

Jaya Kula 2018 Annual Report

“Exploring Pride and Prejudice”

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“Exploring pride and prejudice”

Dear Mandala,

Our 2018 theme was pride. We explored how pride shows up for us in our day-to-day lives and how it limits our opportunities to connect with and care for others.

At our summer retreat, we kept chipping away at pride and continued our community’s dive into our experiences of marginalization, identity-based violence, exclusion, privilege, and cultural expression.

We will continue to collaborate to create a field of relating where people are empowered to speak about these painful experiences; to express anger and grief; to ask for, offer, and make amends; to break out of deep-seated patterns; and to take a wider view of how we are all affected without boxing others into limiting narratives and expectations.

In 2019, we will continue to strive to create a crucible for spiritual growth that is not afflicted by the violence that characterizes both pride and prejudice.

Now we are moving to the Bay Area where we will be more nourished by the presence of other communities of practitioners. But we also might encounter more opportunities to get distracted and renew pridefulness.

I’m looking forward to both the nourishment and the challenge. However much we’ve managed thus far to resolve karmic patterns of pride and prejudice, let’s protect that transformation, protect our practice, and support each other as we begin to offer the teachings in a new environment.

A time for rest and renewal

Over the past 11 years, I’ve given around 1,000 satsangs and many other teachings. I’ve published six books. And I’ve worked hard, as have all of you, to create and maintain the wonderful community that we now enjoy.

I've been feeling the need to rest, refresh, and renew before we make our trek back West.

Because of your steady and loving support, I'm able to take my first teaching sabbatical since Jaya Kula began in 2007.

I'll be taking a break from teaching starting in April through to whenever teachings start up again in June in the Bay Area.

There are some plans in the works to organize gatherings to watch satsangs together on both the East and West coasts. Stay tuned...

with loads of love,

Jaya Kula 2018 in Review

January



- Shambhavi starts the year on retreat in Fairfield, Iowa where she shovels a lot of snow.
- The Playground starts up—satsang featuring more group sadhana.
- The Mahabharata reading group enters its second year! We are into it!

February



Our Shiva Ratri 2018 puja

- We find out that Kashi 2.0 is up for sale! We gotta move.
- We celebrate Shiva Ratri with a traditional puja to our beautiful Narmada River Shiva lingam and its 10 children.

March



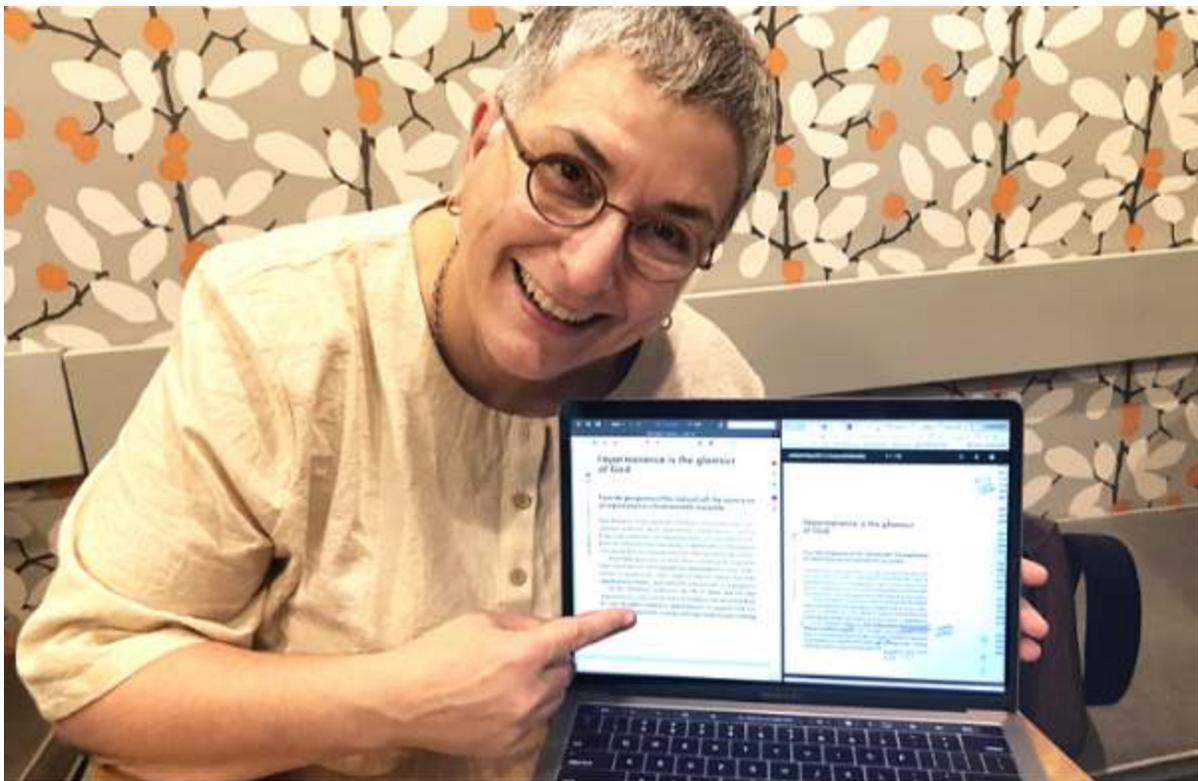
Shambhavi teaching Foundations in Portland, Maine, 2018



Gathering at Po's Teahouse

- Shambhavi travels to PDX to give satsang and Tantra Foundations.
- We visit Po at his private teahouse in Portland!

