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UP COMING EVENTS:

October 3rd - Sunday @ 5:00 pm- Jama'at program rebuttals against allegations against Islam. Please Bring Non Ahmadi Friends.

October 4th - Monday @ 7:00 pm- Coexistence of faiths in our society. If you know of clergy from any faith or community/civic leader, you can invite them to this program. This program is open to members who bring clergy or community leaders only.

October 8th - 10th - National Ansar Ijtema at Baitur Rahman.

October 10th - Sunday @ 10:00am- Khuddam and Lajna Meeting

Tahir school start at 9:30 am to 1:30pm. October 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th

See inside for salat timings at Bait-uz-Zafar

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Eid-ul-Fitr in Bait-uz-Zafar



Eid, meaning "festivity", while Fiṭr means "conclusion of the fast"; hence Eid ul-Fitr that marked the end of holy month of Ramadan, was celebrated by New York Metro region (Brooklyn, Bronx, Long Island, & NY Jama'at) in Bait-uz-Zafar on a blessed Friday, first day of

the month Shawwal, which fell on 10th of September. Imam Daud Hanif sahib delivered the Eid sermon emphasizing the need for peace and understanding in the world and tolerance of Ahmadies living especially in Pakistan through continuous persecution any martyrdoms. Nearly 2,000 congregants which also comprised of guests, embraced the message and afterwards rose and hugged each other and the phrase "Eid Mubarak," could be heard throughout the crowd. Members enjoyed the delicious samosas, chat and sweets were served. Friday sermon then followed where Imam sahib requested members to continue to pray regularly and to fast 3 days for every month which would cover fasting for an entire year as per hadith. Members dispersed after salat-ul-Jumma.

- * With the grace of Allah and with all of the prayers of the members of the NY Jama'at, we were blessed with one Bai't this month. Mr. Bushawn McMillan-El was a second Imam in the Rikers Island county prison, who has converted by the grace of Allah to Ahmadiyyat. We all welcome him to our Jama'at. May Allah grant him a great heart and mind to send our message to the many unfortunate lives he is around and to send the true message of Islam within himself as well.
- * With Allah's grace, the month of September was a good month for Tabligh activities. Because it was the month of Ramadan, we had an average of 4-5 visitors a day, especially at Iftar time. It was the best time for them to come and see how and what Ahmadiyyat was, during our holy month. There was no pressure or any force of issue in terms of giving them information, which was best of all. Most of the guests were brought by Fasasi Sanusi Sb, Respected Atia Farhat Sahiba, Shafiq Cheema Sb, Nasir Baccus Sb, and Ata ul Hassan Sb, along with a few other members. We gave out five copies of "The Philosophy of the Teachings of Islam" in English, and one copy in Arabic.
- * Jama'at President arranged for two television interviews. One was with respected Imam Daud Hanif Sb, and the other was with Ahmad Mubarak Sb. These interviews were played on a Local Programming Channel (Time Warner Cable channel 96), which has 1.2 million viewers in the New York Tri-State. On the same channel, two small girls went to an event and recited the Qaseedah, which was also widely enjoyed.
- * Our local newspaper, The Queens Tribune, came and observed our Eid Ceremony. They wrote a beautiful article regarding how we conduct our services, the month of Ramadan, and most importantly, our message of peace.
- * On the 26th of September, we are holding an Interfaith Symposium at 3:00 pm. It will take place in a Church at 205-15 Jamaica Avenue. The report and summary for this event will be included in next month's Tabligh report.
- * Next month, we have arranged and are preparing for a Bangla Desk meeting. Riaz Rehman Sb is in charge, so please contact him if you have anybody who speaks the language or is interested.
- * Zareef Ahmad Sahib is a consistent distributor of any and all Tabligh literature. Please pray that his efforts do not go wasted, and that he may continue to do so.
- * During the month of Ramadan, we have five very solid contacts. We are sending them the appropriate literature in their desired languages.

Report By: Abdul Ghafoor sahib

Ramadan 2010 was graciously observed in Bait-uz-Zafar

This year's month of fasting "Ramadan 2010" was observed by worshippers with wonderful spiritual activities. The month of fasting started on August 11th, 2010. It was blessed daily Taravee prayers led by several people. Our special appreciations go to Naeem Ahmad sahib of Long Island, who led us in beautiful Taravee prayers for 15 days. Others that led us in salat Taravee were Ahmad Chaudhry sahib, Moeen Ahmad sahib, Shoeb Abulkalam sahib and Manzur Sikder sahib who came all the way from Upstate New York to lead us in Prayers. We also have the blessing of Dabir Khan, son of Sajid Khan sahib from New Jersey and Safwan Akbar the son of Rizwan Akbar sahib also from New Jersey. Irfan Aladdin sahib, Fasasi Sanusi sahib and his son Fareed Ahmad Sanusi (New Comer on the team) also took part in leading us in prayers. May the Almighty bless and reward them immensely. Ameen.

