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EID MUBARAK!

Ramadan Program continues with daily arrangement, come for breakfast, Iftari provided. Weekends we have Dars-ul-Quran after Maghrib and dinner

Daily Taravee prayers after Isha prayers

September, 20th, Sunday—Eid-ul-Fitr Prayer @ 10:30am at Bait-uz-Zafar, Inshallah!

September 25th, Friday—Khuddam Meeting, Friday after Maghrib

September 26th, Saturday—Tahir school semester starts on every Saturday at 9:30am-1:30pm with Eid Party

October 4th, Sunday—Ansar & Lajna meeting on Sunday @ 11:00am

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2009 NEW YORK JAMA'AT PICNIC



This year's New York Jama'at family picnic was held in Hempstead State lake park along with long island Jama'at. However, members from New York Metro Jama'at were also invited. Members from New York Jama'at, Long Island, Bronx, and Brooklyn attended the event. Members started arriving at the park about afternoon. Mohtamim Ansar of



New York Jama'at, Abdul Ghafoor sahib put two volleyball nets for men and Lajna. at lunch delicious BBQ were served along with other things. A volleyball match was played between Ansar and khuddam from the Metro Jama'at and Ansar won the match. some people enjoyed horse shoe tossing. Funding for this year program was provided by few people from New York Metro and Long Island Jama'at. We are thankful to Ghafoor sahib, Amir Bajwa, Mansoor Ahmad, Mohammad Ahmad, Hafiz Chaudhry, Mahmood Ah-

mad, Razzak sahib, and Ishaq Rosiji sahib for their service. A special thanks to Secretary Ziafat of New York Jama'at, Mansoor Ahmed and his team for providing delicious BBQ and their efforts to make this year's program a success.

By: Mahmud Bhutta

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Let us respond to the call by our khalifa (Ayad'Allah) in a special way this Ramadan, by charity in our conduct to each other and all mankind. He has stirred all of us in his final address to the entire Jama'at last Sunday in Germany and before that in the UK Jalsa. We must respond and reevaluate our relationship with each other and especially with converts who join with certain aspirations and sometime do not see the follow up they are expecting.

The tradition of Hazrat Rusool-e-Kareem (SAW) would cover charitable giving well as how we handle our mutual relationships. That, and the call of Huzur would be the guiding light for us.

Please look at how we behave with each other at Jama'at get together of any kind, Please assure our inclusiveness is a steady behavior. No Ahmadi new or old, should feel he is left out from our conversations or smiles. Please make sure we exhibit a smile and portray our welcoming attitude to all. This would be at homes as well as social and religious gatherings. The convert, the casual visitor, the friend and the relative should all feel our warmth to them and to each other.

{The Massiah Ahmad (es) has taught us the purpose of friendships and loving relationships of immediate family are meant to teach us and show us how to then progress and have the same feelings to all mankind, and develop those to the Being of Allah Himself. Insha'Allah.}

I join your prayers to Allah that He make this Ramadan a specially accepting act of worship in His sight. May your remonstrations of prayers be Heard by Him. May He Grant to each and all of us the Bounty and Blessings as will be of a lasting benefit. May He help us, Guide us, and Protect us. Ameen.



31st National Khuddam Ijtema

The 31th National Khuddamul Ahmadiyya Ijtema was held at Milwaukee County Sports Complex, WI on August 7th, 8th and 9th 2009. A total of 85 khuddams from New York Metro: Bronx, Brooklyn, Queens, and LI had registered for the Ijtema. Some members drove by vans and some of us including myself took a quick 2 hours flight to Milwaukee. Our flight reached Milwaukee on Friday morning around 8:30 and from the airport a school bus drove us to the Ijtema sight at Milwaukee County Sports Complex. We visited the onsite registration booth and then had our breakfast in the langar khana. There were people arriving throughout the day from all over the USA. The indoor facility was a recreational center that included basketball courts; volleyball courts and an outdoor football and soccer field. In my

