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UP COMING EVENTS:

February 5th – Saturday @ 2PM- Interfaith Dialogue with Jewish community at Bait-uz-Zafar

February 6th Sunday – @ 3PM –Jama'at meeting discussing significance of Waq-e-Amal in Jama'at-e-Ahmadiyya and Blasphemy laws Children will have their own programs.

February 12th Saturday – Waqfe Nau Regional Ijtema @ 10:00am – Tahir Classes continue to take place.

February 13th Sunday – Seerat-un-Nabi Public meeting at 2:00pm. Please bring guests.

February 20th Sunday – Musleh Maud Day Regional Meeting at Bait-uz-Zafar @ 3:00pm.

February 28th Sunday @ 11:00am-Auxiliaries Meeting

Tahir School— every Saturday at 9:30am

Jumma @ 1:30pm. Check daily Prayer timings Inside.

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The National (UAE) Newspaper



The journalist from UAE daily newspaper, the National contacted Bait-uz-Zafar, to find out more about the “Muslim for Peace” campaign, as well as our local community. The National, is the Abu Dhabi

Media company's first English-language newspaper launched in April 2008 which covers news across the globe. The journalist along with a photographer came from Manhattan to Bait-uz-Zafar for an interview with Dr. Ahmad Chaudhry and Imam Daud Haneef sahib. A wide range of discussions took place regarding “Muslim for Peace” campaign as well as persecution of our Jama'at in Pakistan. The interview resulted in an article in the National. To read the article, follow the link below:

<http://www.thenational.ae/news/worldwide/americas/us-muslim-sect-spreads-message-of-peace>

- * On New Years Eve, there was a team of Jama'at members that went to Times Square to hand out flyers under our "Muslims for Peace" campaign. From Queens, 15 members traveled to the city to hand distribute flyers. Under the leadership of Naib Qaid, Abu Bakr Rana Sb, the members were there for 2 1/2 hours.
- * On January 8th, a Jewish Synagogue invited us to have a public discussion and interact with one another. The Jama'at was represented by 16 members, and they had about 35 people in attendance. Everybody started the meeting with their own respective prayers. It opened with an Answer and Question session. Through the two hours, Imam Daud Hanif Sb noticed that through the religion of Judaism, there is no motive of preaching. Our purpose is to get our message across, which Imam Daud Hanif Sb did in a spectacular way.
- * In the Corona/Jackson Heights area, we have been distributing a Spanish translated version of the "Muslims for Peace" flyer. Due to the cold weather, we have not been able to get out as much as we would like, so it is still a work in progress.
- * On January 15th, a team of members traveled back to the Times Square area, to distribute another flyer entitled "Muslims for Loyalty". The team was there for about 2 hours and distributed approximately 800 pieces.
- * With the efforts of Mahmood Ahmad Bhutta, New York Jama'at has another Bai'it. Rana Nadeem Ahmad sahib has joined the fold of Ahmadiyyat, by the Grace of Allah.

Very Special Event: Seerat-un-Nabi on February 13, 2011 @ 2:00 PM

We are hosting this event and there are very special guests attending as well as guest speaking:

- * Imam Daud A Hanif Sb - Vice President of Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA
- * Reverend Deborah Lindsay - First Community Church in Columbus, OH
- * Imam Benjamin Bilal - Motivational Speaker
- * Ahmed Mubarak Sb
- * Moderator will be our National Secretary of Tabligh, Ali Murtaza Sb.

Please be on time and everyone is encouraged to bring a guest. For this, event cards are available for those who need them to hand out to others.

Report By: Abdul Ghafoor sahib



Audio Video and CCTV Security Dept.

In the months of December and January, the following work was done in the Bait-uz-Zafar:

1. Installed and connected Conference Call Telephone System in the Library.
2. Installed a 3rd video camera in the Men's hall for video recordings.
3. Installed a "Boundary Microphone" for prayers (Salaat) in the Men's hall.
4. Installed and setup Khudam and Review of Religion office computers in their respective offices.
5. Configured "Audio tapes-to-CDs system" to convert audio from tapes to the CDs for better performance.

I want to thank Khalid Khan Sahib & his son Noman Khan, Mukhtar Ahmad Sahib, and Iqbal Ahmad Sahib who helped us completing the above projects. Also, please remember Mohammad Sehhar and Siddique Rahim Sahib in your prayers who record and show "Huzoor's khutba Jumma" every Friday.

