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UP COMING EVENTS:

June 6th, Sunday @ 6:00pm — Jama'at meeting on Global Financial crisis and Islamic response, also how to enjoy summer with healthy activities. There will be presentation from Humanity First as well

June 12th, Saturday @ 9:00am —8pm—Regional Khuddam and Arfal Ijtema

June 13th, Sunday @ 11:00am—Ansar and Lajna Meeting

June 20th, Sunday @ 11:00am—Lajna Meena Bazaar

July 2nd- 4th - Jalsa Salana Canada

Every Saturday Tahir School classes @ 9:30 am

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Khilafat Day in Bait-uz-Zafar



Khilafat Day was celebrated on May 27th, in Bait-uz-Zafar at 6:30pm with dinner. The program began with recitation of Holy Quran and Nazm. Tahir School student, Wahab Quazi gave a talk on the life of 1st Khalifatul Masih. A 7 year old Tifl, shared his personal relationship with Huzur^{aba} in a beautiful speech, which had everyone

talking about it. A video presentation on the Khalifatul Masih were shown by Ahmad Chaudhry followed by a revival of Islam through Khilafat-e-Ahmadiyya by Mueen Ahmad. The concluding part was covered by Imam Daud Hanif sahib where he emphasized to keep keen contact with our khalifa, which will keep contact with God.

TADHKIRAH

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English rendering of
the divine revelations,
dreams and visions vouchsafed to

Ḥadrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad of Qadian,
The Promised Messiah and Mahdī,
on whom be peace

May 28, 1907

A few days back, I received the revelation:

لاہور سے ایک افسوسناک خبر آئی

[Urdu] A sad piece of news has been received
from Lahore.

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Gunmen Attack 2 Mosques in Pakistan

Attackers Kill Dozens in Mosques of Minority Islamic Sect in Pakistan

By WAQAR GILLANI
and JANE PERLEZ

LAHORE, Pakistan — Hafeez Malik heard the gunfire outside the mosque, then shots inside the prayer hall.

"People were dying one after the other," said Mr. Malik, a 55-year-old architect. "I could count more than 20 people dead around me."

From inside another mosque several miles away near the central train station, his brother, Abdul Rashid Malik, 65, an engineer, called his family on his cellphone. He was a hostage and had been shot in the leg, he said. He has not been heard from since, Hafeez Malik said.

More than 80 worshippers of a minority Muslim sect, the Ahmadis, were killed and more than 110 wounded Friday in a coordinated assault by seven well-trained attackers on two mosques in Lahore, Pakistan's second largest city, the authorities said.

At the mosque known as Dar-ul-Zakir, near the train station, two attackers blew themselves up inside the prayer hall after spraying the congregation with bullets, police officers said.

The target was the Ahmadis, a group of about two million Muslims in Pakistan who are considered heretical by many mainstream Muslims because the Ahmadis believe that Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, who founded their movement in 1889, was the messiah foretold by Muhammad, the prophet of Islam.

There are sizable communities of well-educated Ahmadis in the United States, Britain and other parts of the Muslim diaspora.

The assault, which began during Friday Prayer and lasted

more than three hours at the Dar-ul-Zakir Mosque, and about an hour at the Bait-ul-Noor Mosque, occurred amid a surge of sectarian violence in Pakistan in the last two years.

Minority sects like the Ahmadis and the Shiites and have come under increasing pressure as religious extremism has taken hold, fomented by sectarian groups like Jaish-e-Mohammad and Lashkar-e-Jhangvi, formerly state-sponsored organizations.

In an unusually strong statement, the American ambassador to Pakistan, Anne W. Patterson, said Pakistan, an ally of the United States, had witnessed an increase in "provocative statements that promote intolerance and are an incitement to extremist violence."

The Ahmadis were declared a non-Muslim minority in the 1970s during the rule of the military dictator Muhammad Zia ul-Haq, a period during which jihadist ideology became ingrained in Pakistan's state and religious education system.

The minister of law in Punjab Province, which includes Lahore, the capital, said that in the days before their assault, the attackers stayed with the Tablighi Jamaat, a Muslim missionary group that is often described by terrorism experts as the antechamber to the Taliban and Al Qaeda. The headquarters of the Tablighi Jamaat are in Raiwind, a town on the outskirts of Lahore.

