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UPCOMING EVENTS

November 2nd - Sunday –11am–
Monthly Ansar and Lajna Meeting

November 7th - Friday–7:30 pm–
Monthly Khuddam Meeting

November 8th - Saturday–1:30 pm–
High School and College students
luncheon with National Talim Secre-
tary. He will meet with Tahir school
students during class time

Tahir School Starts Every Saturday
at 9:30 am. Classes starts on time

Every Wednesdays– 7:30 pm–
Tabligh Classes after Isha prayer

*Daylight Savings ends on Nov 2nd–
change 1 hr behind

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Inauguration of New Bait-uz-Zafar



Asad Bajwa introducing Ahmadiyyat to the crowd of audience in new Bait-uz-Zafar

After the blissful month of Ramadan, where new Bait-uz-Zafar gathered around 1,800 members in Eid, yet another event occurred couple of weeks after where Bait-uz-Zafar was once again filled with not only members of the Ahmadiyya Community, also with distinguished guests and neighbors around the vicinity. On October 12th, over 130 or so guests responded to our invitation to attend the inaugural reception. Among the guests were neighbors, members of the temple from whom Bait-uz-Zafar property was purchased. There were representation from almost all major religions; clergy from Buddhism, Sikhism, Christianity, and Judaism along with Imams from other Mosques took part.

US congressman Anthony Weiner, New York's 9th district, addressed the audience and spoke of peace among the community. New York State Senator Frank Padavan, spoke on the bondage we have as our roots are common and belong to Hadrath Ibrahim. David Weprin, New York City's Council from district 23, and New York State assembly woman Audrey Pheffer also spoke briefly to the audience. A proclamation from Mayor Bromberg of New York City was read by his representative and was received by Naib Amir Dr. Nasim Rehmatullah sahib who represented USA Amir Sahib. The president of Borough of Queens also sent her representative to this congregation.

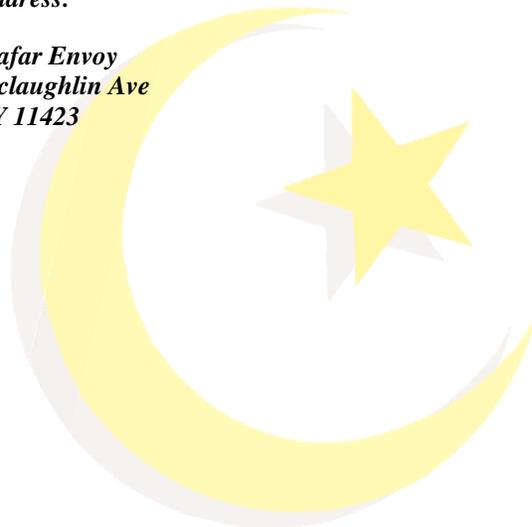


Maulana Daud Hanif, Missionary in charge of USA, and Dr. Nasim Rehmatullah, Naib Amir USA among the audience

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US congressman Anthony Weiner,

At the reception, the former president of the temple of Israel, spoke and shared his past experience in this property. Among the clergy, Rabbi Robert Kaplan also said few words. He recognized among the audience Reverend Norris and our own Naib Amir and Missionary In charge Daud Hanif sahib and Imam Kasuer who is the Imam of our Mosque.

The program started off with recitation from the Holy Quran by Dr. Mueen Ahmad and introduction and welcome address was given by our public relation secretary, and Qaid of Queens, Asad Bajwa. The Moderator for the program was Ahmad Mubarak sahib; he introduced all the speakers in a very professional manner and conducted the program smoothly. The closing speech was given by the representative of Amir Sahib, Dr. Nasim Rehmatullah sahib.



Congressman Anthony Weiner, departing as Nazir Ayaz sahib gives him farewell



Ahmad Mubarak was the moderator of the program as he is addressing

There were media representation from Bangla Community and from other local media. Several of our members were interviewed and this process continued even after the program was over. The Coverage from one of the papers is included in this issue.

