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Upcoming Events

December 6th: Lajna Meeting @11 AM and
Ansar Meeting @ 11:30 AM

January 1st: Tahajjud and Fajr Prayers
followed by Breakfast

Tahir Academy every Saturday 9:30—1:30 PM

Gym every Saturday after Zuhr Prayers—Lajna
gym every other Saturday

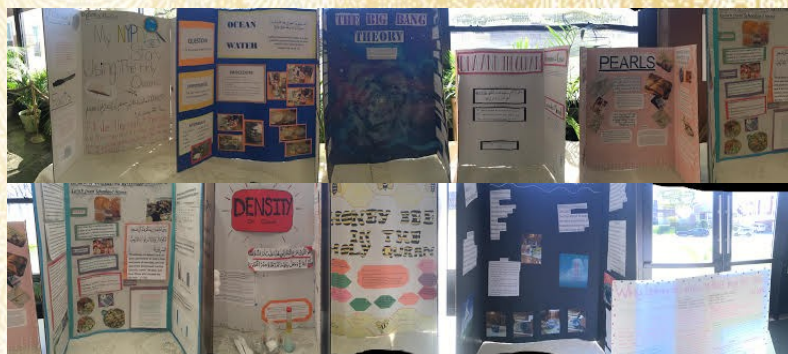
Dars every Wednesday after Isha Prayers
@7:30 PM

Watch for monthly Tahajjud schedule

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3rd Annual Quran & Science Symposium



The 2015 Holy Quran and Science Symposium, hosted by the Association of Ahmadiyya Muslim Scientists of USA (AAMA) and Ahmadiyya Women Scientist Association of USA (AWSA), was held on Saturday, November 14. Many esteemed speakers and guests participated for the auspicious occasion and more than 500 guests came from around the country.

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The central theme focused on deriving knowledge from the word of Allah and applying it to science. The speakers displayed their breadth of understanding of the subject matter by showing there is no contradiction between the teachings of the Quran and the laws of nature. There were a total of four sessions, the first and last being combined while the second and third ran independently by AAMA and AWSA. Following breakfast, the first session program started with recitation of the Holy Quran by Taimur Ahmad Sahib. We had many speakers in this session including: Tauseef Khan, Ph.D., from the University of Toronto, Mohamed Alburaki, Ph.D. of the University of Tennessee and Naib Ameer and Missionary-in-Charge, Maulana Naseem Mahdi Sahib.

In the second session, the AAMA and AWSA each held separate sessions delving deeper into particular branches of science, focusing on specific disciplines from expert panelists. Speakers from AAMA included: Ijaz Ahmad, Ph.D, Manzurul Sikder, M.D, Hameed Mirza, M.D, Dr. Sohail Husain and Fizan Abdullah, M.D., Ph.D. We were also fortunate to have one non-Ahmadi guest speaker, Abraham Obari, a research assistant at the University of Pittsburgh. Speakers from AWSA included: Shahnaz Butt, Ph.D., Nusrat Sharif, Ph.D., and National Sadr Lajna, Saliha Malik Sahiba. During the second session, the Atfal had team jeopardy in the library where they answered trivia questions on science, religion and pop culture. Maulana Hamid Malik and Maulana Adnan Ahmed presided over the educational competition along with Syed Musawar Ahmad, M.D. and Zaid Saifullah Sahib. Similarly, AWSA held their concurrent session in the ladies' prayer hall.

Congregational Zuhr and Asr prayers were offered. Then everyone gathered in the outdoors marquee for lunch. Preceding the final session, AAMA and AWSA held independent science fair where students and scientists presented their posters to be judged by Karim Sharif, Ph.D., Maulana Hamid Malik and Sardar Anees Ahmad Sahib.