The minister, Rana Sana Ullah Khan, said he believed that the attackers, who operated as commandos, throwing hand grenades and firing automatic weapons, had been trained for the task in Waziristan, the Pakistani Tali-

ban's base.

Geo TV, a leading news channel in Pakistan, reported that members of the Punjab branch of the Pakistani Taliban claimed responsibility for the attacks. The Punjab branch is composed mainly of Lashkar-e-Jhangvi and Jaish-e-Mohammad, which have joined forces with the Taliban.

The attackers, who worshippers said were quite young, opened fire outside the mosques around 2 p.m., just as the sermons were finishing, survivors said. The assaults began within minutes of each other at the Dar-ul-Zakir Mosque near the train station and at the Bait-ul-Noor Mosque in Model Town, an upscale neighborhood where a former prime minister, Nawaz Sharif, lives.

Mr. Malik, the architect, said the worshippers at Bait-ul-Noor were sitting, preparing for prayer, when three attackers burst into the prayer hall.



Pakistanis in Lahore mourned on Friday outside one of two mosques of the minority Ahmadi sect that were attacked.

One attacker, about 16 years old and wearing a grubby shirt and pants, was wounded and wrestled to the ground by the worshippers, he said.

"I was waiting for them to come to me; I was near the front," Mr. Malik said. "They were shooting whoever they could."

The assault at the mosque near the train station was the more audacious, the police said. One gunman mounted the minaret and traded fire with the police below.

The explosion from the two suicide bombers who blew themselves up in the prayer hall there increased the number of deaths, the police said. When the police took control of the mosques, bodies were strewn across the main floors and verandas.

"I saw what I would never forget," said Waseem Ahmad, who worked as a guard at the scanner near the entrance to the Dar-ul-

Zakir Mosque. "There were dead bodies everywhere, and blood was flowing everywhere."

Dozens of worshippers survived by scurrying down a narrow passage and hiding in the basement as the ordeal unfolded, said Abdul Salam Arshad, 56, a retired civil servant, who emerged unscathed from the mosque near the train station.

Another survivor, Munawar Shahid, an official of the Ahmadi community, hid in his office next to the mosque during the assault. "Everybody is trying to save their life," Mr. Shahid said on his cellphone as gunfire rattled around him.

The Human Rights Commission of Pakistan has regularly reported on discrimination against the Ahmadis, and has said that intolerance of them by extremists has escalated. "The extremists are not tolerating any other community, including Ahmadis, and it seems the government has failed to control them," said I. A. Rehman, the commission's executive director.

The State Department report on human rights said this year said that 11 Ahmadis were killed last year in Pakistan because of their faith. The report said Pakistani law forbade Ahmadis to refer to themselves as Muslims or to engage in any Muslim practices, including using Muslim greetings, referring to their places of worship as mosques, or taking part in the hajj.

Live broadcasts of the attacks in Lahore were notable on Friday for failing to refer to the Ahmadis as Muslims. Reporters and commentators rarely referred to the Ahmadis by name, preferring the phrase "minority community."



NY Metro Ansarullah Ijtema

New York Metro Majlis Ansarullah held its Regional Ijtema on May 16th 2010 at Masjid Bait-uz-Zafar. The program started with the recitation of Holy Quran. After the Ansar pledge, a Nazm was recited followed by opening address. The results follows:

Educational competitions:

Recitation Of Holy Qur'an:

- 1st: Mahmood Buhtta Sahib of Queens
 2nd: Saleem A Cheema Sahib of Bronx
 3rd: Dr. Shahed Ahmed, Brooklyn & Ziauddin Nizami, Long Island

Hadith:

- 1st: Abdul Ghafoor Sahib & Karim Sharif, Queens
 2nd: Dr. Shahed Ahmed, Brooklyn
 3rd: Nazir Cheema, Bronx

Impromptu Speech Competitions:

- 1st: Karim Sharief & Naeem Mansoor, Queens
 2nd: Rashid Alladin, Long Island
 3rd: Naeem Janjua, Brooklyn

sports:

Volleyball:

- 1st: Brooklyn and Bronx Majalis Team led by Nazir Cheema

Tug of war:

