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Up Coming Events

February 2013

New York Jama'at gathers in Seerat-un-Nabi

February 3rd 2013—Sunday @ 11am—Ansar & Lajna Meeting

February 9th 2013—Saturday @ 9:30am—Waqfe Nuh Regional Program - Tahir school will continue as usual without Waqfe Nuh Children

February 15th 2013—Friday @ 7:30pm—Khuddam General Meeting in Bait-uz-Zafar

February 20th Wednesday 7:30pm- Musleh Maud Day meeting - starts with Isha prayer.

March 3rd 2013—Sunday @ 11am—Ansar & Lajna Meeting

March 7th —Thursday @ 7PM—Holy Prophet^{saw} symposium (see flier on page 2)
Tahir classes every Saturdays at 9:30am

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The Seerut-un-Nabi meeting was held on Sunday late afternoon January 27th 2013. This joyous program started with the recitation of the Holy Qur'an recited by Majeed Yanful sahib followed by nazm by Zafar Malik sahib. A brief

speech on the Holy Prophet^{saw} and youth was delivered by young khadim Danial Ahmed. The life of Holy Prophet^{saw} presented by various authors was shared by Ahmad Mubarak sahib. Next Dr. Ahmad Chaudhry spoke on the exemplary life of our beloved Holy Prophet^{saw} for the youth during his time. Another nazm was presented by Mahmud Bhutta sahib followed by a joined nazm by Nasirat. The concluding speech was delivered by Imam Daud Hanif sahib on the writings of Hadrath Masih Maud^{as} on his love for the Holy Prophet^{saw}. Fasasi Sanusi sahib shared concluded remarks and the program ended with dua led by Imam sahib. Refreshments were served by Ziafat team. Alhamdulillah there were more than three hundred members who enjoined in this blissful gathering.

As it was requested by the National Headquarters, the event titled, "Muhammad: The Messenger of Peace", has been organized and set up to be a successful event. Many members of the Jama'at asked around and we contacted many of our references and resources including various Churches and Synagogues in order to help host and organize the event. After all of our combined efforts, and with the help of UTS The Interfaith Seminary, the Jama'at was able to secure a location in the heart of Manhattan. It is requested that every Jama'at member attend, with the addition of a guest, as this is no ordinary Jama'at event. It is to be seen on a national level in terms of the Jama'at itself, the City and State of New York, and hopefully the USA also.

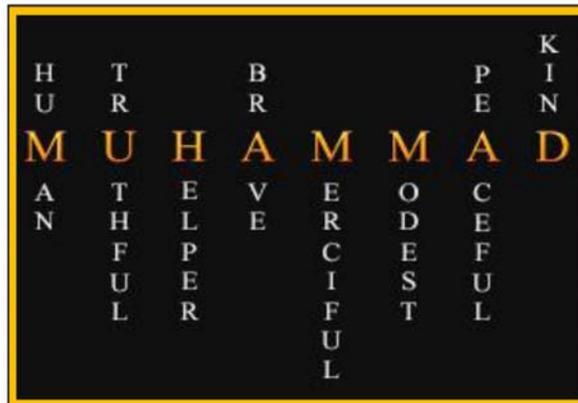
On the coming of the New Year, the Jama'at also contacted its resources and religious friends which we have made over the past few years. A Jama'at calendar, a few pens, as well as a small token of appreciation was given to them to welcome in the New Year with warm wishes and prayers. It is advised that for the New Year, all Jama'at members should create a new resolution within themselves to maximize their efforts and to reach new heights in regards to spreading the message of Islam and Ahmadiyyat in whatever form they can.

On January 13, 2013, an Interfaith meeting was held in Richmond Hill by the Interfaith Council, where Councilman LeRoy Comrey and Ruben Wills were presiding. Many religious leaders from Queens, and New Jersey were in attendance. There were about 45 dignitaries who came, and we represented Islam. The common speaking topic was in regards to how to guide and show the youth of today's society the right way in terms of morals and values. The Jama'at offered Bait-uz-Zafar to use as a venue if any meetings or talks needed to be hosted. The program had ended with a collective prayer, and it was conducted by Jama'at Ahmadiyya.

