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# Bait-uz-Zafar Envoy

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## Upcoming Events

May 1st - 3rd—MKA Shura

May 3rd—Lajna Meeting

May 10th— Sunday—Regional Ansar Ijtema

May 16th-17th— Regional Lajna Ijtema

May 27th—Wednesday—Khilafat Day @ 7:30 PM

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.

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## MKA's Historical Trip to London



On April 2, 2015, Majlis Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya Queens embarked on a historic trip to London, England to meet with our spiritual leader,

Hadrat Ameer-ul-Muhmineen, Khalifatul Masih V. This was the first time Huzoor (aba) extended his welcome to all Khuddam from the U.S and Canada to visit him in our international headquarters. Ten brothers represented Queens: Abu Bakr Rana, Tahir Shiekh, Muhsin Shahid, Tahir Ahmed, Zulfikar Sikder, Kaleem Mohamed, Syeed Ahmed, Kawser Ahmed, Sammar Nasir, and Danish Chaudhry. Our group of seventeen khuddam took an early morning flight from JFK Airport and arrived in the evening in Heathrow, London.

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From the beginning, we received a friendly reception from our UK hosts at the airport. After some delay from parking complications, our shuttle left for Bait-ul-Futuh in Mor-den, South London. We were very fortunate to stay in the largest mosque in Western Europe. Sleeping and dining arrangements for all 300 guests were already prepared by the UK team as promised. All of us dined in an outdoor marquee before going off to bed.

**DAY 1:** In addition to providing food and board, Huzoor (aba) also arranged transportation to-and-from Bait-ul-Futuh and the Fazl Mosque for almost every prayer. Early Friday morning, I took one of the two coach buses to the Fazl Mosque. Early risers were treated to pray directly behind Hadrat Ameerul-Mu'mineen (aba) provided they arrived two hours before Fajr. Ataul Mujeeb Rashed Sahib, Imam London Mosque delivered Dars-ul-Quran following Fajr each day. For some of us, this was the first time inside the first mosque built in London, established in 1926. So we spent this previous time seeking Allah's blessings.

Our group returned to Bait-ul-Futuh in preparation for Jumma. Canadian Khuddam were seated to the right, and American to the left. After the conclusion of Huzoor Anwar's (aba) Friday sermon and prayers, the group took several pictures to commemorate the visit. We were reminded how fortunate London was to have so many missionaries. One of whom, Ibrahim Ikhlaq Sahib, gave a presentation on the advent of the Promised Messiah (as). Our UK counterparts showed us how to be generous and kind to international guests. They welcomed us with open arms and served us with equal respect and humility.



**Day 2:** The same routine followed Saturday morning. But by the afternoon, we were all anxiously waiting to meet with our Khalifa. We arrived in the Fazl Mosque around 2 PM and began to prep for the group mulaqat. After a period that seemed to last forever, Huzoor (aba) graced us with his presence. Each of us told our spiritual father about who we are and how we

serve the Jama'at. Huzoor (aba) was pleased with our responses and entertained some questions afterwards. The mulaqat of about 200 khuddam came to a close with shaking of Huzoor's hand and group photos. Fortunately for us, there was a brother from the United States, Abdul Ladud, accepting Ba'it at the hand of Khalifatul Masih (aba) and we were all invited to take part in an Alme-Ba'it in the Fazl Mosque. That night, Huzoor (aba) gave a special dinner to all Khuddam guests. Amir UK, Rafiq Hayat Sahib delivered an address and gave a gift bag to all khuddam. Then Urdu speaking audience was treated to Mubarak Siddiqui Sahib's poetic symposium or *mushaira*. Our own khuddam went on stage to present stirring or amusing poems of their own.

**DAY 3:** After Fajr, a small group of us from Queens took advantage of the gap in the program to explore the city. We took the Tube to downtown London to visit some of the landmarks. We trekked across London Bridge to Tower Bridge, taking pictures all along the way. After a long ride to the countryside, we arrived in Jamia, UK and were given a tour of the school. We are all impressed with the modern design of building and classrooms. But the students followed stringent daily guidelines and were encouraged to study independently after classes. We were told Huzoor (aba) sits down with each and every student and gives them special attention. Next we visited Islamabad, the expansive site of the Jalsa Gah, UK. After reciting dua in silence at the grave of Hadrat Khalifatul Masih IV (ra), we explored the grounds and discovered Huzoor (aba) kept horses and exotic animals in the area. After lunch, the trainers introduced us to the many horses and showed us some tricks.

