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Up Coming Events:

April 5th –Sunday–Lajna / Ansar Meeting @ Bait-uz-Zafar

April 11th–12th–Saturday/Sunday– Lajna Regional Retreat @ Bait-uz-Zafar

April 17th –Friday- Current Affairs Program, 7:30pm after Magrib Prayer

April 18th –Saturday–2:00pm–Seerat-un-Nabi Seminar. Please bring guests

April 24th –26th –Friday–Sunday National Shura USA @ Bait-ur-Rahman

April 23rd –Thursday–7:30pm–Peace Tahir School Every Saturday

Tabligh Open House- Every Wednesday after Magrib Prayer

April 18th— Khuddam Soccer Practice

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Masih Maud Day Gathering @ Bait-uz-Zafar



New York Jama'at along with Bronx and Long Island Jama'at got together in Bait-uz-Zafar for the Masih Maud Day on March 22nd, 2009 around 1:30pm with about 300 members. The Gathering lasted for few hours. The program began with the recitation of the Holy Qur'an by Karim Sahrif sahib followed by a nazm by Waheed Ahmad. The first speech was given by Danial Ahmad, a tiftl from NY Jama'at on the topic "Life Sketch of the Promised Messiah^{as}". Taimur Ahmad another tiftl from Long Island delivered a speech on the early Life of the Promised Messiah^{as}. Next, Shoeb Abulkalam provided a PowerPoint presentation on the subject matter of why should we believe in the Promised Messiah of the Age. Brother Bashir ul Haqq from Bronx Jama'at shared his personal experience in accepting the Imam of the Age. Dr. Irfan Alladin sahib gave an powerful speech on the topic of "The prophesies of the later days about the advent of the Messiah". National Secretary Tahrik-e-Jadid, respected Anwar Mahmood Khan sahib from California, who was visiting Metro area also attended this gathering and delivered an inspiring speech on "A Great Sign of the truth of the Promised Messiah^{as}". A Qaseeda presentation by Taimur Hamid & Safwan Akbar and another nazm by Mahmood Bhutta sahib were conferred. In the end, Imam Kauser sahib shared the signs of the coming of the Promised Messiah^{as}. He urged the members to study the life of Holy Prophet Mohammad^{saw} along with Hadrath Mirza Ghulam Ahmd^{as}. He requested all parents and elders to teach their youths the teachings of the Holy Prophet^{saw} and the Promised Messiah^{as}. The Program concluded with silent prayers led by Arshad Janjua sahib. Sweets and snakes were provided by the Long Island Jama'at for refreshment.

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Instructions on Burial:

It has been brought to my attention that sometimes women have been accompanying men during the burial of their loved ones as well as taking part in filling the grave with soil.

I would like to point out here a hadith from Bukhari. Hadhrat Umme Attiya narrates that the Holy Prophet^{saw} used to stop women from accompanying janazas though he was not very strict about it.

The Jama'at has always adopted this stance and in Rabwah or Qadian women did not accompany the Janazas. However, once the burial has taken place, female relatives are allowed to go to the cemetery soon afterwards or after some times to pray for the deceased. This is in the interest of women since they are naturally weak at heart and emotional and the sight of their loved one being lowered in a grave. Please make a note of this.

Instructions on Nikah:

Our beloved Huzoor^{aba} has issued directive that Huq Mehr (dowry) must be at least \$10,000 for bridegrooms residing in USA. The Nikah form will not be endorsed if such a condition is not met.

Tarbiyyat

Current Affair: We are starting a new and very interesting program entitled "Current Affair" where we will meet every third Friday of the month at Maghrib prayer for a one snack dish party. In this program all members are invited to bring a small snack of their choice to share with each other and also during this time engage in a discussion on a contemporary issue. This will be a very good opportunity to meet with members and discuss and learn on various topics of great importance and also learn about different skills, professions and words of wisdom. So please come and join us for this interesting get together every third Friday of the month at Maghrib and please bring a snack of your choice which preferably does not need to be heated or if it does bring in a microwavable container. The first meeting in this series is set to be on **April the 17th**.

Requesting for your Emails

We are in process of compiling e mail addresses of the members that will be used exclusively to send messages of Jama'at and auxiliaries activities and Jama'at announcements. Also we will send electronic copy of the Bait-uz-Zafar Envoy Newsletter.

Please send your e-mail addresses to the president at nazirayaz@yahoo.com so that we can include you in the list.

