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Upcoming Events

November 1st: Lajna Meeting @11 AM and
Ansar Meeting @ 11:30 AM

November 5th: Public Forum on "Religion,
Freedom & Peace" @6:30 PM

November 14th: Quran & Science
Symposium @10 AM

Tahir Academy every Saturday 9:30–1:30 PM

Gym every Saturday after Zuhr Prayers—Lajna
gym every other Saturday

Dars every Wednesday after Isha Prayers

Watch for monthly Tahajjud schedule

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ATFAL VISIT CAPITAL



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Fordham University Forum – On October 25th, Fordham University held an open-forum on Interreligious Peace & Tolerance as part of their theology department which hosted approximately 650 students. Our Tabligh department attended the event and distributed various books and other literature and made many new contacts.

Blood Drive – On October 15th Hunter College hosted a blood drive with which the jamaat also participated in for its success. We collected 90 pints of blood with a grand total of 115 registrants.

Ahmadiyyat the True Islam – On November 5th the Tabligh department has arranged a dialogue titled “*Ahmadiyyat the True Islam*” which will be held at 58 Park Ave, Manhattan. In this regard, we’re requesting all members to reach out to all their respective contacts via email, phone and in person if possible.

Holy Quran & Science Exhibition – On November 13th Bait-uz-Zafar is hosting a Holy Quran & Science Exhibition (a national event) as such, we’re reaching out to all colleges, Mosques, Churches and Synagogues. All Jamaat members are requested to participate in this grand event and bring some guests to benefit from this rare opportunity.

By: Abdul Ghafoor

New Bai’at!

We welcome a new Khadim, Reza Islam to the true Islam. He is a lawyer by profession and was introduced to Ahmadiyyat by Sadia Chaudhry. May Allah bless him and reward him for this noble step in his life.

Tehrik-e-Jadid Report

Tehrik-e-Jadid was closed on October 31st, 2015. Alhamdulillah, we collected much more than last year and would like to request prayers for all those who helped in making this a success: President Sahib, Lajna Sadr Sahiba, Bebi Yasmin Sahiba, Bhutta Sahib, Abdul Ghafoor Sahib and Qaid Sahib.

- ♦ The following are 5 members who contributed over \$1,000: Farkhanda Ahmad, Sadia Choudhury, Mirza G. Rabbi, Tahir Sheikh, and Dr. Salamat Majeed.
- ♦ The following are those who contributed \$500 or over: Abdul H. Ahmad, Zinda M. Bajwa, Shoeb Abul-kalam.
- ♦ The following are children who contributed \$50 or more: Huda Mahmood, Samina A. Malik, Raza Malik, Tamseel A. Tanveer, Husna Mirza, Mirza Hasib, Umar Rana, Sammar Rana and Kamran Yahya.

May Allah reward all those who contributed to this blessed scheme. Ameen.

Finance

Chanda statements have gone out to all and we hope members will review it and take appropriate action.

We included first timers among ladies and those who have started working recently. We also included some new members who have gone on retirement benefits.

One thing we observed is that there is a good number of members who have yet to pay Chanda in this fiscal year, showing no amount paid in the first quarter.

At the close of last fiscal year, our Jamaat was second in Chanda Aam and sixth at Jalsa Salana. Let us start working from now on to raise our goals to achieve better standings as individuals and as a Jamaat collectively.

May Allah reward those excelling in financial sacrifices. Ameen.

General Meeting:

This month's regular majlis meeting was held on Sunday, October 4th at Bait-uz-Zafar. The theme of this month's meeting was, **"Forbearance – Coping with Trials and Tribulations"**. The meeting started with the recitation of Holy Quran by Mohd. Afzal sahib from Chapter 2 Verse 156, 157. Ansar Pledge was recited by Zaeem sahib. Khalifatul Masih's religious guidelines were presented by Naeem Mansoor sahib. Zaeem sahib, along with Iqbal Ahmad, discussed the questions relating to tarbiyyat and held an interactive discussion with all the members. The health topic regarding strokes was discussed by Attah Alhassan sahib. We were honored to have national Qaid Talim ul Quran present in the meeting and have him participate in the tarbiyyat discussion and provide the members his advice on the topics discussed. He reminded members about the wording in the Ansar pledge and emphasized to act upon the words of pledge and create real brotherhood among each other. He also advised us to establish congregational prayers at the mosque and encouraged majlis members to recite the Holy Quran with correct pronunciation and translation. He also encouraged members to memorize the the entire Sura Al Naba.

Nazim sahib was also present in the meeting and thanked majlis members who attended the national Ijtema which was held at Bait-ur-Rahman on **September 18, 19 and 20**. Majlis members were also reminded to pay their majlis chanda and also pay the Tahrik-Jadid and Waqf-a-Jadid chanda. The meeting concluded with the silent prayers and lunch was served after Zuhur prayers.

