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Upcoming Events

March 6th Lajna Meeting @11 AM and
Ansar Meeting @ 11:30 AM

March 12th: MKA Ijtema

March 18th—20th: Lajna Mentoring
Conference

March 26th: Masih Maud Day @7:20 PM

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

Dars every Wednesday after Isha Prayers

Book Review every Friday after Maghrib
Prayers

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MUSLEH MAUD DAY



On Saturday February 20th, Queens Jamaat celebrated Musleh Maud day at Masjid Baitul Zafar after Maghrib prayers. Presided by Imam Daud Hanif Sahib, the program commenced with the recitation of the Holy Quran. Verses from Sura Al-Jumma were recited by Waheed Ahmad with translation. A poem "Ehd shkini Na Karo" from Kalam-e-Mahmood was presented by Shakeel Ahmad followed by its translation by Mahir Ahmad.

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The prophecy in Urdu was read by Rizwan Ahmad and in English by Danish Chaudhry. Ahmad Mubarak Sahib held an interactive session on simple life of Hadhrat Musleh Maud, its aspects radiating from the prophecy. The audience was asked to contribute on that, which gave everyone a refreshing opportunity to have an insight on having a simple life. Naib Amir, Imam Daud Hanif Sahib shed light on the meaning of prophecy and how to look at it with the victory of Islam and the glory of it through the heavenly signs promised by Allah.

The program concluded with Silent Prayers after which a poem “ Barrthi Rahay Khuda Ki Mohabbat” was played on screen and later Isha Prayer was offered. Dinner was served by the Ziafat team

By: Ahmad Mubarak

Tabligh

Jan 31 – By the grace of Allah the Exalted we successfully held an interfaith symposium titled “The True Islam” under the umbrella of Seerat-un-Nabi Day at Bait-uz-Zafar. We welcomed 87 external guests with an estimated 250 guests in total. Amongst the attendees were elected officials, university professors, distinguished scholars and Ph.D’s along with detailed news coverage by NY1 which may be seen at <http://bit.ly/24i6Yld>

Moderating the event was our respected Dr. Ahmad Choudhry Sahib along with a panel of 17 guest speakers from all different faiths whom stood united to endorse the 11 points of True Islam. Each speaker gave an eloquent introduction of their respective faiths and segued onto the subject of how their own faiths endorse the same 11-points in a slightly different fashion. Following the main event was an interactive Q&A session giving our audience a chance to ask any questions they might have in regards to the campaign. At the conclusion of the program our beloved moderator requested every individual to reach for their smartphones and navigate to www.trueislam.com in order to endorse the 11- points. Refreshments were then served and each guest received special gifts which included various Jamaat books including the Holy Quran and titles such as “World Crisis and the Pathway to Peace”, “Philosophy of the Teachings of Islam” and “Islam’s Response to Contemporary Issues” along with a t- shirt and Jamaat pen.

The Tabligh department would like to give special thanks to our respected President Sahib and Qaid Sahib for their leadership; Khuddamul Ahamdiyya for all their hard work in preparation of this event and providing security; Ziafat team for preparing and serving our guests with all the wonderful refreshments.

Jazkallah

By: Abdul Ghafoor

Bangla Book Fair



On the weekend of February 27th and 28th 2016, Eku-she Bangla Book Fair was held in Jackson Heights, Queens. Bangla books published from New York and Bangladesh were on display. We were able to attend the bookfair and set up 2 tables consisting of our English and Bangla Jama'at books and Holy Qur'an. We also propagated the Islam campaign to everyone who stopped by our stall and had posters on display. We were also interviewed by 3 Bangla TV stations which were shown on local Bangla channels last week in New York. Alhamdulillah, we sold many books mainly children's books and we made more money than what we paid to rent the stall. Inshallah we will participate in another book fair on Saturday March 26th 2016 and then again on May 20th - 23rd in Queens.