Jazakallah
Nazir Ayaz

Message from Sadr Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya USA

2009 NATIONAL KHUDDAM IJTEMA NEWS

The 2009 National Khuddam Ijtema site will be in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The change will give our brothers from the Midwest an opportunity to host this wonderful event. All Khuddam and Atfal interested in participating this year's Ijtema are requested to contact Ghulam Rabbi, Qaid of Queens to inform him so he is aware who is attending. A charter bus, or busses will be rented accordingly to take us all there. The Dates for the Ijtema is August 7th-9th, 2009 Friday-Sunday.

In the name of Allah, The gracious the Merciful
Assalam o alaikum,

This is an urgent task being given to us. Every Khadim needs to help us subscribe to MTA channel by:

Click on <http://www.youtube.com/mtaOnlineI>

This will take you to the MTA page.

Click on subscribe button on the left and then follow the instructions.

Wasalaam,
Faheem Younus Qureshi
Sadr, MKA USA

2009 National Shura Delegates from NY

The following members were approved by Amir sahib as the delegates from New York Jama'at: Abdul Gafoor, Ahmad Mubarak, Shoeb Abulkalam and Naseem Bajwa sahib. Also one suggestion was approved by the Jama'at general body and sent to the head office.

Manhattan Hulqa held their meeting and decided to come every Friday to Bait-uz-Zafar for evening prayers. The members of the Hulqa bid farewell to Ehsan and Asima Boullion who have left for Lebanon as part of their job posting.

- We have completed our 40 Tabligh Classes with the Grace of Allah & with the help of Imam sahib who did a great job in teaching us different topics. The materials are available on www.ahmadiyya.us website.
- Each member is request to bring a guest to the Serrat-un-Nabi (Symposium on the Life of Holy Prophet Muhammad^{saw} on Saturday, April 18 from 2 to 4 PM at Bait-uz-Zafar Mosque. Flyers & Invitational cards for the program are available. Please contact Secretary Tabligh or Assistant sectary Tabligh for more info.
- Tabligh team decided to hold specialized open houses invited group to Bait-uz-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.

Tabligh Progress Report

- Two people who contacted after the advertisement from radio program were sent literature. A Hindu contacted his Ahmadi friend after listening to the AD and commented, "It was very soothing and he was surprise to hear Krishna is regarded as a prophet in Islam"
- Our Radio ADs are also played online and we are trying to obtain reports on that.
- Our peace conference which was held on 1st march Sunday was a great success, some guests invited by Daen came and we are following up with them.
- JUS TV (Punjabi TV Network) interview Imam Kauser Sahib and it will be played on JUS TV (<http://www.juspunjabi.com>)
- One NYU student who attend out Peace Conference is interested to feature our interviews in his documentary
- One interested guest came on Masih Maud day and took literature and a bait form, please pray for him may Allah guide him to the right path.
- 30 college students were contacted via email to introduced Jama'at with links to our online video

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

- 4 more programs are submitted to QPTV for March

Bangla Desk (Reaz Rahman)

- One article on Peace Conference was published and an advertisement continued in the newspaper. Few phone calls have been received & contacts were made after a follow up, literature & DVDs were mailed out to those contacts.
- One Bengali journalist visited on Musleh Maud day due to the contact made by follow up from the advertisement. Right now it's an ongoing effort to contact other Bengali journalists to let them know about local events.

By: Naved Saeed



Majlis Atfal-ul-Ahmadiyya

New Jama'at has collected 100% Chanda! There are 40 Atfal in New York Jama'at. Brother Reaz Rahman, Nazm Atfal of New York Jama'at was very determined to reach this goal by end of March and Alhamdulillah he has met his goal.

- 16 Atfal has written letters to NY Senator Chales Schummer to bring his attention to the on going persecution that is taking place in Pakistan.
- Articles were sent to Al-Hilal magazine on the topic of "If I was a President of the USA"
- A air hockey and a pool table was installed in the recreation center in Bait-uz-Zafar for Atfal for recreation. A Basketball Hoop was also added.



