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Bait-uz-Zafar Envoy

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EID Mubarak!

July 4th: Independence Day

July 6th: Eid-ul-Fitr in Bait-uz-Zafar (subject to appearance of the moon)

July 10th: Auxiliaries Meetings in Bait-uz-Zafar @ 10am

July 16th: Harlem Book fair in Harlem

July 14th-17th: Atfal Rally and National Atfalul Ahmadiyya Ijtema in Baitur Rehman

July 15th-22nd: Waqfe Nuh Ijtema

July 29^h-31st: USA Jalsa Salana in Harrisburg, PA

August 7th: Auxiliaries Meetings in Bait-uz-Zafar @ 10am

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Nazir Ahmad Ayaz, President, New York.

It is with great sadness that we pass along the news of the passing away of our beloved President Nazir Ayaz Sahib after suffering a severe stroke. He was president of New York Jama'at for 34 years. May Allah grant him elevated status in paradise and reward him for his services to our Jama'at.

إِنَّا لِلَّهِ وَإِنَّا إِلَيْهِ رَاجِعُونَ

Inna lillahi wa inna ilayhi raji'un

Mohtaram Nazir Ahmad Ayaz was born on May 23, 1947 in Tanga, Tanzania. His father

Mukhtar Ahmad Ayaz was a renowned member of the Community who served the Jama'at at various places in the Sub Continent of India and East Africa. Mohtaram Nazir Ayaz was first elected to the office of President in 1983. Before his election as President he served the Community as the Financial Secretary. He was also a member of the International Ahmadiyya Centenary Committee appointed by Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV. Mohtaram Ayaz was very unassuming by nature and always kept a low profile and generally tried to involve as many members in Jama'at activities as possible. Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV (rm) sent him an appreciation letter of which he has every right to be proud and thank Almighty Allah for His beneficence – Huzoor wrote:

"I am happy to say that in my opinion you are an exemplary President of the Jama'at out of all the U.S.A. Jama'ats by the grace of Allah. I pray that may Allah enable you to maintain that distinction always."

June 4th – The American Clergy Leadership (Bronx) invited the jama'at to a breakfast and delivered an introduction of the Jama'at to the 163 guests who attended this 5 hour event. The jama'at met with many heads of various organizations and gained many new contacts for our tabligh efforts. Every guest received a copy of Review of Religions – Ray of Hope along with our business cards and branded pens.

June 5th – Masjid Yusuf Shah (Bronx) invited the jama'at to attend an open and transparent religious forum where our respected Imam Daud A. Hanif Sb delivered a beautiful introduction and spoke of the clear undeniable signs in support of the truth of Promised Messiah (as). Respected Imam Sb's presentation was very systematic and methodical, he began his dialogue speaking of Hazrat Adam (as) and concluded it with the Promised Messiah (as), explaining all the fine details in between. After concluding the address – Imam Moosa Sb requested 25 copies of Life of Muhammad (sa) and various other titles to gain further insight into this blessed jama'at.

June 14th – Nusantara Foundation lead by Imam Shamshi Ali invited us for their multi-cultural Iftar dinner gathering along with 83 other guests and presented itself as a wonderful opportunity to gain new Tabligh contacts. During the dinner, we networked and invited all the guests to attend our own Iftar event later the same week.

June 16th – We hosted an interfaith iftar dinner at Bait-uz-Zafar to have our friends, neighbors, co-workers and other contacts join in our gathering and learn a little about Ahmadiyya. Through the Tabligh departments' contacts we welcomed 21 guests

June 17th – Invited to a lecture on Islam by Masjid Al-Iman (Bronx), our respect Ahmad Mubarak Sb gave an eloquent presentation of our jama'at to an audience of 37. The Tabligh team distributed various book titles amongst the guests such as Life of Muhammad (sa), Philosophy of the Teachings of Islam and a variety of Review of Religions editions along with the our business card and branded pens.

By: Abdul Ghafoor

Jalsa Salana USA

If anyone have seat, please let Fasasi Sanusi sahib know. we have members who are looking for transport to Jalsa. Thank you for your help. 347-562-3975.