- 1st: Brooklyn/Bronx Majalis Team led by Saleem Cheema

Horse Shoe competition:

- 1st: Saleem Cheema sahib of Bronx Majlis
 2nd: Naeem Sharief sahib of Queens Majlis
 3rd. Position: Naeem Mansoor sahib of Queens Majlis

Last Session was Talqeen-e-Amal which was addressed by Imam Daud Hanif sahib; he gave some very valuable and spiritual advices to Ansar about their responsibilities in their matrimonial relations and up bringing of children. Total participants at one point were over 70 members. Special thanks goes to Abdul Hadi Nasir sahib, Mohammad Afzal Sahib, Qureshi Abdul Razaq sahib, and Dr. Shahed Ahmed sahib who were judges for the educational competitions. Special thanks also goes to Mohammad Ahmad Chaudhry sahib, Zaeem Majlis Queens and his Ziafat team and other workers who work very hard to make this event a success. May Allah reward them all, Amin. Also appreciation goes to Rafi Ahmed Sahib, Zaeem Brooklyn, and Saleem Cheema sahib of Bronx, who assisted in conducting the Ijtema.

By: Mohammad Arshad Janjua, Nazm Ansar, NY Metro



2010 Islamic Games

The New York Metro Soccer Team competed in the Annual Islamic Games which took place in the Crossroads Middle School, in South Brunswick, NJ on the weekend of May 28-29th, 2010. 2 Basketball teams, 1 Soccer team, 1 volleyball team, and 1 flag football team from New York competed in this event.



2010 NY Metro Soccer Team

The New York Metro Soccer team played with tremendous heart, team spirit and passion. They played a total of 3 games where each games lasted an hour long. Our New York Metro Soccer team consisted of Fahim Malik, Saeed Ahmed, Kawser Ahmad, Salaam Bhatti, Anzil Salam, Ackail Ali, Shakil Ahmed, Fareed Sanusi, Atiq Ahmad, Shoeb Abulkalam, and couple of guests. They played well together. They have established a great bond of brotherhood and a great respect for one another and may Allah Bless them and keep them fit and healthy and ready for their next tournament coming up the regional Ijtema on June 12th, and the National Khuddam Ijtema on August 6-8, 2010.

NY Metro combined khuddam from Queens and Maryland to form the basketball team. Couple of the team members from the team consisted of Khurram Bajwa, and Kashif Chaudhry. They played very well and moved onto the quarter finals. They also participated in flag football and volleyball.

By: Shoeb Abulkalam



Amin Ceremony

At the occasion of Khilafat day meeting, four Ameens took place in the presence of Imam Daud Hanif Sahib:

1. Qasid Chaudhry, 2. Danish Chaudhry (both sons of Mohammad Ahmad Chaudhry sahib), 3. Nasir Ahmad Butt, son of Sajid Ahmad, and 4. Bareerah Ahmad, daughter of Mahmood Ahmad sahib.

May Allah bless the teachers of the children who taught them Holy Qur'an and bless the children and their families. Amin.

Vegetable garden at Bait-uz-Zafar:

- * In every issue we bring to you some of the renovations and additions to our New Bait-uz-Zafar. Well thanks to Nasir Ahmad under the supervision of the sec. property prepared to grow Vegetables and thanks to sister Nasira Ahmad and Zarin Ahmad who donated the vegetable plants. The children of KG of Tahir school will maintain the garden.

Visitors to New York:

- * Missionary In charge Naseem Mehdi sahib led Jumma prayers at Bait-uz-Zafar and visited FOX TV studios for interview that was broadcast during FOX news.
- * Munir Chaudhry sahib, In charge MTA earth station visited Bait-uz-Zafar along with the new missionary Khalid Saeed sahib who will assist Imam Daud Hanif sahib in the assigned countries by Huzoor^{aba}. He will be stationed in Miami.



Humanity First | Serving Mankind

There will be a brief Humanity First presentation as a part of the monthly New York Jama'at meeting on Sunday, June 6th. The goal of this meeting is to inform Jama'at members of the positive impact Humanity First has made throughout the world and to raise awareness of their various ongoing projects. Specifically, donations will be collected towards the funding of a water well in Africa. This well will provide clean drinking water, which would otherwise be unavailable, to its community. Our goal is to raise enough to fund at least one well, and with everyone's participation, insha'Allah, we will be able to do even better. Ameen.

