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Happy New Year Readers!

JANUARY 2015

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January 3<sup>rd</sup> - Tahir Academy Semester opens

January 3<sup>rd</sup> & February 1st @ Sunday  
11am—Auxiliaries meetings

January 3<sup>rd</sup> - Sunday 1:30pm— Seeratun Nabi meeting offsite.

January 24<sup>th</sup>—Saturday — Murabbi Atfal Conference

Tahir Academy every Saturday with Atfal/ Nasirat meetings 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays and Waqfe Nuh meetings every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays.

Gym for Lajna 12:30pm 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays with 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays cooking lessons.

Gym for boys every Saturday after Zhur with exception 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday for Girls.



Queens Majlis held a sleepover for Atfal and Khuddam on December 31<sup>st</sup> that started at 6 pm and concluded around 7am on the New Year's Day.

Salatul Maghrib

and Isha were combined. Some Atfal and Khuddam helped preparing the food in the kitchen. For dinner, burgers and fries with tandoori chicken were prepared and served. After dinner, sports were held in the basement of the masjid that included soccer, dodgeball, and soccer. The Atfal started with soccer and were in teams of seven to eight and played against each other. The final score was 4 to 2. My team won! Dodge ball followed next. We split into teams of nine, placed the balls

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in the middle of the court and put our hands against the wall and then, when the referees blew the whistle, we ran for the balls and started throwing them at each other. My team won all five games. Soon after that, we had snacks and then went into the main hall and split up into teams of five to six to play Jeopardy. After that, we went into the library and wrote letters to Huzoor (aba). At 12am sharp, we performed two nafl prayers followed by playing video games. We went to sleep at 2am. We woke up at 5am for Tahajjud prayer and Fajr prayer. Everyone then enjoyed breakfast at 6:45am and departed for home by 7:30am. All in all, the sleepover was a great success because with the help of our Qaid sahib, we were able to have all the events that we planned for and everybody was happy!

*By: Danish Chaudhry*



## Tabligh Report

With Allah's grace Mrs. Nabila Kermani accepted the true teaching of Islam. We all welcome her and this fruit we have with the efforts of Ghulam Rabbi Ahmed sb.

On November 22nd 2014 there was an interfaith council meeting held at Bait-uz-Zafar. In this meeting there were many different types of religious groups who participated in this interfaith meeting. Vice president Fasasi Sanusi sb welcomed everybody and introduced the Jama'at and offered any kind of help needed for bringing peace. Jama'at cosponsored this meeting in which we had a total of 43 guests.

On November 23rd there was a Thanksgiving event invited by Temple Tikva (New Hyde Park). Jama'at was the only Muslim group invited. Ahmed Mubarak sb represented the Jama'at and there were 93 guest most of them being Jewish. Senior Lajna member also attended this event; she also introduced the Jama'at individually. Every member in this event was gifted with a Jama'at pen.

On November 26th Jama'at hosted an interfaith Thanks Giving at Bait-uz-Zafar. Tabligh department helped Secretary Amore Kharaja in this event. In this event we had a total of 90 guests.

On December 4th World Peace Organization (based in South Korea) held an event at the United Nations. Head of many different religions all over the United States were invited. Hazoor's book (WORLD CRISIS AND THE PATHWAY TO PEACE) was given to the Mr. Lee, Man Hee, president of the organization. When he received the book in his hands he kissed the book and promised that he will read it. Also, in this event 96 books were given out to the entire Ambassador's and Deputy Ambassador's from different countries. The total number of participant in this event was 532 and everyone was given a Jama'at introductory card which had all the websites of the Jama'at.

On December 10th 2014 Church of God's Children Ministries held a health fair in which they invited different clergy's and elected officials. Jama'at cosponsored this event and fully participated. Every guest was gifted a Jama'at (Muslim for Peace) flyer and a pen as a token. Jama'at was well recognized and was the only Muslim community at this event. Lajna member also attended this program. Deputy Borough president Mrs. Aureila Greene of Bronx was the chief guest in this event. Council member Andy King was also present and Jama'at gifted him a book, Life of Muhammad (saw). In this event we had a total of 94 guests.

On December 13th 2014 interfaith council of New York held a culture event in a school. The theme of the event was teachings of different religions to bringing peace to the world. Jama'at participated in this program and a little Nasirat Sidra Mohar gave an amazing presentation on the teaching of different religions on peace. Jama'at also cosponsored this event in which we had a total of 73 guests.

On December 14th 2014 there was an interfaith meeting in Manhattan at the Unification Ministry (4 WEST 43rd street). In this event we were the only Muslim group there and everyone who attended was given a copy of review of religion. There were a total of 29 participants.