The food arrangements were done by Tariq Hamid working with Secretary Zaifath Mansoor Ahmad. The hall was decorated with flowers and there were flowers on each table. The Audio video department under Rizwan Akbar provided excellent coverage.



The wide audience sitting and listening to the speaker during the congregation



Dr. Nasim Rehmatullah, Naib Amir, USA gives the concluding remarks

Guests were given books, DVD documentary on Ahmadiyyat and set of pens as complementary gifts and that was undertaken by Tabligh Secretary Ghulam Rabbi Ahmad. Many guests from Bangla and African Community were present.

Scores of volunteers among men and women made this program an exemplary one and it seems this was the best inauguration ceremony of a mosque where a large number of public officials had gathered and it left a good impression on our guests and we are happy that the good name of Islam and its place of worship was well presented and received. Alhamdulillah.



Guests are being served Food

Media Coverage on the Queens Courier Newspaper

BY JENNI AVINS

Wednesday, October 15, 2008 7:01 PM EDT



So a politician, a Sikh and a rabbi all sat down in a mosque...

This was not the beginning of a joke, but rather the start of a new life for a Holliswood temple that was rededicated Sunday, October 12 as a mosque in a ceremony that drew a variety of local political and religious leaders. The Temple Israel of Jamaica, on the corner of McLaughlin Avenue and 188th Street, was turned over to the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community after months of negotiations.

Mosque Education Director Ahmad Mubarak, who moderated the ceremony, encouraged the guests of different religions to use the new Bait-Uz-Zafar Mosque for their own prayers.

"This is for everyone," he said, looking over a crowd of more than 250 that included Pakistanis in traditional fur Jinnah caps, Buddhist monks in orange robes, Jews wearing yarmulkes, a Sikh man in a crimson turban and two Baptist ministers.

Sandy Reisman, president of Temple Israel, which recently merged with Temple Emanuel, welcomed the Muslim congregation to her former synagogue. "Mutual respect and admiration will be the basis for a true friendship," she said.

The ceremony also drew several local politicians, including Representative Anthony Weiner, who called the inauguration of a new house of worship a positive sign for the community. "What we do in politics can only fill a thimble," he said, comparing the power of politics to the influence of religion.

Even in the most ethnically diverse county in the United States, City Councilmember David Weprin said he was impressed to see, "Just about every religion represented..."

..."This is five times bigger than that," noted congregant Rizwan Alladin, "so that helps with the parking."

He estimated that 2,000 congregants came to the recent celebration of Eid, marking the end of Ramadan. Parking for religious events can be contentious in Queens. Alladin said in many cases the Ahmadiyya Community is able to share parking space with Christian and Jewish neighbors during high-traffic holidays. "We are brothers," Stuart Davidson, who is Jewish and a longtime friend of the Ahmadiyya Community, told the crowd gathered at the new mosque. "Maybe we are brothers in a dysfunctional family, but we are brothers nonetheless."

- We urge Jamaat members to visit www.ahmadiyya.us to review the class notes and audio files posted from the courses of every Wednesday's tabligh class.
- Tabligh Class – Tabligh Class has resumed. The class is held every Wednesday at 7:30 P.M. after Isha prayer. Snacks are served after the class. The attendance is still low, members are encouraged to participate and take full benefit out of it. Auxiliaries (Ansar, Lajna & Khuddam) should encourage their members to attend.
- If the weather permits we will be holding our Tabligh bookstall every Saturday from 10:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.
- Since we have given Centenary pledge to Huzoor, all jamaat members including khuddams, Ansar's Lajna, Atfal and Nasirat should make every effort to fulfill their pledge. Auxiliaries should also encourage jamaat members to participate in Tabligh activities.