Ansarullah members helped during the Lajna national Shura which was held at Bait ul Zafar on October 23, 24 & 25 in cooking and transportation.

Zaeem majlis election: Inshallah we will be holding the Zaeem election on Sunday Nov. 1 during our majlis meeting. All majlis members are request to attend.

Tahajud Prayers were held on Sunday October 18 and 12 members participated. We will hold another Tahajud prayer in November (Insha Allah).

Medical services

If you need to contact an Ahmadi doctor for prescription or a second opinion about medical treatment please call 716-800-1889.

Feed the hungry program:

During the month of October, four Ansar members volunteered for the Feed the Hungry program at the SNAP Center. SNAP is a social services agency providing for the needs of the senior citizens residing in the borough of Queens. Along with other services they are delivering 2700 meals a month. 12 man hours were spent.

The next ansar meeting will be held on Sunday November 1 at 11:30 AM. The topic of this month meeting is" **As a family, how are we doing with congregational Prayers?** "



Majlis-e-Shura, Lajna Ima'illah 2015

With the Grace of Allah Almighty, Queens, NY Jama'at was blessed to host Majlis-e-Shura 2015 for Lajna Ima'illah USA. Queens Jama'at put in many weeks of hard work and time to prepare for this event. Along with members of Queens Jama'at, members from Brooklyn, Bronx and Long Island Jama'at also participated very actively. Sadr Lajna, Asifa Mahmood Sahiba and her team, which consisted of many Lajna members, including those between the ages of 15-25 sacrificed a lot of time and worked extensively to put this event together. The Khuddam and Ansar also helped in the cleaning of the Masjid amongst other preparations.

On behalf of Lajna Ima'illah, we humbly thank our Sadr, Nazir Ayaz Sahib, the entire Ziafat team, Security team, and Transportation team, who all played a very large role in the success of our event. They prepared the food, provided 24 hour security for the Mosque as well as carried out the task of the transportation of our guests. JazakAllah!

Lajna Monthly Report

Queens Lajna held their annual Seerat-un-Nabi day which started with the recitation of the Holy Quran by Aniqah Farakh. Next, Hadith was read by Naeema Ahmad Sahiba along with the commentary and a Nazm was recited by Bariah Ahmad.

The first speech was prepared by Sister Sadaf Latif on the "Importance of the Kalima Tayyiba." In her speech, she discussed the importance of the Kalima Tayyiba and the intense worship of Allah by the Holy Prophet (saw) who always prayed for his children whom he treated with love and kindness.

The second speech was on the "Tolerant Teachings of Islam as Personified by the Holy Prophet (SAW)" by Sister Sadia Chaudhry, who discussed how the Quran preaches the rights of Non-Muslims and the actions of Jihadi organizations are misleading the world and what Islam truly teaches. She explained how the Holy Prophet (SAW) allowed the Jews to worship in the Mosque because it was the house of God. The Holy Prophet (saw) saw people of all religions as equals and tolerated people of all religions, as should we.

Next, we had a Panel Discussion on the "Rules the Battles of Islam Gave Us" which was conducted by Sisters Farah Ahmad, Khoshnoor Paracha, and Dr. Salamat Majeed Sahiba. They started off by explaining why wars took place and emphasized that they began after the Holy Prophet (saw) started spreading the message of Allah and Islam. However, the Holy Prophet (saw) never started a war to protect himself, but to protect the world of Islam from its transgressors. In the world today, ISIS is spreading their message through extreme violence, going against all teachings of Islam in terms of rules for war. It is necessary for all Ahmadi parents to discuss these matters with their children so that they are aware of the dangers of these groups, as these groups target the youth through social media. The last part of this discussion described what the Holy Quran says about war. The panelists explained that one of the main conditions for starting a war is if failing to fight jeopardizes peace. Permission to fight is only given to those who have been attacked and the fighting should only take place for the sake of God, not out of anger.

Qaseeda was prepared by the Nasirat, after which an Urdu Speech was presented by Sister Zainab Mohar in Urdu, on the Qualities of the Holy Prophet (saw). A similar speech was prepared by Sister Alina Ahmed in English, "The High Morale of the Holy Prophet (saw).

In conclusion, a small quiz was prepared on the topics covered during the session and candy was given to those who answer correctly. Announcements were made and the meeting ended with silent Prayers.



