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UP COMING EVENTS:

November 1st, Sunday— Blood Drive in Bait-uz-Zafar @ 11 am

November 1st, Sunday— Ansar meeting on Sunday @ 11:00am

November 8th, Sunday— Lajna meeting on Sunday @ 11:00am

November 27th, Friday—Eid-ul-Adhia in Bait-uz-Zafar @ 10:30am

Every Saturday Tahir School classes for students of KG, Primary and high school students starts at 9:30 am to 1:30 pm

There will be no class on 11/28/09 as it is Eid Holiday.

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New York Jama'at hosts "Portrait of Jihad"



As part of Bangla Desk New York and Amore Kharja initiative, New York Jama'at hosted the screening of "Portrait of Jihad" produced by Shahriar Kabir sahib, at Bait-uz-Zafar Mosque, on Saturday October 17, at 7 pm. This documentary demon-

strated the rise of religious militancy in Bangladesh and persecution of Ahmadis as well. Bangladeshi Missionary in Charge, Abdul Awwal sahib was interviewed on this documentary and the screening ended with the theme "Love for All, Hatred for None."



Shahriar Kabir sahib is a renowned human right activist and a close friend of the Jama'at. He boldly stood by Ahmadis against all persecution by mullah in Bangladesh. Ali Murtuza sahib, National Tabligh Secretary was present in this gathering, along with many other Bengali

members from other Jama'ats. There were also Bengali guests present along with couple of Jewish guests. There was a question answer session after the video was shown. Snacks and Dinner was provided also. This video will be shown also in many other states across America.

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Protect yourself from the Flu season

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- * Practice good hygiene (cleanliness - personal and surrounding)
- * Live a healthy lifestyle. (Good nutrition, exercise, good sleep)
- * Washing hands frequently, particularly after you cough or sneeze
- * When you cough or sneeze, cover your mouth with a tissue or preferably, sneeze or cough into the crook of your arm into your sleeve
- * Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth—that's how germs enter your body
- * Eat healthy foods
- * Stay hydrated (drink lots of fluids)
- * Get plenty of rest
- * Get preventive vaccinations (if your immunity is weak or age 60 and above)
- * Using hand sanitizer (like Purel) is a good alternative to wash your hands with soap and water if you're not able to leave your desk
- * If you do get sick, stay home so that you don't expose others to your illness and don't return to work until you're fever free for at least 24 hours (without taking fever-reducing medications like aspirin or Tylenol)
- * When you return to work, use sanitizing wipes to clean your desk, phone, keyboard and computer mouse



Also, during the flu season, if you are sick, then avoid coming to Mosque or public events. During sickness, one can offer prayers at home

Although every flu season brings an increase in illness, doctor's visits and hospitalizations, the new H1N1 flu virus (formerly known as "swine flu") could affect more people than usual this year

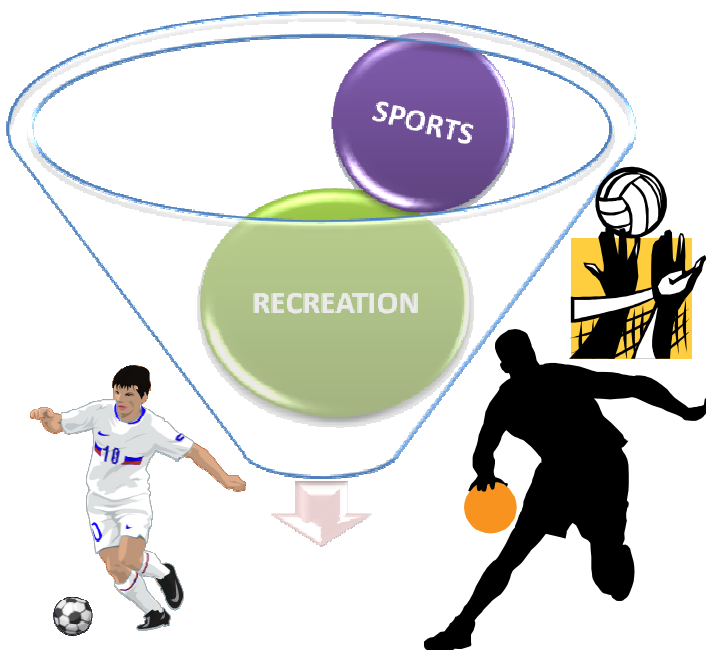
If you've ever had the flu, you know it's no fun. No matter how healthy you are it can knock you off your feet for days