Tabligh Progress Report

- Our mosque inauguration was a success. Around 150 invitational cards were mailed and 4-5 e-mails were sent out. Due to the personal effort of our Tabligh Department a Councilman from New Jersey came to attend the inauguration.
- We have distributed around 100 books, 50 DVDs and 50 pamphlets.
- We have khilafat advertisements in Queens Courier and Queens Sun.
- There were 5 one to one meetings done. It included a delegation of 4 Sri Lankan Muslims who came to our mosque and were given out literature and books. One of our African –American neighbors also dropped by and was given Literature and books.
- For our inauguration 10 Tabligh guests came they were given out gifts which included a copy of Philosophy of Teachings of Islam and a DVD copy of the documentary – Revival of Faith. Other guests came from public relation sector.

Bangla Desk

- 3 to 4 phone calls are being received every week in regards to the advertisement in regards to the advent of Imam Mahdi (as).
- Newspaper Ads are being revised every other week as they are helping to attract more people. We are exploring other newspapers as well.
- 400 Bengali households have been identified in order to send them Literature.
- 2 guests came to Eid Prayers and 1 in the Inauguration.
- A Human Rights Organization that visited our Jalsa Salana invited our Jama'at members for Iftar Seminar on spoke on general issues about immigrants and human rights. They were visited by Reaz Rahman sahib, Khaliul Rahman sahib and Mohammad Ghaffar sahib.

Queens Pubic Television Program - QPTV (Ghulam Rabbi, Mohammed Sehhar, Mueen Ahmed, Reaz Rahman, Naved Saeed)

- 2 additional programs are being prepared for submission.
- 2 more programs are being prepared to be submitted for this month.

Nigerian Desk (Fasasi Sanusi)

- Fasasi Sanusi sahib has invited some Nigerian Friends. 2 attended our Eid Prayers and 3 came to the Inauguration.

By: Naved Saeed /Ghulam Rabbi

Tahir Class Reminder to Students

Students must come on time with their heads covered and in uniform. There has been some slacken in this rule. Class starts 9:30am sharp.

Lajna Regional Ijtema including Nasirat was held on Saturday, 18th October at Bait-uz-Zafar. 250 Lajna and Nasirat attended. It was a successful Ijtema with powerful audio and video power point presentations. Alhamdulillah. All four Majalis of Queens, Long Island, Brooklyn and Bronx took part in the Ijtema. Proceedings started with tilawat of the Holy Quran by Zohra Jabin with English translation by Abiha Alam. Hadith was read by Farah Khan with translation by Sabiha Farhat. The Lajna pledge was led by Fehmida Shah. A poem from Kalam-e-Tahir was read by Samina Yasmin. Farkhanda Ahmad then addressed the participants, welcoming them to the Ijtema and explaining the significance of Khilafat. The first presentation by Naila Shireen, Naila Suleman and Alia Khaleel focused on pre-Holy Prophet khulafa. A poem each by Shanze Hamid and Ayesha Thakir followed. The next presentation was on Achievements of Khilafat by Khaula Tauqir and Zujaja Tauqir. They delivered a video presentation which explored the many achievements under the blessed institution of Khilafat. A poem by Fatima Muzaffar followed. Next came expressions of Nasirat from all four chapters about their connection with Huzoor. The floor was then opened to all those who wished to express themselves about their connection to the Khilafat. Four sisters responded with their experiences about the righteous guidance they found in Khilafat. National Sadr Sahiba then arrived and the meeting broke for lunch and salat from 1 PM to 2:30 PM.