On Sunday January 30th, 2011, Asad Bajwa and NAZIR Ayaz sahib went to the inauguration gathering for the local New York elected officials

*By: Rashid Ahmad
A/V Secretary*



Facebook Guidelines:

- 1) Individual Jama'at members are not permitted to create facebook pages on behalf of Ahmadiyya Muslim Community . All pages created by individuals representing "Ahmadiyya" or "Mirza Ghulam Ahmad Qadiani (a.s.) " or "The Promised Messiah (a.s.)" or "Mirza Masroor Ahmad" or "Khalifatul Masih " etc should be closed immediately.
- 2) The only official Ahmadiyya Muslim Community page is via Alislam platform at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Ahmadiyya-Muslim-Community/115298928500397>
- 3) The practice of making and maintaining individual facebook pages is strongly discouraged. If you have to make and maintain a facebook page use it smartly. Avoid posting unnecessary information or pictures. Refrain from discussion forums, comments chat and other time consuming web interactions. Being on the internet, facebook and twitter has pitfalls and we must not violate safety, security, privacy and moral rules. Guide your family and children to follow these rules as well.



Dr. Naseem Rehmatullah
Alislam Team

Message from Naseem Mahdi sahib:

AssalmoAlaikum wa Rahmatullah!

"It is customary for people to make new year's wishes at the beginning of the year and the one that is most apt that we all ought to make every year is the one in the Holy Quran.

Let us all pledge as follows:

'I have turned my face toward Him Who created the heavens and the earth, being ever inclined to God, and I am not of those who associate gods with God.'

If we pray to Allah that He enable us to fulfill this pledge all our troubles will be resolved and all our desires for fulfillment and advancement in spiritual and material endeavors would be realized in the most easiest manner possible. The key is to be ever inclined to Him...whenever we need something and even when we have all we desire ..this is the state of being HANEEF..may Allah bless us this state of being always. Amen!

We have a lot to do in 2011 ...Hazrat Khalifatul Masih (ab) has high expectations. Allah blessed us with a great deal of success in our endeavors to fulfill Hazur's wishes and directions in 2010 ..we were blessed with his praise and prayers....but there is much more that Hazur, may Allah strengthen him with His Holy Spirit, desires that we achieve. If we achieve the state of being ever inclined to Allah, standing, sitting or lying on our sides..then insha-Allah we will be able to fulfill Hazur (ab)'s wishes and desires. Let us, therefore, devote ourselves to the worship of Allah - fill our mosques to offer the five daily prayers in congregation and urge our near and dear ones to do the same. Let us fall in love with the Holy Quran and recite its verses daily more and more - especially in the morning when its recitation is particularly acceptable to Allah and let us infuse this love of the Holy Quran in our near and dear ones. Let us eradicate all our differences and disputes and unite under the divinely established Khilafat and become one and dedicate ourselves to the service of Allah's creation by following each and every direction that emanates from Hazrat Khalifatul Masih and the Nizam-e-Jama'at that is operating throughout the world under his directions.

May Allah bless us all with the ability to achieve all this in 2011 and beyond throughout our entire life! Amen!"

Naseem Mahdi
National Vice President and Missionary In charge, Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, USA



LAJNA REPORT

The Lajna General meeting started with the recitation of the Holy Quran by Khoshnoor Paracha. The translation was read by Sister Rehana Shezad. Next, Hadith #2, *Five Pillars of Islam*, was read from 40 Gems of Beauty by Bariah Ahmad. The translation was read by Sister Arifa Naseeb.

The Tarbiyyat Workshop was led by our Tarbiyyat Secretary, Sister Qud-sia Ghayur, who started off with a PowerPoint on “Taqwa – Keeping the Boundaries Established by Allah”. In this PowerPoint, different aspects of Purdah were discussed. An issue discussed was how people make excuses to not observe Purdah, and members were also told that if an elder, parents, or spouses tell you not to observe Purdah, you should not listen to them but continue on observing Purdah. Members were also told to remain steadfast and be firm in their faith. They shouldn’t lose their faith and just stop observing Purdah over little reasons.

The Taleem Workshop was led by Sister Salamat Majeed whose topic for the workshop was the book of the Promised Messiah (as) called “Kist-e-Nuh”. This book was given 3 names by the Promised Messiah, the main one being Kisht-e-Nuh, then Dawa-tul-Eeman, and Taqwi-a-tul Eeman. This book is about the Promised Messiah (as)’s prophecy about the plaque. Sister Salamat Majeed read the first few pages of the book and explained them in English. All members were told to read the book and if they have read it already, then they should review it.

Our Health workshop was conducted by the Health Secretary, Sister Naeema Ahmed who talked about the Effects of Anger on the body and mind. She discussed some effects of anger on the human body and explained that those who explode with anger are at a greater risk of getting a stroke or dying on the spot. Advice given to control anger was to say At-ta’awwuz, drink a glass of cold water, sit down and take deep breaths.