In these 7 events we had a total number of 954 guest. Alhamdulillah

*By: Abdul Ghafoor sahib*

**New Alfurqan Classes for Khuddam and Atfal:** new classes for Atfal and Khuddam starting from January 12th, 2015. These classes include Qaida Yassarnal Qur'an, Qaida Tarteel ul Qur'an, and Word by Word Translation of the Holy Qur'an. Contact: [\(732\) 734 4879](tel:7327344879) email: [info@alfurqan.us](mailto:info@alfurqan.us)

### **Waqf-e-Jadid Report**

By the grace, help and mercy of Almighty Allah, we were able to surpass last year's Waqf-e-Jadid budget. 448 members took part in the blessed scheme. The top contributors were: Ghulam Rabbi Sahib, Khurram Bajwa Sahib, Mohammad Sattar Sahib, Muhammad Chaudhry Sahib and Salamat Majeed Sahiba. Please remember all those who participated in your special prayers and Jazakallah to all those who contributed.

*By: Muhammad Ahmad Chaudhry*



Queens Khuddam participated in cleaning up Time Square trash after new year's celebration at 2am in time square on January 1st 2015.



### General Meeting:

This month regular majlis monthly meeting was held on Sunday November 2 at Bait-uz-Zafar. The theme of this month meeting was "Let's get real about our financial obligations (If donations are a measure of faith then how we are measuring up?) " The recitation of Holy Quran was done by Rashid Ahmad sahib from Chapter 2 Verse 272 & Chapter 9 Verse 103, Ansar Pledge by Zaeem sahib. The Hadith related to the topic were presented by Mubarak A. Jamil sahib. Iqbal Ahmad sahib presented from the writing of the Promised Messiah (AS) relating to the topic in discussion. Zaeem sahib along with Ahmed Mahmood, Abdul Ghafoor, Shahzad Latif and Ghulam Rabbi Ahmed sahib discussed the questions relating to tarbiyyat by holding the interactive session with all the members present and discussed their opinion of the topic of discussion. The members were reminded about the Waqf jaded and majlis Ansar chanda as the year is coming to end. Also members were reminded about offering salat at the mosque, reminded again to listen to the Hazoor Friday sermon and for the health there is a facility available to join the gym as the group rate is available to the members. Please contact Zaeem sahib for the gym membership.

Also please let zaeem know if you have memorized the first 15 verses of Sura Al-Sahf.

The meeting concluded with silent prayers and after Zuhr & Asr prayers lunch was serve to the members.

The next majlis meeting will be on Sunday January 4 at 11:30 AM. Please plan to attend.

### Happy New Year:

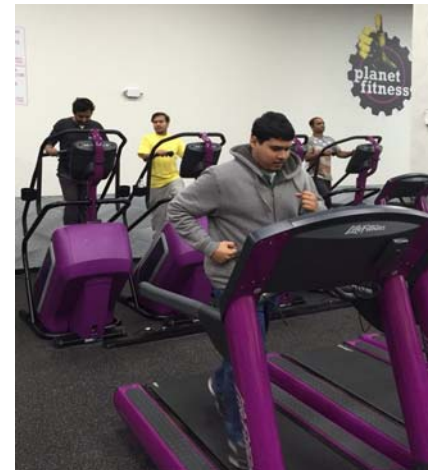
Majlis Ansarullah New York wishes you a very happy new year to you and your family and may Allah makes you happy and prosperous this year (amen), and make a resolve to come to the mosque more often this year.



Khuddam meet in masjid every Friday for Isha prayer and holds a book study club where books of Promised Messiah (ah) is discussed



Khuddam meet in masjid every Sunday for Fajr, and go to gym part of Fajr Fit program



Khuddam go to gym three times a week to Planet Fitness. We have 8 Khuddam who are participating so far, more joining

### Borough of Queens named best destination for 2015:

- The Lonely Planet has named Queens as the best tourism destination for the year 2015.
- Also MSN has included Queens as one of the hottest American Cities for 2015.



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At this year's annual President's Refresher Conference, the New York Jamaat was represented by its General Secretary, Ahmad Goraya Sahib, Secretary Moosian, Mohammad Afzal Sahib along with the President, Nazir Ayaz Sahib. Imam Daud Hanif Sahib was also present. The focus was almost all on Jamaat events and how to make them successful events. There was one session dedicated to how we can increase the attendance at Mosques for congregational prayers. Ahmad Goraya Sahib's review of the conference was very positive. It was his first time attending and he said it was very informative and he learned a lot.