The final joint session commenced with recitation of the Holy Quran by Adeel Malik Sahib. Speakers discussed "hot topics" in religion and science. The first speaker was Karim Sharif, Ph.D., vice president of AAMA and an associate professor of biology at Massosoit Community College who focuses on comparative genomic analysis among fruit flies. He discussed the Quran on evolution and the origin of species. The last address was delivered by Zia Shah, M.D. who practiced treating sleep disorders and pulmonary medicine and Chief Editor of the Muslim Times. He discussed the Quranic analysis on genetic engineering as applied to GMO in foods, cloning and DNA editing. Once again, the panelists had a question and answer session. Dr. Sohail Husain delivered closing remarks and presented awards to the science poster fair winners and recognized the Atfal jeopardy winners. Before the end, I offered my own remarks on behalf of the host Majlis and conferred a gift to the president on AAMA. Our local Lajna President also presented a gift to the president of the AWSA. The program concluded with Dua, Maghrib and Isha prayers. Those who were leaving received wrapped food to go while those who stayed had formal dinner.

MashAllah, the program was a beaming success. The program attracted over 500 guests, many of whom traveled from out of state and were non-Ahmadi. We had many notable guests and moderators such as Naib Ameer Masoud Malik Sahib, Maulana Daud Hanif Sahib, and Professor Sultan Akbar Sahib. The program could not be possible without the help of the local team including some key individuals: Lajna President Asifa Mahmood Sahiba, Naib Qaid Abu Bakr Rana, Audio/Video Secretary Rashid Ahmad Sahib, Secretary Zaifat Naeem Sharif Sahib, and many other Queens Ansar, Khuddam, Atfal, Lajna, and Nasirat volunteers who worked tirelessly to make this program a success.

By: Zulfikar Sikder

New Guest House

Alhumdillah, Allah has blessed us with a house next door to Baituz Zafar. When we purchased the Mosque, there was no house next to the complex and now Allah has enabled us to make this happen. With the help from Marqaz and few donors we were able to close the deal purchase the house. We obtained loans from some of the donors and have to pay back with the help from the membership so kindly come forward and please help us to pay these donors at the earliest. A personalized letter is being mailed to every earning member so that we can raise over three hundred thousand dollars in the shortest duration. We look forward to your generous gesture.

We will also need to furnish the house so kindly try to help us with that too. We will also need some new furniture like twin size beds, bedding, living room furniture, and a dining table with chairs. Among electronics, we need a TV and microwave. JazakAllah for your consideration.

Finance

The Waqf-e-Jadid year is coming to end in the next two to three week's time, so let us all participate, old and young, men and women. By all means, we should do better than last year in participation and increase our share of the contributions. The assistant National Secretary of Waqfe Jadid, Gayuar Manan Khan Sahib visited Bait-uz-Zafar and also shared his anticipated goals with the heads of Auxillaries and Secretary Waqf-e-Jadid Finance Secretary of the Jamaat.

On October 31st 2015 the American Clergy Leadership (ACL) invited the jamaat to attend a breakfast conference which is one of the larger national programs of the Baptist Church where the leaders of the organization attend. During the conference, a request was made to the attendees to attend our jamaat event "Religion Freedom and Peace", on November 5th 2015, hosted in Manhattan. As a result of this announcement we received many new guests, each person was invited to attend personally. There was a grand total of 67 guests who attended the breakfast.

On November 5th 2015 the Jamaat hosted a symposium on Religion Freedom and Peace at the Scandinavian Hall in Manhattan. The program started in the traditional Islamic fashion with the recitation of the Holy Quran at 6:30pm, then our national secretary for Amore Karja – Amjad Khan Sahib from L.A. very eloquently described the teachings of the Holy Quran and Sunnah of the Holy Prophet ^{saw}.

The speech topics were as follows:

- 1) Terrorism is not to be found anywhere in the Holy Quran
- 2) All the wars that have been prescribed or allowed within Islamic teachings are strictly reserved for self-defense.
- 3) The image created by the media with respect to Islam is totally false and gives a false impression on all races and ethnicities including other Muslims.

The second speaker was Azhar Hanif Sb. – he spoke about the true teachings of our Beloved Prophet ^{saw} and how he has taught us to respect all religions and beliefs of others. He showed this to us via example. His speech was followed by an introduction to Ahmadiyyat and the various jamaat missions and global activities. He went on to state that true peace and harmony cannot be fully attained unless the world first adopts and practices the true teachings of their own religion. Even within Islam, there are many groups of people who do not follow nor truly understand the teachings of Islam such that they have gone the way of radicalization. Islam does not permit these acts of injustice to any degree.