As you are all aware, whenever the Queens, NY Jama'at has been given a task or a challenge, we have always fulfilled our obligations and set the bar even higher. This event is not only informational and beneficial, but it is also considered as a challenge towards us. It is urged once again that every Jama'at member attend and bring a guest for informational and Tabligh purposes. Also, for the students and young Khuddam it is highly requested that you spread the word around your local schools and encourage your classmates or friends to attend along with yourself. Any information, invitations, cards, and goods of such nature are readily available through the Jama'at.

By: Abdul Ghafoor sahib

The Remarkable Life of The Holy Prophet

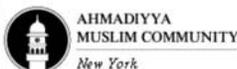


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Architect SHAFIQ AHMAD MALIK sahib, President, Ahmadi Architects and Engineers Association, USA and National Property Secretary, AMC, USA has passed away due to a sudden heart attack at about 2PM on Sunday, January 6, 2013 while attending a marriage ceremony in Virginia, USA. Inna lillahi wa inna ilayhi rajiun. The funeral was held on Tuesday January 8th, 2013 in Masjid Baitur Rehman, Maryland. Burial took place in Maqbaratus Salam in Ahmadiyya Muslim Graveyard, Maryland. Below is a life sketch on Malik sahib written by his son, Sayim Malik, who is a member of our Bronx Hulqa.

Basic Information

Shafiq Ahmed Malik sahib was 68 years old. His grandfather Malik Ameer Muhammad was the first person to accept Ahmadiyyat in 1924. Shafiq Malik sahib was an architect by profession and worked in Libya and later in Pakistan as chief architect for the city of Lahore.

Service to Jama'at

Shafiq Ahmed Malik Sahib served the Jama'at through numerous services throughout his life.

His services began in 1982 when his younger brother Dr Rafiq Malik sahib introduced him to Hadrath Khalifa tul Maseeh the 3rd. His first project was involvement in construction of Qasar-e- Khilafat in Rabwah, Pakistan. His brother relates that after the demise of Hadrath Khalifa-tul-Maseeh the 3rd in 1982, when Dr. sahib met Hadrath Khalifatul Maseeh the 4th, Hazoor said, “ Your brother Shafiq sahib has far excelled you in his services to Jama'at”. This was how his outstanding dedication was complimented by the Khalifa of the time. Mashallah.

Jama'at Services in Pakistan

His major projects in Rabwah include the design and supervision of Baitul Hamd Rabwah, Lajna Imaillah Hall, Swimming pool, Gulshan-e-Ahmad Nursery, renovation of Masjid Mubarak Rabwah, Dar-uz-Ziafat, Sadr Anjuman Ahmadiyya offices and the personal residence of Hazrat Khalifa-tul-Masih the 4th. He also actively participated in the design of Jamia Ahmadiyya Rabwah and expansion and upgrade of Baitul Noor, Model Town Lahore.

International Services to Jama'at

Internationally Malik sahib was involved in major projects such as Masjid-e-Aqsa Qadian, Baitul Fatuh London, and the ongoing projects in South America including Bait-ul-Awwal in Brazil.

Jama'at Services in USA

Malik sahib was the president of the USA chapter of IAAAE (International Association of Ahmadi Architects and engineers) and the Acting National property Secretary USA at the time of his demise.

During these roles in USA, he made major contributions in the design and supervision of various mosques which include Philadelphia mosque, Dayton mosque, Baltimore mosque, North Virginia mosque, Dallas mosque and Albany mosque and Miami mosque upgrade.

Other (Non-construction) Jamaat services

Malik sahib served as secretary Rishta Naata in Lahore Pakistan and other capacities.

Personality

Shafiq Ahmed Malik sahib had a very dedicated, hardworking, determined and resilient personality. He had remarkable ability to accept hard challenges, whether for Jama'at or in the personal sphere. He would use all his means to accomplish success in difficult situations.

Final Comments

Malik sahib was a moosi. He is survived by his wife, Dr. Amtul Wadood Malik sahiba and three sons, Junaid Malik (property secretary Dallas), Sayim Malik and Umair Malik, who are all married. He also leaves behind his sister Rasheeda Malik sahiba, and his brothers Munawar Malik sahib, Aziz Malik sahib and Dr. Rafiq Malik sahib.

Request For Prayers

Members of Jama'at are requested to pray that may Allah grant Malik sahib a lofty status in paradise, and enable the whole family to bare his loss with grace, and carry on his excellent tradition of service to Jama'at and fellow human beings. Ameen.