That marked the end of another exciting day. We cherished our last moments by meeting new brothers and sharing contacts. The following day, we prayed behind our Huzoor (aba) one last time before heading back to the airport. This was a memorable experience I will never forget. Those of us who sacrificed their time and money for the sake of their faith were duly rewarded. We were the first in the history of the MKA USA to accept to Huzoor's initiation. I want to thank Huzoor (aba) and the UK Khuddam team for giving me the opportunity to rekindle my love and devotion to khilafat and forge new friendships with our international brothers.

**By: Zulfikar Sikder**

Alhumdulillah, we have had many opportunities to reach out to different universities as well as new churches and synagogues this month. We are currently touching base with a number of new venues to promote the message of the true Islam (Ahmadiyyat). Aside from the aforementioned we also held an interfaith conference in Manhattan, the event was held on the 12th of April, arranged in part by The Unification Church (UTC) and the Jamaat.

Our Interfaith conference was a great success, by the grace of Allah Almighty. We gracefully received 96 guests in total at the event and handed out copies of The Review of Religions – “Eradicating Extremism” (Jan/2015) to each individual alongside discussions on various current issues affecting society.

Additionally, there was an Inter-religious dialogue/lecture named “In the Pursuit of Peace” which was held at St. John’s University. The lecture was delivered by Paul Moses, a Journalist and English Professor at Brooklyn College and Craig A. Baron the Chair and Associate professor of Theology at St. John’s University. At the end of the event, one of our Jamaat members, Tahir Ahmed, approached Mr. Moses to discuss about our community and informed him of our presence at the event. After the meet and greet, we collectively handed out a total of 78 copies of a few different book titles The World Crisis and Pathway to Peace (56 copies), The Philosophy of Teachings of Islam (14 copies) and Islam and Human Rights (8 copies).

In conclusion, as one the missions of every Ahmadi is to engage in Tabligh, we would like to humbly request if any Jamaat member learns of any new Tabligh opportunity, to please contact the Jamaat President Sahib so that we may collectively reap the rewards of spreading the message of The Promised Messiah (AS).

*By: Abdul Ghafoor sahib*

### **Ramadan Ziafat Announcement**

Ramadan will start on June 18, 2015. This year Iftaris will only be held on **Friday, Saturday and Sunday** at Bait-uz-Zafar. Weekends will be held by Halqas and Fridays will be held on an individual basis. Anyone who would like to hold an Iftari during the weekdays must get approval from the Secretary Ziafat **before June**. Dates will be available for the whole month. Anyone who wants to distribute sweets or chocolates on special occasions like Ameen, Aqeeqa etc. must get permission at least two days before the event, otherwise these things will not be distributed. The estimated cost for the weekend Iftari is \$800-\$1100 and the cost for Friday Iftari is \$350-\$500, depending on the menu. Please cooperate with your Halqa Nigran’s for contribution volunteer for setup/cleanup on the day of the Iftari. If you have any questions, please call Secretary Ziafat, Naeem Ahmad by Phone: 646-474-4372 or email: naeemahmad1984@yahoo.com

