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2009 Shura at Baitul Rehman

Up Coming Events:

May 2nd-3rd -Saturday-Sunday-Ansar Regional Ijtema @ Bait-uz-Zafar

May 3rd –Sunday– Lajna Meeting

May 10th -Sunday-@ 10:30 am -Regional Tarbiyyat Workshop for all young khuddam & Lajna and parents

May 15th -Friday-@ 8:00 pm- Kulu Jamia - social gathering - please bring snacks and share with other members.

May 16th -Saturday-Regional Khuddam and Atfal Ijtema @ Bait-uz-Zafar

May 17th –Sunday—Lajna Meena Bazar @ Bait-uz-Zafar

May 23rd-Islamic Games Tournament

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May 31st -Sunday-Khilafat Day



This year there were four members from New York Jama'at who had the opportunity to attend the 2009 Shura in Baitul Rehman from April 24th-26th. Naseem Bajwa sahib, Ahmad Mubarak sahib, Abdul Ghafoor sahib, and Shoeb Abulkalam were the shura delegates along with President Nazir Sahib arrived on Friday Afternoon in Maryland for the gathering. This year there were 5 proposals which were being dis-

cussed in the Shura, where they fell under Tarbiyyat, Tabligh, Rishta Nata, General, and Finance departments. The delegates were nominated by others and were divided into five groups and discussed the proposal and came up with an agreement to a solution. They were presented in front of Amir sahib on the third day. Members gave their opinions and the proposals were sent to Huzur (aba) for the final approval. For some of us were the first time experience as a Shura delegate from NY Jama'at while others are an old timer (Nazir Ayaz sahib has attended all the shura in USA). It felt like a small jalsa where all the local presidents from all the Jama'at and all the National Amila members were present. Meeting the members from various Jama'ats and meeting new Ahmadi brothers truly gives a place of comfort in the heart. The unity of Khilafat and the obedience & zeal for Jama'at were present among every member in the Shura. By: Shoeb Abulkalam

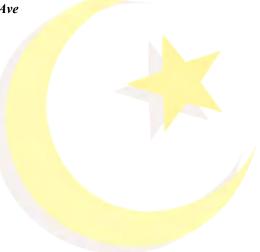
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Swine Flu Exclusive

HAND-WASHING INSTRUCTIONS

- Many infections and illnesses can be prevented by simple measures of personal hygiene. Following Islamic teachings and the sunnah of
- Holy Prophet (sa) about cleanliness can protect us from many diseases.
- While there is no need to panic about recent news about the out break of Human Swine Influenza, please remember that hand washing, when done thoroughly and frequently, is the single most effective way to prevent the spread of communicable diseases.

Health officials recommend following these steps to keep hands clean:

- 1. Wet your hands with warm running water.
- 2. Add soap, and then rub your hands together, making a soapy lather. Do this away from the running water for at least 10 seconds, being careful not to wash the lather away. Wash the front and back of your hands, as well as between your fingers and under your nails.
- 3. Rinse your hands well under warm running water. Let the water run back into the sink, not down to your elbows.
- 4. Turn off the water with a paper towel and dispose it in a proper receptacle.
- 5. Dry hands thoroughly with a clean towel.

Performing Wudu five times daily is an excellent method for protecting yourself from infections.

- It is a good habit to cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it (Don't keep it in your pocket or purse!)
- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hand cleaners are also effective.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread this way.
- Try to avoid close contact with sick people.
- If you get sick with influenza, it is recommended that you stay home from work or school and limit contact with others to keep from infecting them.

What is Swine Flu?