This month's Lajna meeting was held on January 6th 2013. Tilawat & Translation of the Holy Quran and Lajna Pledge by Sisters Rashida Hamid, Shanze Hamid and Sadr Sahiba respectively. Sister Qudsia Ghayyur recited Hadith #26, Do Not Imitate Other Nations with Urdu translation by Sister Fouzi Maliha Ahmad. Sister Naeema Ahmad and her daughters Nasirat Baria, Nida, Fiza Ahmad delivered a delightful poem.

Mahnoor Paracha & Dr. Salamat Majeed led a Taleem Presentation About Contemporary Issues.

The first issue discussed was Hijab and the hesitations that often surround it. They then spoke about Inter-Religious Peace & Harmony and how imperative it is to ensure this exists. We must strive to always maintain harmony and peace throughout our lives. Lastly, they spoke about The Limits of Freedom in regards to Gun Control in America. There are limits to our freedoms and we need to recognize and obey them.

Sister Farkhanda Ahamd and Tehmina Rafiq conducted a Tarbiyyat Workshop on Huzoor's Khutba on Huzoor's Khutba from September 4, 2009 on "The Glorious Qur'an." This was followed by a Q&A session that included some small sweet and sparkly prizes.

Tabligh event info was presented by Sister Rehana Nayyar. There will be a National Event on a weeknight in March, our goal is to bring over 150 guests that day and we need to start working on our contacts now.

Health Presentation of "Heart Disease in Women" open discussion on Contemporary Issues in Islam.

The meeting ended with a Eulogy to our devoted and beloved sister, Amina Hamid who passed away last month. May Allah continue to shower blessings upon her soul.

By: Farida Ahmad, General Secretary: Lajna Imaillah- Queens, NY

Bronx Halqa meeting

- * Bronx Halqa meeting was held Sunday, January 20, 2013, at Bronx Masjid at 12pm.
- * Respected Naib Ameer, Imam Daud Hanif sahib, presided the meeting. Program started with the recitation of Holy Quran and translation by Bilal Saleem.
- * After the recitation of holly Quran, Sanusi Fasusi sahib highlighted the importance of participating in jamat programs and establishing strong relationship within Jama'at members.
- * Than respected Imam Daud Hanif sahib addressed the audience. Imam sahib highlighted the duties of believers and advised to follow the footsteps of those who accepted Islam and Ahmadiyyat and became devotee to the Jamaat, and spend their entire life in the service of Jama'at. He said not to follow the footsteps of those who accepted but never proactively participated in Jamaat programs and services.
- * After his inspiring speech Imam sahib opened the forum for question answer session.
- * Later, Ghafoor sahib made announcements for upcoming Jama'at programs and Imam sahib concluded the meeting with silent prayer. Food was served after Zuhr and Asr prayers. Approximately 30 members participated in meeting.

By: Ahmad Mubarak

Waqfe Nau:

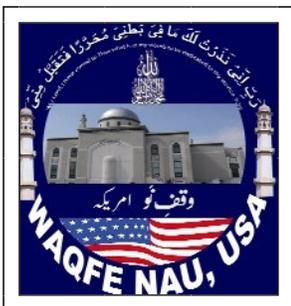
The Waqfe Nau Regional Ijtema will be held at Bait ul Zafar on Saturday, February 9th from 10 AM to 5 PM. All Waqfeen above 5 years of age are required to attend this event. Each Waqf will be tested from his age group (first 6 months) according to the waqfenau syllabus (Nisab Waqfenau) available on www.waqfenau.us. For example, if a child who turned 13 yesterday, he/she will be responsible for "I2 to I3 first six months".

By: Mueen Ahmed

FLU Shot

Flu shot drive was held on Sunday January 6th 2013. It was announced and E-mailed in advance. Dr. Salamat Majid Sahiba administered the vaccine with help from two other nurses. 30 people got the shots. May Allah protect us all.

By: Mahmood ahmad Sec.Umoor-e-ama



Khuddam and Atfal Sports day



This week on January 12th 2013, I went to Tahir class. I really didn't want to go but I was forced. Then when Tahir class was over we went to the gym. There were about 17 Atfal. When we first got there I was really energetic. The first game I had to sit out as a sub but the older Atfal let me play with them. I was really happy when we played a full court game. At first I was thinking that I wouldn't be tired but when I was substituted, my legs were sort of soar.