Throughout the month of Ramadan daily DARS ul Quran was given both week days and the weekends. The following people; Hadi Nasir sahib, Kareem Sherif sahib, Naeem Ahmad sahib, Ahmad Chaudhry sahib and Ahmad Mubarak sahib who gave daily Dars on the week days. Imam Daud Hanif also gave Dars according to his schedule. They all took their time to prepare and deliver the Spiritual food.

Food for breaking the fast (Iftari) was served daily at Baituz-Zafar. This was made possible with care management provided by Naeem sheriff sahib and his Ziafat team. Members were able to come to the mosque to break their fast daily with average number up to 85 males and 35 females. Special thanks to Hafiz Chaudhry sahib, Rasheed Ahmad sahib and team for providing adequate maintenance services. May Allah reward each and every one of them? Ameen

The last ten days of Ramadan (Itekaf) was observed with 12 males and 6 females among them are 12 full timers and the rest participated as part timers. May Allah accept our devotions and bless our prayers with success. Imam Daud Hanif sahib offered the concluding end of Ramadan with solemn prayer.

The month of Ramadan came to an end on September 9th followed by Eid ul Fitr and Jumma service on September 10th, 2010. EID MUBARAK!

Report By: Fasasi Sanusi sahib



Waqfe Nau Report/Announcement:

- * By Allah's Grace and Mercy, including parents' prayers, the Waqfenau Classes restarted on Saturday, September 18th. Some parents joined their children in attending the orientation and registration sessions. A tutorial on writing to Hadhur was a great way to start off the new school year. The drafted letter was signed by all the registered students and sent to Hadhur the same day. The Waqfeen were treated with candy bags. May Allah accept these children and make these classes a building ground in reaching the heights necessary to serve the True Islam - Ahmadiyyat. Amin. Allahuma-amin.
- * Waqfe Nuh classes are run separately but at the same time under the supervision of Secretary Waqfe Nuh, Moeen Ahmad

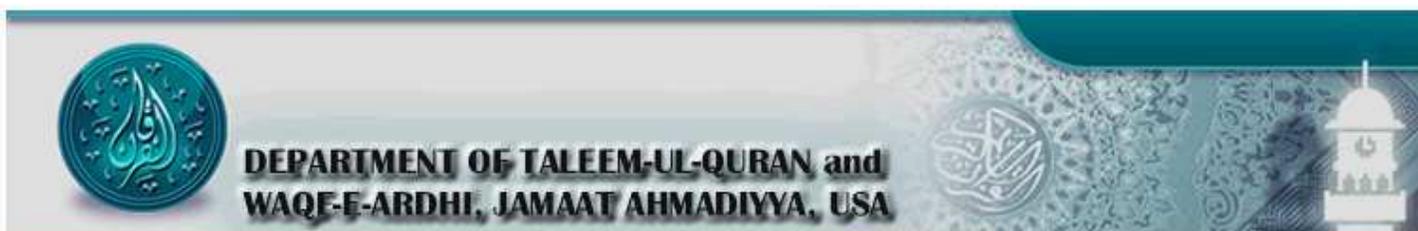
-Mueen Ahmad

Tahir School Announcement:

- * The parents accompanied the children on the first day of the semester. The syllabus was handed out to the children with instructions to parents that to ensure that their children spend some time over the week to revise lessons that were taught in the classes and to memorize suras and recite the Quran on regular basis. Children are not allowed to chew gum in the classes and use of cell phones and other electronic gadgets are prohibited in the class rooms. It is requested that children come on time and reason for absence must be provided.
- * We intend to computerize all student records that will carry their attendance records and all test results.
- * Please contribute towards the Victims of flood in Pakistan to Humanity First USA. You can go online to their web site <http://humanityfirst.org/> to contribute or drop the envelope at Bait-uz-Zafar. Atiya Malik is in charge for collection in this region.



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Monday's from 11:00am - 12:00noon EST <> 17:00 GMT (NEW) For Overseas
Start date: October 1, 2010 (Registration open)

This class is intended for Nasirat and Young Lajna (Girls ages 7 to 18). It will cover basic recitation starting from the very beginning of the Yassarn-al-quran. Starting from learning the alphabets and pronunciation of each letter to learning the different rules for connecting different letters together. It is strongly suggested to enroll in a practice session as well.