A concurrent meeting of older Nasirat and young Lajna members was held after lunch with National Sadr Sahiba. Sadr Sahiba discussed various topics including focusing on Islam instead of culture, avoiding pitfalls all around, promoting modest clothing, promoting sisterhood through sharing as in book clubs and keeping in touch with Sadr Sahiba through her email address (sadrLajnausa@aol.com) which she shared with the Nasirat and Lajna members. The afternoon session started with tilawat by Beenish Nayyab. Hadith was read by Shehla Tahir and a poem from Kalam-e-Mahmood was read by Dania Ahmad. National Sadr Sahiba then addressed the Ijtema on raising true Ahmadiis in America, recalling the Lajna pledge, following the conditions of Bait, upholding the banner of Islam and Ahmadiyyat, praying for Khilafat, following the Imam of the Age, making financial contributions, performing tahajud and becoming examples for the next generation, becoming those distinct Ahmadiis who raise the flag of Ahmadiyyat to the highest pinnacles. She stressed that if we don't change our ways, this is unlikely to happen. A poem by Ariba Thakir followed. The next presentation by Farah Ahmad focused on similarities between the Khulafa-e-Rashideen and Khulafa-e-Ahmadiyya. The similarities outlined were awe-inspiring. A poem was then read by Sadia Ahmad. A panel discussion led by Khulafat Alladin on Obedience to Khilafat followed. Bushra Ambreen spoke on Islam, the submission to the will of Allah, Faiza Bajwa stressed that Khilafat is a divine institution to provide leadership and guidance, and Alia Ahmad emphasized obedience and submission to Allah. The closing statement stressing obedience to Khilafat was made by Bushra Butt and the Ijtema ended with silent prayer led by National Sadr Sahiba.

By: *Rehana Nayyar*

MTA for Apartment dwellers

- As many of you know that MTA can be watched without the use of the dish. All you need is broadband internet connection, that is cable modem or DSL.
- There were days when MTA was only available with installation of Dish and that was not possible for those living in apartments. Then came MTA on internet on computer and many found it was not easy to get started and small screen.
- Now you can order Jadoo box and you will be able to watch MTA along with other channels. to order go to jadootv.com on your internet. many members have already bought it and enjoying the MTA broadcasts.
- It may be stated that as now almost all can watch MTA, soon we will terminate showing Kuthba Juma at the Mosque.

US Election Tuesday Nov 4, 2008

We must use our civic right and vote on the election day Tuesday Nov 4, 2008.

Beside President / Vice President, there are many races in US Senate, House and governor and local election for state and city.

Election '08: Senate, House & Governor Races (Senate, House Races Ranked in Order of RCP)

Zinda Mahmood Bajwa
Secretary Public Affairs

- Class #24** Topic: **Jesus escape from crucifixion** - held on **10/08/2008**
Summary: The class learned 17 solid proof and evidence which explains how Jesus Christ survived the crucifixion
- Class #25** Topic: **Deliverance from the cross** - held on **10/15/2008**
Summary: The class was provided with Qur'anic evidence which shows Jesus Christ did not die on the cross
- Class #26** Topic: **Tomb of Jesus** - held on **10/22/2008**
Summary: We watched a documentary made by Imam Kauser sahib of the tomb of Jesus in Kashmir.
- Class #27** Topic: **Etiquettes of Tabligh** - held on **10/29/2008**
Summary: We learned how to do, Area, Style of Argument and Presentation along with Prayers and Darood.

class notes & audio file are available on website:

http://www.ahmadiyya.us/index.php?view=article&catid=64&id=394%3Aatabligh-class&option=com_content

By: Shoeb Abulkalam

Sports for Men and Women

- Our young men have joined a basketball league every Sunday during the winter months headed by Kashif Chaudhry.
- Our ladies though few have joined swimming lessons exclusive for ladies only. There is plenty of room for more to join.
- At the new mosque, we are building an exercise area and if you have treadmill or their working machines, please let Nazir Ayaz know.