April



Shambhavi working on The Reality Sutras... in Bard café!

- Tantra Foundations happens in Maine.
- Shambhavi starts working with a new designer on THREE books.

May



California poppies - the state flower

- Shambhavi returns to give satsang in New York City . The satsang is wonderfully hosted by Swati.
- Shambhavi gives a two-day teaching, the Great Goddess.
- Archana—Jaya Kula’s new kirtan and mantra recording collective—kicks off!
- May 31 - Shambhavi announces the move to California

June



New logo for Archana

	Listening Abiding Meditation (20:45) FILE IS LIVE	725	92% ★★★★★	20	▼
	Tonglen Meditation (18:19) FILE IS LIVE	2.72k	95% ★★★★★	67	▼
	Breath Immersion and the Golden Egg Meditation (15:03) FILE IS LIVE	2.13k	94% ★★★★★	48	▼
	Breath Immersion Meditation (10:54) FILE IS LIVE	1.09k	89% ★★★★★	25	▼
	Jai Hridaya Vasini Kirtan (13:11) FILE IS LIVE	2.2k	93% ★★★★★	51	▼

Shambhavi and Archana on Insight Timer

- Archana makes its first mantra and kirtan recordings in a professional studio. We get a logo!

- In other recording news, Shambhavi creates professional recordings of three guided meditations. They go online for free on our website and the Insight Timer app. Later in 2018, they are included in a free compilation of guided practice published by Embodied Philosophy.

July



2018 Summer retreatants We gather at the end of our summer retreat to burn up some karmas!

- We hold our Pride and Prejudice retreat. Here're some of the fruits:
 - Getting to know more about each other's experiences
 - Learning meditation
 - Getting to understand more about how concepts of identity have changed over time
 - Learning more about the Trika View of prejudice and pride
 - Exploring the manifestations of our own pride and the effects of these
 - Exploring identities that have been thrust on us; those that we have worked to claim, reshape, and/or release; identities we have left behind, abandoned, or suppressed; and identities which we have had the privilege to choose
- Guru Purnima happens along with Shambhavi's birthday celebratin'!

August



Hangin' in Kashi 2.5

- Matri and Nirmana buy a house in South Portland, dubbed "Kashi 2.5." They move in with Shambhavi in tow. Many people help with painting, cleaning, and hauling seva. THANK YOU!!

September



Gangotri's pad is ready for satsang in San Rafael!



Post-satsang convo at Jyoti's

- Shambhavi travels to PDX and the Bay Area to give teachings. Satsangs in California are hosted in San Rafael by Gangotri and in El Cerrito with Jyoti,. Lots of food and good company.

October

- Jaya Kula hosts Parvathy Baul to offer a concert and workshop at Matrika House!
- Shambhavi gives satsang in Providence, Rhode Island



Parvathy singing at Matrika

November



Shambhavi and her new book - in Bard again!



Last Thanksgiving at Matrika House

- Shambhavi and Jaya Kula Press publish The Reality Sutras: Seeking the Heart of Trika Shaivism and revised, redesigned editions of Pilgrims to Openness and The Play of Awakening
- We celebrate Thanksgiving with Upaplavya!

December

- Shambhavi initiates the “FLECT” game on Slack. We get to name and respond to experiences of prejudice and privilege happening in our community. People in the Mandala who have, over the years, been the recipients of misogynist, homophobic, transphobic, racist, classist, or sexually inappropriate remarks let the people who made those remarks know.
- The new Diviner’s Circle gets started. People who have trained in divination with Shambhavi start getting together once a month to practice this ancient art.



We divine!

Jaya Kula
Annual Financial Report
Income and Expenses Statement
2018

	2018	% of 2018 Income
INCOME		
Teachings and Retreats Donations	\$34,928	33%
Milk, Ghee, Ojas Donations	\$28,606	27%
Trident Fund Donations	\$11,800	11%
Dashamamsha Donations	\$21,877	21%
General Charitable Donations	\$4,552	4%
Sales of Product Income (<i>excluding Jaya Kula Press</i>)	\$2,140	2%
Jaya Kula Press (<i>Store Sales and Online Royalties</i>)	\$2,009	2%
Misc Income	\$496	0%
Lakshmi's Cupboard (<i>Discounts for Students Attending Teachings above and beyond low-income discounts</i>)	-\$870	-
TOTAL INCOME	\$105,538	
	2018	% of 2018 Expenses
EXPENSES		
Teaching Expenses (<i>Rent, Retreat Food and Lodging, Ritual, Teaching and Live-stream Supplies</i>)	\$31,335	32%
Spiritual Director Contract	\$43,695	45%
Administrative Assistants	\$9,601	10%
Administrative Costs (<i>Legal, Taxes, Insurance and Office Supplies</i>)	\$4,434	5%
Communications and Web Services	\$2,224	2%
Cost of Products Sold	\$2,779	3%
Jaya Kula Press Publication Expenses	\$3,415	3%
Fundraising	\$440	0.4%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$97,924	
NET INCOME	\$7,614	