The monthly Lajna meeting was held on March 8th, 2008. The meeting started with Tilawat-e-Quran by Asifah Mahmood along with Urdu Translation. English Translation was read by Qanta Farhana. Hadith was recited by Saba Noreen on the Good Treatment of Neighbors. Saba Nasar sang a beautiful Nazam along with the English Translation. Our Talim Workshop was held by Farah Ahmed and Qudsia Ghayur. Questions and Answers related to Sura Al-Baqarah verses 103-104 were discussed. The Tarbiyyat workshop was held by Salamat Majeed. Next we had a presentation by Faiza Idrees about the dangers of Facebook. She discussed the dangers of facebook especially with their new Privacy Terms. A slideshow was presented showing members how to protect themselves online, especially on socializing websites. The Health workshop was led by Saba Nasar who discussed how to deal with stress. Letters were handed out to all Lajna members who attended the meeting, written to government officials about the 4 Ahmadi Children that were arrested in District Layyah. The Lajna meeting ended with announcements and Silent prayers.

By: Bariah Ahmed

BRUTAL MURDER OF AHMADI HUSBAND AND WIFE IN PAKISTAN

It is with great pain that the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat confirms that two of its members were brutally murdered in Multan yesterday. The deceased, Dr Shiraz Ahmad Bajwa and Dr Noreen Bajwa were husband and wife and were both trained as doctors. Both martyrs were under the age of forty.

Yesterday at around 2.30pm local time, unknown assailants attacked Dr Shiraz and Dr Noreen at their home in Wapda Colony, Multan Road. The assailants first taped together the hands, feet and mouths of both victims. They then tied rope around their necks and strangled them to death. Following death Dr Shiraz was hung from a nearby fan.

The brutality of these murders was further exacerbated by the fact that Dr Shiraz and Dr Noreen were expecting their first child.

Dr Shiraz was an eye-specialist who had served at various hospitals including the Fazl-e-Umer Hospital in Rabwah. At the time of his death he was working at a hospital in Wapda. Similarly Dr Noreen was working at a local children's hospital.

The Press Spokesman of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat, Abid Khan said:

“What occurred in Multan yesterday was an act of such cruelty that it can never be comprehended by decent and peace loving people. Dr Shiraz and Dr Noreen had been married for just three years and were expecting their first child together. They had both chosen career paths which allowed them to serve their fellow men, women and children.

Pakistan is a country that is currently facing absolute ruin. Amongst this chaos the hateful acts of religious extremists are ever increasing, to the extent that loving, caring and innocent people are being murdered because they belong to a community whose motto is ‘Love for All, Hatred for None.’”

The International Community, Media and Human Rights organisations are all urged to take action to protect the lives and rights of Ahmadi Muslims both in Pakistan and in other countries where they face discrimination. In an era where freedom of religion and belief is accepted as a basic human right throughout the world it is of disbelief that Ahmadi Muslims are being murdered for no other reason than their choice of religion.

End of Release

Further info: Abid Khan, Press Secretary)

15 March 2009

In the name of Almighty God, the Gracious, the Merciful.

A Symposium
On the Life of
The Holy Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ)

"If ever any man on this earth has found God; if ever any man has devoted his life for the sake of God with a pure and holy zeal then, without doubt, and most certainly that man was the Holy Prophet of Arabia"

Major A. Leonard "Islam, its Moral, and Spiritual values" (London)

On
Saturday, April 18 2009
2:00 – 4:00 PM
AT
Bait-uz Zafar Mosque
188-15 McLaughlin Ave, Holliswood, New York 11423

Moderator: Ghulam Rabbi

Recitation from the Holy Quran

Mueenuddin Ahmad

Welcome Address

Nazir Ayaz, President NY Chapter

The Holy Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ) –
The Perfect Model of Tolerance & Moderation

Imam Qazi Mohammad A Qayyoom

Holy Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ) – The Prince of Peace

Imam Siraj Bakare, Brooklyn

Holy Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ) – the Preacher of Peaceful co-existence with all Faiths

Mr. Harpreet Singh Toor
Chairman of Sikh Cultural Society of New York

Qaseedah - Arabic poem in praise of the Holy Prophet (ﷺ)

Safwan Akbar & Taimur Hamid

Holy Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ) –The Liberator of Humanity

Imam Abdul Baqi Hamed, Brooklyn

Our Beloved- The Holy Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ)

Imam I. H. Kauser, Bait-uz Zafar Mosque

Question and Answer session

All Participants

Concluding Remarks

Moderator

Refreshment will be served at the conclusion of the program

Direction: Grand Central Pkwy East to 188th Street, (Exit 19 bear left on signal and go straight to parking at the right. **Subway:** "F" train to 179th St. stop. **Buses:** Q17 at 188th Street /McLaughlin Ave corner