opinion the sleeping area was a bit small for the large gathering of slightly over 1,050 participants. The session started with Friday Jumma prayer service followed by the introductory remarks from the Sadr Khuddamul Ahmadiyya and from the President of the local Milwaukee chapter. The theme of this year's Ijtema was Allah Forgives and Repentance for our sins. Day one had heavy rain showers in the later afternoon that interrupted few outdoor Khuddam Physical Competitions such as soccer and Cricket. Despite the occasional bad weather condition, everyone had a cheerful attitude which made everything run smoothly and the organizers did a superb job. Both religious and physical completions completed successfully without any injury or issues. The food was very delicious. During breakfast cereal, egg with potato, bread and jelly were served and during Lunch and dinner, pasta, rice, beef and chicken salan were served. The indoor shower and toilet facilities were clean and hot and cold water was always available throughout the day. On the second and last day there were many distinctive guest speakers that enlightened the youthful gatherings with their spiritual knowledge. The event ended on Sunday after the prize ceremony and concluding remarks by the Sadr Khuddamul Ahmadiyya. Our plane ride back to NYC delayed about 2 hours while taking off due to bad weather condition but by the Grace of Allah everyone reached to their destination safely.



By: Abubakr Rana

TABLIGH NEWS

Tabligh Announcements

- All members are requested to pray in this blessed month of Ramadhan for bringing pious changes in themselves so that our prayers and Tabligh can be beneficial.
- Various Jama'at programs (including Question & Answer) are shown on QPTV (Queens Public Television) every Wednesdays channel # 35 @ 7:30 pm & on channel 56 every Tuesdays @ 3:30 pm.
- Huzoor (aba) has also instructed that every Khadim must participate in Tabligh activities. Contact Nazim Tabligh @ 917-825-6188 with your availability.
- Volunteers need for book stalls and neighborhood literature distribution. Please contact Nazim Tabligh @ 917-825-6188

Tabligh Progress Report

- One Arab guest has been visiting our mosque regularly for couple of weeks. Prayers are needed so that Allah (swt) may guide him. Also, three Yemenis came to pray with us, prayers are also needed for them. And one Guyanese brother came to have iftar and tarawih with us.
- We have gathered a few contacts from our weekly Bookstalls, Literature and books are being mailed to these individuals.
- Our Tabligh Team distributed 1000 plus Ramadhan Schedules at various place all around in queens including- Restaurants, Grocery stores, Laundromats etc. As a result on average we have 2 non-Ahmadi guests for either Maghrib or Isha.
- Tabligh team held bookstalls and also distributed flyers in South Jamaica neighborhoods

Queens Public Television Program - QPTV (Mohammed Sehhar)

- 4 more programs are in the process of being submitted to QPTV. The topics include- How can you prove Imam Mahdi (as) from Quran, reply to allegations, Is Imam Mahdi (as) a prophet, Question & Answers in Bangla

Bangla Desk (Reaz Rahman)

- A member of our Bangla Desk recently went to Fitchburg Massachusetts to deliver Friday sermon in Bangla to some non-Ahmadi Bengali brothers attending our mosque on a regular basis
- One Ahmadi newly arrived from Bangladesh obtained contact information through newspaper AD.

Report by: Naved Saeed

Our Beloved Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih V (aba), in his closing addresses at Jalsa Salana UK and Germany, has given following very important message to members of Jama'at:

1. We should get out and utilize all our God-given faculties and strengths to convey the message of Islam in every corner of the earth, in every city, town and village.
2. In order to fulfill this responsibility of Tabligh in best possible way, we should do the best spiritual preparation for it.

Summary of Huzur's (aba) address has been published in Al fazal and is also available on the internet.

<http://www.alislam.org/alfazl/rabwah/A20090819.pdf>

**More
Tabligh
news**

Tips to save Energy

With temperatures rising and muggy weather expected over the next two days, Con Edison is providing several tips for customers to stay cool and save money.

- In times of extreme heat, it's always wise to close shades, blinds, and curtains to keep out the sun; about 40 percent of unwanted heat comes right through the windows.
- Set your air conditioner to no cooler than 78 degrees. Setting your air conditioner to lower than that can increase your costs by up to 40 percent.
- Make sure air conditioner filters are clean for peak efficiency.
- Try using fans instead of air conditioners, but be sure to leave your windows open for ventilation. Fans use as little as one-tenth the energy as air conditioners.
- Run appliances such as ovens, washing machines, dryers, and dishwashers in the early morning or late at night when it's generally cooler. Another alternative: use a microwave to cook, or a barbecue outside, if possible.
- Unplug your cell phone, BlackBerry and iPod chargers when you are not using them. They may use electricity even when they are not charging.
- Turn off your monitor when you leave your computer for more than 20 minutes. Screen savers use electricity.