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2. Khuddam provided 24 hour security shifts monitoring the doors of Bait-uz-Zafar during the four days of the National Lajna Majlis-e-Shura, they also assisted in transporting Lajna members to/from the airport as well as helped in the preparation of food
3. Khuddam Email system has been established and Alhamdulillah we are now able to send all news through the new email group.
4. The Khuddam meeting was held this month and the year-long progress updates were shared
5. Khuddam helped fix the basement floor, tiles, painting the wall, cleaning up garbage, and assembling furniture for the office and moving furniture and tables, chairs around in order to install new carpet in the library and office.
6. Khuddam attended the food pantry and helped in preparing food to serve 700+ families at the Richmond Hill church in Queens.
7. Khuddam started the clothing drive in Masjid and will be donating the collections to a charity fund.
8. Khuddam got together in Masjid after Maghrib prayers every Friday for a book study club where Tarbiyyat, Tabligh, and Taleem topics are discussed.
9. The Khuddam Chanda collection is over 85% alhamdulillah.
10. Fajr fit takes place on weekends where Khuddam come for Fajr prayer and then take part in light exercise.
11. Khuddam gather for Dars every Wednesday after Isha prayer in Masjid.
12. Khuddam attended Tahajjud prayers this month.
13. Khuddam distributed leaflets and books during Tabligh events.

Ta'lim

COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS ASSISTANCE:

Completing high school and entering college is an exciting milestone all students look forward to. At this time of the year, most high school seniors are in the throes of completing their college admission applications. Many of them may be stressed out about composing their personal statements or deciding which college(s) they should apply to. Many may be worried about how to pay for college, etc. Some students are resourceful enough to figure it all out on their own or with help from their parents, elder siblings, friends, student counselors, etc. Others may need help. The Ta'lim Department is available for providing assistance promptly because time is of the essence.

Please contact your local Ta'lim Secretary, Zulfikar Sikder, for more information and assistance - zulfikarsikder@gmail.com or (917) 324-4005. You may also contact National Ta'lim Secretary Nasir Malik Sahib - nasir.m.malik@ahmadiyya.us. Together we will find a way to help. Insha-Allah.

Quran and Science Symposium

The 3rd Annual Quran and Science Symposium is being held on Saturday, November 14th, at Bait-uz-Zafar.

Keynote speakers include Maulana Naseem Mahdi Sahib. There will be a special ladies breakout session, team jeopardy, a science fair, great food, and exciting talks.

There will be lively discussions from relevant topics ranging from evolution, cloning, cancer, honeybees, genetic engineering, the Coming of the Messiah, Hadrat Adam, Hadrat Noah's flood, and more.

Students are strongly encouraged to attend. Anyone who brings science posters from school will have their work displayed. Please register online at www.muslimscientists.org so we may get an accurate estimate of attendance and plan accordingly.

Tahir Academy has begun its semester with Imam Daud Hanif Sahib teaching Qur'an. We also have two new staff members: Rizwan Ahmad and Maaham Ahmad. We get support from MKA and this makes running of the classes smooth and effective.

Tarbiyyat

We have started Dars-ul-Quran every Wednesday after Isha prayers (7:30pm). The Dars is given by Hadi Sahib and Ahmad Mubarak Sahib.

Arrangements have also been made to hold Tahajjud prayers on a monthly basis organized by Auxiliaries and Dars from Tafsir-e-Kabir will also be given.

It is good to note that some of the Taxi owners start their morning shift with Fajr prayers at Bait-uz-Zafar. We hope others will join in and start their days after offering prayers in congregation.

New Additions to the Masjid

Those who have visited Baituz zafar must have noticed several displays in the front lobby introducing Islam and Ahmadiyyat.

There is a historical display of New York Jamaat in the back lobby and in the office, one can find plaques awarded to the Jamaat coming from various organizations and government.

There is also a display of Qurans in various languages and now, the new additions are displays on the Holy Quran. Please ensure to go over and bring guests to introduce the Quran and its beautiful teachings.

Birth

Mr. and Mrs. Tahir Sheikh were blessed with their first child, a baby girl. Tahir is our Jamaat's Finance Secretary.

Congratulations to both parents and may Allah make these children a source of happiness for the parents.
Ameen

In Case of an Emergency

While you may have come to Bait-uz-Zafar many times, it is important that you know where the emergency doors are located. Please remember to never obstruct the emergency doors. Unattended heaters are not allowed in Baituz zafar. Park your cars legally in the parking lot and on the road. Never share the Baituz zafar access code with strangers. May Allah be our protector at all times and at all places.

Obituary:

The sister of Mohammad Afzal Sahib passed away in Pakistan.

أنا لله و أنا اليه راجعون

Inna lillahi wa inna ilahi raji'un

May Allah The Almighty elevate the status of the deceased in paradise and grant Patience to their family members to bear their loss. May Allah grant all the deceased a high status in Paradise. Ameen.