- Swine Influenza (swine flu) is a respiratory disease of pigs caused by type A influenza viruses that causes regular outbreaks in pigs. People do not normally get swine flu, but human infections can and do happen. Swine flu viruses have been reported to spread from person-to-person, but in the past, this transmission was limited and not sustained beyond three people.
- The symptoms of swine flu in people are similar to the symptoms of regular human flu and include fever, cough, sore throat, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue. Some people have reported diarrhea and vomiting associated with swine flu. In the past, severe illness (pneumonia and respiratory failure) and deaths have been reported with swine flu infection in people. Like seasonal flu, swine flu may cause a worsening of underlying chronic medical conditions.
- Spread of this swine influenza A (H1N1) virus is thought to be happening in the same way that seasonal flu spreads. Flu viruses are spread mainly from person to person through coughing or sneezing of people with influenza. Sometimes people may become infected by touching something with flu viruses on it and then touching their mouth or nose.
- Infected people may be able to infect others beginning 1 day before symptoms develop and up to 7 or more days after becoming sick. That means that you may be able to pass on the flu to someone else before you know you are sick, as well as while you are sick.

What should I do to keep from getting the flu?

- First and most important: wash your hands. Try to stay in good general health. Get plenty of sleep, be physically active, manage your stress, drink plenty of fluids, and eat nutritious food. Try not touch surfaces that may be contaminated with the flu virus. Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- If you get fever, cough or sneezing, it is good to see a doctor.

Dear & Respected Members,

Message from Imam Inamul Huq Kauser Sahib on Swine Flu

Assalamao Alaikum wa Ramatullah.

It is very unfortunate that swine Flue is spreading all over the world.

- 1) We should especially pray for the safety of all Ahmadies all over the world and the whole humanity at large.
- 2) Taubah (Repentance) and Istighfar sholud be repeatedly made.
- 3) Syedna Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV (Rahemahullah) had mentioned that if any epidemic spreads, any where in the world, we should take Arnica 1000 and Acconitum 1000 Mixed (once a day for Three days and then once a week, as a preventive.

Yours in service Imam Inamul Huq Kauser,

Seerat-un-Nabi Meeting



By the grace of Allah, we had our Seerat-un-Nabi program on April 18th from 2-4 pm. After weeks of preparation and hundreds of invitations sent to different contacts, we had 45 plus guests in attendance. alhamdulillah! Our program started with the Recitation form the Holy Quran which was done beautifully by Mueenuddin Ahmad, after this there was an Urdu poem recited by Jamil chaudhry sahib of New Jersey. Then there was a brief welcome message given by our vice-president Fasasi Sanusi sahib, then one our Non-Ahmadi guest, Imam Qazi Mohammad Qayyoom sahib spoke on the topic Holy Prophetsaw, the perfect model of toleration & moderation. Afterwards there was a brief speech given by Harpreet Sing Toor who is the Chairman of the Sikh Cultural Society. He spoke on Holy Prophetsaw as the

Preacher of Peaceful co-existence with all Faiths. Then there was a Qaseedah presentation in Arabic by Safwan Akbar and Taimur Hamid. Then another guest speaker, Imam Abdul Baqi Hamed of Brooklyn, spoke on the topic Holy Prophet-

saw as the liberator of humanity. At the end respected Inamul Haq Kauser sahib talked on the life of Holy Prophetsaw from the Ahmadi Perspective. There was also Questions and answer session followed by concluding remarks led by our respected Naib Ameer, Daud Hanif Sahib. Delicious Food was served which guests enjoyed. Gifts were also presented by Sectary Tabligh to the guests which included 2 books namely Philosophy of Teachings of Islam, and Islam's response to contemporary issues. The guests were also invited for the peace conference to be held on June 7th. A thank you email was sent to all guests. The program was recorded and will be shown on QPTV in upcoming weeks. Overall the program was a great success and we hope to continue such programs on Life of Holy Prophetsaw in near future. Inshallah!



Report By: Naved Saeed

Blood Drive!

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community has partnered with the NY Blood Center to host and sponsor a blood drive in Union Square in Manhattan on Saturday, May 30th, from the hours of 12:00-5:30. Since there is a shortage of blood supply and each donation can save three lives, this is a very worthwhile cause and a great opportunity for us to show what a positive impact we have on our community. Come join us and bring your family and friends. For more information, contact your local Qaid or Nadim Malik at 646-418-2995. May Allah be with you!

