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UP COMING EVENTS:

April 2nd–3rd – Saturday & Sunday– MKA Masroor International Sports Tournament in Philadelphia

April 10th Sunday– Ansar and Lajna meeting @ 11am

April 10th Sunday– Regional Khuddam meeting will take place in Baitul Huda, LI

April 17th Sunday– Public Meeting – Unite against Extremism – Please bring Guests, see inside for details

April 22nd–23rd – Saturday & Sunday– National Shura USA in Maryland

May 1st Sunday– Jama'at General Meeting @ 6pm

Tahir School– every Saturday at 9:30am

Jumma @ 1:30pm. Check daily Prayer timings Inside

Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya meets every Tuesday between Maghrib and Isha

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New York Jama'at celebrates Masih Maud Day



On March 20th, 2011, the annual processions for Masih Maud Day were held at the Bait-uz-Zafar. In attendance were Lajna, Ansar, Khuddam, Nasirat, and Aftal from all parts of the New York Metro

region, with a good portion of attendees being from the Brooklyn/Staten Island, Queens, and Long Island Jama'ats. The program started at 5pm with the recitation of the Holy Qur'an by Mahmood Ahmad of Queens. Following him was Rizwan Ahmad from Queens and his recitation of an Urdu poem selected from Durr-e-samin. Abdul Hadi Nasir Sahib provided an English translation of the poem. After these recitations, Nazir Ayaz Sahib introduced the first speaker of the afternoon, Muhammad Suleiman Sahib, the general secretary of the Long Island Jama'at.

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Suleiman Sahib gave a twenty-five minute presentation consisting of a life sketch of the Promised Messiah^{AS} and of a proof of the Promised Messiah's truthfulness as evidenced through numerology. Following this highly engaging presentation was Amish Dar Sahib, who gave the audience a brief story about why he accepted Ahmadiyyat. Attributing his conversion to Allah, he said, "I was able to follow the path of renunciation". He explained how he made radical changes to his lifestyles so that he could avert the four binding worldly desires of women, fame, fortune, and power; his talk was deeply introspective and equally moving for the audience. After him was Naeem Ahmad Sahib of Long Island, who gave a speech about the Promised Messiah's similarities to other prophets titled "The Champion Of Allah In The Guise Of All The Prophets". After this speaker, Manzoor Ahmad of Brooklyn provided a refreshing interlude with his recitation of another Urdu poem from Durr-e-samin which was subsequently translated once again into English by Abdul Hadi Nasir Sahib. Finally, resident missionary Daud Hanif Sahib gave the closing remarks, touching base on what everyone had said and adding to it with his own knowledge.

Following the conclusion of the program was an Ameen ceremony conducted by Daud Hanif Sahib for two young Nasirat, Samara (9 years old) and Noor (7 years old). The day ended with refreshments provided by the Queens Jama'at and prayers.

By: Burhan Ahmad, Brooklyn

Tabligh Report

- * Aside from the continuous Tabligh activities that we continue to do every month, we have been planning to hold another seminar. Since Imam Daud Hanif Sahib had been away for a few weeks, we were simply waiting for his approval and guidance as to how to set up the program. Once he came back, Imam Sahib finalized all of the details for the event, which will be held on April 17th, 2011 with a topic of: "Unite Against Extremism". Nowadays, this issue is all around us in every society regardless of race or ethnicity, and we plan on analyzing it from a religious perspective, hoping to get out the word that there is no room for any sort of extremism in Islam. Please bring guests and please come on time. There is a flyer included in this issue – use it as invitation and if you need invitation card, please contact Abdul Gafoor sahib.
- * The Jama'at has invited a few recognizable people, in terms of holding a religious event. The Chairman of the Board of Rabbi's for New York City, The dean of Journalism from Columbia University, a few Civic Association members, Congressmen, and other local Officials are a few members who will combine to for our panel at the event. It is requested that all members of the Jama'at attend and bring a guest, as well as pray for the success of the event. This event is being held on an extremely large scale, so it is urged that the cooperation of all Jama'at members is needed. If members need any support or anything to help make this event successful, please contact the Imam Sahib or the Jama'at President.

Report By: Abdul Ghafoor sahib

Tahir School

Tahir school starts its new semester and report cards will go out soon. We will pay much attention to those students who remain absent consistently and come late. Also it is required by parents to ensure students spend sometime during the week to go over the lessons so that they remain at or above average level of competency in the class.

A Note Of Appreciation:

- * Muzzafar Mahmood and a non Ahmadi friend of his worked for three days wiping and polishing the floor at Bait-uz-Zafar
- * Also due to Lajna national event, many members of the Jama'at – men and women gave their valuable time in waqr-e-Amal to bring Bait-uz-Zafar to an impressive look. Also many men and women volunteers their time during the Lajna event and there are those who hosted the guests attending the event. To all those, Jazakallah and Allah bless you.