*By: Naeem Ahmad*

### **Jamia Ahmadiyya Canada Visit**

Recently I had the opportunity to go to Jamia Ahmadiyya Canada, and it was a wonderful experience. I was able to experience just a little of what life in Jamia was like and it intrigued me. Our trip started on Friday, April 3rd. We went to Bait-ul-Islam Mosque for jummah prayer and were able to meet many of the jamaat members. The sermon talked about not wasting your life and to pursue your goals and help the jamaat in times of need. Afterwards, we attended an orientation specifically for those Waqf-e-Nau who had come from the USA. We were served light refreshments, given itineraries for the trip, and then headed toward a local bowling alley for about two hours with some Jamia students. We returned to Peace Village in time for a dinner held in our honor that was attended by the Amir Sahib of Canada, the National Majlis Amila, and the Principal and staff of Jamia Ahmadiyya Canada. We were able to visit the actual classrooms of Jamia Ahmadiyya Canada on the second day. We were given a tour around the premises, which included a gym, library, and classrooms. We also met with all 7 years of Jamia students while visiting them during their classes. While there, we also experienced a Jamia exhibition tour where we learned about many things, including facts about the life of the Promised Messiah(as). After our visit of the upper levels of Jamia, we were given an opportunity to go back to our hostels and change and come back to play at the gym in Aiwan Tahir. We attended a concluding session on the last day. There we had parting words and received many gifts and headed back to the USA. The trip was an incredible learning experience as we all learned what the life of a Jamia student really entails.

*By: Danial Mahmood*

### **\*\*Please Silence Your Phones in the Mosque\*\***

For those of us who forget to put our phones on silent mode at the mosque an App is available to help us for iOS and Android

#### **Description**

Geo-Reminders is a location-based reminder app that will automatically remind you when you are entering or leaving a watched location. What is location-based reminder exactly? Location-based reminder is fired by the change of user's current location. Here are a few examples, remind yourself to pick up gift when you leave work, remind to do laundry, remind to put your phone on silent mode whenever at the Mosque. Spend some time looking at this App and see how it can help you.

*By: Nasim Rehmatalullah*

## Nasirat Ijtema Report

By the grace of Allah on the 15th March 2015, the local Nasirat Ijtema took place. The Ijtema began with the recitation of the Holy Quran by Husna Mirza. This was followed by Ahadiith by Afeefa Ahmad and a few verses of the Qaseedah were recited by Hajrah Ahmed and Baria Ahmad. After this, Sadr Sahiba spoke to the Nasirat about the purpose and objectives of the Ijtema. Mashallah, many Nasirat participated in all the competitions. The first competition held was Hifz-e-Quran for all age groups.

7-9	10-12	13-14
1 <sup>st</sup> – Mahida Bajwa	1 <sup>st</sup> – Huda Mahmood	1 <sup>st</sup> – Husna Mirza
2 <sup>nd</sup> – Fizza Basharat	2 <sup>nd</sup> – Bareerah Mahmood	2 <sup>nd</sup> – Baria Ahmad
3 <sup>rd</sup> – Emma Ahmad	3 <sup>rd</sup> – Noor Bhatti	3 <sup>rd</sup> – Afeefa Ahmad

This was followed by the Nazm competition. The results were the following:

7-9	10-12	13-14
1 <sup>st</sup> – Fizza Basharat	1 <sup>st</sup> – Huda Mahmood	1 <sup>st</sup> – Faria Basharat
2 <sup>nd</sup> – Mahidah Bajwa	2 <sup>nd</sup> – Noor Bhatti	2 <sup>nd</sup> – Baria Ahmad
3 <sup>rd</sup> – Safia Dhanraj	3 <sup>rd</sup> – Hajrah Ahmad & Sidrah Mohar	

Lastly, before the break for namaz and lunch, speech competitions were held.

7-9	10-12	13-14
1 <sup>st</sup> – Mahidah Bajwa	1 <sup>st</sup> – Huda Mahmood	1 <sup>st</sup> – Husna Mirza
2 <sup>nd</sup> – Fizza Basharat	2 <sup>nd</sup> – Mahirah Mohar	2 <sup>nd</sup> – Sumrah Bhatti
3 <sup>rd</sup> – Zara Mahmood	3 <sup>rd</sup> – Kainat Basharat	3 <sup>rd</sup> – Baria Ahmad

After lunch, the girls were divided into their age groups for cooking and arts & craft competition. In arts & craft the 7-9 group had to decorate a photo frame. First position was awarded to Mahidah Bajwa, 2nd-Safia Dhanraj and Emma Ahmad received 3rd prize. The second group (10-12) had to make a bowl balloon. Kainat Basharat came 1st, Noor Bhatti came 2nd and Mahidah Shahzad came 3rd. The older group (13-14) were asked to create string art. In this competition Sumrah Bhatti came first, Baria Ahmad came second and Husna Mirza came third.

