

**The AIKIDO CENTER OF ATLANTA**  
Invites you and your students to a  
**FREE SPRING SEMINAR**  
APRIL 15

As you may know, we had scheduled our Annual Spring Seminar Featuring Yamada Sensei. Since his passing, we have tried to come up with a suitable alternative. We could just cancel the seminar but Sensei expressed many times that the best way to honor him would be to continue to practice and improve. We also considered inviting a replacement Instructor but, since no one could possibly “replace” Sensei, this also seemed like a bad idea. Therefore, we decided to fall back on the format we have used in past Kagami Biraki Seminars. It will be a one -day Seminar held at the Aikido Center of Atlanta beginning at 10:00 am.

Each Instructor or designated Dojo representative, regardless of affiliation, will take turns teaching a short segment of the class in “round-robin” fashion. The amount of time each Instructor has will depend on the number of Teachers present so please RSVP with your name, rank, dojo name and number of students you are bringing for our planning purposes.

Lunch will not be provided but we will provide a list of the many good restaurants within easy walking distance. We will provide the usual light refreshments, Gatorade, etc. (donations gratefully accepted!) Also, there is ample free parking right next to the dojo. We are planning to have a pot luck party following the classes to give everyone the opportunity to socialize and reconnect with old friends after all these years of isolation. Please bring something to contribute. There are a limited number of home-stays available if you want to arrive early or stay late. Contact [briantheweinberg@gmail.com](mailto:briantheweinberg@gmail.com) to arrange.

Finally, to safeguard everyone in the ongoing Covid situation, we are adopting a method that was effectively used at the Yamada Sensei Memorial service in New York. All attendees will be required to take a Covid test the morning of the event prior to arriving and present a screen shot of your negative result at the door.

We feel that, going forward, it is our utmost duty to keep Yamada Sensei’s legacy alive and what better way to do that than for us all to get together in the spirit of Aiki, train hard, share our knowledge and insight and enjoy the friendship and comraderie of our unique community.  
I hope you will join us.

Sincerely,

George Kennedy Shihan



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