Ameen ceremony:

The ceremony took place at the Masih Maud Day meeting of the two sisters – Noor and Sumra, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Khalid Bhatti. It was conducted by Imam Daud Hanif Sahib.

1st Bangla Desk Regional Program:



The first Bangla Desk gathering of 2011 took place in Bait-uz-Zafar on Sunday, February 27th, 2011 at 5pm. Members arrived from Brooklyn and Queens to discuss some of the topics of Ahmadiyyat. Khalilur Rahman sahib Conducted the program, while Reaz Rahman sahib, hosted the program. There were also recording of questions by the members for the "Shotter Shondhane" program which is anticipating to broadcast on April program.



HUMANITY FIRST

Humanity First Dinner

Humanity First USA is holding its annual dinner on May 3, 2011 from 6PM-9PM (volunteers need to arrive at 5PM for set up) at 4 West 43rd St, New York, NY 10036. Part of the proceeds will go towards the Japan natural disaster.

We are looking for volunteers and need your help. Please contact Nadim or Attiya Malik if you are interested (646) 418-2995 attiya.malik@us.humanityfirst.org

Prayer timings at Bait-uz-Zafar

**Fajr: 4:50 AM****Zuhr: 1:00 PM****Asr: 5:00 PM****Maghrib: After Sunset****Isha: 1 hour after Maghrib**

Dars is given every evening after Isha

MKA National Amila meeting @ Bait-uz-Zafar



The first national Amila meeting for MKA USA took place in New York Metro region, in Bait-uz-Zafar in March. Khuddam and Atfal of Queens Majlis came and helped in setting up and helping providing food to all the National Amila Members. Khuddam from Queens, Long Island, Bronx, and Brooklyn helped with accommodation and transportation. Overall it was a great success and the gathering was also considered as a regional gathering.

Regional Career Workshop @ Bait-uz-Zafar

On Sunday March 6th 2011 at Bait-uz-Zafar Mosque we were fortunate to have among us a guest speaker, Glamis Haro who has led many professional workshops and seminars on some great topics. On this day she held two 2 workshops back to back for our jamaat members. The first one was on "How to Save for College/How to Fund College Education". It was geared towards students and parents alike. There were many great points made. One of them being that there are grants and scholarships available and one can find them if they research it. A second point that was made was that there is a shortage of teachers and great demand for them so much so that if one chooses this as their career path not only will they most likely not have to pay for college but they will come out earning good pay. Nursing was another field that was mentioned with very good demand and long term outlook with good pay and benefits..

The Second Workshop was on "How to Start Your Own Business" Many details were covered as to how to save for and fund the start up of a business. It was also recommended that good partnerships be established with a CPA and Attorney and Banker, as they will be the best allies of a small business owner. We had many business owners in the audience and many others who were very interested in starting a business.

There were close to 40 attendees. Much times was spent on Q&A and even after the conclusion during social time when snacks and tea were served Glamis Haro was gracious enough to stay with us and continue to answer questions for us. The feedback from the audience was overwhelmingly positive and the program by the grace of Allah was a big success. It was hosted by The Sanat-o-Tajarat Team and if you have any questions you may feel free to contact Shahzad Latif or Fahim Malik. A very special thanks also goes to Karim Sharif for extending the invitation to Glamis Haro and persistently pursuing her to come to Bait-uz-Zafar.

By: Fahim Malik

MKA Regional Sports Day



Khuddam and Atfal from Brooklyn, Bronx, Long Island, and Queens gathered in the gym across the Masjid for the regional sports day. Khuddam and Atfal played soccer, basketball, and volleyball. Afterwards everyone prayed Zuhr and Asr together and enjoyed lunch. This was a preparation toward the Masroor International Sports Tournament.



The Lajna Meeting started with the recitation of the Holy Quran by Sister Binash Nayab who recited verses 190-193 of Sura Al-Baqarah along with Urdu/English translation. Next Hadith #4, *The Holy Prophet is the Last Law-Giver*, from 40 Gems of Beauty was recited was Sister Naila Ahmed with translation and short commentary. Sister Salamat Majeed gave a commentary on this Hadith in Urdu and read some references from Malfoozat relating to the Hadith. Poem was recited by Sister Farhana Ahmed.

The Taleem Workshop was held by Sister Salamat Majeed who once again read important parts from the book of the Promised Messiah (as), Kishti-e-Nuh. As it has been 3 months since we started workshops on this book, most members were expected to have started reading and finished reading by now. Sister Salamat also finished reading the book and gave a brief summary. She then went on to elaborate where the Promised Messiah (as) gave advice to women about marriage. Hazur also advised women to be pious, righteous, pray 5 times a day and pay zakaat. A detailed question and answer session was held after this reading in which members asked questions about marriage in Islam.