JOB POSTING

There is an opening for a business consultant. This person needs to have strong business acumen skills, preferably with an MBA. Also, it would be preferably if the person has strong fluency with Visual Basic and MS Excel for business modeling purposes. Contact Rizwan Alladin *ralladin@alum.mit.edu*

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Publications

Dr Afshan Malik of Manhattan Hulqa had her article published in a hematology journal "Annals of hematology", its regarding a case of a patient with detection of blood cancer on his genetic studies without any evidence of cancer on the blood test reports. She is doing her fellowship in hematology at a hospital in Manhattan.

Regional Lajna Ijtema

By the grace of Allah, the Lajna and Nasirat held a regional ijtema from April 11th to 12th. We started with an opening session led by Regional President Auntie Bushra Butt from Long Island Jama'at. Bariah Ahmad recited Qur'anic recitation with translation. Next was nazm by Naila Suleiman of Long Island followed by a warm welcoming speech by Queens Lajna Vice President, Auntie Rehana Nayyar. The Nasirat and Lajna split up into three groups: ages 7-13, ages 14-25, and ages 25+. The girls from ages seven through thirteen went upstairs to watch a movie and they discussed the lessons learned from the movie. The young Lajna played 'sisterhood bingo', introduced themselves, and went downstairs to the gym to play games. The Lajna 25+ had a series of workshops conducted by different Jama'ats. The workshops included presentations as well as quizzes. We had namaz and lunch after games. Auntie Bushra Butt conducted a workshop on humor. This workshop included why we needed humor and how it relieves stress. The young Lajna and Nasirat also did handicraft. This included decoupaging (similar to paper mache) of vases. Some girls also painted picture frames. A sleepover was held at the mosque on Saturday and about 30 Lajna and Nasirat participated.

On the second day, we started with namaz and breakfast. Following breakfast, there was an opening session about breaking culture barriers between the younger and older generations. Issues of friends, education, marriage were among the few discussed in a cultural context. The goal of the session was to foster communication between mothers and daughters. The older Nasirat and young Lajna also went mini-golfing on Sunday. The chaperones for mini-golfing were Farida Ahmad, Nailah Nasir, Auntie Rehana Nayyar, Saira Bajwa and Auntie Fahmida of Long Island. The Nasirat then took their Nasirat test. After the test, Nasirat came downstairs and joined the program. After the concluding prayers, there was namaz and lunch. Overall, it was a great experience for the Lajna, Nasirat, and Inshallah we will be able to do this more often.

By: Aisha Ahmed

Lajna Report

The monthly Lajna meeting took place on April 5, 2009. Recitation of the Holy Quran with Urdu translation was done by Rashida Bajwa and English translation was read by Maryam Bajwa. Hadith was read by Naeema Ahmad and translation by Farida Ahmad. Poem was recited by Afsheen Butt. This was followed by the Talim workshop held by Naeema Mahmood. New Lajna workbooks have arrived and questions were answered relating to verses from Sura Bagarah.

In an effort to have open communication, President Farkhanda Ahmad then conducted an informal discussion, calling on various Lajna to share their feelings about coming to Masjid, how they like the meetings, and how they feel when they come to Masjid and meet other members. Different Lajna members went onstage and shared both their positive and negative experiences. The president thanked them for sharing their thoughts and for helping us to improve ourselves and our jamaat.

Next, the Tarbiyyat workshop was held by Dr. Salamat Majeed who discussed how truthfulness is the root of our tarbiyyat. She advised members to observe the truth, observe all five Prayers and recite the Holy Quran daily. Lastly, Farah Ahmed explained the purpose of Tehrik-e-Jadid. She discussed the Daftars that Huzur (aba) has started and told members that they should be aware of what Daftar they belong to. Announcements were made by Farkhanda Ahmad who announced that we won the national Lajna award for 2nd Best Majalis. She also stressed speaking the truth at all times and listening to Friday sermons regularly. The meeting ended with Silent Prayers and refreshments were served.