By: Attiya Hayat Malik



NY Jama'at Monthly Meeting

NY Jama'at held its general meeting on May 2, which was presided by respected Imam Daud Hanif sahib. The program started with recitation of holy Quran by Mohammad Afzal sahib. The poem was recited by Reaz Rehman sahib. Then Secretary Tarbiyyat gave an introduction of the theme of the meeting which was "the Islamic family values- a teaching without borders". Then Imam sahib was invited to give a speech on the topic. He emphasized that Islamic teachings are universal and if you look around and reflect on your state of affairs you will find that if there are problems then you should know that you have not followed the teachings of Islam. He said that you should always look to see what will please Allah.

He also mentioned some of the misconceptions where cultural practices may be considered Islamic teachings. In short Imam sahib elaborated Islamic teachings of family values in a very simple and understanding way. At the end audience was given a chance to ask questions which were answered by Imam sb. The program concluded at 8 pm. Imam sahib reminded all that you like to end the programs on time but you should also arrive on time so they can also be started on time.

After that member said salat in congregation. Dinner was served at the end. The attendance was very good let us keep it up. We would like to thank all those who made efforts to make the program a success especially the Ziafat team for preparing and serving such delicious food. Jazakumullaho ahsanuljaza.

By: Karim Sharif

Atfal trip to Big Apple Circus:

MAA Queens organized a trip to the Big Apple Circus on Saturday, 29th May. During the latter half of Tahir Class about 8 Atfal accompanied by Nazim Atfal Reaz Rahman and Naib Nazim Taimur Hamid and Shabbir Ahmed headed to the Circus. Murabbi Atfal Mohammad Mahmood Sahib graciously arranged for the transportation.

The show started at 12:30 PM and lasted for about 2 hours. It was an event that all the kids thoroughly enjoyed all the acrobatics and daredevil acts of the circus. After the show ended the whole group walked back to the Masjid.

Educational Achievements:

It is time of the year when we report educational achievements of our students. Please do send us your achievements. Here is one Naila Ahmad, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rafiq Ahmad received certificate of achievement and outstanding service to the college and community. Congratulations, Naila. Allah Bless you for this reward and many more to come.

Help Wanted:

- * If you are looking for domestic or office cleaning service, please contact Mahmood Ahmad (Sec Amore ama) for details.
- * If you need help to upgrade your computer or need repairs at very nominal costs, contact Mahmood Ahmad.

Salat At Bait-uz-Zafar:

As we head for warmer days and hope that more of you will come to join in the congregation prayers at Bait-uz-Zafar. Please note, Prayers at Bait-uz-Zafar follow timings as stated in the Jama'at calendar. There is Dars after Esha prayers everyday.

Jumma Announcement:

We have a procedure laid out for those who want announcements done at Jumma. All announcements must reach Vice president sahib by Thursday Maghrib time. No announcement will be accepted at the Jumma time. You can give your announcements to me by E-mailing at sanfas@aol.com, or call him at 347 562 3975 or you can leave it with him or in his mailbox at Bait-uz-Zafar. Kindly follow these instructions, much obliged

Tahajjat Prayer in Bait-uz-Zafar:

Members of the New York Jama'at gathered - men, women and children to offer special Tahajjat prayers for the victims of Massacre of Ahamdies in Pakistan on May 29th 2010. The prayers were led by Prf. Sultan Akbar sahib followed by Dars by Ahmad Mubarak sahib.

Condolences from Non Ahmadi friends of Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, USA:

Dear Asad and Nazir,

I just heard the news about the horrific attack in Pakistan against the Ahmadies. I want to express my personal sorrow about this terrible violence against your brethren and know that many members of the former Temple Israel, who had the wonderful opportunity to meet and spend time with you, are thinking of you and wishing the best to members of your community in dealing with this tragedy.

Sincerely, Michael Greene

A telephone message to Nazir Ayaz: his sympathies are with our community in this troubled time and he condemns the attack forcefully and he intends to write to the government on this issue and lapse of security.