**Halqa Nigrans:**

As of Jan 2015 the following will be the Halqa Nigrans for their respective Halqas:

Baituz Zafar: Belal Ahmed  
South Queens: Rafiqul Islam Jewel  
Bayside: Bilal Farhat  
Flushing: Amir Bhatti  
Howard Beach: Kawser Sayed  
Elmhurst: Naeem Ahmad  
Manhattan: Tahir Sheikh

**Lajna & Nasirat Sleepover**

On Saturday, December 27, 2014, the Nasirat and Lajna of Queens held a sleepover at Bait-uz-Zafar mosque. The evening began with Maghrib and Isha prayer followed by many fun activities for the girls. The young Lajna got many of the nasirat involved in playing badminton, darts, Ping-Pong, and even cooking. Additionally, Lajna members got the time to catch up as well while the nasirat secretary taught the young girls how to cook and bake. The girls baked cookies, brownies, cake and lasagna. We also had guests from other Jamaats and even a Non-Ahmadi girl came to enjoy the festivities. The Lajna cooked delicious falafel for dinner as well. Additionally, before Fajr prayers the following day, the girls listened to Huzoor's concluding Qadian Jalsa speech. Finally, after breakfast the girls went home. InshAllah next year there will be many more girls to come join our annual sleepover.

*-Amara Mahmood*

**Lajna Monthly Report**

The monthly Lajna meeting was held on December 7, 2014 at Bait-uz-Zafar Mosque. The meeting started with the recitation of the Holy Quran by Mubashira Bajwa Sahiba, followed by the English translation by Amatul Hayee Mariam. Sadaf Latif Sahiba read a Hadith in regards to "Being Nice to our Neighbors", "Not laughing too loud" and "Taqwa". The end of the opening session proceeded with a Poem recited by Attiya Farhat Sahiba which was written about Hazur's visit to Los Angeles.

The Taleem workshop was held by Tehmina Rafeeq Sahiba who discussed the different Prophet's mentioned in the Holy Quran, some of which were law bearing Prophet's and others which were not. She also had a discussion about Prophet Jesus (as) in Islam and Ahmadiyyat. Sister Aleena Ahmed did a presentation on the topic of crucifixion and the Holy Trinity. She reminded us that the Holy Prophet (saw) is the Seal of all Prophet's. She mentioned how peace is shown in the world and the difference between Sunni's and Ahmadi's in regards to believing in the Promised Messiah (as).

This was followed by the Tarbiyat program which was conducted by Rehana Ahmed Sahiba, Farkhanda Ahmad Sahiba, and Sisters Ayesha and Anam Bajwa. They discussed Huzoor's Friday sermons and stressed the importance of financial sacrifice and the importance of prayers, patience, obeying the law, jihad with the pen and killing worldly desires. We were reminded that Friday Sermons give us the guidelines for life and we should practice them in our daily lives.

The health and fitness program was done by Sr. Shazia Bhatti. She discussed the role of hygiene in preventing diseases. A brief Tabligh session was held by Salamat Majeed Sahiba who spoke about spreading the message of Islam by visiting people, meeting people at work, in schools or in social groups and so on. Lastly, the Taleem-ul-Quran program was done by Rashida Hamid Sahiba and her main focus was Surah Al-Fatiha. The meeting ended with silent prayer.

*-Homa Hamid*

## QUEENS VS. BROOKLYN

On December 20, 2014, a mixture of Queens Khuddam and older Atfal members participated in a game of basketball which was coached and refereed by Ahmad Mubarak Sahib. The starting lineup for the Queens Jamaat consisted of skilled players: Danial Mahmood, Danish Chaudhry, Qasid Chaudry, Asfar Rehan, and Abdul Baki. Ahmad Mubarak Sahib did a very good job of subbing in players throughout the game, allowing Nazeef Bajwa and Zane Mahmood an equal amount of time as the starters so they could contribute to the game the same way the initial starters did. In the first half of the game, the Queens team was trailing behind Brooklyn, who were doing a great job on their side of the court. They were penetrating the defense to make those last second shots but that didn't stop the Queens' team from succeeding. Towards the last 5 minutes, Danial Mahmood and Qasid Chaudhry came to help the Queens team, increasing our score in the second half to help the team gain a lead. The final scores were very close until Danial Mahmood came through in the game with the winning layup. The Queens team won the challenging game against the Brooklyn majlis. The final score was 30 to 29.

-Zane Mahmood



Atfal and Khuddam raised awareness of ISIS in Times square with flyers distribution and posters. Over 1,000 flyers were handed out alhamdulillah!