During halftime everyone was hungry. Then as a surprise Domino's pizza came. Everyone was so happy. When I found out that there was only chicken pizza I didn't want to eat it. Then when I tried it, it was delicious. After we ate the pizza, everyone got the basketball and finished the game. Everyone started to take free throws after the game. It was very fun be-

cause no one got left out. When we all were thirsty there was fruit punch, orange juice, and a water fountain. I was extremely happy because Khuddamul Ahmadiyya and New York Jama'at provided a lot of things for us. The best thing of it all was it was for about 4 hours. Also after the game some of us were exhausted. Then we got footballs and soccer balls. I was very happy because when I was playing football I was running back.

Then every one packed up. When it was time to leave I had to take out 2 dollars and 25 cents for the bus. It was my first time on the bus and it was very fun. On the bus were my brother and our nazm Atfal, Shahnoor Piracha. We all had fun because we joked around and played games on the iphone. When I got home I told my mom all the fun things I did.

By: Qasid Chaudhry, Age 11

Taleem:

We are happy to announce that a new website has been created by the national education (Taleem) department. It has a wealth of information and resources for education including videos and links to scholarships. The site also archives the newsletter "In The Know". We encourage all students and parents to periodically check this very important and resourceful site. To go to this site please visit the following link and then click on the "Education" under the "Departments" tab.

www.ahmadiyya.us

By: Karim Sharif sahib

Khuddam attend and help Clothing Drive



Khuddam from Queens attended a clothing drive on Lower East side Manhattan on Saturday January 19th 2013. Khuddam were assigned to open all the bags of clothes donated by people and sort them out. Shirts, coats, pants, jackets, socks and other toiletries were separated and placed them according to the instructions. Many people, homeless or just in need for clothes gathered in line and were provided with the supplies based on their needs. This opportunity gave Khuddam to be grateful to Allah and a chance to understand and process the life of the misfortunate ones. It also strengthened their hearts to be humble and continue to be engaged in helping the humanity.



Atfal & Khuddam goes Indoor Rock Climbing!



Group picture of Khuddam and Atfal inside the Rock Climbing facility in New Rochelle

Atfal and Khuddam from Queens went to indoor rock climbing on January 20th, 2013 in The Rock Club, New Rochelle. It was the most memorable time in my life. The minute we walked in, the rock climbing instructor gave us tips on how to go step by step to climb and to take your time when climbing a wall. The instructor also went over all of the rules and regulations to not run around or go away from your group. As soon as the instructor finished speaking, we got into our harnesses and buckled up. After that, we split up in groups of five and went to different walls to start our climbs! The first one that my group and I climbed was the one with the red color flags. That one was the easiest out of them all. Then we moved on to the 5.5 wall which was for beginners though it was over 40 feet high. I was the first one out of my group to go all the way to the top without tripping, falling, and slipping. There were some rocks that were flat that I couldn't grab because they had no grip and there were some that I could

grab because they were dented from the back so it was easy to hold on.

Then after the 5.5 wall, we went to the 5.8 wall which no one said that I could do it; the rocks to hold on to were smaller in size and the wall was over 50 feet high. But in the end, I proved them wrong. The wall was a little hard. The way that you were supposed to climb the wall was to climb on the rocks that were the same color as the ones that you started with. It was very difficult because the whole time your legs and arms were separated from each other and you looked like a penguin. In the mid-way of when I was climbing the wall, I saw that my legs looked swollen because of how stretched out they were. But I didn't quit at all and I climbed the whole wall without sweating and it was very tough.



Abubakr Rana bhai, Qaid Queens is climbing a challenging mission

The next wall that we climbed was the 5.7 which had a platform in between which you had to stand on which was very difficult because the platform was 1 foot long. This wall was tricky because you needed a lot of strategy to get through to the platform and to the top. When I went on, I went in a zigzag form that helped me because it was easier to climb up to the platform. When I got to the platform, I struggled to stand up and when I did, I went for the no grips part and I needed chalk so one of my group members tried to toss up the chalk bag but couldn't. Then without any chalk, I climbed and climbed until I got to the top. When I got to the top, I was so glad that I finished my 2nd course of climbing!

