

Kwanzaa

Kwanzaa Ujima Collective
Kwanzaa Week Activities
26 December 2008 - 1 January 2009

A Celebration of Family, Community & Culture



Friday, 26 December, 6:00 - 9:00 pm
Umoja (Unity)



UMOJA (UNITY) NIGHT
CANDLE LIGHTING CEREMONY
& CELEBRATION

Candle Lighting Ceremony, music, refreshments, poetry and wishes for community unity from community leaders, organizations and persons to mark the beginning of Kwanzaa. In the spirit of Umoja (Unity) the community is asked to bring clean, warm blankets and clothing for the needy.

Location: African American Cultural Center
3018 W. 48th Street, LA, 90043

Sponsored by: The Kwanzaa Ujima Collective, The Organization Us, The Los Angeles Sentinel, The Brotherhood Crusade, Zambezi Bazaar, KRST Unity Center of Afrakan Spiritual Science, Jendayi Collection and The Baldwin Hills Crenshaw Plaza, Kwanzaa Heritage Foundation and The National Action Network.

For more information call: 323/299-6124



Saturday, December 27, 6:30 pm
Kujichagulia (Self-Determination)

Kujichagulia (Self-determination) Celebration
in Historical Leimert Park Village

Libation, Candle Lighting Ceremony, African narratives and speakers on maintaining and sustaining African American commercial and cultural presence in Historical Leimert Park Village.

Location: Zambezi Bazaar
4334 Degnan Blvd, Los Angeles, 90008

For more information call 323/299-6383

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UNITING AND WORKING TOGETHER IN THE SPIRIT
OF THE 42ND ANNIVERSARY OF KWANZAA

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For more information on Kwanzaa visit:
www.OfficialKwanzaaWebsite.org

Saturday, December 27
Kujichagulia (Self-Determination)



Kwanzaa Heritage
Festival & PARADE

Kwanzaa Heritage Festival: 10am - 7pm
Parade will begin at noon on Crenshaw Blvd at Rodeo and go south to Leimert Park Village, Vernon and Crenshaw. The festival will feature live entertainment, children's activities, food and other attractions.

Location: Leimert Park Village

For more information call 213/955-5239
www.KwanzaaHeritage.com

Sunday, 28 December, 7 - 8pm



Ujima (Collective Work & Responsibility)

"A CHANGE HAS COME"

A Kwanzaa celebration featuring a libation ceremony, candle lighting, the Muwasi Shiwe Drummers, Stiltwalker, Zeta Phi Beta/Crenshaw High School Steppers and African Dancers.

Location: Baldwin Hills Crenshaw Plaza
(Bradley Court)

Sponsored by: Jendayi Collection and
The Baldwin Hills Crenshaw Plaza
Other participants: African Marketplace, Malik's Books, Queen Aminah's, and Small World Trading.
For more information call 323/293-3277 or
323/898-7468

Monday, December 29, 6:30 pm
Ujamaa (Cooperative Economics)



CHOOSING LIFE:

A Forum on HIV/AIDS and the
Well-being of Our Community

Location: Palms Residential Facility
5003 N. LaBrea, Los Angeles
(Corner of Stocker and LaBrea)

Sponsored by: The National Action Network
For more information call: (213) 509-5441



Dr. Maulana Karenga, creator of Kwanzaa, and Tiamoyo Karenga discussing Kwanzaa with children from the Kawaida School of African American Culture.

Tuesday, 30 December, 6pm
Nia (Purpose)



"RE-CLAIMING THE ANCESTRAL VISION"

Come join the KA family in an evening of food, fun, crafts and history. Featuring the children of KA, world renowned harpist, Maia, and fashions by Micheline.

Location: KRST Unity Center of Afrakan
Spiritual Science
7825 S. Western Avenue, Los Angeles 90047
For more information call 323/ 759-9999

Wednesday, December 31, 6:00 - 9:00 pm
Kuumba (Creativity)



KWANZAA KARAMU (FEAST)
AN EVENING IN AFRICA

A feast of the finest of African foods, dancing, music, poetry and narratives. Featured artists include: Teye Sa Thiosanne African Drummers and Dance Ensemble.

Location: Friendship Auditorium
3201 Riverside Drive, Los Angeles 90027

Sponsored by: The Organization Us - the founding
organization of Kwanzaa
For tickets/reservations call 323/299-6124
www.OfficialKwanzaaWebsite.org

Tuesday, January 1: Imani (Faith)



Imani (Faith) is a special day of remembrance and recommitment to our highest values as persons and a people, and a time of turning inward and quiet reflection on the meaning and awesome responsibility of being African in the world.

Kwanzaa is an African American and pan-African cultural holiday which celebrates family, community and culture. It is based on African first harvest celebrations organized around five fundamental kinds of activities: ingathering of the people, special reverence for the creator and creation; commemoration of the past; recommitment to the highest African cultural values; and celebration of the Good. Building on this ancient tradition, Dr. Maulana Karenga created Kwanzaa in 1966 as an act of cultural recovery and reconstruction. A seven-day holiday, Kwanzaa is celebrated from December 26 to January 1 and is structured around seven core communitarian African values, The Nguzo Saba (The Seven Principles) which are directed toward reinforcing family, community and culture. The Nguzo Saba are: Umoja (Unity); Kujichagulia (Self-determination); Ujima (Collective Work and Responsibility); Ujamaa (Cooperative Economics); Nia (Purpose); Kuumba (Creativity); and Imani (Faith).



Dr. Maulana Karenga
Creator of Kwanzaa