By: Bariah Ahmed





PEACE CONFERENCE

On April 23rd, we had over 30 religious and community leaders join us for a leadership conference on promoting peace through dialogue. Fasasi Sanusi sahib started the meeting with Tilawat. Kauser sahib introduced the community and stressed the important role our community is playing in encouraging interfaith dialogue. Part of Huzoor's speech from recent peace conference was shown to the guests. Rabbi Bob Kaplan commended us on the work we are doing in promoting peace. Rev. Charles Norris said that as an ex. he has been reading books on Islam to help him better understand another religion.

By: Asad Bajwa



There will be regional workshop on May 10th conducted by the National Tarbiyyat Secretary. It will be focused on Family life and we strongly encourage parents to attend along with their teen and adult children. The format of the meeting is based on workshops and discussions.

Congregation prayers at Bait-uz-Zafar: It is warm and long days of spring and summer and gives us incentive to get out and enjoy the breeze of spring and on the way we can stop at the Masjid to say the evening prayers along with our families. Moreover we can spend some time in the Gvm at Bait-uz-Zafar and sweat it out to get rid of that extra load we carry,

Halqa meetings Bait-uz-Zafar at Maghrib time:

Mondays Bait-uz-Zafar Halqa Tuesdays Flushing and Bayside Fridays Manhattan and Elmhurst Saturdays Richmond Hill

Visit of Tarbiyyat secretary to Howard Beach Halga:

Karim Sharif sahib along with the Halqa Nigran Riaz Rehman visited some of the families in Howard beach.

Parents, please make sure all children ages 6 and above are available for two week summer camp that will be held at Bait-uz-Zafar, July 11 to 19. Please ensure that all children are available including youths and if they plan to attend other classes or take vacation, then please take these dates into consideration and work around it. Lots of effort is being planned for the sake of our children.

An evening with Pakistani leaders

Several members of the Jama'at led by the Nazeer Cheema sahib, president Bronx Jama'at attended a dinner with a Prince group and his comments were reported in a local Pakistani paper about humaning.



We are glad to announce that Brother Chudhry Shafiq Lyllpuree has accepted the true Islam. May Allah Bless him and we welcome him warmly to the fold of Ahmadiyyat.

Lajna Social Report

On Saturday, March 28th, 2009, 5 Lajna members, Nadia Naeem, Farah Naeem, Wajiha Ashraf, Halima Muhammad and Alia Khan went to River Fund, a charitable organization, for volunteer work. The Lajna members worked from 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM, making 500 sandwiches, 500 grocery bags and distributed food items and clothing among 500 needy people.

On Saturday, April 25th, 2009, 5 Lajna members, Sana Nasar, Saba Nasar, Ayesha Ahmad, Rehana Nayyar and Alia Khan went to River Fund, a charitable organization, for volunteer work. The Lajna members worked from 7:30 AM to 12:00 Noon, making 550 sandwiches, 1000 grocery bags and distributed meat, cereal, vegetables, canned food and desserts among more than five hundred needy people.

> Rehana Nayyar Social Secretary

Soon we will be starting bookstall as summer season is approaching volunteers are needed for the job they can contact Asst.sect Tabligh or Sect Tabligh for more information.

Tabligh team decided to hold specialized open houses to invite people at Baituz Zafar. Once dates are finalized, we will contact you!

Our Jama'at Question & Answer Program is shown on QPTV (Queens Public Television) every Wednesdays channel # 35 @7:30 pm & on channel 56 every Tuesdays @ 3:30 pm.

1010 WINS will be air the last two weeks of our Radio Advertisement in April and May. Dates and timing details will be sent to members via email.

