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UP COMING EVENTS:

Happy New Year!

January 3rd, Sunday— Jama'at meeting in Bait-uz-Zafar @ 4:45 pm – please note the new time. Meeting starts off with Maghrib prayers and the theme of the meeting is **"Does God Exist, Does He Care."** There will be panel discussion with question and answers. Please bring your family members and your guests. Dinner will be served

January 10th, Sunday— Ansar, Lajna, Khuddam meeting on @ 11:00am

January 16th, Saturday— Regional Waqfe Nau Ijtema @ 9:00am in Bait-uz-Zafar

February 7th, Sunday- Regional Tabligh workshop in Bait-uz-Zafar

Every Saturday Tahir School classes @ 9:30 am

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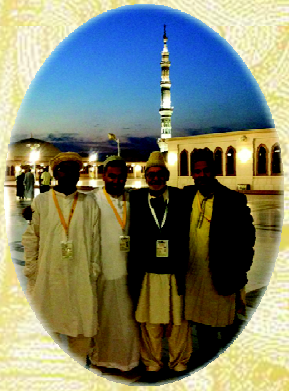
Hajj—A Journey of a Lifetime

Five members of the New York Jama'at area performed the Hajj this year (Dr. Ahmad Chaudhry, Ghulam Rabbi Ahmed, Dr. Irfan Alladin, Nasir Bhuiyan, and Sultan Akbar sahib). Hajj, being an obligatory act on every Muslim capable and possessing the resources, is a deeply spiritual experience. However, with the spiritual experiences come the practical realities that test a person's patience and perseverance. Our group left for Hajj via Cairo and then Madinah.



We spent four days in Madinah where one of the grandest mosques resides, Masjid e Nabvi, or the Prophet's Mosque. This mosque, built in part by the The Holy Prophet (sa) himself, is elaborate beyond description and historically has a central significance in Islam. The Holy Prophet's tomb, along with the first two Khalifa's tombs are located here.

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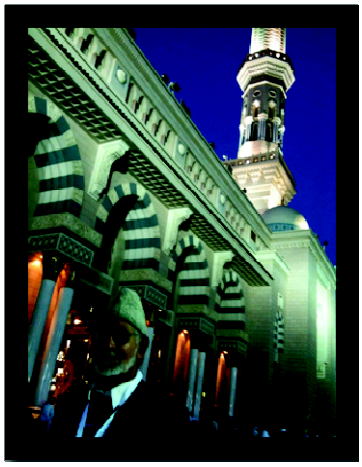
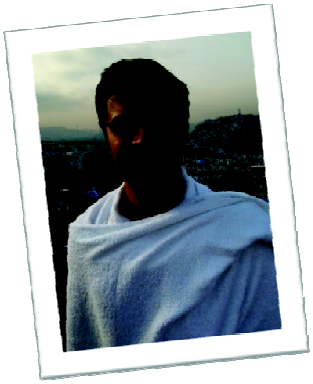


Sultan Akbar sahib in Medinah

As I walked up to this massive structure, I could not help but think of how it must have been in the Prophet's (sa) time. No elaborate gold plating, no retractable roofs, no pillars measuring a meter in diameter and certainly not the twelve skyscraper high minarets. But a simple building that served as a house of peace and refuge for Allah's most revered Prophet. I tried to take all the modern day adornments out of my mind and focus on the thought that The Holy Prophet (sa) used to walk and pray on this very ground. Just that thought made me feel the awe and power of walking into the Prophet's Mosque.

As our group made our way to the front of the mosque, we encountered a large crowd pushing their way towards where the Prophet used to pray. Praying in this location of the mosque was especially acceptable and we made our nawafal here. We then proceeded to the tombs of The Holy Prophet, Hadhrat Abu Bakar (ra), and Hadhrat Umar (ra). Again, the feeling of being at such a revered place bought up emotion of high intensity. It was not the tombs I thought of but the men who I had read about since childhood, their piety and wisdom, their bravery and humbleness, and their nearness to our Creator. It was the message delivered through them that in part made me the person I was.



Dr. Ahmad Chaudhry

While in Madinah, we had the opportunity to visit the first mosque in Islam, Masjid Quba, the battlefield of Uhud, the location of the battle of the ditch, and Masjid qiblatain.

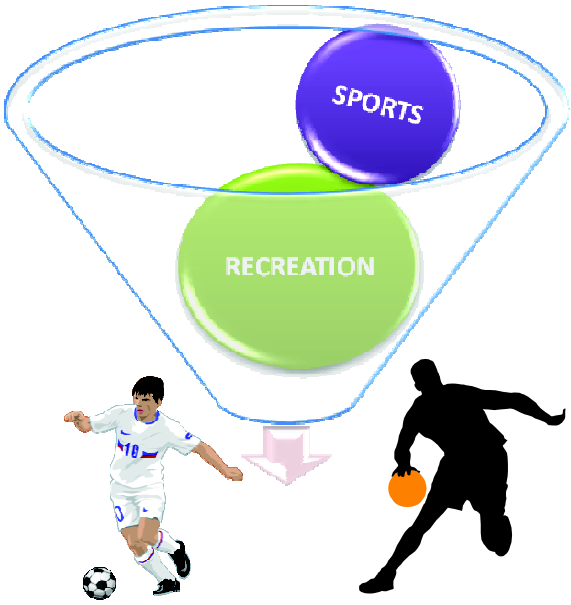
Our good fortune allowed us to visit Janatul Baqee, where it is said 10,000 sahabi are buried.