## Indoor Rock Climbing Trip



The Khuddam and Atfal recently went on a rock climbing trip on the 21st of December. When we got there, we all filled out a waiver if we were under 18 years of age. More than 25 Atfal, Khuddam, Ansar attended. Then, we followed our instructor into a training room where she gave us all harnesses to wear and then told us to step aside and wait for the others to finish putting them on. Then she asked my brother Danish Chaudhry to read out the names of the people who filled out a waiver. As soon as he finished reading out the names, she went over some quick basic rules about what to do and what not to do when you're climbing the wall. One specific tip that she gave us was not to run on the carpet that was laid out because they had anchors and we could easily trip and fall flat on our face which was a really helpful tip. Soon after that, we split up into groups of three's and four's and went with one of our rock climbing experts to different walls where

they reminded us to push with our feet and pull with our hands when we were on the walls in case we fell into a trap or were struggling with the wall. The members of my group were Mahir Mahmood, Salaam Bhatti, and myself. The first wall that we went on was pretty easy, but the second wall was difficult because it didn't have that many hooks and the grip was not that tight. The second wall harder to climb but the perseverance that Mahir had helped him get to the top which also helped me reach the top as well. When I reached the top, it was amazing, because all the hard work and perseverance made me realize that brotherhood is important with every task that you do. The most difficult wall of all was the one where we had to climb while leaning back twice and climbing up at the same time. It was so hard that only one of the people in my group and out of all those groups in our Jama'at made it to the top. The person who made it to the top was Mahir Mahmood. Even though he took so much time on every single wall, he never let the wall beat him. He took as much time he needed and accomplished climbing up to the top of every single wall that he climbed. To me, that shows that perseverance can get you through a lot. After climbing all the walls, we had lunch. We had naan kabab rolls and they were delicious. All in all, I had a lot of fun, because I had the chance to experience a new side of me that I didn't know was there. Also, I had the chance to experience brotherhood through every thing that I did in the rock climbing place. This was an extremely fun and exciting day!

-Qasid Chaudhry



There has been increase in attendance at the Isha prayers. We hope more will join in. Isha is at 7:30pm. During winter months, Asr is combined with Zuhr at Bait-uz-Zafar. For other salats, please follow salat timings as per calendar timings.

**Tahir Academy:**

- Tahir Academy students completed their first semester and will begin the next semester on Jan 3<sup>rd</sup>, Inshallah. On that day report cards will be given to parents by the principal with one to one conference.
- The seerat-un-Nabi meeting that is taking place off site is at Al Islam academy, 130 - 08 Rockaway Blvd., south Ozone park.
- Interfaith Meeting at Bait-uz-Zafar on Sunday Jan 25th at 3:00pm, The theme is Dr King and Reconciliation and peace.

**Visitor Bait-uz-Zafar:**

The UN under Secretary Ms. Bangura visited our Mosque in New York. She was well received by Jama'at members including Lajna members from Queens and Bronx. Asad Bajwa introduced those present and gave her brief introduction to Jama'at in USA. She gave her account on her contact with Jama'ats in Africa and her experience of meeting Hazoor. Later she had lunch with Lajna members.

**Finance:**

Budget forms giving estimated amount for the Chanda for the next fiscal year were collected. Jazakallah to all those who cooperated in this matter. Allah bless you and reward you with abundance. It is being put together for submission to the Marqaz and will become effective as of July 2015.

Jama'at Amila put together the expense budget for the next fiscal year for submission to Marqaz.

**Shura USA proposals and elections:**

Shura suggestions and elections for representations: and for that if you have any suggestions/proposals, then please submit to Ahmad Goraya, the general Secretary. We need to elect members who will represent our Jama'at at the forthcoming Shura and for that we need to hold elections after Friday prayers on Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>, Inshallah.

**E mails of Amila members to Change:**

As per directives of the Marqaz, the Jamaat correspondence via E-mail must be done through Jamaat issued e mail addresses ending with Ahmadiyya.us. Ahmad Goraya sahib will provide the addresses in the next few weeks. The top three addresses being used more frequently will be [nazir.ayaz@ahmadiyya.us](mailto:nazir.ayaz@ahmadiyya.us), [Abdul.ghafoor@ahmadiyya.us](mailto:Abdul.ghafoor@ahmadiyya.us) and [asad.bajwa@ahmadiyya.us](mailto:asad.bajwa@ahmadiyya.us). The other addresses will be as per the office name. Please do not give out personal contact information to anyone until you are familiar with both parties.

**Driving Lesions:**

If you are interested in driving lesions, please contact Munir Alam at 347 239 2173. Ahmadies will be given discount.

**Help required:**

If you are experienced on working on sweater making machines, then please contact Ms. Farhat Cheema at 917 340 8942.

**Announcements:**

Shura USA will take place April 24 – 26, 2015.

**Obituary:**

It is sad to convey to members the demise of Col. Mahmood Ahmed (retd) who passed away in Rabwah at the age of 90 years old. He was Moosi. He was the father of Naem Ahmad sahib of Jamaica, Queens

إِنَّا لِلّٰهِ وَإِنَّا إِلَيْهِ رَاجِعُونَ

Inna lillahi wa inna ilahi raji'un

May Allah The Almighty elevate his status in paradise and grant Patience to the family members to bear this great loss. May Allah grant all the deceased a high status in Paradise. Ameen.