Honor for NY majlis:

With the grace of Allah and all of your help, majlis New York got the 3rd position in USA and Zaeem sahib received the trophy from Huzur (ABA) at the ALC in London. All national majlis Ansarullah Aamla, Zoama's and a few invited guests were among the attendees at ALC. From NY majlis, Naib Zaeem Iqbal Ahmad and NY regional Nazim Mohammad Arshad Janjua sahib were also present at the ALC in London. They all had a chance to meet with Huzoor (ABA) and also visited Islamabad, Jamia Ahmadiyya London and Makhzan Tasaweer while we were in London. The hospitality that was given to us while in London was excellent.

General Meeting:

This month's regular majlis monthly meeting was held on Sunday, February 7th at Bait-uz-Zafar. The theme of this month's meeting was, **"Holy Quran is a Part of Our Lives"**. The meeting started with the recitation of Holy Quran by Rashid Ahmad sahib from Chapter 2 Verse 1 thru 10. The Ansar Pledge was recited by Zaeem sahib. Zaeem sahib also reminded all majlis members that it is important to recite Holy Quran every day. Religious guidelines, Hadith & writing of Promised Messiah (AS) were presented by Zaeem sahib and discussion of the tarbiyyat exercise began followed by Naeem Mansoor sahib and Nabeel Munir sahib relating to the guidelines described in the workbook. Tahir Mahmood sahib discussed the health topic about nutrition and answered questions from the majlis members. Zaeem sahib reminded members that they should make sure to listen to Hazur's khutba every week. He also reminded members about the majlis chanda as well as the Tahrik-jadid & Waqf e jadid chanda and also requested for help as how to increase attendance in monthly meeting. Zaeem sahib also discussed with the majlis members the majlis Ansarullah USA priorities for this year and offering congregational salat at the mosque as much as possible.

Priorities for this year:

1. Ansar praying congregational salat most of the days at mosque or at home.
2. Reciting Holy Quran every day.
3. Participating in National Ansar Ijtema in September 23-25 at Bait-ur-Rahman MD.

Medical services

If you need to contact an Ahmadi doctor for prescription or 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 March 6th at 11:30 AM. The topic of this month meeting is **"What does a truly successful marriage mean?"**

High School Visits our Masjid

On New Years Eve, The khuddam were distributing 'Muslims for Peace' flyers around Times Squares. Mark Dempsey, the principal of Thornton-Davidson of New Rochelle happened to be at Times Square and received one of our flyers. He was impressed with our message - and contacted us afterwards to arrange for his entire high school class to visit our Mosque and learn about Islam..

By: Asad Bajwa

On a sunny but cold morning on Feb 1st, 140 students, teachers, & parents visited our Mosque. The students were from grades 8 through 12. The program started with Tilawat by Waheed Ahmad, Maulana Daud Hanif Sahib addressed the guests and gave them an overview of Islam. Salaam Bhatti Sahib discussed how emperors were influenced during the lifetime of the Holy Prophet (SAW). This was followed by a Question/Answer session with Daud Hanif Sahib which lasted for more than an hour.

Qaid Sahib along with his team as well as some Lajna members were their to assist with the program.



Lajna Report

This month's Lajna Meeting started with recitation of the Holy Quran by Alina Ahmad. Hadith was by Zainab Mohar. It was followed by a poem read by Sister Rashida Hamid. The Taleem program was then conducted by Sister Tehmina Rafique. She informed members that the Taleem test was available online. She distributed login information to take the test, the deadline of which is in first week of April. She then discussed the proof of death of Prophet Jesus (a.s) from the Holy Quran. She said there are 30 different verses in the Holy Quran in support of this. She discussed that the proof of death of Prophet Jesus(a.s) is the rejuvenation of Islam. She then discussed that Promised Messiah (a.s) came to clarify any misconceptions and restore Islam to its original state. Dr. Salamat furthered the discussion of the rejuvenation of Islam. It was followed by the tarbiyaat program which was led by Sister Farah Ahmad. She focused on the 5th condition of Ba'ait. She read Hadith from Huzoor's Friday Sermon of September 20, 2013 in which the seven stations of heaven were mentioned. All the stations of heavens were read out by various members who were given signs and slips to show and read respectively. The vices that were discussed by each were: backbiting, pride, arrogance, self conceit, envy, mercilessness, and boasting. Members were advised to follow the sunnah of Holy Prophet(s.a.w) and to constantly keep an eye on how our current actions are going to affect us in the hereafter. It was then followed by a discussion by Sister Rashida Hamid about the nana mujjahid scheme and the Waqfe nau scheme. All kids from birth to 15 years old should pay \$50 per year. She then called all the kids that had paid last year for this scheme to come and be recognized and also act as incentive for other kids to participate in this scheme. Sister Farkhanda Ahmad then talked about Chanda Aam. She reminded sisters that those working or receiving social security or pension should pay Chanda aam which is 6.25% or 1/16 of income received. Sadr Sahiba then closed the meeting with silent prayer.