Eid Message from Nazir Ayaz sahib

The following words were shared by our late Sadr sahib before his stroke “A very Happy heartfelt Eid Mubarak to all our readers. May it brings A real change in ourselves spiritually for years to come.”

2016 Ramadhan Report:

- There is daily Taravee prayers with Hafiz Saleem Toure sahib from France melodiously recite one part daily. There is tend in low participants, but with last Isha we expect numbers will increase.
- On the congregation in prayers, we see all five prayers are frequently takes place in congregation, but again the attendants in low numbers.
- Dars ul quran takes place on weekends. Dars so far delivered by Nabeel Munir Sahib, Naeem Ahmad, Ahmad Mubarak and final Dars is to given by imam Daud Hanif sahib with concluding dua.
- This month of charity so please give your Fitrana, it is \$5 per person and must be given before eid so that who deserve should get it time. Fidyah and zakat are important in this holy month.
- We are compiling names of those who have fulfilled their pledges will have their name sent for special prayers to Hu-zoor (aba).
- Ziafat served Iftar dinner daily. If anyone wishes to contribute still has time to pau ziafat secretary or Hulqa Nigran. May Allah reward and bless the Ziafat team and those who participate in ifari.
- About 16 members participate in itaqaf. Allah fulfilled all their prayers.
- Ramadan is time for special prayers. May Allah forgive us and bring change for better in us and particularly we are better spiritually.

The challenges is do our self assessment , do we say prayers in congregation at mosques more regularly, shun our short-coming and built our spirit of sacrifice. Allah help us all the way.

It is good to know that the Tabligh secretary introduce a new bai'at and set an example for all of us that bring into new faces into the fold Ahmadiyyat.

More achievements:

Continue from last month, here some more achievements:

- Maham Ahmad daughter of Aziz Ahmad sahib graduated
- Bariah Ahmad daughter of Naeem ahmad & Anousha Hamid daughter of Tariq Hamid goes to St. Johns University.
- Amaara Mahmood daughter Tahir Mahmood also graduated.
- Mariam daughter Abdul Ghafoor is another on list of graduates. Congratulation all of them.

Marriage:

Nadia daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Naeem Ahmad married Rizwan at ceremony in Lahore, Pakitan. Congratulations to the new couple and May Allah bless the new couple.

Renovation of Car Park

The Bait-uz-Zafar park is undergo renovation and will be under construction for about three weeks. It will remain close for duration of repairs.

Khuddam Report:

1. National Atfalul Ijtema will be held on July 15-17th in Baitur Rehman, Maryland. All Atfal and Khuddam are encouraged to attend. If you are interested, please call Qaid Queens, Aslam Ali, 917-348-3292.
2. Alhamdulillah khuddam chanda collection has reached over 70%.
3. Khuddam gathered for dars in masjid in Ramadhan during weekends.
4. Khuddam helped planting vegetables outside of masjid in the garden
5. On June 10th - 6 Khuddam & 3 Ansar visited hospital to see a khadim who was going to have a surgery
6. On June 11th - 6 Khuddam distributed invitation card for religious dialogue & dinner to our neighbor
7. On June 12th - 3 Khuddam & 2 Atfal clean up masjid basement & take out garbage while 5 brothers installed a commercial oven in our masjid kitchen
8. On June 18th - 3 Khuddam clean up & painted Security room.
9. On June 28th - 2 Khuddam fixed tiles in security room
10. Khuddam went to visit Nazir Ayz sahib in Hospital after his stroke
11. Khuddam provided security all throughout Ramadhan
12. Khuddam helped set up, breakdown, preparing food, washing dishes all throughout Ramadhan
13. Khuddam were also active providing security the entire time including Eid prayers.
14. Khuddam helped set up complete audio system for the end prayer, prayer set up, breakdown, food serving, selling of books, audit video, photography, security, and cleaning up inside masjid.
15. Shura Election was held on June 24th 2016.
16. Clothing drive started in Bait-uz-Zafar, please donate your clothes.