White House Internship Opportunity

Dear Friend,

I would like to share this information about White House Internships. I have a friend who is part of this team and I can push/follow-up. Your application should be solid and standout among applicants....

The White House is pleased to announce that the application for the 2010 Spring Internship is now available at whitehouse.gov/about/internships. Applications are due September 20, 2009

The application includes two essays, three letters of recommendation and a resume. Each applicant will be evaluated on three basic qualities: a commitment to public service, demonstration of leadership in the community and dedication to the mission of this Administration.

The applicant's communication, writing and office skills will also be reviewed and considered. An applicant's GPA is not figured into the final score, and each application is reviewed on a semi-blind basis.

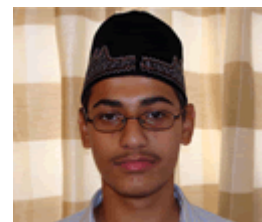
You can access selection process by clicking on this link:

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/about/internships/selection/>

-Shukoor Ahmed

Rising Star of the Month

This month's Rising Star from Majlis Atfalul Ahmadiyya features Safwan Akbar, son of Mohammed Rizwan Akbar of the New York Jama'at. Safwan is a 14-year-old incoming high school freshman. With boxes of awards packed away that represent his many achievement, Safwan Akbar of the New York Jama'at is no ordinary Tifl. He's a star that has already risen. Having memorized almost a quarter of the last sapara of the Holy Quran in addition to many rukoos from within the Quran, it is no surprise that Safwan has been able to lead Taravi prayers for the past two years. At this year's National Ijtema, he won first place in both speech and memorization of the Qur'an. Congratulations to Safwan Akbar for his excellence! To read the article, visit: <http://www.mkausa.org/Rising-Stars/Safwan-Akbar-September-2009>



A Youth meeting was held on Sunday, August 9th, 2009 with 21 young Lajna members in attendance. The meeting began with namaz and was proceeded by Recitation of the Holy Quran by Sana Nasar. The meeting covered the following topics: purdah, marriage, divorce and other various concerns addressed by Huzur (aba). Although these topics were addressed, the meeting was also held to reinforce unity and familiarity among the young Lajna members. It was moderated by Lajna President Farkhanda Ahmad and Nasirat Secretary Farah Ahmad. The meeting served as an open forum , with opening remarks made by Farah, after which she proceeded to invite any comments or questions the young unmarried Lajna had. Each of the questions were addressed and comments from all the attending Lajna members were welcome. Overall the meeting was effective in striving to establish better means of communication among our Jama'at members. All members were reminded to say their five daily prayers as these keep us away from all evils and also every one of us should be listening to Huzoor's Khutba on a regular basis and to adhere to what huzoor (aba) says, that we need to be constantly saying dua. All members attending the meeting were given as a token a pen and a book of the selected sayings of the Holy Prophet Muhammad Saw. Sadr Lajna promised she would give all the attendees the book Invocation of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (saw), at a later date. The meeting was concluded with dua and lunch was served.

By: Sofia Bajwa

Lajna Report

This month's meeting started with recitation of the Holy Quran by Khushnoor Paracha and translation by Qudsia Ghayur followed by the Lajna Imaillah pledge led by Farkhanda Ahmad. Next, hadith number 25 'A Cheat Cannot be Considered a True Muslim' was recited with English and Urdu translation as well as commentary from 40 Gems of Beauty by Sumera Ahmed and Aisha Ahmed. A poem was then recited by Bariah Ahmad.

Dr. Salamat Majid conducted the Tarbiyyat program by breaking up Lajna into groups to discuss Salat based on two Friday sermons. "The earthly paradise is in the prayer" and "prayer is like a seed sewn in the hearth" are quotes from the Promised Messiah (as) and Huzoor (aba) which two groups elaborated upon and applied to their own lives. We also discussed Hazoor's directives on saying our prayers at the appointed time instead of joining them all the time.

Sister Farah Ahmed filled in for Taleem Secretary, Sister Naeema Mahmood, discussing the upcoming holy month of Ramadhan. The purpose, benefits, and opportunity for spiritual advancements during this blessed month were further elucidated by President Farkhanda Ahmad.