-Chairman of Pakistan Unity council, Mr. Iqbal Junuj

MCN is deeply distressed at the latest bombings against the Ahmadiyya. I hope that all Muslim groups, whatever doctrinal differences, will condemn this publicly as I am sure almost all do in their hearts.

I have been informed about the tragedy of killing of one hundred worshippers in the mosque at Lahore a few hours ago. It broke my heart. It's just barbaric, inhumane and the most cruel action for which I hold the Government responsible. The safety of the citizens irrespective of creed, color or national origin is of paramount importance. The Government should step away if it could not guarantee the fundamental rights to the citizen.

I am lost for the words to express my deepest condolences to the leaders and the families who suffered at the hands of brutal extremism today in their mosque. May! Allah grant you and the community patience to endure this tragedy. I earnestly beseech the protection of Allah (swt) for all of us.

-Imtiaz S. Syed

The Lajna meeting started with the Recitation of Sura al-Baqarah verses 154-158, by Sister Rashida Bajwa. The translation was read by Sister Sofia Bajwa. Next, Hadith #35, "The Worst Feast is the One to Which Only the Wealthy Have Been Invited" was read by Sister Qudsia Ghayur, while translation was read by Bariah Ahmad. Sister Qudsia Ghayur then read an excerpt of the Promised Messiah (as) related to the Hadith.



The Taleem Workshop was conducted by Sister Farah Ahmed. The topic of this workshop was how mothers can train their kids from an Islamic Perspective. Basic points on the upbringing of children were read from the "Way of the Seekers" and "Daughters of Eve" by Sister Farah and translated into Urdu by Sister Qudsia Ghayur. Members were divided into three groups and were given different scenarios that they had to come up with a solution for. Each group had a different scenario which all related to the upbringing of a child. These groups then shared out loud.

Next was the Tarbiyyat workshop which was led by Dr. Salamat Majeed. The topic for this workshop was how we should abide by the Pledge we recite every month. Members were once again divided into two groups and were made to discuss how they obey the pledge and follow it in their everyday lives. Especially when it came to the upbringing of their kids. One group wrote and discussed in Urdu while the other group discussed the topic in English.

A small workshop was held by Sister Rehana Nayyar which involved the married Lajna members only. Married Lajna were divided into two groups: those who were married recently and those who have been married for a long time. This workshop started by Sister Rehana Nayyar reading some points from the Quran and Ahadith on leading a good marriage and being a good wife. Then a scenario was given to the members which was how to deal with a disagreement with parents in law. An open discussion took place in which newly married Lajna members gave their point of views, and the elder Lajna members gave advice to the youngsters on how to deal with married life and marriage problems.

Announcements were then made by President Farkhanda Ahmad. The Meena Bazaar which was supposed to take place on May 23rd has now been postponed to June 27th. A regional Sports event will take place on August 7th and 8th. Dif-

By: Bariah Ahmad

MKA Press Conference in Time Square



Caption to picture: Queens Khuddam, Tahir Sheik and Ghulam Rabbi, stand beside Sadr Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya, Faheem Younus, as he speaks at a press conference.

On May 13, 2010 New York City saw and heard from the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community on the recent terrorist bombing attempt in Times Square. "Love it or Leave it" was the theme of the message delivered by Sadr Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya USA, Faheem Younus on Fox and Friends. The show, seen by close to 1 million people, gave a 3 minute segment devoted to our message. The interview received many favorable responses. The interview can be seen on Youtube at the "MKAUSASOB" channel.

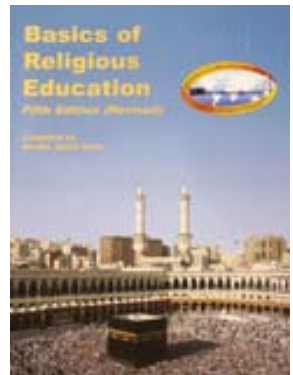
On the same day, a press conference was held in Times Square in which Sadr MKA USA delivered a thorough response to the attempted Times Square

bombing. Many media outlets were on hand including NPR and Newsday. Several Queens Khuddam were present as a video featuring them was shown to the audience. The video produced by Queens Khuddam conveys the message of loyalty to the US. The video has been seen by over 2,000 individuals on YouTube.