Next was our Tarbiyyat Workshop which was led by Sister Qudsia Ghayur on Purdah. This was the last workshop on this topic and Purdah in different cultures was explained. Sister Qudsia explained how different cultures observe Purdah in different ways depending on where they live, how the weather is, etc. She then called up 4 members from different countries to explain how Purdah was observed in their countries. Our first Sister was from Trinidad who said that from childhood they were told to wear decent clothes. They wore dresses past their knees that had full sleeves, with loose pants and their hair was to be braided. Sister Saleema said that back then people didn't cover their heads or wear burqa's but now, the people of Trinidad were starting to. Our next speaker was Sister Alia Khan who is from Guyana. She said that although people of Guyana don't really cover their heads, they wear decent clothing. A long sleeved shirt with long skirts is their dress. She explained that during her childhood, most people didn't cover their heads but now because of Ahmadiyyat, more and more people were starting to observe Purdah by covering their heads. Farhana Ahmed, who is from Bangladesh, said that people in Bangladesh are very liberal people. They're not strict about observing Purdah and she came from a family that didn't enforce Purdah upon her. After she was married, she started wondering why covering your head was so important and she was looking for a logical reason as to why she should cover her head. Once she got her logical explanation, then she herself started covering her head and observing Purdah. Our last speaker was Sister Saima Basharat who represented Pakistan. She explained that there were three ways of properly observing Purdah. Purdah is not only covering yourself, but keeping your eyes down. Purdah of the eyes is just as important as physically covering yourself. She said that a coat should be worn that is below the knees, a Scarf should be worn on the head that covers the front, and that eyes should be kept low.

Lastly, concluding comments were made by our President, Sister Farkhanda Ahmad. She started off by saying that the Mentoring Meeting was coming up and that all workers must observe Purdah at all times. She also explained that kids should be told from a younger age to observe Purdah and not that as soon as they hit 18 you just come out and tell them they have to start observing Purdah. Sister Farkhanda went on to say that the Mentoring meeting was coming up and that members are requested to be good hosts and to welcome all the guests kindly. Lajna and Nasirat dues are also requested to be paid as soon as possible. The Lajna test is also due and is requested that it be done and handed in as soon as possible because the deadline is almost here. Sisters who have not received a hard copy of the test can also go online to take the Taleem test. The meeting concluded with silent prayers.

~ Bariah Ahmad

Respected Nazir Ayaz Sahib,
Assalamo Alaikum wa Rahmatullahe wa Barakatohu!

Message from Sadr Lajna, USA

This is just a brief note to say Jazakallah to you and all the men of Queens Majlis, and perhaps also the men from the neighboring Majalis, who worked so diligently for the Lajna Mentoring Meeting held last weekend at Bait uz Zafar. On behalf of all who came to the meeting I want to say how much everyone truly appreciated all their work in Ziafat and Transportation and in any other way that they might have helped us. The food was delicious - a key factor in a successful meeting, and in every way, by the Grace of God, our meeting went very well, Alhamdulillah!

I am also especially grateful to sister Farkhanda Ahmad, Queens Lajna Sadr, who shouldered the responsibility of the planning for several months and under whose guidance the Lajna worked for the meeting and transformed the rooms in Bait-uz-Zafar so that they were very pleasant and comfortable.

May Allah bless you for inviting us to your spacious Mosque for this event. May He bless the Queens Jama'at and lift every hardship from the people there. May He bless your Mosque, Bait uz Zafar, and make it a guiding light for the American people, Insha Allah. Wassalam,
Saliha Malik, Sadr, Lajna Ima'Illah - USA

Message from Regional Sadr Lajna

Assalamoalaikum Ayaz Sahib,

I wanted to thank you for all the hospitality and comfort extended by the members of your Chapter -Lajna, Khuddam, &Ansar, during the mentoring meeting. As you must have already heard, it was a huge success and everyone had nothing else to say but praise. Jazakallah for providing us the opportunity to hold a national event there. I am pretty sure, we will be contacting you again in the future for more programs. Please extend my heartfelt thank you and praise to all who worked so diligently to help Lajna in every department. May Allah reward them plentiful. On another note, I gave Farkhanda Ahmad a check of \$500.00 towards your Masjid fund.—Wassalam, **Bushra Butt**



By the Grace of Allah, the Spring Term for the Waqfenau Classes began on March 12th. The parents were invited that morning for a brief orientation on looking forward to improvements, including greater accountability inshallah. That would assist in recognizing the student's progress. Some of the older Waqefate-Nau have joined for a new Quran and Arabic class lead by Hadi Nasir sahib. Prayers are requested for the Waqfeen, that Allah may accept them and make them His righteous servants in the forefront of Jamaat-e-Ahmadiyya. Allahuma-amin.

