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Inventory

Audiocassettes

1980

Angela Colclough: Maternity Center Association- What a Child Bearing Center Can Offer a Pregnant Couple [part 1 and 2, copy 2, tape #3]

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Angela Colclough: Maternity Center Association- What a Child Bearing Center Can Offer a Pregnant Couple [part 1 and 2, copy 3, tape #3]

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Angela Colclough- Maternity Center Association- What a Child Bearing Center Can Offer a Pregnant Couple [part 2, copy 5, tape #3A]

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Announcements between Brewer Talk and Workshop [tape #8C]

1980

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Barbara Heller: Conscious Parenting- Thoughts to Ponder [copy 1, tape #16]

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Barbara Heller: Conscious Parenting- Thoughts to Ponder [copy 2, tape #16]

1980

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Haqiqah Chalfin: Creation of Birth Atmosphere in Home and Hospital- Birthing Center: Best of Both Worlds [copy 1, tape #4]

1980

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Haqiqah Chalfin: Creation of Birth Atmosphere in Home and Hospital- Birthing Center: Best of Both Worlds [copy 2, tape #4]

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Haqiqah Chalfin: Workshop-Home Birth Atmosphere and Preparation [copy 1, tape #6C]
1980
Box 2
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Haqiqah Chalfin: Workshop-Home Birth Atmosphere and Preparation [copy 2, tape #6C]
1980
Box 2
- (19)
Kathleen Grandison and Suria Less: Abode of the New life Birthing Center Background and Purpose [copy 1, tape #5]
1980
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Kathleen Grandison and Suria Less: Abode of the New life Birthing Center Background and Purpose [copy 2, tape #5]
1980
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Kathleen Grandison and Suria Less: Abode of the New life Birthing Center Background and Purpose- Q and A [tape #5A]
1980
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Kathleen Grandison: Critique of Technological Advances [copy 1, tape #10]
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Kathleen Grandison: Critique of Technological Advances [copy 2, tape #10]
1980
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Kathleen Grandison: Welcome and Introduction / Suria Less- Sacred Aspects of Birth Beyond the Physical Plane [copy 1, tape #1]
1980
Box 2
- (1)
Kathleen Grandison: Welcome and Introduction / Suria Less- Sacred Aspects of Birth Beyond the Physical Plane [copy 2]/ Murshida Vera- Grounding the Infant [part 1, copy 3] [tape #3B]
1980
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Lynn Van Doren Luger: Promoting Positive Childbirth Procedures in the Hospital [copy 1, tape #6A]
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Lynn Van Doren Luger: Promoting Positive Childbirth Procedures in the Hospital [copy 2, tape #6A]
1980
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- (16)
Murshida Vera: Grounding the Infant [part 1 and 2, copy 1, tape #2]
1980
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Murshida Vera: Grounding the Infant [part 1 and 2, copy 2]
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Murshida Vera: Grounding the Infant [part 2, copy 3] / Angela Colclough- Maternity Center Association- What a Child Bearing Center Can Offer a Pregnant Couple [part 1 and 2, copy 1][tape #3C]
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Murshida Vera: Learning to Become a Parent [part 1, tape #17A]
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Murshida Vera: Learning to Become a Parent [part 2, tape #17B]
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Murshida Vera: Parents as First Guides [tape #20]
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Murshida Vera: Play and Relaxation with the Infant [tape #6B]
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Murshida Vera: Workshop 2 [tape #9B]
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Murshida Vera: Workshop- Healing Techniques for the Infant [tape #13A]
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Panel Discussion: Unspecified [tape #7]
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Quan Yin: Preparing Parents for Conscious Childbirth [copy 1, tape #12]
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Quan Yin: Preparing Parents for Conscious Childbirth [copy 2, tape #12]
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Reza Lynn Bugay and Benita: Massage and Touch Relaxation for the Pregnant Couple [copy 1, tape #13C]
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Reza Lynn Bugay and Benita: Massage and Touch Relaxation for the Pregnant Couple [copy 2, tape #13C]
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Saphira Linden: Getting in Touch with the Child Within Yourself Through Creative Play [tape #9C]
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Suria Less: Descent of the Soul- Q and A (lecture preceding is missing) [tape #11B]
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Suria Less, Kathleen Grandison, and Murshida Vera: Panel Discussion- What is Birth? [copy 1, tape #21]
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Suria Less, Kathleen Grandison, and Murshida Vera- Panel Discussion: What is Birth? [copy 2, tape #21]
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Suria Less, Kathleen Grandison, and Murshida Vera: Panel Discussion- What is Birth? [copy 3, tape unnumbered]
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Tom and Gail Brewer: Nutrition and Prenatal Classes [part 1 and 2, copy 1, tape #13]
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Tom and Gail Brewer: Nutrition and Prenatal Classes [part 1, copy 2, tape #13B]
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Tom and Gail Brewer: Nutrition and Prenatal Classes [part 1, copy 3, tape #13B]
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Tom and Gail Brewer: Nutrition and Prenatal Classes [part 2, copy 2, tape #13B2]
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Tom and Gail Brewer: Nutrition and Prenatal Classes [part 2, copy 3, tape #13B2]
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Tom and Gail Brewer: Risks and Benefits of Standard Prenatal Care- A Health Model [part 1, copy 1, tape #8A]
1980
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Tom and Gail Brewer: Risks and Benefits of Standard Prenatal Care- A Health Model [part 1, copy 2, tape #8A]
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Tom and Gail Brewer: Risks and Benefits of Standard Prenatal Care- A Health Model [part 2, copy 1, tape #8B]
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Tom and Gail Brewer: Risks and Benefits of Standard Prenatal Care- A Health Model [part 2, copy 2, tape #8B]
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Tom and Gail Brewer: Workshop- Special Problems [part 1, copy 1, tape #9A]
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Tom and Gail Brewer: Workshop- Special Problems [part 1, copy 2, tape #9A]
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Tom and Gail Brewer: Workshop- Special Problems [part 1, copy 3, tape #9A1]
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Tom and Gail Brewer: Workshop- Special Problems [part 2, tape #9A2]
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Yusuf and Panel: The Father's Viewpoint [part 1, copy 1, tape #19A]
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Yusuf and Panel: The Father's Viewpoint [part 1, copy 2, tape #19]
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Yusuf and Panel: The Father's Viewpoint [part 2, copy 1, tape #19B]
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Yusuf and Panel: The Father's Viewpoint [part 2, copy 2, tape #19B]
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