Lajna Imaillah Report

The meeting was held on Oct. 5. There were 80 people in attendance. Tilawat, Sura Al Baqrah Verse 84 and 85, was recited by Faiza Idrees. Translation was provided by Aisha Bajwa, and hadith was completed by Zainab Mohar. The hadith was about respecting your children and giving them the best education. The translation of the hadith was recited by Anum Bajwa. Next was the poem, which was beautifully recited by Sana Nasar. The talim program was conducted by Naeema Ahmad and was regarding workbook page 49. Next we discussed the Lajna test on the book "Truth about the Split" in detail. Then the Tarbiyyat program was discussed by Farah Ahmad. She mentioned the characteristics of hypocrites who say they are creating peace when they are wreaking havoc. In addition, she spoke about the sixth condition of Bai'ath and unIslamic customs. The health program was next and was led by Mariam Ahmad, who discussed the effects of pig and alcohol. The last program was on Tabligh and was conducted by Farida Ahmad. She posed a question to the audience, which was "Does faith affect culture, or does culture affect faith?". Following these programs, there were announcements by Farkhanda Ahmad. She welcomed the sisters to the first meeting in the new Mosque, Alhumdulillah. She asked that we pray that the mosque is always full of people praying and jamaat meetings. In financial news, the mosque fund collected \$6,400 by fundraising, and the lajna chanda is almost 100% completely paid. Tarike Jadid chanda was also reminded to be paid. The finance secretary said that you should give chanda in an envelope and write your name on it. We also need more volunteers for cleaning the masjid because it's a large space and a lot of areas have to be covered. Nasirat papers were also given out, and mothers were reminded to bring them back. Four elected members went for Shura in Columbus, Ohio. Suggestions have been sent to Hazoor for approval. The Queens jamaat received 10 prizes. More details will be given in next month's monthly report, Inshallah.

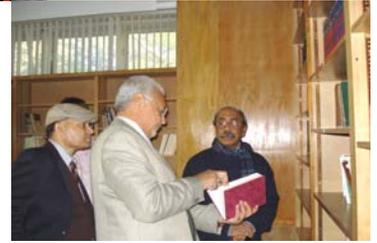
By: Saira Bajwa

Tahir school continuing every Saturday @ 9:30am in new Mosque

Bangla Activist visits Bait-uz-Zafar



On October 19th New York Jama'at hosted a Discussion/Lunch program for Shahriar Kabir. He is a Bangla journalist, filmmaker, human rights activist, and author of more than 70 books focusing on human rights, communalism, fundamentalism, history, and the Bangladesh war of independence. He has been visiting Bait-uz-Zafar every year for the past few years whenever he has traveled to USA.



Bajwa sahib showing literature of Promised Messiah to Kabir sahib

Shahriar Kabir is the recipient of numerous awards for his contribution to Bangla literature; he has addressed at least sixty international conferences, seminars, and workshops on issues of peace, communal harmony, and human rights. He came to share one of his recent documentary he made and during his short trip, he managed to stop by Bait-uz-Zafar. There was a freedom fighter from Bangladesh who also came with him along with few other guests. They were all entertained by Naib Amir, Zinda Bajwa sahib along with the Bengali Ahmadiyya Community members. Khalilur Rahman sahib was present with other Brooklyn members. Kabir sahib enjoyed the stay and was appreciated by the hospitality.

By: Shoeb Abulkalam



First Regional NY Metro Khuddam and Atfal Gathering @ Bait-uz-Zafar



Group picture of New York Metro Region in Bait-uz-Zafar

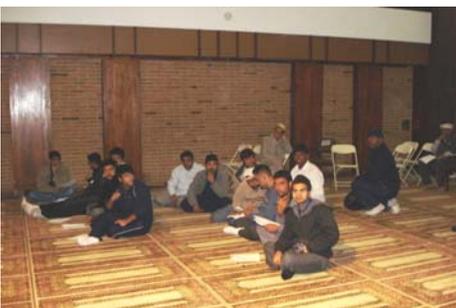
Queens Majlis hosted the first Khuddamul and Atfal-ul Ahmadiyya gathering of New York Metro Region, i.e. Queens, Brooklyn, Bronx, and Long Island Majlis in Bait-uz-Zafar. The main purpose of this congregation was to introduce the new Regional and local Amila of each Majlis, also completing the 3rd Talim Workbook.