By: Faiza Bajwa

Khuddam Report

- ◆ Few Khuddam and Atfal shoveled and cleaned snow
- ◆ Khuddam participated in Khidmat-e-Khalq and Waqar-e-Amal and Tabligh
- ◆ Nazm Talim shares information through Whatsapp
- ◆ Monthly Taleem slide was shared during khuddam meeting
- ◆ Discussions about Hazoor Friday sermons are done with Atfal during Tahir academy
- ◆ Khuddam provided security around the Masjid for multiple events
- ◆ Khuddam meeting was held where upcoming goals and projects were shared
- ◆ khuddamul Ahmadiyya Queens planning to attend 16 weeks long workshops with NYPD
- ◆ Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya Queens now have Khuddam teaching classes during Tahir Academy, every Saturday.
- ◆ Atfal-ul Ahmadiyya Queens held monthly Atfal meeting.
- ◆ Khuddam and Atfal distributed True Muslim vs the Extremist fliers during the Bangla Bookfair in Jackson heights
- ◆ Khuddam chanda collection is over 50% now
- ◆ Khuddam come for Fajr everyday and do Fajr fit on weekends, gather for Dars every Wednesday after Isha and gather for Book Club every Friday
- ◆ Atfal go to the gym every Saturday after Tahir class to play sports. Atfal also play soccer in the field during weekends.
- ◆ Local Ijtema will be Inshallah on March 12, 2016 in Bait-uz-Zafar.
- ◆ Parent Teacher Conference took place on February.



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On February 13, 2016, Queens Jamaat held the regional Waqf-e-Nau Ijtema in Bait-ul-Zafar.

There was much preparation involved so that this ijtema could be as successful as possible. The Waqf-e-Nau children of Queens gathered together to help make this Ijtema run smoothly and gathered to set up for the upcoming event. A big thanks goes to all the young workers who helped out throughout the entire day. An additional thanks to Sadr Lajna Sahiba and Qaid Sahib of Queens and all of the volunteers.

When it came to the actual day of the ijtema, there was a large turn-out, MashaAllah. The day began with breakfast at 9:30, followed by registration. The morning session was led by Hafiz Samiullah Sahib along with Mahmood Sahib (Sec. Queens). Afterwards, there was recitation of the Holy Quran by Qasid Bajwa with Urdu & English translation. Also, Mirza Ghulam Hasib recited the Qaseedah with translation. Afterwards, Mahmood Sahib used the opening session as a great way to remind us to remain steadfast in our Prayers, Quran and Huzoor's Sermons. Before the competitions, Hafiz Sahib led the program for children under the age of 5, and awarded them medals. After the opening session, the competitions began. There were various competitions, which included: Salat, Nazm, Religious Knowledge, Hadith, Holy Quran, and Prayers. The age groups that participated ranged from 5 to 16, and many children participated. The competitions moved very smoothly and efficiently to the point where we were actually ahead of schedule! Following the competitions, there was namaz and lunch. After lunch, the second session (separate for boys and girls) began with tilawat and poem and included many presentations from Waqf-e-Nau children.

Murabbi Sahib, Hafiz Sahib, as well as Nadeem Ahmed Sahib headed the closing ceremony and gave out prizes to both the boys and girls. MashaAllah, many children won from Queens Jamaat (The list of Winners is attached). Murabbi Sahib gave some closing remarks, and led us in silent prayer. Additionally, Queens Jamaat is very grateful for Hafiz Samiullah Sahib for spending the entire Ijtema with us.

We are thankful to all participants and people whom attended the Ijtema. May Allah bless you all!