At about 1:20pm, we went out to eat and we went to McDonalds where we all sat down and energized ourselves before the huge challenge. When we went back to the rock climbing it was the moment that I was waiting for the whole trip! It was time for the leaning back challenge. I was the first one to try it and for the first time, I slipped and tripped. The way that you were supposed to climb the wall was that your body was supposed to hang from the ceiling at the end and you had to press the button. It was the most difficult thing that I had ever done in my life. In the middle of doing the challenge, I stopped because I was very tired and my muscles hurt from pulling myself up.

This day was the most exciting and most memorable in a sense. There were fifteen Atfal and Khuddam who participated and we all experienced a bond of brotherhood and we all had fun. After we came back to our Masjid, we prayed Zuhr and Asr together and departed. I hope that we can go to another exciting place like rock climbing again. This was a great adventure to be on and I hope there will be more trips like this.

By: Danish Chaudhry, Age 13



Khuddam and Atfal during Khuddam Pledge during the meeting



Khuddam and Atfal having dinner after the meeting

Khuddam gathered in Bait-uz-Zafar on Friday evening January 18th, 2013 for monthly meeting, The meeting started after Isha prayer with recitation of the Holy Qur'an by a tiftl, Mirza Haseeb. Qaid sb led everyone with the Khuddam pledge followed by a Tarbiyyat session with Rabbi bhai. The discussion was very lively and interactive topics including dating, how to interact with college friends, co workers of the opposite sex in respect to the guidance from the Holy Qur'an and Holy Prophet^{saw}. Everyone had the opportunity to participate. Next topic of discussion was Security in and around the Masjid. Rizwan Hamid, Nazm Umoomi provided updates and plans from Khuddamul Ahmadiyya. A evacuation drill will follow in the next monthly meeting. Qaid sb conveyed the message on participating and paying Khuddam Chanda to meet the 33% participation goal end of January. The meeting concluded with upcoming events announcements. Dinner was served afterwards where everyone enjoyed delicious spicy Chicken Biryani from Al Naimat Restaurant and soft drinks and juices. Next Khuddam Meeting will be on February 15th 2013 at 7:30PM after Salat-ul-Isha Inshallah.

By: Shoeb Abulkalam

Ansar Report:

This month regular Majlis monthly meeting was held on Sunday January 2nd at Bait-uz-Zafar. The program started with recitation of Holy Quran by Rashid Ahmad sahib, Pledge by Zaeem sahib and tafseer Quran by Abdul Hadi Nasir sahib, the review of the last 3 hadith from forty Gems of Beauty was presented by Mohammad Afzal sahib. The Quran and cosmology was discussed by Zaeem sahib and Huzoor Khutba from May 20, 2011 regarding the Potent power of Salaat, Dua and connection with God was discussed by Iqbal Ahmad sahib, an interactive session by Ahmad Mubarak sahib about the future of Islam and the world as found in the prophecies of the Promised Messiah (AS) was held and various members were asked about their opinions. Dr. Tahir Khan sahib discussed the health topic of Diabetes and Diabetic complications and members were made aware about the symptoms and some of the methods about preventing/controlling the spread of diabetics. The meeting concluded with the silent prayers and lunch was served after the salat.

Zaeem presented the Queens NY Majlis at the annual Ansar Leadership Conference which was held in Bait-ul-Hameed in Chino California. Ansarullah held the session to give Flu shots to Jama'at members with the help of local doctors from Lajna and about 30 Flu shots were administered.