This was followed by a health segment in which health secretary Fouzia Syed led a brief stretching exercise and then spoke about the importance of cleanliness and the practical as well as spiritual benefits of performing wudhu. She discussed how it was important to keep ourselves clean in order to stay away from different types of diseases etc. Lastly announcements were made by Sadr Sahiba who reminded all sisters to pay their Lajna dues, encouraged children to donate to the Eid fund which is collected for poor children and distributed throughout the world by Hazoor (aba). Lajna Imaillah USA has pledged \$100,000 for the KCC fund and we should all work toward achieving that goal. The meeting ended in silent prayers. 57 Lajnat were in attendance.

By: Bariah Ahmed



Left Picture: Ahmad Chaudhry is far left standing with the members of the Humanity First team.

Bottom Picture: Ahmad Chaudhry is to far right in group picture with Amir of Ghana.



Dr Ahmad Chaudhry spent 9 days in Ghana (from August 11th to 20th) serving the people of Ghana on behalf of Humanity First USA. May Allah reward him for his time and service for the cause of humanity. Dr. Ahmad Chaudhry is the Regional Khuddamul Ahmadiyya Qaid of NY Metro Region and also plays a key role in Humanity First. He is an oral surgeon by profession.

Help for School children of Palestine Refugee Camp

As our children are preparing to go to school buying school supplies, there are some unfortunate children in the middle east who cannot afford such items and for this purpose, Humanity First USA is raising money so that these children can benefit from education have basic supplies. Please contribute \$10.00 per child. Jazakallah.

An Evening with Pakistani community Leaders

On August 1st a meeting with the Luminaries of Pakistani Community was hosted at Bait-uz-Zafar. It was a good opportunity to introduce the Jama'at. The discussion was focused on the deteriorating economic and political conditions in Pakistan. Further it turned to exchange notes that how in America the Pakistani community is progressing in general and professionally in particular. It was emphasized that the upcoming young Pakistani generation be encouraged to take part in American Politics.

One of the guests Imtiaz S Syed is a Democratic candidate for Public Advocate, NY position. Mr. Aiwan a famous column writer and Mr. Talib Husain who are president and General Secretary of Pakistan Unity Council respectively were there. Mr. Zafar Quershi a prominent journalist and editor of Pakistan Express was also present on this occasion. Dinner was served and the dignitaries were shown our new mosque.

Stories By: Ahmad Mubarak

Celebrations of Pakistan Independence Day

On August 16 Members of Pakistani community wholeheartedly and enthusiastically participated in the 62nd Annual Pakistan Unity Day celebration on Sunday, August 16, 2009 at the Five Star Hotel Banquet in New York.

Our Nazeer Cheema Sahib President of Bronx Jamat and Ahmad Mubarak were invited by Pakistani Unity Council to participate in the celebrations of Independence Day. Many Families turned out and after the Recitation and national anthem there were speeches from various top notch Pakistanis. Nazeer Cheema Sahib also spoke about the unity, a corruption free politic and society as well as the tolerance as need of the hour. It was a very warm and close get to gather.



MKA Soup kitchen

By the grace of Allah, Seven khuddam from the NY Metro region got together to prepare and serve breakfast and prepare lunch for the homeless on Saturday, August 22nd at the Spellman Center in the lower east side of Manhattan. The soup kitchen is an affiliate of an organization called Street Project, and has been open and serving meals for the homeless every Saturday for the past 22 years.

This was the first day of Ramadhan and a great way to begin this holiest month of the year, in the spirit of self-sacrifice and giving.

Participating to make this initiative a success were Naib Qaid Queens Kashif Chaudhry, and respected brothers from Brooklyn Basil Masood, Haumayun Masood, Bilal Ahmed, Muhammad Shahid, and Mudaser Chaudhary.



By: Nadeem Malik



Fitrana is \$5.00 per person payable before Eid so that we can distribute those who may deserve it. If you know of someone who should get the funds from Fitrana amount, then please submit details to our social secretary, Mahmood Bhutta.