In the cooking competition each group was again, given different tasks. The first group had to decorate a cake. The second group had to use a baguette to make a sandwich or a pizza. We had a joint first, second and third position for this competition- MashAllah we had such high quality entries! The third group had to make a cereal /granola bar:

7-9	10-12	13-14
1 <sup>st</sup> – Mahidah Bajwa	1 <sup>st</sup> – Mahirah & Sidrah Mohar	1 <sup>st</sup> – Faria Basharat
2 <sup>nd</sup> – Ishal Ahmad	2 <sup>nd</sup> – Aleesha Ahmed & Huda Mahmood	2 <sup>nd</sup> – Afeefa Ahmad
3 <sup>rd</sup> – Zara Mahmood	3 <sup>rd</sup> – Kainat Basharat & Bareerah Mahmood	3 <sup>rd</sup> – Baria Ahmad

The final session started with Tilawat by Bareerah Mahmood and Nazm by Noor Bhatti. This was followed by a quiz session for all of the Nasirat to participate in. The competitions were ended with the prize distribution. Sadr Sahiba congratulated the Nasirat on all of their hard work in helping to create this a success and reflected on all of the new things everyone was able to learn by attending. The Ijtema ended with silent prayer. MashAllah the Ijtema was a great success; 19 Nasirat participated in this Ijtema. May Allah shower us with his blessings and may he enable us to continue to increase our knowledge.

By: Shabnam Khan



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The annual local Lajna Ijtema was held on April 12, 2015. It started with the Recitation of the Holy Quran by Zainab Mohar. It was followed by a nazm read by Maliha Sadaf. The Lajna pledge was led by our local Lajna sadr, Asifa Mahmood. After the opening session, the competitions started with Quran memorization, followed by Speech and Nazm. Competitions were also held in the following categories: cooking, flower arrangement, and hair braiding. There were also discussions held on Waqf-e-Jadid and Tehrik-e-Jadid Chandas. Overall, the day was a great success. Every member and participant did very well and went above and beyond expectations. Congratulations to all the winners. The results for the competitions are as follows:

<b>Tilawat:</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> – Lubna Shehzadi 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Khoshnoor Paracha 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Aniq Farakh	<b>English Speech:</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> – Farah Ahmed 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Aleena Ahmed 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Faiza Bajwa	<b>Urdu Speech:</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> – Rehana Ahmed 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Zainab Mohar 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Rashida Hamid	<b>Nazm:</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> – Farhana Rabbi 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Aniq Farakh 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Bariah Ahmad
<b>Cooking (Cheesecake):</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> – Farah Ahmed 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Waseema Ahmad 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Farhana Rabbi	<b>Cooking (Shami Kebob):</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> – Shazila Hamid 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Surriya Latif	<b>Flower Arrangement:</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> – Farah Ahmed 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Sadaf Latif	<b>Hair-Braiding:</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> – Anoosha Hamid 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Shanze Hamid 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Zainab Mohar

*By: Homaa Hamid*

### **Blood Drive at Bait-uz-Zafar**

Bait-uz-Zafar held a blood drive on Sunday, April 12th. Both members and guests stopped by to register and donate blood. We received the following e-mail from the New York Blood Center detailing the results of the drive:

We would like to thank you and all of the donors at the Bait-Uz-Zafar Mosque. For sponsoring the blood drive held yesterday on Sunday, April 12, 2015.