Khuddam in security during Eid-ul-Fitr



Ansar Report:

General Meeting:

This month Majlis monthly meeting was held on Sunday June 5 at Bait-uz-Zafar. The theme of this month meeting “Topic Loyalty to Khilafat.” The meeting started with the recitation of Holy Quran by Mohammad Afzal sahib from Chapter 24 Verse 56. Ansar Pledge was recited by Zaeem sahib. Religious guideline/Hadith & writing of Promised Messiah (AS) regarding the topic was presented by Ahmad Mubarak sahib and after that discussion of the Tarbiyyat exercise was started by Zaeem sahib and followed by Mirza Ghulam Rabbi Sahib and Naeem Mansoor sahib relating to the guideline describes in the Taleem and Tarbiyyat exercise book. Atta al Hasan sahib discussed the health topic about Heart healthy and answered questions from the Majlis members. Shura election was schedule but was not held as there were not enough required people. Zaeem sahib reminded members that they should make sure to listen to Hazur khutba every week; also reminded about the Majlis Chanda as well as Tahrik-e-jadid & Waqf-e- jadeed. Zaeem sahib also discussed with the Majlis members the Majlis Ansarullah USA priorities for this year and emphasis on:

1. Listening to Huzoor (aba) Khutba every week
2. Offering congregational Salat at the mosque as much as possible.
3. Recitation of Holy Quran every day of the week.
4. Keep optional fast every Thursday.
5. Exercise daily.
6. Reading this month book of Promised Messiah (AS) “How to be free from Sin”
7. Attend National Ijtema on September 23, 24 & 25, at Bait ur Rahman.

Zaeem sahib also discussed about the trip to UK to meet Hazur (ABA) & showed pictures to the members.

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 March, 3 Ansar members volunteered for Feed the Hungry program at 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.

Next meeting:

The next ansar meeting will be held on Sunday July 10 at 11:30 AM. March topic of discussion will be “Ego Hurting our marriages”.



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Tahir Academy, Farewell Ceremony

On June 4th 2016, New York Jama'at held a farewell ceremony for our soon to become Jamia students inshallah. We started off with the recitation of the Holy Quran by Kamal Mohammad. After that, we had each of the Jamia students say a few words on how they created memories over the past 8 years of Tahir class and how all of them have become friends and close Ahmadi brothers. Mahir Mahmood said a few words about his life growing up in our Jama'at and how we all grew up as brothers.

Danial Mahmood spoke about how he became closer to the Jama'at through the events and Tahir class. Munib Iqbal spoke about his personal benefit of coming to Tahir class, improving his abilities, and creating a strong relationship with the Jama'at. After that, I had the honor and privilege to speak about each and every one of my friends who are soon to become Jamia students on how they were influential towards me and vice versa. After I gave my words, the Jamia students received gifts from our the Jama'at. Also, we had a certificate distribution for those who had one hundred percent attendance. Finally, we had a few words from Ahmad Mubarak Sahib, Ayaz Sahib, and Muhammad Mahmood Sahib.

By: Danish Chaudhry

National Atfal Ijtema and Rally 2016

The National Atfal Ijtema will be held from July 13 - July 17, 2016 at Bait ur Rahman Mosque in Silver Spring, Maryland. Click Here to Register: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1PRxuqK_QQ39tulsSFNMVM81go_ow-04ctL3rCQvixCw/viewform?c=0&w=1

2016 Tahir Academy Report

The Second semester of Tahir Academy come to an end we would like to appreciate all of our Teachers and Staff for taking the time out of their busy schedules to dedicate it to the children of our Jama'at every weekend. This semester with five classes; KG, Level I, Level 2 Boys/Girls, Level 3 Boys/Girls we had a total of 90 students enrolled in our Academy with a 65% attendance rate for this semester. Atfal/Nasirat classes and meetings were held regularly at the end of the day in a rotating schedule with Waqf-e-nau classes throughout the weeks. The results are as followed:

KG

1- Qaisra Ahmad
2- Duhaa Ahmad
2- Tamseel Tanveer
3- Shafia Rizwan

Level 2 Girls
1- Maahida Bajwa
2- Huda Mahmood
3- Sidrah Mohar

Level 2 Boys
1- Qaasid Bajwa
2- Muqteet Ahmad
3- Kamal Mohammed

Level 1 Girls

1- Tashif Mahmood
2- Fizza Basharat
3- Ishaal Ahmad

Level 3 Girls
1- Maherah Mohar
2- Faariah Basharat
3- Bareerah Mahmood

Level 3 Boys

1- Mahir Mahmood
2- Danial Mahmood
3- Mirza Ghulam Haseeb

This semester we are saying farewell to three of our top Students, Munib Iqbal, Danial Mahmood and Mahir Mahmood, as they embark on their journey to Jaamia. Please remember these boys in your prayers, May Allah bless them and enable them to continue to achieve greatness in all aspects of their journey.

By: Shanze Hamid



Khuddam setting up tents for Itekaf participants in Bait-uz-Zafar



Tehrik-e-Jadid:

Members who had completed their Tehrik-e-Jadid pledges were sent to Huzoor (aba) for special prayers. Those children who have saved up over \$50 for Tehrik-e-Jadid will get a special gift.

New York Budget completed:

New York Jama'at once again fulfill its budget target. Wasiyyat, Chanda Aam and Jalsa Salana all exceeded its budget target. In this coming month, we will communicate with all members to verify their budget so that they can plan in the coming fiscal year and contribute regularly monthly so that meet annual budget. In the fiscal year try not to remain in the non-paying category and those who occasionally contribute chandas. Please remember all earning, men and women, must pay their obligatory Chanda wasiyyat/ Chanda Aam and Jalsa Salana. Ladies who contribute towards wasiyyat may not contribute towards Jalsa Salana. May Allah reward all earning members and bless their financial sacrifices.

By: Nazir Ayaz

Ziafat:

- Iftari was prepared Every day during Ramadhan
- snacks for children classes were provided every Saturday
- Food were prepared for special guest program in Bait-uz-Zafar

Lajna Report:

Lajna meeting was held on June 5th. Tilawat was read by Aniqah Farakh. It was followed by Hadith read by Waseema Basharat. Pledge was then led by Sadr sahibah. Farhana Rabbi then recited a melodious poem. It was followed by Taleem program conducted by Tehmina Rafique. Nabila read quotations on fasting from the Holy Quran, hadith and prayers. Tehmina sahibah discussed the purpose of fasting. She said the Promised Messiah's son wrote an article in Al-Fazl International and 61 weaknesses of self were mentioned in it. They were divided into six categories: Tabligh, Tarbiyyat, moral conduct, family obligation, personal and social conduct. She advised sisters to make a resolution that in each month of Ramadhan, get rid of one weakness. She then discussed the Taleem test. 181 sisters took part in test and many sisters had 100 or more. She then conducted a question and answer session on Ramadhan. It was followed by Tarbiyyat program conducted by Farah Ahmad. The topic under discussion was un-Islamic customs. Some innovations or trends discussed were: LGTB movement, wedding registry, mehndi ceremonies for the groom, mixed weddings, sheesha, dating, dowry, civil marriage being turned into a party, birthdays, etc. She then discussed some other moral and societal obligations. She discussed Purdah. She told sisters to wear it proudly and use it as a Tabligh tool. Also, she advised sisters on etiquette of Khutba juma. She said when one comes for Jumma, if khutba has started, one shouldn't say salam, because the khutba is part of salat. Sisters were also urged to focus on listening to the Quran and making themselves heed to its teachings. Sisters were also told to keep the mosque clean. It was followed by Sister Farkhanda Ahmad discussing Tehrik-e-Jadid. She discussed the history of the chanda and its purpose. She urged members to participate in it with zeal and vigor. The meeting ended with prayers.

By: Faiza Bajwa & Annie Bajwa



Eid-ul-Fitr in Bait-uz-Zafar on July 6th 2016, where Assembly member David Weprin joined and paid tribute to Nazir Ayaz sahib

Bookstall was held during Eid-ul-Fitr in Bait-uz-Zafar on July 6th 2016 where various books in Urdu, English, Bangla and Holy Qur'ans and new books were available