Location: Web Conference Room 2, Audio Conference Room 2

Finance:

- * We are required to send every quarter a report to the Marqaz giving the status of Chanda and as we have just completed the first Quarter, a report is due to be send in the next week or so. So please keep in mind to contribute your chanda on regular basis.
- * Also many of you have send their chanda via the on line banking services. We would like all to do so. It is convenient for the chanda payee and also for processing at the Jama'at level. If you have a bank account and a computer with internet, it is simple process.

Request for prayers:

- * Mother of Rizwan Akbar, our former Secretary A/V has undergone Heart bypass surgery.
- * Brother Mohsin Mahmud is to undergo cancer treatment.

Kindly pray for them, for their quick recovery and for all others who are sick as well.



LAJNA REPORT

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The Lajna meeting started off with the recitation of the Holy Quran by Sister Shanze Hamid. Translation was read by Sister Qudsia Ghayur. Next, Hadith#39, Seeking Knowledge is a Duty of Every Muslim Man and Muslim Woman, was read by Bariah Ahmad along with the English translation. The Urdu translation along with Malfoozat references related to this Ahadith were read by Sister Asifah Mahmood. A Poem was delivered by Sister Qudsia Ahmad.

Before starting our Taleem and Tarbiyyat workshop, a workshop was held on Tehrik-e-Jadid by our Tehrik-e-Jadid secretary, Sister Rashida Momin. She explained the purpose of this Tehrik and how we can make it successful. She advised members to pay Chanda, even for their little children, and that they shouldn't pay any attention to what others say about the amount of chanda they pay. We should remember that whatever amount of Chanda we pay only matters to God and He is the only one we want to please.

Next, the Taleem and Tarbiyyat workshop was held by Sisters Salamat Majeed and Asifah Mahmood. The topic of this workshop was "Financial Sacrifices". The latest Friday Sermon, in which Hazur recited some prayers that he said we should all be saying, was discussed. The prayers were read out loud and members were told that they should be saying those prayers especially because Hazur told us to repeat them daily. A discussion was then held on the difference between Sadqah and Zakaat. People have been confusing the two and many clarifications were made. Members were told that Zakaat is a **must** and it must be given to the Jama'at, who will then distribute it amongst whomever. We are not allowed to give Zakaat to anyone on our own. A hadith was also read signifying the importance of Zakaat. An incident of the Holy Prophet (saw) was also read aloud.

The meeting concluded with another discussion on prayers that members should recite on a daily basis. Members were advised to buy and/or read the book called "Invocations of the Holy Prophet of Islam, Hadhrat Muhammad Mustafa (Peace and blessings of Allah be upon Him)" by Dr. Karimullah Zirvi. Because it the meeting right after Eid, members were given a scarf as a gift. The meeting ended with silent prayers.

By: Bariah Ahmad

NY Jama'at Monthly General Meeting

A General meeting will be held on **Sunday, October 3rd from 5-7 PM at Bait uz Zafar**. The main theme of the meeting will be to refute certain, specific allegations against Islam. These allegations, though found in other media, are specifically addressed in a video on YouTube. This video has had more than 1.5 million viewers. Our goal in this meeting is to give a rational and logical response to allegations raised in the video. The video is linked at the bottom of this email and all are encouraged to watch this 10 minute video prior to the program.

We hope you will join us for this informative program. **Please encourage your other Muslim and non-Muslim friends to attend the program.**

Salat Timing @ Bait-uz-Zafar

Please follow Ja-salat timings at follows:

Fajr: 15 minutes after the calendar time
Zuhr, Asr, and Maghrib: same timings as on the calendar
Isha: 8:00pm.

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The problem: Americans don't know the Qur'an

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By Ismat Sarah Mangla

Ismat Mangla wrote an article where she gave history of the Detroit mosque in August 1983, where Muslim extremists set fire to an Ahmadiyya Muslim Community mosque, however while the building was destroyed, 2,000 copies of the Holy Quran miraculously survived the blaze. She gave references from the Holy Quran that reveals that Quran actually supports the fundamental values all Americans cherish: integrity, justice, tolerance, charity and freedom of religion. She also encouraged Americans to read and understand the Holy Quran instead of being ignorant and being moved by emotions, like Pastor Terry Jones who planned to burn copies of the Quran on 9/11 and he admitted he never read the Holy Quran. The entire article is available on the link below:

http://www.usatoday.com/news/opinion/forum/2010-09-08-mangla08_ST_N.htm



Glimpses of congregants during Eid-ul-Fitr @ Bait-uz-Zafar



An article of the Eid-ul-Fitr held in Bait-uz-Zafar was published in the www.yournabe.com website. Below is the link for the article.



http://www.yournabe.com/articles/2010/09/16/queens/qns_holliswood_eid_celebration_20100916.txt

Storm knocks out power at BZ and in many neighborhoods in Queens:

New York city is not known for tornados, but a fast moving tornadoes, actually two one after the another passed through Brooklyn and queens knocking out large trees and damages to properties also knocked out the power at Bait-uz-Zafar.