After four days in Madinah, we were finally ready to start our Hajj.

To be continued in the next month of BZ Envoy...

Report by: Ahmad Chaudhry

Khuddam of New York Jama'at got together on Sunday morning to clean up the leaves and garbage on our old Bait-uz-Zafar Masjid on December 13th, 2009. Pictures across captures the moments of our Khuddam in action.



The MKA New York Metro Soccer team on Saturday Dec 26th competed with 12 other teams in the Islamic Ballin4sadaqa Indoor Soccer Tournament which was held in Randolf, New Jersey. By the Grace of Allah each and every member played very well. The first game came right down to the wire and our boys lost 0-1 in the last thirty seconds. They regathered and focused and never lost a game after that winning 4-0 and then 9-0 and then 4-3. Mashallah they were the top team in the tournament and took the honor of being champions that day. The team consisted of 6 players. Ackail Ali from queens, Abdul Waheed Yanful from the Bronx, Hashim Mumtaz from Long Island, Basil Masood from Brooklyn, Syeed Ahmed from Queens and Fahim Malik from Manhattan. Congratulations to them for their exceptional performance and more importantly it was their respect for each other and their brotherhood that shined above all else.

Our New York Metro soccer team is actively recruiting for the Annual Masroor International Sports Tournament being held on April 2nd, 2010 in Baltimore. Two teams of 7-8 players will be formed There will be New York Metro A and New York Metro B. if you are interested in joining and helping the MKA New York Metro team in their quest to win the Masroor Cup you are encouraged to contact Fahim Malik at 646-232-0047. Jazakallah.

Tabligh Report

Tabligh Announcements

* **Twitter Account:** This is again a reminder that all Jama'at members are encouraged to join this service as well as encourage their non-Ahmadi friends to sign up too. It is an easy and free way for technology users to stay connected with the jama'at, and for people to do Tabligh. Following is the Link - www.Twitter.com/AhmadiyyatIslam
* With the grace of Allah ,we have a new contract with QPTV. From now on programs will be shown every Tuesday at 12:30 pm on channel 35 and every Friday at 4:30 pm on channel 56.
* Each member of the Jamaat is request to provide contact information of their guests so that we can send them free information and invite for future programs.
* A regional Tabligh seminar is tentatively scheduled for February 7. Details will follow.

On March 7th Seeratun Nabi will be held at Baituz Zafar Mosque. Please mark the date on your calendar more details will follow.

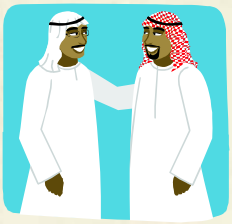
Tabligh Progress Report:

* 2 guests of secretary Ishaat came to discuss about Ahmadiyyat. Imam sahib and Tabligh sec spent around 4 hours to answer all their question. They were also presented with books.
* Tabligh Sec invited one guest to discuss about Ahmadiyyat.
* Literature sent to a Muslim brother at prison and another Christian friend who requested materials.
* One Hindu gentleman wrote to us for materials on Islam and it was delivered to his house in person.
* Naib Qaid I sb invited 16 guests from different professional background to his apartment and presented to them the basic teaching of Islam Ahmadiyyat.
* There are 4 or 5 regular guests who attend out Jummah service.
* A Tabligh class was held on which the concept of origination of Christmas celebration was discussed. Class material was emailed after the class to all members.
* Multiple emails were sent out to contacts on Jama'at Press release and multiple other updates
* Prayers are request for them.

Bangla Desk

Bangla Live Q & A (Shotter Shondane) will be going Live on December 31, 2009 and January 01, 02 & 03, 2010 Inshallah

Thursday 31st December, 2009 @14:00 GMT - It will be repeat at 18:30 GMT
Friday 1st January, 2010 @ 15:00 GMT for 1 hour - It will be repeated at 19:30 GMT
Saturday 2nd January, 2010 @ 13:30 GMT for 1 hour and 30 min. It will be repeated at 19:00 GMT
Sunday 3rd January, 2010 @ 14:00 GMT for 1 hour and 30 min. It will be repeated at 19:00 GMT.