Next, the Publications secretary, Sister Tehmina Rafeeq also gave a few announcements and told members to try to write article for the Ayesha Magazine. She gave tips to the members on how to write a good article with a catchy introduction, good and strong body paragraphs and a good conclusion. March 10th is the deadline for any articles to be written to the Ayesha Magazine and all members should try to get in some articles by then. Children should write articles for the Al-Hilal Magazine with the same guidelines and send them in as well.

Lastly announcements were made by Sister Farkhanda Ahmad. She reminded members to donate coats for the Coat drive and cans for the Can drive. She briefly went over rules for wedding ceremonies and to observe Purdah at all times. The Waqf-e-Jadid year has ended and now it’s the New Year so members should start making their pledges and paying up. Members were also advised to donate for the Mosque fund. The meeting ended with silent prayers.

*Reminder to all Lajnaat: The next Lajna meeting will take place on February 27, 2011.

By: Bariah Ahmad

Tahir Class News

- * Parent Teacher conference took place, but few parents showed up. Tahir school students were taken for a science field trip in New York Hall of Science
- * Atfal wrote letters to Huzoor (aba) during the Monthly Jama’at meeting where a parallel session for Atfal was held.



10 khuddam have gotten together and signed up to play in the urban soccer indoor soccer league. The players are Shoeb Abulkalam, Syed Ahmad, Mohammad Kawser, Rizwan Ahmad, Hashim Mumtaz, Atiq Ahmad, Omar Meelu, Sakib Mohammad, Basil Masood, Fahim Malik and one non Ahmadi guest, Siddique Khan. The team plays weekly every Monday evening at Baruch College. You are encouraged to come cheer the team on and show them your support. If you would like to join the team and play with them while they practice or if you are interested in signing up with the team during the spring season you may contact Fahim Malik at 646-232-0047.

Ansar Report:

Monthly Ansar meeting was held on January 9, attendance is improving for the meeting and lets continue to make effort to attend meetings regularly. Since late December, we had lots of snow and Ansar brothers are helping remove the snow around Bait-uz-Zafar to clear the walkway and parking lot on continuous basis.

Ansar leadership conference was held in Miami Florida and at the request of Zaeem sahib Mahmood Ahmad sahib represented Queens Jama'at at the conference.

Next Ansar meeting will be held on Sunday February 6 at 11:30 AM at Bait-uz-Zafar. This is change due to Serat-un-nabi meeting on second Sunday of the month. All Ansar are requested to attend.

*Iqbal Ahmad
Muntazim Umumi*

As the weekly Waqfenau Classes continue through a bridging winter session, the students have entered a revi-

Waqfe Nau Report/Announcement:



talized phase of anticipation for the upcoming regional ijtema. The Regional Waqfenau Ijtema will be held on Saturday, February 12th at Baitul Zafar. The students in the Waqfenau Classes have already begun preparing for the competitions. All Waqfeen are encouraged to attend this Ijtema and participate in the competitions. Waqfeen should arrive at the Musjid at 9:30 AM. The Ijtema Syllabus has been handed out and is available at the Musjid. For detailed information, please contact the Waqfenau Secretary.

By: Mueen Ahmed

Jalsa Salana USA dates have changed:

The USA Jalsa Salana will take place July 1 – 3, 2011, Inshallah. Please note this new date and it will take place in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Jalsa Salana Canada will be on the following week of July 8-10, 2011.

Shura Proposals and elections for the delegates:

If you would like to propose a suggestion for the upcoming Shura in April, please submit to general secretary by Feb 2/5. The elections for the delegates will take place on February 6th at the Jama'at meeting, Inshallah.



Muslim sect on our side

When Republican Pete King holds homeland-security hearings on the radicalization of American Muslims, he must invite members of the Ahmadiyya Community. It has launched an ad campaign to encourage Muslims to be loyal to the United States.

"There are negative forces working to influence Muslim youth living in the West to become terrorists, and, sadly, they are having some success," a spokesman said yesterday. "We will raise awareness that there is a community of Muslims who actively preach — and practice — the universal teaching of Islam that Muslims have a religious duty to be loyal to their country of residence."

Despite having tens of millions of members worldwide, the Ahmadiyya Community is a fairly minor branch of Islam. It has theological differences with the Sunni and Shia sects, believing that the messiah has already come in the form of Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, an Indian who died in 1908. Its members are often targeted for murder.

That persecution makes it leaders perfect witnesses for King's cause. He wants to know why many Islamic organizations in this country do not support law enforcement against terrorists. He could do worse than start with one that does.