Your blood drive results are as follows:

- \* Collected a total of 17 pints, which can save up to 51
- \* Bait-Uz-Zafar Mosque finished at 57% of plan. You were goaled for 30 pints
- \* 31 people registered
- \* 14 people were deferred

Masjid Bait-Uz-Zafar's next scheduled blood drives are as follows:

- \* Sunday, June 21, 2015
- \* Sunday, September 13, 2015

### **Review of Religions**

The New York Jamaat has been privileged to be the distribution center for Review of Religions for over 20 years. Review of Religions is the only magazine that was started by the Promised Messiah (a.s) himself in 1902. The objective of the magazine is to present the teachings of Islam, reflecting its rational, harmonious and inspiring nature. It also brings together articles and viewpoints on different religions and seeks to make discussions on religion and religious philosophy accessible to a wider readership. The distribution center is now relocating to Pittsburgh and Missionary Adnan Bhalli sahib will be the USA coordinator for it. At this point we would like to thank all the team members that have helped in the distribution of this magazine. The coordinators for this magazine have all been Lajna members starting from Attiya Farhat Sahiba, Nasreen Naeem Sahiba and Faiza Bajwa. The team members that have helped in its distribution are: Nialah Nasir, Homaa Hamid, Labeeba Chaudhry, Quratulain Bajwa, Shanzae Hamid, Jinnatul Firdos, Shabnam Khan, Sadaf Latif, Ishaq Rosoji, Nazir Ayaz, Rizwan Hamid, Asad Bajwa, Shoeb Abulkalam and Naseer Ahmad. Jazakumullah and may Allah reward you all for the endless. hours you have provided in its service.

*By: Faiza Bajwa*

### **Regional Ansar Ijtema**

Majlis Ansarullah New York regional Ijtema will be held on Sunday, May 10 starting at 9:00 AM at Bait-ul-Zafar. Please plan to attend as Sadr sahib is sending his representative Basharat Wadan Sahib to attend the Ijtema. During the Ijtema, breakfast, lunch and snacks will be served.

### **Ansar Volunteering at SNAP Center**

During the month of April, 5 Ansar members volunteered for Feed the Hungry program at 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 volunteering.

By the grace of God, the Queens, NY Jamaat has offered 10 New Wasiyats. May Allah bless all the Moosies and the individuals who have helped so sincerely in securing these. I am grateful for sincere help and devotion by our President, Nazir Ayaz Sahib and the following team who are continuously working to achieve the maximum number of Moosies as desired by Hazrat Masih Maud (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him):

- 1) Abdul Ghafoor Sahib
- 2) Asifa Mahmood Sahiba—Sadar Lajna,
- 3) Mahmood Bhutta Sahib—Zaim Ansarullah
- 4) Aslam Mohammad Sahib—Qaid Khuddamul Ahmadiyya

These people have all ensured their full support and continuous efforts. Wassiyat books and forms are always available and can be recieved from the mosque or any of the above members.

*By: Mohammad Afzal Irani*

### **Taleem-ul-Quran Class**

The Taleem-ul-Quran class was held on April 19, 2015 at Bait-uz-Zafar in Queens, New York. The meeting was presided by Imam Daud Hanif Sahib .Mohammad Afzal recited the Holy Quran followed by Zia-ud-Din Nazami who recited some couplets of the Promised Messiah (AS). The first speaker was Ghulam Rabbi who spoke about tips on how to learn the translation of the Holy Quran and the art of memorization and why it's important to do so. He advised the audience to take advantage of internet Quran classes which are very useful in learning the Holy Quran.

The next speaker was Abdul Hadi Nasir, who spoke about the common errors that occur in reading the Holy Quran and its pronunciation and punctuation. He explained the common errors that are committed by readers on a power point presentation. The third speaker was Ahmad Mubarak, his spoke about why it is important to integrate the Holy Quran into our lives by discussing the writings of the Promised Messiah (AS). In his concluding speech, Imam Daud Hanif Sahib, explained the importance of the Holy Quran and urged that every member of the jamaat should recite the Holy Quran daily. The class ended with silenet prayer led by Imam Daud Hanif Sahib.

*By: Abdul Hadi Nasir*

### **U.S.A. Jamaat Shura 2015**

This year, members from Queens Jamaat went to participate in the 32nd Annual Shura in Washington D.C. There, they took part in deliberations for the events being held in August. President Nazir Ayaz Sahib, Ahmad Mubarak Sahib, Nabeel Munir Sahib and Quaid Aslam Ali Muhammad Sahib were the four members who attended. They also had the opportunity to meet brothers of other Jamaats.