Report by: Ghulam Rabbi & Naved Saeed

More Tabligh Activities

"I invited 16 non-Ahmadi Muslims to my apartment, mostly acquaintances and some friends for dinner. All of them were young professionals from Manhattan, with diverse backgrounds such as finance, engineering, medicine, and law. Dinner was served and lively discussions on many topics took place including Islam and Ahmadiyyat. I explained the basics of our beliefs and how they are identical to true Islam, our concept of Jihad, and finality of Prophet hood. Everything was informal and though our discussion on religion was a small part of the evening, everyone left very pleased. One interesting thing is that several of these Muslims drink alcohol and that is something they expect at any dinner gathering. Of course, no alcohol was served at my apartment and all the guests respected this. Many of the guests I had met only once or twice before but the evening helped solidify a relationship where hopefully more discussion on Ahmadiyyat can take place." - Ahmad Chaudhry

LAJNA REPORT

The last Lajna meeting of 2009 was held on Sunday, December 6th. The meeting commenced with Quranic recitation with English and Urdu translation by Naeema Ahmed and Aisha Ahmed. Hadith number 30 was then read from the *Forty Gems of Beauty* by Maryam Ahmed with translation read by Sumera Ahmed. The Hadith dealt with true repentance and what that term entails. We then discussed how this saying of the Holy Prophetsaw could be applied to our own daily lives and were reminded that true repentance means that we learn from our shortcomings and do not intentionally repeat sins with the intention of asking for forgiveness after the deed is done. Next, Qanta Farhana recited a poem from Kalam-e-Tahir.

Dr. Salamat Majeed conducted the Tarbiyyat workshop in which Lajna formed two groups and discussed excerpts of Hazoor's address to German Lajna. After discussing topics of hypocrisy, indecency and spiritual nourishment within groups, team leaders presented their main points to everyone.

Financial sacrifice was the topic of the Taleem segment which was led by Farah Ahmed and Rashida Momim. Lajna was reminded that wealth and knowledge are to be spent in the way of Allah because he has given you everything you have. Only those people who spend their wealth and knowledge in the way of Allah are to be envied. Parents should train their children to give chaanda from a young age. Lajna then discussed examples of men and women from early Islam and Ahmadiyyat who made monetary, physical and other sacrifices in the way of Allah.

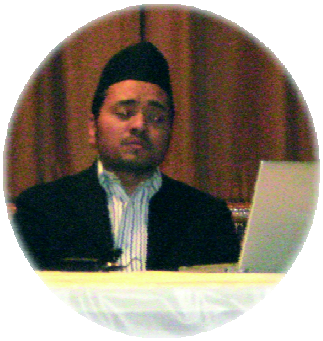
An exercise session was held by health secretary, Fouzia Syed, who demonstrated exercises which can easily be done at home so that we can all remain healthy even when the days are shorter and the weather is colder.

The meeting ended with announcements and silent prayers. All Lajna members are reminded that meetings will now be held on the second Sunday of each month instead of the first Sunday.

By: Saira Bajwa

Commencement Speech

On December 19th, Dr. Ahmad Chaudhry delivered the commencement speech at East Stroudsburg University (ESU) in Pennsylvania. He graduated from ESU in 1996 with a BS in Biology. They asked him to come back to his alma mater partly because of his involvement with volunteer activities such as Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya. The President of the university in his introduction referred to his position in MKA, "a Muslim youth organization involved in community outreach efforts." Dr. Chaudhry spoke about success and failure and emphasized that "sometimes just as important as moving towards success is being able to move on after failure." The speech was well received by the audience of about 2,000 and broadcast on the local television channel.



Visitor in New York

We hear his voice on MTA reciting poems and the other day Ismatullah Sahib was in New York and visited Bait-uz-Zafar where members had the privilege to listen to him Live.

Bismillah-ir-Rahman-ir-Rahim

AHMADIYYA MUSLIM COMMUNITY, USA

Jama'at Tarbiyyat Program

Your Forum

(interactive reflection on daily life and moral training concerns to collectively develop practical solutions)

Please e-mail your concerns & questions to ntsusa@yahoo.com at least one week before the program (mention date & location of the program in the subject line of your e-mail). *Jazakallah.*

1:30 PM – 4:00 PM, Sunday, April 4, 2010

Bait-uz-Zafar Mosque, 188-15 McLaughlin Ave, Holliswood, NY 11423

National Tarbiyyat Department ntsusa@yahoo.com

Public Relations

News from Holliswood Civic Association:

* The Holliswood Civic Association wants to thank our neighbors at the Bait-uz-Zafar Mosque for their gracious hospitality, when at their suggestion we held our general meeting there on October 15. They not only provided us with a warm welcome, but also with a lovely room and delicious refreshments. For many in the large crowd of Holliswood residents attending it was an opportunity to visit this house of worship for the first time. It was a very positive experience.

* The civic Association would also like to thank the leaders of the Mosque for removing the blinking light sign. Many Holliswood residents objected to this sign, feeling it was out of keeping with the neighborhood. We are delighted that the sign was removed and we again express our gratitude.

Breakfast with the Mayor of New York

Imam Kauser sahib, President Nazir Ayaz sahib, and Asad Bajwa sahib represented our Community at the Annual Breakfast on December 31st where clergymen from various faiths and leaders coming from all walks life were present and it was good opportunity to meet with them and introduce our community.