At the conclusion of the address, our respected Daud Hanif Sb noted very beautifully, that jamaat Ahmadiyyat is the sole sect which teaches and practices the actual teachings of the Holy Prophet (saw) as it was practiced. He clearly explained that the teachings of the Promised Messiah (as) were strictly restricted to the revival of the true Islamic principles and teachings of the Holy Prophet (saw). He concluded the address with a warm heart-felt thanks to all the guests of this symposium followed by silent prayer.

The total attendance was 92 (71 outside guests). Among the guests were the Ambassador of Nigeria, the Ambassador of Sierra Leone, the Head of Human Affairs from the U.N, ex-Parliament members of Pakistan, various scholars from universities, and journalists from different publications. Every guest was given a copy of the English translated Holy Quran, and various Jamaat publications.

By: Abdul Ghafoor

Chanda

Current Chanda Status: We have reached the six month mark and by now we should have contributed 50% of our annual budget. If not, please catch up with areas before it becomes a burden and it becomes difficult to make up the difference.

Paying Chanda Online:

Q: Can I send online chandas through my online banking bill pay service?

A: Yes.

The main concept to remember here to setup 'donations' as you would setup an online bill payment through the online banking features.

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Once it is setup, you can send chanda using this payee. You can either setup a one time or recurring payment. You have complete control over amount, frequency, and when you want to send the payment. The bank will usually send a paper check and it will arrive at the payee address, on the date you choose. For more information about how to use your bank's online bill pay features, please try the following tutorial/demo links from several popular US banks.

Lajna Report

This month's Lajna meeting started with recitation of the Holy Quran which was read by Lubna Shahzadi. Hadith was read by Amara Mahmood. Nazm was read by Farhana Ahmad. It was followed by the Taleem program conducted by Tehmina Rafique. She discussed the book "Our Teaching" and mentioned couple of points made by the Promised Messiah (a.s) such as: mere verbal pledge has no value, having a firm belief in the all-powerful God, just to mention a few. It was followed by the Tarbiyat program which was led by Farah Ahmad and Amara Mahmood. They read 3 scenarios and asked members what was the common theme which happened to be truthfulness. The Tarbiyat secretary then talked about how Qawl-e-Sadeed (the right word) is negated when people falsify in everyday matters including matters related to paper work. Members were then divided into three groups and were given the following sub topics to work on: Define truthfulness, how does falsehood/lying effect Tarbiyat of our children and marital harmony? and Qawl-e-Sadeed (the right word). Each group was asked to come up with points related to the topic which were then read out and discussed in further detail.

Announcements were then made by Sadr Sahiba. She thanked everyone that helped with making the Lajna Shura a success such as those that came to clean the mosque and volunteered and all those that helped by keeping guests at home. Other announcements were:

- A book on Purdah is being sold for \$3.
- Halqa Nigrans are urged to buy two copies per Halqa of Ayesha Magazine.
- The lunch after meeting is a token of thank you from Lajna for enabling the Lajna Shura to be a success.
- A free book, *The Guiding Light*, is being distributed after meeting.

Afterwards, Rashida Hamid Sahiba, Waqf-e-Jadid secretary, talked about Chandas and the need to make sure we are doing justice in that department. She spoke about the history of Waqf-e-Jadid. New mosques are being built, new Jamaats established, new imams being trained, etc. through Waqf-e-Jadid. Then, Sister Farkhanda Ahmad talked about Tehriq-e-Jadid. She urged members to pay Chanda Aam for those that are earning. Also members receiving social security, pension and those that have done Wassiyat are all supposed to pay their Chandas. It was followed by silent prayers and Zuhr prayers.

By: Faiza Bajwa

Ansar Monthly Report

This month's regular majlis monthly meeting was held on Sunday, November 1st at Bait-uz-Zafar. The theme of this month's meeting was: **"As a family, how are we doing with congregational prayers?"** This was a repeat of the topic as discussed previously. Huzoor addressed the National Ansar Ijtema and emphasized all Ansar to pay special attention to congregational prayers at the mosque if possible. The meeting, started with the recitation of the Holy Quran by Rashid Ahmad sahib from Chapter 14 Verse 41 & Chapter 31 Verses 18. The Ansar Pledge was led by Zaeem sahib. Khalifatul Masih's religious guidelines were presented by Ahmed Mahmood sahib. Zaeem sahib discussed the importance of memorizing Surah Al-Naba as it is part of the syllabus for this year. The Talim paper II was discussed in the meeting and members were requested to take the test during the meeting. Regional Nazim Arshad Janjua sahib was also present in the meeting and at the end, he conducted the elections for the Zaeem majlis.