Activities and salat including Jumma prayers were held as usual while there was no electric power. We managed it somehow and we appreciate the cooperation of our membership during the short lived situation.

Prayers in Congregation:

We had a good number of attendance for evening prayers during Ramadan and now the situation is not healthy. Please keep up the spirit that you developed during Ramadan and come and say your prayers in congregation along with the members of your family.

By The grace of Allah MKA NY Metro (Brooklyn, Queens, Long Island, Bronx) will have the reception for Sadr Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya, Dr. Fahim Younus Qureshi sahib, on **October 15th at 7:00pm**. Sadr sahib has had a very positive effect on MKA as a whole as well as on many individuals. All Khuddam and Atfal of NY Metro Region are cordial invited to attend this once in life time event. Newly Approved Sadr MKA, Rizwan Alladin will also be present in this program. We need to make sure that we have the maximum attendance from Atfal and Khuddam. Do mark this time in your calendar and try your utmost to join!

Tehrik-e-Jadid

All members are requested to complete their pledges for Therik-e-Jadid, which ends on October, 31st. The primary purpose of this scheme is to open new mission, and construct new mosques around the world. Under divine guidance this scheme was introduced since 1934 by Hazrat Musleh Maud, Khalifatul Masih II .

-Nasir Bacchus, Secretary Therik-e-Jadid



Blood Drives

* By the grace of Allah almighty, Queens Majlis sponsored a blood drive on Saturday, September 4th 2010, in Union Square, Manhattan. We were able to raise 41 donations, Alhamdulillah. This has been our most successful blood drive ever, and it's very fitting that it was during Ramadhan. Contributing to the success of the drive were brothers Ahmad Chaudhry, Pasha Mohammad Khan, Hassan Shahid, and Nadim Malik. A very special thanks also to six of our younger khuddam from Queens for their help, brothers Sammer Nasar, Fateh Bajwa, Fahiz Nasar, Taimure Hamid, Shabir Ahmed, and Danial Ahmed.

By: Nadim Malik

* We held a blood drive in Bayside, Queens on September 18, 2010. By the grace of Allah we collected 17 bags of blood, which will save 51 lives! Each bag of blood you donate saves 3 lives. Nadim Malik led the way along with Farhan Ahmad, Nazia Ahmad, as well as Sammer Nasir, Fahiz Nasir, and Fateh Bajwa helped in spreading the word on the streets to the general public who walked by the blood mobile. Members of the jamaat who donated blood were Farhan Ahmad, Fateh Bajwa, and Sayeed. Please pray for the success of future drives in helping save lives.

By: Farhan Ahmed

Mosque Fund:

The Marqaz has decided to revert back to the Queens Mosque Fund for the funds collected for the Bait-uz-Zafar so kindly indicate Queens Mosque fund and not National Mosque fund when paying towards the local Mosque fund.

We have two remaining installments and there is a considerable amount that we owe the Marqaz. Our priority is to pay off the two installments and then concentrate on the internal loans that we owe the Marqaz. To cover the two installment we estimate \$10,000 or more per earning member over ten months. This is tough going, but then only through great sacrifices one achieves the blessings and lasting rewards. We have come a long way and let us go to the finishing line with grace and dignity to complete the gigantic task that we undertook to please Almighty God and Allah Enable us to make his home for the benefit of those who will use it to worship for years to come, Inshallah.

Messages through E-mails:

We have a Jama'at message service where we send reminders of forthcoming events. Also Huzoor's Khutbatul Jumma summary is send out weekly. We send egazettes and other information including the English version of this newsletter. From time to time we send out community and job information. It is very useful to all members and if you do not receive the messages from this source and have e-mail address, kindly let us have it so that we can put you on the list as well.

New York Jama'at Property Secretary:

Riaz Ahmad has been approved as the new property secretary for our New York Jama'at. May Allah enable him to carry out his duties to the best of his ability, Amin.

Jama'at 2011 events:

If you have any suggestions for what sorts of events you would like us to hold in 2011 and also what is the best time of the day suits you most for these meetings. Please do not hesitate to let us know now best we can improve our activities. Please contact general Secretary sahib as soon as possible with your suggestions so that we can consider it.

Cleaning service:

If you need someone to clean your home or office, please contact Nazir Ayaz for details.

Death:

- * It is sad to convey to membership the demise of uncle (Thya) of sister Farqandah Ahmad, Sadr Lajna Queens.

انا لله وانا اليه راجعون
Inna lillahi wa inna ilahi rajji'un

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

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