For people who have compromised immune systems or other health issues, it can be particularly dangerous. That's why it's important that we're all vigilant in practicing good hygiene to prevent the spread of all illnesses, including H1N1 flu

As a reminder, the flu is characterized by a fever, accompanied by a sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue. If you recognize these symptoms in yourself, please stay home and call your doctor for medical advice

Let's pray and work together to have a happy, healthy and safe winter!

Off to wash my hands now....



- Khuddam are playing Soccer every Friday at Chelsea Piers in Manhattan in the Soccer League. More than 15 khuddam from Brooklyn, Queens, and Long Island are participating. 5 more weeks of matches are left. If anyone wishes to attend to encourage the khuddam, please contact Fahim Malik.
- Every Sunday before Magrib prayers, we will play volleyball at Bait-uz-Zafar, for details contact Kashif Chaudhry.
- Our gym has been renovated for use of Jama'at members - men and women.
- A group of Khuddam from New York Jama'at has started a Basketball league in queens, in Flushing High School. The season started on October 25th and would go on for 12 weeks. The games take place every Sunday @ 1pm. If anyone interested joining or attending, contact Kashif Chaudhry.

Tabligh Report

Tabligh Announcements

- This is to inform all the Jama'at members that as per new directions received by Huzoor, Our Jama'at needs to reach out to at least 3% of US population by the end of this year. This is not a easy task we would need all the active Daeen and Jama'at members to gather 1200 contacts by the end of this year through monthly e-mails, 1 to 1 Tabligh etc. May Allah (swt) enable us to fulfill our duty.
- **Twitter Account :** All Jama'at members are encouraged to join this service as well as encourage their non-Ahmadi friends to sign up too. It is an easy and free way for technology users to stay connected with the Jama'at, and for people to do Tabligh. Following is the Link - www.Twitter.com/AhmadiyyatIslam
- 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.

Tabligh Progress Report

- On Oct 7th we had a Tabligh meeting in which various Tabligh teams were formed. Following are the teams- (Media Desk, Weekly Tabligh Meeting & Tabligh Bookstalls, Local Church and mosque contacts, Local School & Colleges, Ethnic desk Team- Bangla desk, African desk, Pakistani /Caucasian, Caribbean Desk, Reception & Follow up team, Queens Pubic Television Program – QPTV and Hospitality). Also 3 to 4 contacts were reached out and some books were distributed to them.
- Some new ethnic desks have been formed under the National Shura proposal they are as follows- (European/ Caucasian American desks, Arab American desk, African American desk and Bangla desk).

Queens Public Television Program - QPTV

- One new program of Liqa Mal Arab and a Lajna Program which discusses new converts are in process of submission.

Bangla Desk

- As part of Bangla Desk NY and Amore Kharja initiative, on Oct 17th @ 7 pm a documentary with name "Portrait of Jihad" by Shahriar Kabir was screened at Bait-uz-Zafar Mosque. Shahriar Kabir is a renowned human right activist and a close friend of the Jama'at.

Report by: Naved Saeed

New York Metro Majlis have a new regional Qaid and he is Zeshan Hamid. Ahmad Chaudhry moved on to take National position with MKA.

UPCOMING BLOOD DRIVE



New York Jama'at will be hosting a blood drive at Bait-uz-Zafar on November 1st 2009 from 11:00 AM to 3 PM. Our goal is to collect about 35 bags of blood. We will be going door to door around the neighborhood and give out flyers and let people the neighbors know about the drive. Khuddam, Ansar, and Lajna are requested to help participate in this great cause. Quick Fact: Did you know that one pint of blood can save 3 lives? There are so many people who are sick and in need of blood to survive. Please help by participating in this gracious event! You can help now by spreading the word to your fellow friends, family members. Let's make this event a great success by having as many participants as possible to donate!!