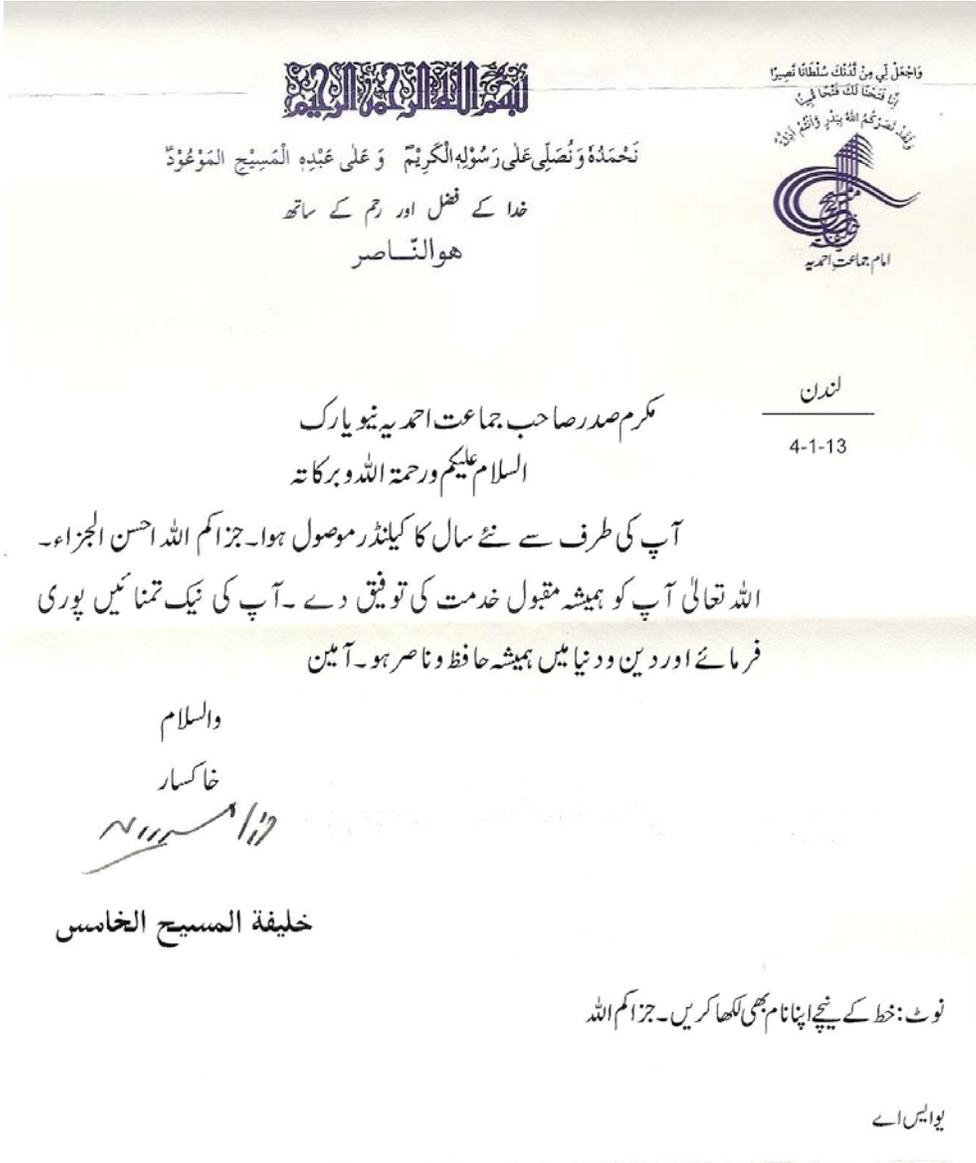
Next Majlis Ansar meeting will be held on February 3rd at 11:30 AM, all members are requested to attend. As more members are interested in the health discussion we will allocate more time for the topic and discussion about healthy heart will be held in February 3 meeting.

By: Iqbal Ahmed

Huzur^{aba} letter to Nazi Ayaz sahib on the 2013 New York Jama'at Calendar sent on January 4th 2013

Tahir School Parent Teacher's Meeting

Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya Queens organized a Parent Teacher's conference under the National MKA directive on Saturday January 26th during Tahir School in Bait-uz-Zafar. Principal Hadi Nasir sahib was present during this meeting where he met parents and Tahir school teachers. Teachers and Hadi sb expressed their concerns and how to improve the teaching in Tahir School. Naib Qaid Zulfikar Sikder, Nazm Amoor-e-Tulba and registrar for Tahir School Mobasher Karim, Motamid Shoeb Abulkalam, Nazm Atfal Shahnoor Piracha, and Naib Nazm Atfal Suleman Ahmed were also present to listen to the concerns from parents and teachers. A Arcade basketball hoop was purchased recently to help Atfal with sports during Tahir class break time. Also a permanent Basketball hoop on a pole will be installed in the back parking lot area during spring time to accommodate Atfal occupy with sports. The parent attendance was low but Inshallah we anticipate to have a better attendance next meeting and we plan to hand out report cards to the parents based on their performance. This was a good opportunity for both teachers, principal, registrar, and parents come together and interact for the betterment of Tahir School students.