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The Queens Local Nasirat Ijtema was held on Sunday, March 15, 2007 at Baitul-Zafar Mosque. Alhamdulillah, 23 Nasirat were in attendance. The programme commenced at 10am with a Recitation from the Holy Quran by Anoosha Hamid, followed by the Nasirat Pledge led by Shanze Hamid, Ahadith recited by Amara Mahmood, Nazm recited by Amtul Hayee Mariam and Opening Remarks by the Nasirat Secetary-Farah Ahmad. The Nasirat were reminded of the importance of saying salat, reciting the Holy Quran daily and contributing to the welfare of the poor and those in need. Hence the theme of this years Ijtema focused on "Helping the less fortunate and sacrificing in the way of Allah." Nasirat were told to not only sacrifice from their pocket monies, but also to save and find ways in which they can contribute to the orphans, and the poor.

The opening session was followed by the Religious-Knowledge Competitions. The Nasirat first took part in the Hifz-e-Quran Competitions which consisted of Memorization of Surah Al-Kauthar with translation for the 7-10 Nasirat; Memorization of Surah Al-Maun for 11-13 Nasirat; and Memorization of Surah Al-Humazah for the 14-15 Nasirat. A short break was taken from the competitions in which the Nasirat played Memory Games, Knowledge-based Pass the Parcel and Identifying Objects Game. The competitions continued shortly after with the Memorization of Al-Qaseeda vs. 1-4 Competition for 7-10 Nasirat; followed by the Ahadith Competition for 11-13 Nasirat, who were required to memorize five Ahadith that were provided to them with translation; and the Speech competition for the 14-15 Nasirat in which the topic was "My responsibility to the Orphans and Poor as a Muslim." Lastly, a Nazm competition took place which was open to all the age groups. This concluded the Religious-Knowledge-based Competitions.

After Zuhr and Asr prayers and lunch, the Nasirat took part in the Craft and Cooking Competitions. Nasirat 7-10 years old took part in a Cup-cake decorating competition in which they were provided with a cup-cake but were asked to bring the decorating items from home. They also took part in a Gift-Bag Decorating Competition in which they were provided with a plain gift bag and decorating materials, and were told to decorate and design their gift bags. Nasirat 11-13 years old took part in making a Fruit Salad in which they were told to bring whole ingredients from their homes, but were to prepare a Fruit Salad in the Mosque's kitchen. The Nasirat were judged based on their creativity, taste and presentation of their food items. These Nasirat also took part in creating their own gift-wrapping paper. Nasirat 14-15 years old took part in making an Omelette in which they brought the whole ingredients and utensils from home and prepared the Omelette in Mosque's kitchen. They were also judged on the creativity, presentation and taste of their Omelette. These Nasirat also took part in a Gift-Wrapping Competition in which they were provided with wrapping materials and various objects to wrap.

Lastly, a workshop on "Marriage" was held. All 23 Nasirat participated and shared their views, advice and concerns; and also asked many questions. Lajna on the discussion panel shared their ideas as well and read various excerpts on the importance of marriage and how to lead a peaceful married life. Alhamdulillah the workshop was very successful in breaking the ice on marriage and marriage-related issues.

By the grace of Allah, every Nasirat took part in the knowledge-based, craft and cooking competitions. Each Nasirat did very well in the knowledge-based competitions hence making it very difficult to decide the winners. All of the Nasirat made us very proud by doing an excellent job in all of the competitions. Judges especially enjoyed monitoring and judging the cooking competitions as the Nasirat proved to be excellent in the kitchen, although it was the first time for many aside from practicing with their parents in preparation for the competition. The Nasirat had a fun time and the entire event was a success. There are many who contributed and helped out at the Ijtema; making it a success. Jazakallah to the team of judges for the religious-knowledge-based competitions and also the craft and cooking competitions; to the team that helped coordinate and run the games and competitions; to the ziafat and clean-up teams; to the team that calculated the winners, prepared and organized the prizes; to the team of Lajna who conducted the Marriage Workshop; to all of the Nasirat for attending, participating and most importantly coming prepared; and to all of the parents of the Nasirat for helping their daughters prepare for the Ijtema, and for reminding them the importance of such events. There were many Lajna helping in one way or another and I would like to thank everyone of you. May Allah reward you all for your efforts and sacrifices; and may he shower you with his choicest blessings. Ameen. It was because of all you that the Nasirat Ijtema was a success. Once again, Jazakallah.