By: Farhan Ahmad



This month, Lajna held their meeting as well as Seerat-un-Nabi Day on October 4th. Tilawat started by Sister Sobia Naureen who recited verses from Surah Baqarah with Urdu translation. The English translation was read by sister Alia Khan. Next Hadith #28 from "40 Gems of Beauty" titled 'Avoid that What Rankles in Your Mind' by Arifa Naseeb with Urdu translation and English translation and commentary was recited by Bariah Ahmad. We then had a Poem which was recited by Sister Halima Ahmad.

This month we didn't have the usual workshops as we were having our Seerat-un-Nabi day but instead each Halqa was assigned to do something relating to Seerat-un-Nabi. We started off with 3 Lajna members from Howard Beach, Aisha Ahmed, Aysha Bajwa, and Fouzia Syed who gave a life sketch of the Holy Prophet (saw). Next, Nazia Bhatti from Flushing talked about the great qualities of the Holy Prophet (saw). Kamal Fatimah gave a brief summary in Urdu. After this a poem was recited by Bariah Ahmad of Elmhurst Halqa. A speech was then delivered by Sister Ismat Mangla who discussed Women's Rights in Islam. She spoke about how women were mistreated and even buried alive until the Holy Prophet (saw) came and preached that in the true Islam this was not allowed. Women could not be treated this harshly by men. A brief translation was done by Sister Salamat Ma-jeed in Urdu. Next we had a Poem from Jamaica Halqa which was read by Sister Qanta Farhana. Saira Bajwa then talked about the roles of outstanding women in history. The last poem was recited by Samina Yasmin of Floral Park Halqa. From Flushing East Halqa, Shazia Bhatti also gave a life sketch of the Holy Prophet (saw) in Urdu as well as how the status of women changed because of the teachings of Islam that the Holy Prophet (saw) taught.

Sister Rehana Nayyar made announcements about Shura which will be taking place in November. She also reminded all Lajna members to pay their Chanda as soon as possible. The meeting ended with silent prayers and Zuhr Prayer. Refreshments were served.

By: Rashida Hamid

Jama'at members were requested to help out a deserving family to settle in their home. Jama'at members generously donated furniture, beddings and clothing's to a deserving family. Jazakallah.

MKA Blood Drive

On October 3rd, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community sponsored its third blood drive this year in Union Square, Manhattan. By the grace of Allah, we were able to collect 20 bags of blood, Alhamdulillah.

Volunteers that contributed to the success of this drive were respected brothers Mahmood Ennin, Atiq Ahmad, Kareem Sayed, Basil Masood, and Nadim Malik. Despite strong rain for much of the blood drive, each of these men stayed until the very end, making the best of the situation and strengthening our brotherhood. We've gathered more donations in the past, but I believe this was our most successful drive because of their inspiring attitude.

By: Nadeem Malik



Humanity First USA | Serving Mankind

Much thanks to everyone who contributed to the Humanity First Food Drive during Ramadan. The five boxes of non-perishable items were delivered by Ahmad Chaudhry and Tahir Sheikh to a food bank in Harlem. It was an amazing experience. They carried the boxes into the main hall and the director wanted to introduce them to about 50 people who were present. They made an announcement that friends from Humanity First have brought boxes of food for them and the place erupted into a loud applause. They thanked us profusely for our generosity. Ahmad Chaudhry and Tahir Sheikh were awed and overwhelmed by the reaction as they walked out every person gave a sincere Thank You to them. Please continue to help humanity with your efforts.

www.humanityfirst.org



BRB04: Basic Recitation of the Holy Qur'an (Beginner Level)

Thursday's from 10:00 - 10:30pm EST

Start date: October 15th, 2009

Open to children ages under 12. It will cover basic recitation starting from the very beginning of the Yassarn-al-Quran. The course starts from learning the Arabic alphabets, pronunciation of each letter and learning the rules for connecting letters.

Location: Web Conference Room 2, Audio Conference Room 2

BRB03: Basic Recitation of the Holy Qur'an (Beginner Level)

Monday's from 9:00pm - 9:30pm EST

Start date: October 12th, 2009

Course 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. The course starts from learning the Arabic alphabets, pronunciation of each letter and learning the rules for connecting letters.