Principal, Hadi Nasir sb discussing with parents and teachers, and Nazm Atfal during Parent Teacher's Meeting during Tahir School

By: Shoeb Abulkalam

- * Khuddam Amila meeting was held on Sunday 1/27/13 at Bait-uz-Zafar.
- * Khuddam general meeting was held on Friday night 1/18/13 at Bait-uz-Zafar.
- * Taleem questionnaires were created from “Welcome to Ahmadiyyat” and sent to Mohtamim Taleem
- * Tarbiyyat session was held during general Khuddam meeting on the topics provided by National Tarbiyyat dept.
- * Atfal monthly Meeting was held during Tahir class conducted by Nazm Atfal Shahnoor Piracha and Suleman Ahmad, Naib Nazm Atfal.
- * Every Jumma Security was provided by Umoomi department front and back of the Masjid. Umoomi discussion and threat prevention plan was discussed during general Khuddam meeting.
- * A young khadim gave a speech on the Holy Prophet^{saw} life during Regional Jama’at Seerat un Nabi meeting.
- * Another Khadim spoke on the exemplary life of Holy Prophet^{saw} for the youth during his time in meeting.
- * Qaid and nazm Tarbiyyat attended the monthly Tarbiyyat teleconference.
- * Qaid and nazm Tabligh attended the monthly Tabligh teleconference.
- * Khuddam from Queens and Bronx were helped with job opportunities by providing several job opening around NYC through personal contacts
- * Khuddam and Atfal went Indoor Rock climbing on January 20th 2013
- * Khuddam from Queens visited Ansar in hospital who got into an accident
- * Khuddam participated in a clothing drive on January 19th 2013
- * Khuddam also partook in a soup kitchen on January 19th 2013
- * Sports day was organized for Khuddam and Atfal in a gym where they played football, soccer, and basketball.
- * Parent teacher’s meeting was held with parents, teachers, and principal where individual’s progress was discussed.
- * 7 articles were submitted to National Ishaat department on month of January for website and MKA Magazine.
- * Atfal and Khuddam Chanda collection reached 33% as per the national Quarterly target!
- * Khuddam were involved in Tabligh wearing Muslim for Peace T-Shirts while working in soup kitchen where attracted people’s attention and inquired us about our Community.

Finance:

- * There are many who have not paid their Chanda while we are entering the 8th month of the current fiscal year. Please take a moment to pay your past dues. Jazakallah.
- * Below are comments from New Orleans president sahib regarding Mosque fund contribution by our members.

“As we just returned from our trip from NYC visiting various Jama’at members we feel most blessed and humbled by everyone’s humanity and incredible generosity. The genuine welcome and highly engaging reception we received were overwhelming. I am grateful to Mohtrum Hadi Sahib for delivering the Jumma Khutba especially related to our fund raising campaign. Assad Bajwa Sahib was sincerely and cheerfully helpful in advancing our cause. Mohtrum Nazir Ayaz Sahib had set up the entire program perfectly and we felt totally at home with everyone’s reception.

The Brooklyn Jama’at showed tremendous fervor and passion in donating the funds for the Mosque and made pledges accordingly. Mohtrum Rafi Sahib was gracious and accommodating in every aspect. Mohtrum Arshad Janjua Sahib called several time to guide us in our collection efforts and while he felt awfully sick he kept in touch with us and promised to follow up with the members. We are utterly indebted to all who helped and welcomed us.

Imam Sahib, your precedent and guidance in supporting our mission are the true example of the kind of selfless and noble mentoring and affection our members need and long for. May Allah Ta’Allah accept our efforts and compensate all who gave so cheerfully to His cause. Ameen.”

-Mobashir Ahmed, Louisiana

Khuddam from Queens and Brooklyn participate in Soup Kitchen



Khuddam from Queens, Manhattan, and Brooklyn group photo during the soup kitchen



Khuddam see busy preparing fudge cake for dessert and icing the cakes



Khuddam are making tuna salad and egg salad for breakfast section

By the grace of Allah, Khuddam from the Queens Majlis and Brooklyn Majlis gathered together in Lower East side Manhattan on Saturday January 19th, on a chilly morning to serve humanity. This was a new location where Khuddam attended for soup kitchen where the facility was inside a church. The minute we walked in the atmosphere was filled with warm welcome. This facility has been serving breakfast and lunch to people for the last 30+ years every Saturday consistently. There were other organizations there who were volunteering just like us in serving humanity.