Regional Qaid, Zeshan Hamid has coordinated this program and also prepared the food for everyone. Over 70 young Atfal and Khuddam attended on Sunday evening October 26th. Everyone prayed salat-ul-Isha first and then enjoyed the delicious

food. The program followed after dinner with the recitation of the Holy Qur'an and a nazm. Zeshan sahib lead the pledge and welcomed everyone. He shared the prayer read out by Khalifatul Masih II and reminded all of us to continue to build the bond of brotherhood and follow the instructions of our Huzur (aba). He then introduced the new Regional Qaid who will be taking post from November 1st. Dr. Ahmad Chaudhry will be the Regional Qaid for NY Metro region. Zeshan sahib has been promoted to a National Amila member for Atfal -ul-Ahmadiyya. The next agenda was taking the 3rd Talim Workbook quiz for Khuddam while the Atfal attended a educational seminar on Halloween. Zeshan sahib, along with the Nazm Atfal from Queens, Long Island, and Brooklyn coordinated the program where Atfal learned the history of Halloween and why we as Ahmadi should not engage ourselves in such activity.



Jahid Ahmed, who came as a guest, taking part in the quiz jeopardy



Brooklyn Majlis as group C during quiz



Group A participating the quiz session

Khuddam were divided into three groups and were asked questions from the quiz jeopardy style. It was entertaining and after the quiz, everyone gathered together to take a group picture. There was a guest present also, Zahid Hossain brought his friend, Jahid Ahmed who has also visited in past. Jahid enjoyed the program and met new people. The program concluded with silent prayer by Nazm Atfal of LI, Irfan Alladin sahib.

By: Shoeb Abulkalam

We have started going door to door to collect funds for our first installment. We have a target of four million dollars and as it is our Mosque and we have a great attachment with sentiments, it is natural that most of the sacrifices will fall upon us and we have to come up with the funds to meet our obligations. So let us keep in mind our target amount and the maximum amount each and everyone can come up. May Allah enable us to fulfill our obligations. Each and every one of us has friends and relations all over USA and the world. We should make a personal appeal to them to join us in this great cause.

We are grateful to Mubarak and Mudasar Jamil for donation of carpet for the children of Tahir School. Also Rashid Ahmad has installed cameras for security purpose and thanks to Rashid Ahmad who has made our Mosque hi tech by installing card system for access to the mosque. Jazakallah.

Majlis Ansarullah News

National Ansar Majlis Shoora and Ijtema was held at Masjid Bait-ur-Rahman, Silver Spring MD from Oct 17 thru 19. There were 13 Ansar attended the Ijtema and participated in both Educational and Sport events. Queens Majlis received sports prize in Volley Bal, Arm Wrestling, Horse Shoe & Rassa Kashi. Unfortunately the participation from the Jama'at was very low.

Local Majlis meeting was held on October 5, and most of the Ansar are continuing to participate in waqar-a-amal of the new mosque.

Zaeem sahib has shown the concern about the continuously decline of the attendance at the local meeting and requesting all Ansar to attend monthly meeting on regular basis.

By: Iqbal Ahmed

Online Holy Qur'an Education Website, New Classes !

We launched a new website for online Holy Qur'an education. The purpose of this website is to provide class information, registration and other resources about online Holy Qur'an classes held by efforts of Taleemul Qur'an department. Please check it by clicking on any of the following links below.

<http://www.understandquran.org>

<http://learnquran.us>

We are adding few new new classes to our list.

BR02 - Basic recitation class:

Mirza Mahmood Ahmad Sahib will start a new class on Wednesdays 8:30pm EST. This class is in addition to his class already in progress on Monday's. The new class will be starting on Oct 22nd. Registration is open. Please click on the "available class" link on the navigation tool bar. The duration of class is 6 months.

BT01 - Basic translation module 1 class:

Dr Hameed Ahmad Naseem Sahib will be starting again his translation class BT01 starting from Oct 22nd. Registration is open. This class will cover verses 1:1-2:53. This class is excellent opportunity if you are new to learning translation of the Holy Qur'an. Duration of complete class is 3 months

BT02 - Basic translation module 2 class:

Basic translation class BT2 is starting from Oct 21st. This class will cover verses 2:54-2:115. Duration of complete class is 3 months.