Tahajjud Prayers were held on Sunday November 22nd and 15 members participated. We will hold another Tahajjud prayer next month, InshaAllah.

Feed the hungry program:

During the month of November, 4 Ansar members volunteered for the Feed the Hungry program at the SNAP Center. SNAP is a social services agency providing for the needs of the senior citizens residing in the borough of Queens. Along with other services they are delivering 2700 meals a month. 12 man hours were spent.

Ansar Majlis chanda & Waqf-e-Jadid Chanda:

December is last month for the Ansar Majlis chanda and the Waqf-e-jadid chanda, please make sure that you have completed your pledges for the year.

Talim Test II

December 13th is the last day to complete the Ansar Talim test II, please make sure that you have taken test either online. If you need help with the test you can contact Zaeem sahib at 917-599-8382.

www.ansarusa.org and click on Talim Test II English or Urdu.



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On Wednesday, November 25, 2015, five members from the New York Metro area visit the French Consulate in Manhattan. The meeting was held with Deputy Counsel Yann Yochum, and viewed by the Press and Political Correspondent, Damien Saverot. The delegation consisted of Maulana Daud Hanif Chaudhry, missionary in-charge of the New York Metro Area, Asad Bajwa, Public Affairs Secretary Queens, Dr. Shahed Ahmed, President Brooklyn, Rafi Ahmed, General Secretary Brooklyn, and Absar Alam, National Public Affairs Team.

Absar Alam coordinated with all Public Affairs secretaries and Presidents prior to the meeting and was also the sole communicator between the delegation and the Consulate. He sent a press release and informed the consulate of our intentions as well as a brief introduction to the Ahmadiyya Community. Upon our arrival, we were greeted at the door by the Deputy Counsel himself, and when we entered the meeting room we presented a letter of condolences as well as Huzoor(aba)'s *Pathway to Peace* book.

The meeting itself lasted around twenty minutes, the meeting kicked off with an introduction to the Ahmadiyya Community locally as well as globally. We mentioned that we have a mosque in Paris, which was very well received. Mr. Yochum mentioned that at a time like this our words of kindness and solidarity are exactly what the French people need to find comfort and solace. He was very pleased that we took the time to visit him, and he wished that the Consul General was in town this week so that he could meet with us and listen to what we had to say; nonetheless he assured us that he would pass along our letter to the Consul General.

In closing we mentioned that the Brooklyn Jamaat is holding a blood drive next week in honor of the victims of all tragedies including the Paris attacks. We encouraged a member of the Consulate to attend as well as extended them an open invitation to visit any of our local Mosques.

By: Asad Bajwa

Khuddam Report

1. Khuddam and Atfal attended an interfaith Thanksgiving service in collaboration with Jewish community on Wednesday November 25, 2015 at Israel Center of Conservative Judaism.
2. Khuddam provided security at Bait-uz-Zafar during the National Qur'an Science along with serving guests, assisting in food preparation, picking up and dropping off guests to airport, hosting guests in their houses.
3. Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya Queens recognized Muhammad Belal Ahmad for his service as Naib Qaid for the year 2014-2015.
4. Khuddam helped cleaning up garbage, and assembling furniture for the office and moving furniture and tables, chairs before and after the Qur'an and Science Symposium.
5. Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya Queens recognized Muhammad Ahmad Chaudhry for his generous contribution towards the Walk for Humanity event.
6. One Khadim helped prepared food for the 3 days of National Qaid Refresher Course in Willingboro, New Jersey.
7. Khuddam holds a book club every Friday after Maghrib Prayers, gather for Dars every Wednesday, and hold Fajr fit on weekends
8. Khuddam Chanda collection is over 85% alhamdulillah.
9. One-to-one Tabligh is being done in one Khadim's house.
10. Khuddam attended an interfaith meeting on Religion, Freedom, & Peace in Manhattan where they assisted in food preparation and serving food.
11. Atfal go to the gym every Saturday after Tahir class and also play soccer during weekends.