The first preparation was for breakfast as we split up in groups as one group was setting up tables, chairs, while other group was cutting long heroes into small pieces and others were filling up cups with sugar for coffee. We

helped out with setting up for hot chocolate, coffee, cereals, breads, danishes, pastries, and fruits.

There were almost 50 people waiting patiently in chairs to be served. We called the people in groups and have them sit in tables and enjoy the breakfast.

After the breakfast, we immediately started to prepare for the lunch. More people came and were waiting for lunch as we were cleaning up and setting up. We learned

how to make tuna salad, mixing Tuna with salt & pepper, celery, mayonnaise, and mustard. We made 4 trays of Tuna salad and started preparing egg salad. Again we learned the process by smashing the boiled eggs on a tray and adding salt & pepper, mayonnaise, dressing. We also prepared salad, helped with meat loaf, icing chocolate cakes, preparing for chocolate fudges, and drinks. We helped mopping the floors, taking out trash, washing dishes in the kitchen, picking up garbage and cleaning around the lobby as well as carrying food out from the kitchen to the serving area.

We felt very comfortable working with the volunteers there as they have been doing it for years. What was even more surprising was that the organizers were aware of our Jama'at and our dedication toward serving the country and people. We would like to thank Nadeem Malik who coordinated this soup kitchen

and for his continuous support with blood drives and soup kitchen and other Khidmat-e-Khalq activities. We are also looking into soup kitchens in Queens so it is convenient for Khuddam participating from Queens. In-shallah we will be holding a blood drive in the next month and participate in soup kitchen as well.



Khuddam preparing breakfast by filling up cups with sugar

Marriage:

Marriage of Saira Bajwa, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Zinda Bajwa sahib with Haleem Kahloon took place in New York. Congratulations to the Married Couple, May Allah make their marriage a success, Amin.

New Bait:

It is our pleasure to welcome Ms. Hajra Vianogna to the fold of the true Islam, Ahmadiyyat. She comes from Yonkers and is a qualified nurse. May Allah bless her.

Suggestions For Shura:

If anyone has suggestions for Shura, please send it to general secretary sahib by the end of February. The suggestions must be of national nature and have not been discussed in the Shura in the last three years. We will take up the suggestions in Jama'at meeting and if approved will be sent to Marqaz for further deliberations at different level.

2013 NY Jama'at Calendar:

Again this year just like previous two years it is almost sold out. Please see Hazoor's note included in this issue and also note from Chaudhry Hamidullah sahib, Wakil ul Ala, Rabwah. The calendar has reached UK, Bangladesh, Pakistan, India, Nigeria, Canada, Guyana and all over USA. Many non Ahmadies also received this issue.

Prayer timings at Bait-uz-Zafar



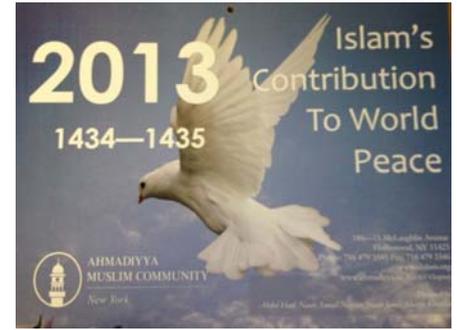
Fajr: 15 minutes after calendar time

Zuhr: 1:00 PM

Asr: As per calendar time

Maghrib: As per calendar time

Isha: 7:30PM



Tarbiyyat:

We have setup a committee who will advise parents how to ensure that their children are using internet properly. This team will visit all homes with children in the next few months. The team is headed by Tahir Mahmood.

Deaths:

- * It is sad to convey this message the demise of Luqman Ahmad of Long Island. He died of injuries at the construction site. His brother Dawood Ahmad of Astoria and sister Rehanna Ahmad come from New York Jama'at. The Janaza took place at Bait-uz-Zafar and buried at the long island cemetery. The deceased leaves behind a widow and young children.
- * Shazia Noreen sahiba's father passed away in Pakistan. He was the father in law of Khalid bhatti sahib.

انا لله وانا اليه راجعون

Inna lillahi wa inna ilahi raji'un

May Allah The Almighty elevate their status in paradise and grant Patience to the family members to bear this great loss.



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