TALIM

We will start off the new semester of Tahir school with Zero Tolerance when it comes to discipline and basic rules of the school such as come with head covering and in uniform. The new syllabus will comprise of Talim and Tarbiyyat topics. The class structure will be changed to junior (School grades 1- 4), Middle (school grades 5 -8) and senior (High school and college). The Kindergarten will continue as previously. Report cards have been sent out. Parents to read and act upon the shortcomings of their children as indicated in the report cards. The report cards of the Waqfe Nau children have not been sent.

All Parents must report on the opening day of Tahir school so that we can explain to them about the new rules and regulations of Tahir school that will be effective from Day one of the new semester. It is preferred that both mother and father come, but that is not possible, at least one of the parents must show up, otherwise registration will remain pending.

Tarbiyyat

- We are about to enter last days of Ramadhan and let us make best of it. Let us ponder over Amir Sahib's message and create brotherhood and sisterhood among ourselves so that everyone feels comfortable to be among us. Also work on to remove some of our shortcomings. There are among us who have temper problem that has caused very serious damage in family unity. Some of us have tendency to say lies. This is one of the worst sins one can commit and also loose trust worthiness.
- Please take care of your health as you move forward by say stop smoking and so on.
- There is good numbers who are coming to the Mosque for daily prayers and on weekends. Please make this a permanent habit. If you do it in this Holy month, then what stops you for not continuing after the Ramadan is over.

May Allah accept all your supplications and noble wishes.

Do not leave items that you want to donate to the Mosque

Some members with good intentions leave used and at times new items without consultation or approval of the management . Please get approval before you donate items to the mosque. There have been times that we had to throw such items as there was no need for it. Jazakallah.

New York Jama'at will participate in the 5th Annual Queens Book fair on September 12th in Jamaica Farmers Market from 12pm-7pm. Secretary Publications will have a bookstall there selling our Jama'at books and spreading our message to the people

Translation system Upgraded at Bait-uz-Zafar



We have a new system to listen to the translation of Huzoor's Friday sermon in English. It uses FM frequency. This is another addition to make our Mosque a hi tech facility.



Use your right to vote and if you are registered vote with affiliation with any one of the two parties, then exercise your right to vote in the primary elections.

Jamia Student visit in NY Jama'at

Jamia students from Canada, about 10 of them visited New York on sight seeing expedition and we had the pleasure of hosting them.

MARRIAGES

- Suniullah, son of our Imam Kauser sahib was married in Pakistan
- A reception was held at Bait-uz-Zafar for the marriage of Dr Mir Ali Ahmed, son of Dr. Mir Mu-barak Ahmed.
- Mir Ali Ahmed was married to Maria from Pakistan.

Congratulations to the Married Couple, May Allah

Representation from New York to Jalsa Salana Germany

Naib Amir, Zinda Bajwa sahib along with Rizwan Ahmad and Mrs. Noman Ahmad represented New York Jama'at at the Germany Jalsa Salana.

REQUEST FOR PRAYERS

Our former Finance Secretary, Saleem Ahmad sahib had heart surgery and also Brother Mukthar Ahmad also went to the hospital for heart ailment, Please remember them for their quick recovery.

FINANCE

Those of us who will fulfill their Tarike Jadid pledges during this month of Ramadan will have their names sent to Huzoor (aba) for special prayers.

Also it was suggested by the national Tarike Jadid secretary that a group photo of children, upto the age of be taken to be sent to Huzoor (aba). These children are requested to contribute \$10.00 as part of Daftar V.

Mosque Project

Amir Sahib has given us one year ending June 30th, 2010 to raise Mosque fund for the national Mosque fund that will help us to pay off all our obligations and liabilities against the new and old BZ Mosques. At the same time will help smaller projects around the country. The funds will be raised from all over the country so as to reach the target amount of \$4.5 Million. This of course is a large amount to be raised over a short period of time. Jama'at-e-Ahmadiyya has faced lots of such occasions starting with nothing and ending with Mosques around the country through the spirit of sacrifices.

Let us take this opportunity to once again come forward with all the might we have and raise to the occasion. We need thousands of dollars from each and every earning member so as to meet the target. Please pledge and start paying today so that by the dead line we have may not only meet our pledged amount but surpass it with the blessings and grace of Almighty Allah.

AQIQA

The Aqiqa of Ariana Nayyar daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Khalid Bilal Nayyar was celebrated at Bait-uz-Zafar one evening at breaking of fast. The child is the grand daughter of Mr. Ismail Nayyar.