In next few weeks we will Insha Allah start more classes on Basic Recitation and Basic Translation. We are also looking into starting classes on Advance recitation (Tajweed). We will Insha Allah keep you posted.

A certificate will be issued for those qualified registered students who will attend class with significant attendance and also meet other requirements.

Fakhar Khalifa

Assistant National Secretary, Taleemul Qur'an and Waqf Aardhi

Assalamo alaikum wa Rahmatullah

In his sermon of October 3, 2008, Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih V (aba) has advised the members of Jama`at to frequently recite the following prayer:

Hudhur Anwar (aba) mentioned that the Promised Messiah (as) has written in his book, Haqeeqatul Wahi, that during the case filed against him involving Mr. Karam Din in Jehlum, he used to recite the above prayer. Hudhur (aba) further said that in a recent dream, he was also indicated that he should advise the Jama`at members to recite this prayer frequently.

O my Lord! Every thing is your servant! O my Lord! Protect me! Help me! and have mercy on me!

Members of Jama`at are advised to recite the above prayer frequently and also regularly pray for safety and security of the Jama`at and its members. May Allah Almighty accept all our prayers. Ameen!

Wassalam,
Dr. Aslam Daud
National General Secretary

For Protection against Enemy

دشمن سے پناہ مانگنے کی دُعا

*Rabbi qullu shai' in khaa-dimu-
ka rabbi fah-faznee wan-surnee
war-hamnee*

O my Lord! Everything is Your servant. O my Lord! Protect me, help me, and have mercy on me (Tadhkirah)

رَبِّ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ خَادِمٌ رَبِّ فَاحْفَظْنِي
وَ اَنْصُرْنِي وَ اَرْحَمْنِي۔

اے میرے رب۔ ہر ایک چیز تیری خدمت گزار ہے، اے
میرے رب تو میری حفاظت فرما اور میری مدد فرما اور مجھ پر رحم

فرما (تذکرہ صفحہ ۴۵۸)

Waqfe Nau Class in Bait-uz-Zafar

Queens, New York is one of the largest "boroughs" in the whole world. With a population of over 2 million and it makes up one of the five boroughs that make up New York City. Here in Queens there is a huge population of Ahmadis with over 200 Ahmadis living here. There are also about 70 children in Queens. Due to this huge population of children, it is a duty for the Jama`at to educate these kids to help in the victory of Islam. In order to do this the Queens Majlis holds weekly classes on every Saturday and teach all of the children several topics from Early Islamic Stories to Knitting. Also, Queens has one of the largest Waqfe Nau populations in the USA. Thus, Queens also has separate classes for the Waqfe Nau.

The Waqfe Nau have a harder syllabus than the others because of the higher expectations required from them. These classes begin promptly at 9:30 with an assembly and end with Zuhr prayers. There are different levels both for boys and girls. The children are placed in levels according to their knowledge of what is required in the syllabus. Currently the groups are 1, 2, 3 for Girls and Remedial, 1 and 3. There are 5 different teachers who teach these children several things. All of these teachers are well educated in each field and are well qualified. The subjects that are taught include Salat, Holy Quran, Urdu, Religious Knowledge, Hadith and General Studies. Each subject is taught according to the level that the child is in. The children also get 15 minute breaks to eat snacks and talk with their fellow students.

These classes are highly successful and several of the children have won many awards in their Ijtema locally and regionally. May Allah enable the Queens Jama`at to continue these classes and may the children that are taught in the classes help in causing the Victory of Islam. Ameen.

By: Safwan Akbar

Public Relation Regional Seminar

The regional seminar to train members from each of the Jama'at of this region was held at Bait-uz-Zafar. This was the first regional meeting to be held at the new mosque. Representatives from New York, Brooklyn, Long island, New Jersey North, Central Jersey, Connecticut and Boston were present.