MONTHLY JAMA'AT MEETING REPORT

On January 2nd, 2011 from 3pm-5pm the New York Jama'at Monthly Meeting was held. The program began with recitation of the Holy Quran by Shoeb Abulkalam and a poem was read in Urdu by Rizwan Ahmad. This was followed by a brief presentation by Muhammad Afzal sahib on the importance of coming to the masjid for congregational prayers and the importance of leading congregational prayers at home when one cannot make it to the Masjid. This has a profound effect on young children and in their developing a closeness to Allah.

Next Karim Sharif Sahib shared a PowerPoint presentation the importance of education. His main theme reminded us all that we should increase in our education and knowledge as much as possible. He related that Huzoor (aba) has put forth a minimum goal of winning the Nobel Prize. He also spoke about a new program where school and college going students will be recognized for their high achievements not only by having their names posted at the Masjid for everyone to see but also their names will be forwarded to the president and Amir sahib.

This was followed by an interactive session led by our General Secretary, Dr. Ahmad Chaudhry on issues our youth are facing in higher education. Students and, just as importantly, parents need to fully understand what are the major requirements for students to be accepted into good colleges and good programs. It all starts with not only getting good grades but also being prepared for the PSAT's and the SAT's and focusing on extracurricular activities such as volunteering and being members of sports and athletic teams. All of these things combined build a good candidate for college admission. It was also emphasized that the Jama'at has lots of valuable resources through Taleem and Sanat o Tajarat departments where students can join a mentoring program enabling them to interact with others who have excelled in a field of their interest.

Naib Amir Daud Haneef sahib closed the program by talking about how does one deal with despair or desperation. He made two important references. In times of despair and desperation what happens, he asked the gatherers? The answer, a prophet comes to the world. He also pointed out that no where in the Holy Quran has despair or desperation been mentioned or advocated. We have been taught repeatedly in the Holy Quran to be hopeful and try our best to excel. A believer should be full of hope even in times of trial. He concluded the gathering with Silent Prayer.

By: Fahim Malik

Prayer timings at Bait-uz-Zafar

Fajr: 5:45 AM

Zuhr: 1:00 PM

Asr: 3:30 PM

Maghrib: After Sunset

Isha: 7:30 PM

Dars is given every evening after Isha.

Mosque Fund:

For our 5th installment, we ran short of the target amount, so Amir sahib graciously allowed us to contact the few outside the New York area to close the gap. we are grateful to members of the Jama'at, some paid high amounts such as Over one hundred thousand, another about Fifty Thousand and few paid twenty and ten thousands. we are grateful to all those who contributed beyond their means. we will need to come back to pay off the amount tat was lent by Marqaz towards this payment. May Allah bless those and reward those who live far away from New York, but helped us towards out installment.

Now we have the last installment to go and let us start working on it from today so that we do not once again and have others to come to our rescue. Jazakallah. I also want to appreciate members of the Amila who made the effort to reach out to their friends and relations for extra contributions.

Finance: (chandas and Wasiyyat)

- * Our National Finance Secretary has observed that there is room to increase obligatory Chanda by our membership. Kindly ensure that we all pay according to the subscribed rate and pay regularly. We should pay attention to the Jalsa Salana Chanda and pay as we do chanda Aam/Wasiyyat on regular basis.
- * Please send in your Waqfe Jadid pledges so that we can finalize the list and send it to Marqaz.
- * Tax returns: Please think of next Mosque fund installment and also if you are behind in your chanda, your tax returns will go in a long way in helping us narrow the gap and at the same time increase our chanda. Jazakallah.

Talim:

If you have obtained high marks as per our information in the last issue of this newsletter, please inform our Talim secretary, Karim Sharif sahib.

Media Coverage:

- * New York Post carried a story on our Muslims for Peace Flyer distributions efforts on its Jan 12th Issue.
- * Middle East Based Newspaper, The National carried interview of Ahmad Chaudhry and Imam Daud Haneef sahib. The Reported visited Bait-uz-Zafar and after the tour of the premises, interviewed both of them for over an hour. We will try to include it in this issue subject to availability of print space.

Marriage:

Sofia Bajwa daughter of Mr and mrs. Naseem Bajwa was married in Pakistan.
Congratulations to the Married Couple, May Allah make their marriage success, Amin.

Deaths:

- * Munirul Alam sahib's brother passed away in China during his visit to China from Bangladesh
- * It is sad to inform our members the demise of mother of Hadi Nasir Sahib and Mubarak Jamil sahib. She passed away after a long life in Houston. Her sister is Sister Sadiqa, mother of Naeem and Karim Sharif and Abdul Hamid sahib was her brother.

اِنَّا لِلّٰهِ وَاِنَّا اِلَيْهِ رَاجِعُونَ
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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