Tabligh Progress Report

Over 500 pamphlets and invitation cards distributed for Seratunnabi 60 Books and information on Islam presented to guests

Our Seertunabi program held with 45 plus guests in attendance. However, our Jamaat member attendance was poor! We had three 6 Imams present at the program; our respected Naib Ameer Daud Hanif sahib and Imam Inamul Haq Kauser sb represented AMC. A follow up thank-up email was also sent to all guests.

On April 23rd we had our interfaith program in which many religious leaders from various communities were invited including- Muslim, Jewish, Christian & Buddhist. All the guests were also invited to join us for Peace conference to be held on June 7th.

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

4 more programs have been submitted under the topic Liqa ma'al Arab dealing with two questions- was Imam Mahdi a prophet of Allah? & how can we prove the truth of promised Messiah from holy Quran?

Bangla Desk (Reaz Rahman)

Amila decided to stop on going advertisement in all newspaper until further notice. We have sent Q&A & DVD to some guests and a couple called back to express appreciation.

Special Ad appeared on two Bengali newspapers inviting people to attend Seratunnabi program.

A few guests and one reporter from Bengali newspaper came to Serat-un-nabi program

By: Naved Saeed

Khuddam Workshop

- 22 Khuddam met in Bait-uz-Zafar on April 24th where they participated in a workshop which was geared toward practicing the syllabus for the upcoming Regional Khuddam Ijtema. Karim Sharif sahib and Naeem Ahmed sahib taught the proper recitation of the Holy Qur'an and gave some tips in memorizing suras. Ahmed Mubarak sahib advised how to give an impromptu speech in less than 3 minutes. Reaz Rahman gave tips on how to recite nazm in a melodious voice. Regional Qaid sahib, Ahmad Chaudhry talked about the upcoming Regional Ijtema and also about the national ijtema.
- A follow up workshop was held on May 1st where Khuddam came for the review where Ahmad Mubarak sahib and Karim Sharif sahib helped prepared again for Speech and Holy Qur'an competitions.



The New York Metro Regional Khuddam/Atfal ijtema will take place on Saturday, May 16th at Bait uz Zafar. The syllabus will follow the national khuddam/atfal syllabus which can be found at http://www.mkausa.org/Taleem-Education. Please direct questions to Regional Qaid, Ahmad Chaudhry at Ahmad@post.harvard.edu or 516-459-8653.





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The webpage for Online Holy Qur'an classes is http://www.alfurqan.us

BT02S - Basic Translation of the Holy Qur'an (May -Oct 09)

Tuesday's at 8:30 - 9:00pm EST Instructor: Hameed Ahmad Naseem

> Status: Enrollment open Start Date: May 12th, 2009

Duration: 6 months Prerequisites: None

The class is focused towards teaching basic translation of the Holy Qur'an. The class will cover the 2:54 to 2:115 of the Holy Qur'an. The course will include word to word translation as well as some basic Arabic grammar



Amir sahib of Norway along with his family attended a dinner reception in his honor at Bait-uz-Zafar attended by Amila members of the NY Metro Jama'ats along with Imam Kuaser sahib. At this occasion Ahmad Mubarak sahib recited some of his newly written poetry. There was al lively question and answer session.

Earlier in the month, Mubaligh Ashraf sahib of Calgary also paid his visit to our new mosque in New York.

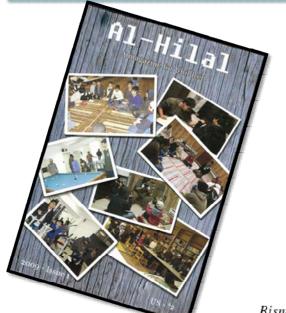
First Current Affairs Gathering



On Friday, April 17th the first Khulo
Jamia or Current Affairs Program was
held on 7:30pm after Magrib Prayer.
Members brought dishes of delcious
food and were enjoyed by everyone
and a question/answer session was
led by karim Sharif sahib where lajna,
Ansar, Khuddam asked various
questions on many topics.