### **A Personal Experience in London**

My trip to London was life changing and extremely inspirational. My flight was great going to London because the flight was practically empty. All the brothers from the Queens majlis had a whole row to themselves. When we got to Heathrow Airport, we met up with a couple of the local khuddam who helped us through the airport and transported us all to Bait-ul-Futuh. We then settled in right next to Tahir Hall and received our name tags with our majlis. After that, we went to sleep and then woke up at 4:00 a.m. for Fajr Salat. We had to travel all the way to Bait-ul-Fazl where we had a chance to pray namaz behind our beloved Huzur, the fifth Khalifa. Then afterwards, we made our way back to Bait-ul-Futuh to get ready for breakfast. Soon after, all of the guests from USA and Canada had to get ready for Jummah. We arrived in the Bait-ul-Futuh hall at 12:00 sharp to get ready for Huzur's Friday Sermon. The whole masjid hall was packed with many people that were engaged in Huzur's great words. We then had the privilege to pray Salat behind Huzur once again. The Saturday that followed, we had our meeting with Huzur.

I was lucky enough to be in the front row, only feet away from the fifth Khalifa. We all had a chance to introduce ourselves and later had a question-answer session with Huzur. After that, we had photographs taken in groups with Huzur. On the last day, we visited Hadiqat-ul- Mahdi, Islamabad, and the Jamia there as well. The trip all throughout was amazing. I also felt a strong connection of brotherhood when we were all there throughout all the events that took place that weekend.

*By: Danish Chaudhry*

### **Health Services**

Don't have health insurance? Send us an email at [services@ansarusa.org](mailto:services@ansarusa.org) or call us at **716-800-1889** from 9 AM - 5 PM EST and we may be able to help.

The Atfal and Khuddam Regional Ijtema for the New York Metro Region was held at Bait-uz-Zafar Mosque in Queens, NY. By the grace of Allah the event was a success with a total attendance of 73, which included 47 Atfal, 16 Khuddam, and 10 organizers. The program began on Saturday evening, at 5:00 PM and highlights of the evening include an informal conversation and dialogue with the delegation that visited Huzoor (aba) in the United Kingdom, a short question and answer session with Zeeshan Hamid, Naib Sadr Sahib MKA USA. The London chatter discussion also included a slideshow that highlighted important events as well as messages and answers Huzoor (aba) gave to the delegation. The main takeaway that Huzoor-e-Anwar sent for the Khuddam and Atfal who could not attend was 'Every person, no matter the auxiliary, position, or age should remain attached with the Jamaat in any way and should always strive to hold fast to Khilafat'.

The Atfal and Khuddam enjoyed a refreshing Fajr Fit session which consisted of a total workout of 9 minutes to prepare the attendees for the sports competitions. The educational or Taleem competitions followed running concurrently with sports competitions. We had a total of 60 educational awards and 12 sports awards for the Atfal, and 18 educational awards and 5 sports awards for the Khuddam. The concluding session was presided by Zeeshan Hamid, Naib Sadr MKA USA, Fasusi, Naib Sadr Queens Jamaat, and Salaam Bhatti, Regional Qaid NY Metro. Finally, a note of thanks to all members of the Queens Jamaat for accommodating the Ijtema team throughout the weekend.

Special thanks and prayers for the organizers:

Mudasar Chaudhry – Nazim-e-Ala	Saeem Malik – Qaid Long Island
Absar Alam – Naib Nazim-e-Ala 1	Rizwan Hamid – Ziafat
Mutwassim Sandhu – Naib Nazim-e-Ala 2	Umoomi Team
Salaam Bhatti – Regional Qaid	Taleem Team
Mohammad Aslam Ali – Qaid Queens	Ziafat Team



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Humanity First, USA is teaming up with the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community (AMI) for a joint fundraiser! We're raising funds for a medical center in Tanzania. In previous years the northeast area has held a fundraising dinner in NYC, but this year we're trying something new.

We're asking each member to go to [www.crowdrise.com/AMIHF](http://www.crowdrise.com/AMIHF), click on where it says "Fundraise for this Campaign" on the right side, and sign up to form a Crowdrise account (if you don't have one already). Congratulations, you're now a team member with your own fundraising link! The next step is to raise \$100 per AMI member. For example, if there are 4 people in your immediate family, the minimum fundraising goal is \$400 for that family (individuals 18 and up can have their own fundraising link).