Location: Web Conference Room 2, Audio Conference Room 2

BT05F: Basic Translation of The Holy Quran Module I

Friday's from 8:30 - 9:00pm EST

Start date: October 16th 2009

The course is focused towards teaching basic translation of the Holy Qur'an. The class will cover the verses 1:1 to 2:53 of the Holy Qur'an.

The course will include word to word translation as well as some basic Arabic grammar rules. Location: Web Conference Room 2, Audio Conference Room 2

To enroll please visit the website <http://www.alfurqan.us>

Public Relations

Holliswood Civic association accepted our invitation to hold their meeting at our Masjid, which was held at Bait-uz-Zafar on Oct 15th, 2009. The members of the association were pleased to know of our concern for our neighbors.

By the grace and help of Almighty Allah 31% of the members attended the national Ijtema of Majlis Ansarullah. There were quite a number who wanted to go but due to their health could not and that is 22% of the membership and some were asked to stay back for another program that came up in the last few days before the Ijtema.

All educational and only two sports competitions were held due to the weather.

Here are the results of the prizes achieved by our New York Majlis:

Karim Sharif Sahib 2nd place in Dars-Ul-Hadith
Karim Sharif Sahib 2nd place in Observation & Recall
Zarif Ahmad Sahib 2nd place in Darts throwing
Alhassan Attah Sahib consolation prize in Impromptu Speech



Ziafat Team:

Abdul Ghafoor Sahib received The Best Nasir of Majlis.

- * We will hold the monthly Ansar meeting and elections for Zaeem Majlis on Saturday November 7th 2009 at 12:00 Noon, please make plans and arrangements to be present.
- * Please remember Huzur and all members who are sick in your special prayers and start to work on for better attendance and participation in the local, regional and national Ijtema's.

Muhammad Chaudhry
Zaeem Majlis New York.



- Quarterly statements have been sent out. Please go over and take appropriate action.
- Please sign up for paying your chandas through your bank bill paying service. Many have adopted to this service and find it very convenient.



We are planning for the new year programs and are considering monthly program after the auxiliaries meetings and also many have suggested that instead if mid day on Sundays we hold it in the evenings at Asr time. Please do send your suggestions. We are also started working on the 2010 calendar. If you have suggestions for that, do send in. Jazakallah.

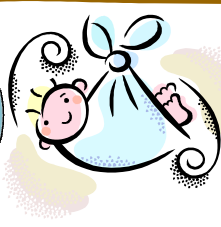


- Brother of our sister Musarat Chaudhry have passed away in Belgium.
- Mother of Naeem Ahmad of Long island passed away in Pakistan.

اِنَّا لِلّٰهِ وَاِنَّا اِلَيْهِ رَاجِعُونَ

Inna lillahi wa inna ilahi raji'un

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



- * Mr. Fahim Malik and Dr. Afshan Malik have been blessed with a baby Girl. The baby's name is Zara Malik.
- * Mr. and Mrs. Rizwan Hamid have been blessed with their first child, a girl.
- * Mr. and Mrs. Shazad Tanveer have been blessed with their first child, a baby boy.

Congratulations to the parents:
May Allah bless the newcomers and make them the light in their parents' eyes.



Khuddam from local Queens Jama'at volunteered at a Soup & Kitchen drive held by the Jackson Heights SDA located in Woodside on Sunday October 18th. Every month a team gets assigned to serve.

In October the 4 khuddam that participated in the soup kitchen project were brother Abubakar Rana, Sayeed Ahmad, Farid Sanusi and brother Atiq Yassar. The event started at 11:30 am and ended shortly after 1:30 pm. Another outside team of volunteers prepared the foods. The setup took place inside a gym in the basement of the church. On the menu there were chicken noodle soup, white rice, beans, chicken, and pasta. There were about 80 to 85 hungry and needy people mainly men that appeared to be Hispanic day laborer and few other elderly men and women. Tables and chairs were setup in the gym and table number was assigned and called in numerical order to line up for the foods. After all the people were fed, the volunteer workers took part in having lunch. After the service and lunch, the Khudaam also took part in putting away the chairs and tables to close the event to a successful end.



The president of the LA Jama'at Naib Amir Dr. Hamid-ur-Reham invites members to attend the west coast Jalsa and they will be your host during the Jalsa. Those of you who are planning to go may please contact officer Jalsa Salana.

By: Abubakr Rana