent by Mullá Husayn, the Báb's first follower, who had heard of Bahá'u'lláh's kindness and generosity.

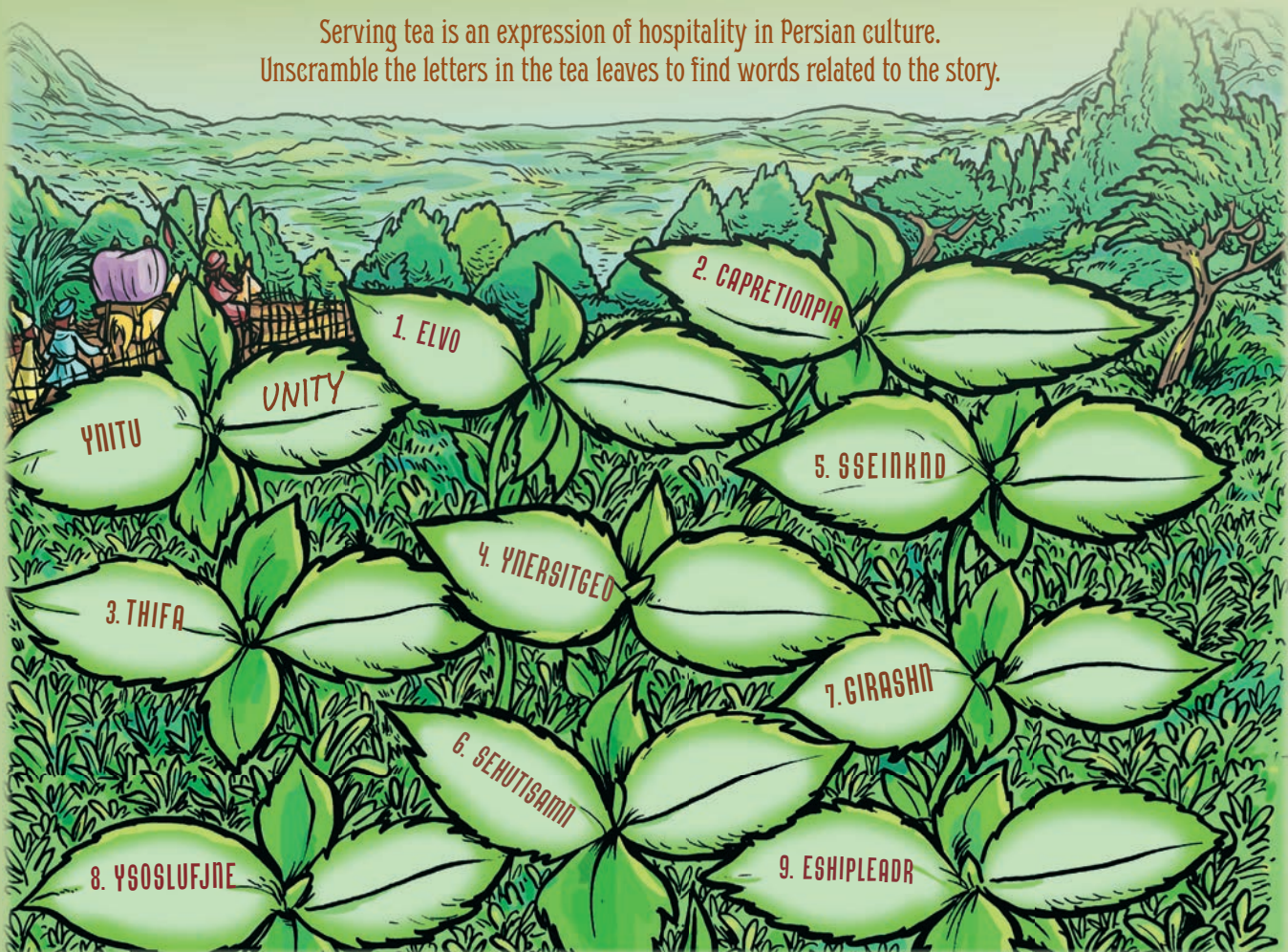
Bahá'u'lláh read the scroll and praised the Báb's “soul-stirring words,” saying they had “regenerating power.” He gave the student tea and some special sugar—rare gifts in Iran at that time—to take

to Mullá Husayn, with His appreciation and love. Mullá Husayn received the gifts with enthusiasm and reverence.

The Báb taught that another Messenger of God would appear to bring an age of peace. Bahá'u'lláh soon set out to share the Báb's teachings with many others, in spite of persecution from Muslim authorities. He became a leader among the Bábís. In time, Bahá'u'lláh announced that He was the Messenger of God foretold by the Báb.

Today, the birthdays of the Báb and Bahá'u'lláh (November 1 and 2 in 2016) are holy days that Bahá'ís around the world celebrate joyously.

Serving tea is an expression of hospitality in Persian culture. Unscramble the letters in the tea leaves to find words related to the story.



To learn more about the lives of the Báb and Bahá'u'lláh, visit our new website and select “Explore the Bahá'í Faith.”