~ Mueen Ahmad

Unite Against Extremism

A Seminar to discuss the rising tide of religious extremism around the world

- How extremist ideology has shattered the social, political and religious fabric of society
- What is the source of religious extremism
- Why the West should care
- How can we promote global "Freedom of Religion and Expression"
- Comments from leading Political, Civic and Community Leaders

When: April 17, 2011

Where: Bait-uz-Zafar

188-15 McLaughlin Avenue, Hollis, NY 11423

Time: 2:00 PM

Refreshments will be served

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Seminar presented in partnership with:



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"You are the best people for you have been raised for the benefit of mankind."
- Holy Quran (Chapter 3, verse 111)

There is a drive scheduled in Queens for Saturday May 14th from 12pm to 6pm on Bell Blvd outside the LIRR in the memory of Shuhadas (Martyrs) of Pakistan.

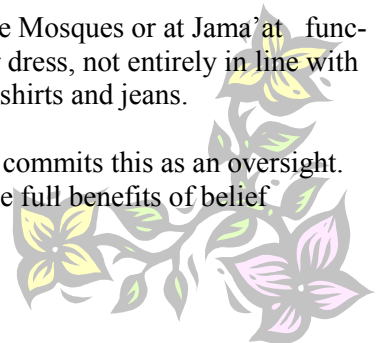


Letter from Ameer Sahib with Huzur's (aba) instructions

Our members follow the codes of proper dress for a Muslim, especially when attending the Mosques or at Jama'at functions elsewhere. It has been brought up to Huzur that sometimes individuals ignore proper dress, not entirely in line with expectations of modesty, specifically where some ladies have been reported to wear short shirts and jeans.

Kindly remind our membership/individual members about the information, so that no one commits this as an oversight. Observation of even seemingly minor Islamic dictates is in some way a requirement for the full benefits of belief (eeman). Hazur has high expectations of all of us. Let us rise up to those.

May Allah be the Guide of every Ahmadi in USA Jama'at. Ameen.



Mosque Fund:

We sent out letters to all members thanking them for the past sacrifices and to start with payments for the 6th installment. We would like members to approach their relatives and friends wherever they maybe to participate in this noble cause. Let us work together to raise all that much and this is the only way to reach our Target if we work together in the process of collection. Jazakallah.

Finance: (chandas)

We are in the last quarter of the current fiscal year and lets start working on the dues so that we do not get burdened at the last minute. We will be sending out current status in the next few weeks, Inshallah.

National Shura Delegates:

Amir sahib has approved the following members to represent the Jama'at in the forthcoming Shura: Ahmad Mubarak Sahib, Karim Sharif Sahib, Ghulam Rabbi Ahmad sahib and Mahmmod Bhutta sahib.

Meeting with U.N Representative of U.N commission on Human rights:

A visitor from Sweden, Mr. Naseem Khan who was visiting USA for the National Public Relations conference met with Sweden's ambassador to United Nations and also the representative of Human rights commission in New York. He was accompanied by Nazir Ayaz sahib.

Public Relations:

Fahim Malik attended the Interfaith group meeting on behalf of the Jama'at that is sponsoring an event in May

Marriage:

Dr. Ahmad Chaudhry, our general secretary was married to Mareen Bashir in Boston. Their walima reception was held in NY. *Congratulations to the Married Couple, May Allah make their marriage success, Amin.*

Birth:

Mr. and Mrs. Nadir Mahmmod were blessed with a baby girl. *Congratulations to the parents! May Allah bless the newcomer and make her the light in their parents' eyes.*

Deaths:

- * Aunt (Khala) of Dr. Shahed Ahmad, President Brooklyn Jama'at and Rafi Ahmad, passed away in Cleveland
- * Wife of Khalilur Rehman sahib of Brooklyn passed away after fighting cancer for number of months. Her Janaza took place at Bait-uz-Zafar and deceased was buried at the Jama'at Graveyard in Long island. She was the sister of Mohammad Sattar sahib of Queens and Mohammad Gaffar sahib of Brooklyn
- * Nephew of Aziz Ahmad sahib, Karim Ellah sahib and Sister Amna Hamid, passed away in Pakistan
- * Father of Nasir Shaded sahib passed way in Pakistan.
- * Dr Saleh Alladin sahib passed away in India. He was the brother of Rashid Alladin sahib of Long island and father-in-law of Dr. Karim Sharif sahib. Dr Saleh Alladin sahib was a renown international personality. We in New York had the opportunity to hear words of wisdom from him at several occasions during his visit to New York over the years
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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.

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