There are many ways to meet your fundraising goal beyond your own donations, some examples are: emailing close family and friends and giving them the link and asking for a donation, using social media sites and adding the link on there, also advertising on school/work/other websites. It's very simple for anyone to donate via credit or debit card on your link, and they get their receipt immediately.

This initiative is going to run the entire month of May, with sign up beginning in April. As a thank you, **Humanity First will be hosting a family BBQ on Sunday June 7th at the Queens Mosque to celebrate everyone's achievement.** Thank you in advance for your help in making this endeavor a success. Individual emails are being sent out to all local jamat members, if you don't receive an email in the next few days please send an email to [Attiya.malik@us.humanityfirst.org](mailto:Attiya.malik@us.humanityfirst.org).



We have a number of members who are sick and elderly and as members of the Jamaat, it is our responsibility to visit them and perhaps take them out to the park in these warm days for fresh air. They need our prayers and some pleasant company so let us take some time off and visit them periodically. At times, let us call on them to cheer them up. Here are some of our elderly and sick:

- \* Abdul Hameed Ahmad Sahib and his grandson Suleman
- \* Aziz Ahmad Sahib
- \* Masawar Ahmad—son of Mansoor Ahmad Sahib of Howard Beach
- \* Saleem Ahmad Sahib and his wife Munira Ahmad Sahiba
- \* Musarat Begum Sahiba—mother of Zarina Ahmad Sahiba
- \* Nasirah Ahmad Sahiba
- \* Fahmeedah Akhtar Sahiba
- \* Father in law of Sister Abida Bajwa who is mostly hospitalized
- \* Sister Tahira Ghanny
- \* Sister Fatima Haneef
- \* Saeedah Khanum Sahiba who recently lost her husband Abdul Latif Premi Sahib.
- \* Ruqia Begum Sahibah, mother of Nasir Ahmad, property secretary.
- \* Saddique Ahmad Sahib
- \* Sister Bilqees Sahibah, mother of Ahmad Mahmood Sahib
- \* Munir Malik Sahib
- \* Sister Anisa Nasir
- \* Iqbal Ahmad Sahibah, mother of Rashid Nasir
- \* Mother of Birgees Barakat
- \* Sadiqa Begum Sahibah, mother of Naeem Sharif Sahib, secretary Ziafat.
- \* Ansa Shaukat Sahibah
- \* Mohammad Yusuf Tabbish Sahib
- \* Mubarak Qazi Sahib

Please excuse us if we missed any names but do remind us so that we can include them in the next issue.

## Finance

It is just about 6 weeks to the close of the current fiscal year. Let us work towards completing our pledges and meet our individual and collective goals as Jamaat obligations. Please remember to pay-off your Jalsa Salana chanda along with Chanda Aam and Wasiyat. May Allah Bless you.

## Marriages

Tahir Ahmad son of Mr. & Mrs. Mahmood Ahmad was married in Pakistan. Congratulations to the bride and groom and both of their families. May Allah

## Salat Timings

As a reminder we will send Salat timings at Bait-uz-Zafar every week through E-mail and the MKA group on Whatsapp. We hope it will increase the numbers at congregation prayers and moreover, the weather is warm and days are long which should also inspire coming to the Mosque more often.

## Tahir Academy

Tahir academy continues to take place every Saturday. Students get the opportunity to play at the nearby gym after classes. As the semester comes to an end in June, students will need to complete their syllabus and take part in the examination which will take place over the next two months.

## Obituary:

A veteran of the Jamaat, and former Mubligh, Abdul Latif Premi Sahib passed away after a long illness. He was 87 years old and had served Ahmadiyyat as a Mubligh in Ghana and Pakistan for many years. His wife, Saeeda Khanum Sahiba, son, Mohammad Naseeb, and two daughters, Fouzia Ahmad and Amtul Basit are all members of the New York Jamaat. He was buried in the Moosiyan section of the Jamaat graveyard in Long Island.

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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.