Humanity First Telethon

Humanity First held its third annual telethon over the thanksgiving weekend and many New Yorkers participated. Funds contributed will go towards the noble projects that Humanity First is carrying out in different countries in Education, medical and other programs. Humanity First raised over \$200,000, above its target and from New York state its collection was about \$10,000 and that includes our Jamaat. We appreciate help provided by Lajna Social Secretary Bushra Hamid Sahiba and Qaid MKA Aslam Mohammad Sahib. Jazakllah to all our donors.

Tahir Academy

Tahir Academy students should make sure that they come on time as the first class of the day is Talim-ul-Quran taken by Imam Daud Hanif Sahib, Hafiz Magroob Sahib and Hafiza Lubna Shahzadi Sahiba.

A Success

Shoeb Abul Kalam received his Master's degree in Quality and Systems Management with a GPA of 3.84. Congratulations and Allah bless this achievement.

Zuhr Prayer

There has been some confusion on the timings of Zuhr prayers at Bait-uz-Zafar. Please follow the timings as per the Jamaat calendar with the exception of Saturdays when there are Tahir Academy classes and Zuhr prayers will be at 1:30 PM. Also when there are meetings on Sunday, prayers will also be at 1:30 PM, otherwise follow the usual timings.

With the grace of the Almighty Allah, the New York Jama'at has printed its 26th annual calendar for 2016. The theme for this year's calendar is "Is Qur'an the Word of God?" As in previous years, we have invested great efforts to make the calendar attractive, useful and accurate.

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10	6.00	40	15.00
15	7.50	50	20.00
20	8.00	100	30.00

Kindly pray for the success of the 2016 Calendar and the people who worked diligently to produce it. Since there wasn't any sponsorship, only a limited amount of Calendars were printed. The main reason why we have finished printing the Calendars in the month of December is because we hope that you may utilize the calendars as a form of Tabligh by giving them to your non-Ahmadi friends and neighbors. We wish you a blessed and prosperous New Year.

Tarbiyyat

Please come and offer prayers in congregation along with your family. Many of us live within 20 - 25 minutes of Bait-uz-Zafar, so let us come on regular basis. Perhaps make it a point as your New Year's resolution to bring a big change into your lives and make a habit of saying at least one prayer a day in congregation at the Mosque. We are fortunate that the Mosque is in close proximity and we should take advantage of this great blessing.

Marriages

The Walima reception of Adnan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Khalil Ahmad with Kanwal Ahmad of UK was held this month.

The Nikah of Binash Nayab with Ashan was announced at Bait-uz-Zafar by Imam Daud Hanif Sahib.

Congratulations! May Allah bless these marriages and grant eternal happiness to the newlyweds. Ameen.

Births

Mr. and Mrs. Tahir Bhatti were blessed with a baby Boy. The newly born is the grandson of Maqsood Bhatti Sahib. Mr. and Mrs. Atiq Yassar were blessed their first child, a baby boy, Faiq Ahmad who is the grandson of Laique Khokhar Sahib and Amtul Basit Sahiba.

Mr. and Mrs. Noman Ahmad were blessed with their second son, Zane Ahmad a Waqfenau, who is the grandson of Aziz Ahmad Sahib and Qudsia Ahmad Sahiba.

Congratulations to all the parents, and may all these children be a source of blessings for their parents. Ameen.

New Council Member

On Nov 29, the inauguration of newly elected council member Barry Grodenchik was held at Martin Van Buren high school. Imam Daud Hanif started the program with Opening prayer. Senator Chuck Schumer, Melinda Katz and many other elected officials were present for the inauguration.

Haqiqa

Haqiqa of Noor Ahmad, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mohammad Syeed Uddin Ahmed was celebrated during the QSS event luncheon. Allah bless the baby and his parents and grandparents.

Obituary:

The maternal grandfather of our Jamaat General Secretary, Mohammad Goraya Sahib passed away in Pakistan.

أنا لله و أنا اليه راجعون

Inna lillahi wa inna ilahi raji'un

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