The following are the results of all of the Competitions:

7-10 Hifz-e-Quran 1 st -Alina Ahmed 2 nd -Amtul Hayee Mariam 3 rd - Maria Ahmed	11-13 Hifz-e-Quran 1 st - Hira Muzzafar 2 nd - Amara Mahmood 3 rd - Husna Nasir	14-15 Hifz-e-Quran 1 st - Shanze Hamid 2 nd - Aisha Ahmed 3 rd - Labeeba Chaudhry	All-Group Nazm 1 st -Aysha Mansoor 2 nd - Labeeba Chaudhry 3 rd - Aisha Ahmed
7-10 Al-Qaseeda 1 st - Amtul Hayee Mariam 2 nd - Maria Ahmed 3 rd - Alina Ahmed	11-13 Ahadith 1 st - Hira Muzzafar 2 nd - Amna Ahmed 3 rd - Amara Mahmood	14-15 Speech 1 st - Aysha Mansoor 2 nd - Aisha Ahmed 3 rd - Shanze Hamid	
7-10 Cupcake Decorating 1 st - Qudsia Ahmed 2 nd - Anoosha Hamid 3 rd - Amtul Hayee Mariam	11-13 Fruit Salad 1 st - Hira Muzzafar 2 nd - Amna Ahmed	14-15 Omelette 1 st - Shanze Hamid 2 nd - Aisha Ahmed	
7-10 Gift-Bag Decorating 1 st - Amtul Hayee Mariam 2 nd - Qudsia Ahmed 3 rd - Ruksabha Zaman	11-13 Gift-Wrap Paper 1 st - Hira Muzzafar 2 nd - Amara Mahmood	14-15 Gift Wrapping 1 st - Shanze Hamid	

Waqfe jadid and Tehrik-e-Jadid pledges are to be submitted early this month and if you have not provided yours or member of your family, then please do so as we will send pledges by April 10th, Inshallah.

The Amila set up a committee under the chairmanship of the vice president to come up with suggestions to cut down on expenses and Inshallah we will work on it particularly with utility bills and cut down through use of modern energy saving techniques.

Fiscal year ends in June so please ensure that we do not fall behind in our obligatory chandas.

AMEEN CEREMONY

Kanita Tariq, Kindergarten student of Tahir School, aged 6 completed the Quran at this young age and her Ameen ceremony took place after the class. Congratulations to Kanita and her parents and her Quran teacher. Hadi Nasir Sahib, principal of Tahir school led all in prayer at the ceremony.

Nursing Program/Free Tuition

Anyone between the ages of 18-28 years old, interested in Nursing field, University of the District Of Columbia (UDC) in D.C. is offering FREE tuition, FREE books, a \$250 monthly stipend, and guaranteed job placement as a nurse at Providence Hospital upon graduation. (It's a 3 year program) with a starting salary of \$40,000. The program is recruiting new students now. Please contact Ms. Beshon Smith Phone # 202-266-5481 or email Bsmith@urbanalliance.org

Births

Mr. and Mrs. Reaz Rahman were blessed with a baby girl

Mr. and Mrs. Magroob Idrees were blessed with a baby girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Bilal Nayyar were blessed with baby girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Irfan Nasir were blessed with a baby boy

Congratulations to the parents! May Allah bless the newcomers and make them the light in their parents' eyes.

Online Holy Qur'an Education

We are taking progress report of all children of the National Secretary Talim ul Quran. The progress of the child is noted in the web based database.

Also children are eager to join one of the On line Quran classes that usually take place in evenings. All those interested in learning and improving their recitation of the Holy Qur'an by a teacher. Its Free and its self paced and most importantly its very convenient.

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

The details is as follows:

Basic recitation of the Holy Qur'an
Tuesdays 9:30 - 10:00pm EST
Status: Registration open
Duration: 6 months
Prerequisites: None

To get enrolled in class do the following:

- 1) Make an account on <http://alfurqan.us> .
- 2) Register in under "Basic Recitation category". Just go and click the class link it will ask for registration.
- 3) Download and install Skype from <http://www.skype.com>. Please also make a free account
- 4) For instructions on how to login refer to "Class login instructions" under "main menu" in <http://alfurqan.us>

***If you have any other questions email Hassan sahib shamubarak@hotmail.com or call 305-491-3749**



We have new secretary Mossian and he is Abdul Ghafoor Sahib.

Death

Sister Maherun Nissa's father passed away in Pakistan. She is the wife of Nadim Ahmad of Howard Beach.

اَنَا لله وَاَنَا اليه راجعون

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.