It was conducted by Naib Amir Waseen Malik assisted by Mohammad Ahmad Chaudhry of San Jose and Imam Zaki Kauser. Naib Amir Dr. Nasim Rehmanlah sahib was also present and chaired the program.

From New York, Dr. Ahmad Chaudhry, Asad Bajwa, and Ghulam Rabbi Ahmad participated. Imam Kauser Sahib also attended.

The object of the seminar was to train spokesmen for the Jama'at and streamline Jama'at communication and all that goes with it.

Secretaries A/V and Ziafat provided the support to the organizers.

National Secretary Talim to Visit students:

On Saturday, Nov 8th, 2008 at 1:30 all students of high school and college going and also advance studies such as medicine and PHD must come for a luncheon with the National Secretary Talim. He will also address the Tahir school students during class hours.

Weekly Hulqa Gathering

After Discussion with Huqa Nigrans, it was decided to ensure that we have close relationship with our new mosque, every Hulqa will choose one day a week to come for Isha prayer along with the families and children. Members will be notified with the day of the week by their Hulqa Nigran with hope that every member will make this program a success.

FINANCE

Despite Mosque fund and KCC collection, we came close to our last year figure In Tahrike Jadid and retained participation rate above 80%. Let us go for waqfe Jadid and ensure that we exceed last year closing. May Allah reward all those who participated in Tarike Jadid fund. Jazakallah.

More Tabligh News

Due to the location of our new Mosque, several visitors came to the Mosque. A couple came and were given tour of the Mosque and they said new to the area and would like to make this mosque as their place of worship and send their children to classes here on Saturdays. Also several Sri Lankan Muslims came to the Mosque and were treated to Lunch and lively discussion. Our vice president Fasasi Sanusi and Ahmad Mubarak sahib hosted the guests with question and answers. Books on Islam and Ahmadiyyat were also distributed to them along with DVD on Ahmadiyyat.

Salat-ul-Isha Timing!

Salat-ul-Isha will be held at 7:30 pm during Fall and Winter Months. The time will remain the same until late March, 2009.

Planning for a trip to Qadian?

If you intend to attend Jalsa Salana in Qadian then please contact General Secretary, Iqbal Ahmad sahib for details and instructions.

SPORTS

Kashif Chaudhry and his team played the first Basketball league game last week. The team lost 84 to 76 but it was a very high scoring game, where 20 min half time is stopped on every whistle like the real games. Members are requested to attend to watch them in action! For more info, contact Kashif Chaudhry.

New York's Finest Passes Away...

New York Jama'at has lost a very active young man. Moaz Bajwa suddenly collapsed at work and within few hours died in a hospital.

أنا لله و أنا اليه راجعون

Inna lillahi wa inna ilahi raji'un

His death came as a shock to every member of the Jama'at. He was loved and respected by all. A young man who would do all that Jama'at called upon for his technical services. He was an inspiring example for the youths especially that migrated to this country. He went to technical school and got his certification and at the same time learnt English and progressed from unskilled minimum wages to blue collar professional eager to extend his expertise to all who may require his assistance.

A great sportsman and regular in Jama'at and Khuddamul Ahmadiyya activities. The secretary Property Hafeez chaudhry says he was there in fore front during the renovation of the Mosque and was actually there all day a day before he passed away installing new electrical systems. The regional Qaid Dr. Ahmad Chaudhry said he was a good partner working for Khuddamul Ahmadiyya on the Adapt a highway project and at the same time a great hitter when it came to play golf.

He was a Moosi and leaves behind many admirers, a widow and a baby boy 14 months old. He was first cousin of Naib Amir Zinda Bajwa sahib.

Naib Amir Daud Hanif sahib led his Janaza Prayers in which scores of his co workers were present and members from Canada, Texas, and Washington area along with New York Metro area.

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