By: Amara Mahmood

Girls:

NAME	POSITION	Age
Maherah Mohar	1 st prize	12
Husna Mirza	1st prize	14
Amatul Hayee Mariam	1st prize	17

Boys:

NAME	POSITION	Age
Anosh Ahmad	1 st prize	5
Umar Rana	2 nd prize	5
Kashif Bajwa	2nd prize	6
Krishen Ahmad	2nd prize	7
Abdal Ahmad	3rd prize	7
Hammad Bajwa	2nd prize	7
Kamal Mohammad	1st prize	11
Qaasid Bajwa	3rd prize	11
Mirza Gulam Haseeb	1st prize	12
Qasid Chaudhry	2nd prize	13
Zane Mahmood	1st prize	14
Farhan Ahmad	2nd prize	15
Danish Chaudry	3rd prize	15
Danial Mahmood	2nd prize	16
Mahir Mahmood	3rd prize	16

Islahi Committee Meeting

An Islahi Committee meeting was held on January 27th by the Tarbiyyat department for the first quarter of Jan-April 2016. The members in attendance were: Imam Daud Hanif sahib, Sadr Lajna Sahiba Queens, President Queens Nazir Ayaz sahib, Zaeem Ansar and Quaid Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya Queens.

This meeting was held due to the recommendations of Majlis-e-Shura (approved by Hazrat Khalifatul Masih). Points were discussed to diagnose and treat the societal ills we, as Jamaat members, can face in our daily life and help members at risk.

The issue to discuss and implement in this quarter was to focus on "living a simple life instead of craving pursuits" during the months of January – April. The meeting concluded after an hour of deliberation and after Isha prayers were offered

After careful deliberation between Sadr Khuddamul Ahmadiyya, Bilal Rana Sahib, Sadr Lajna Imaillah, Saliha Malik Sahiba and National Tabiyat Secretary, Faheem Younus Qureshi Sahib, we have received a Unified Nasirat and Atfal Syllabus, which is to be used from now on in all Tahir Academies. The Syllabus Outline and Guidelines are available in the following link:

<http://spiritualfitness.us/tahir/syllabus/>

The updated syllabus that will be used in the NY Tahir Academy has been distributed to all students and is available upon request in the Office, or via email in PDF version. The purpose of a unified syllabus is to provide one standard foundation for Atfal and Nasirat, it has been adapted from the 2011 Waqf-e-Nau Syllabus. The main source text is the Basics of Religious Knowledge textbook, it is available in the Masjid Bookstore for \$10. The students will be separated in their levels by competency and the syllabus will be taught throughout the year, which will be split into three terms. The subjects that will be taught are Qur'an, Memorization (Salat Prayer & Hadith), History and Values. A Bonus section is available for high achieving students as well. Detailed workbooks will be available in the future and will be provided by the National Tarbiyat Department,

Let's pray that the Unified Syllabus will be a great benefit to all our children. Let's also make these Tahir Academies a true "home for Atfal and Nasirat" where our children flourish with a strong and life-long connection to Islam and the Jama'at, insha Allah.

May Allah shower His abundant blessings on all who strive in His Way, Ameen.

Taleem

The Taleem Department is holding regular book study meeting in Bait-uz-Zafar every Friday evening after Isha. Presentation and synopsis of the books of the Promised Messiah (as) are given. Last week we had covered A Message of Peace and this Friday will begin Jesus in India, part 1. All members are requested to attend. JazakAllah.

True Islam Campaign

Names of those who volunteered for the True Islam campaign were compiled and will be sent to Mahdi sahib. There were initially 22 names of men and 14 ladies. We expect further instruction to come from the national Tabligh department.

Finance

It is time to send financial statements in the month of March. There are many who did not qualify for votes in the general elections because they are past due and it is four months to go before the year comes to end.

Birth

Mr. and Mrs. Mahmud Farooque were blessed with a baby boy.

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

Marriage

The nikah of Farida Sanusi, daughter of vice president Fasasi Sunusi with Saeed of Houston Jamaat was announced at Baitul Zafar.

Congratulations to both families and may Allah bless the newlyweds. Ameen