During the memorial weekend, our khudam will be participating in the Islamic games to be held in NJ. as you may recall our MKA team won the basketball championship and also won medals in the track events. This year MKA will depend its basketball title and also participate in soccer competition and other games. If anyone is interested to compete, please contact the regional Qaid Ahmad Chaudhry and others please get directions to watch games.

Khuddam started preparing for the competition by going to Cunningham Park and practicing soccer. 10-15 Khuddam have started participating so far.



Pictures of Atfal from Queens were featured in the current Al-Hilal Magazine issue cover page

Bismillah-ir-Rahman-ir-Rahim

AHMADIYYA MUSLIM COMMUNITY, USA

Jama'at Tarbiyyat Workshop

(Bronx, Brooklyn, Long Island and Queens jama'ats)

Chastity and Marriage

for bachelors, young couples, and bachelors' parents

(a unique opportunity to discuss chastity/modesty, match-making, spouse selection, and marital challenges)

10:30 AM - 3:30 PM Sunday, May 10, 2009

Bait-uz-Zafar Mosque

188-15 McLaughlin Ave, Holliswood, NY 11423

(Breakfast & Lunch will be served – Inshallah)

National Tarbiyyat Department

ntsusa@yahoo.com

TAJNEED

It is only two months to go before the Fiscal year comes to end, so please look into your past dues and let us all of us make our pledges of Chanda/ wasiyyat and Jalsa salana 100%.. Jazakallah.

Mosque project

We took a short pause after the payment of first installment and now it is time to start the movement again and go for maximum effort to come up with the required amount of six hundred thousand for the second payment. There are friends and relatives of all of us. Let us include tem in this blessed project by inviting them to contribute towards our mosque fund. Basically, the burden is on us and we have to raise once again to the occasion so that generation to come enjoys the fruits of our sacrifices.

Recently we bought chairs and it was made possible by the funding of the following: Dr Mir Mubarak Ahmed, Shafiq Cheema, Rashid Ahmad, Dawood Ahmad and the Long Island Jama'at. We are grateful to the president of Long Island Jama'at, Arshad Junjua sahib and members of the Jama'at. Jazakallah. May Allah Reward them all.

So please start sending in your mosque fund contributions and please remember most of it has to come from our pocket. Jazakallah.

SPORTS

Our Basketball team that for the first time joined a local league ended the session failing to go into playoff by one game. The main players were Kashif Chaudhry, Khoram Bajwa, Imran Ahmad, Farhan Ahmad and Saqib Hashim.

Our two members are playing for a team in the cricket league that has just started its session. Ali Kokhar and Masrror Ahmad play for the same team.

Just to remind you, ladies have exclusive usage of the Gym during morning hours.

Please ensure that your children, particularly the new born are all registered with the Jama'at. There is a short form to be filled and it is available at the Mosque.

Huzur's (aba) Pictures

High Quality Pictures of Huzur's (aba) visit to the USA 2008 and Huzur's visit to India and Qadian 2005 which are available for viewing and purchase. Please visit ahmadiyya.us or log on to http://ahmadiyya.us/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=538;albums-available-to-puder&calid=105&itemid=124

BIRTH

Mr. and Mrs. Ahmad Khwaja were blessed with a baby girl

Congratulations to the parent: May Allah bless the newcomer and make her the light in their parents' eyes.

MARRIAGES

- Nadir Mahmood and Maryam Agha of Pakistan were married in Pakistan and their Walima was held in New York. Nadir is the son of Mr and Mrs. Ahmad Mahmood.
- Numan ahmad and Samman Awan of Germany were married in Germany while Waleema was held in New York. Numan is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Aziz Ahmad

Congratulations to the Married Couple, May Allah make their marriage success, Amin.

Death

- Mohammd Ramazan sahib passed away. He was the former member of our Jama'at and brother of sister Amna Hamid, Aziz ahmad and Karm Ellahi sahib. He was buried at the Jamaat's graveyard in Long Island. Brother of Riaz Jahangir Sahib passed away in Pakistan.

انّا لله و انّا اليه راجيعون

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.