These two events were made possible by the Media team which reached out to hundreds of news outlets to bring them to the news conference.

By: Ahmad Chaudhry

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A major Islamic group is denouncing terrorism and calling on Muslims to show loyalty to America, or get out. Events in the Times Square attempted bombing are unfolding in predictable fashion. The chief suspect is an educated, middle-class Muslim who reportedly confessed to being trained in Pakistan, and possible accomplices are being rounded up there.

There is, however, one big difference that separates this case from others. A major Islamic group is denouncing terrorism and calling on Muslims to show loyalty to America, or get out.

"Islam condemns terrorism unreservedly and totally," Naseem Mahdi said, adding it is "the duty and responsibility of all Muslims living in the US to be loyal to the flag and to be law-abiding citizens."

Mahdi is national vice president of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, which says it has tens of millions of followers around the world. Its mosques in the U.S. include several in the New York area, and it claims its 1921 start makes it the first American-Muslim organization.

It is certainly the first to say so clearly what many Americans have been waiting to hear. While it is true that terrorists are a small minority of Muslims, the majority has been too silent about this deadly scourge and too reluctant to help law enforcement.

Mahdi, who spoke at a press conference in Washington, told me he not only understands that view, he shares it. His pet peeve is that the common Muslim complaint about the media misses the big picture.

"Look, if these people are doing suicide bombings and they are doing it in the name of Islam, there is no reason to complain about the media," he said.

A Pakistani who lived in Europe and Canada, Mahdi also has choice words for Muslim immigrants who don't appreciate American freedom and opportunity. "My advice to them is to be bold and go live in the lands where their loyalties belong," he told me. "I know what I'm saying here, I can't say in Pakistan."

More power to him, and may many more echo his words.

NY Post, May 5th, 2010



Blood Drives

By the grace of Allah almighty, Queens/Long Island Majlis sponsored a blood drive on Saturday May 22nd in Union Square, Manhattan. We were able to raise 38 donations, which is significantly higher than the average of 15 at this location.

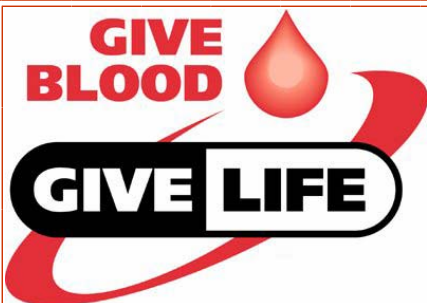
Contributing to the success of this initiate were sisters Nusrat Qadir (visiting from New Jersey) and Attiya Malik and brothers Ahmad Chaudhry, Long Island Qaid Umair Jamil sahib, NY Metro Regional Qaid Zeshan Hamid sahib, and brothers Anzil Salam and Nadim Malik.

On the same day the Brooklyn Majlis sponsored two drives raising 41 donations, bringing the total in the NY Metro area to 111 for the month of May, Alhamdulillah. These blood donations will be used in community hospitals and potentially save over 300 lives.

We will be having another drive in Manhattan on Saturday June 19th, in Queens on Saturday September 18th, and in Brooklyn and Long Island in July Inshallah.

Please pray that we exceed our target of raising over 300 donations this year.

By: Nadim Malik



Queens held a blood drive on May 15, 2010 between 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM. There were a total of 42 donors who participated. Of those, 33 donors qualified in donating blood. There were 13 members from the Jama'at (Lajna and khuddam, and Ansar) and 20 people walking by the blood bus who volunteered or were contacted by Nadim Malik to donate. This was a successful drive as our goal was to collect 30 bags. These 30 bags equated to saving 99 lives! Inshallah our next drive will be even more successful.

By: Taimur Hamid

Finance:

Our Chanda Fiscal year ends in June and recently we sent out reminders. Please have your past dues cleared in the next two weeks or so. We would like each and every earning member of our Jama'at to have fulfilled his or her chanda obligations. Please pay special attention to Chanda Jalsa Salana as we are over 40% behind in this category.

Mosque Fund:

We need lots of money and very slowly funds are coming by at a slow pace and that makes us bit nervous. Kindly give your highest consideration. It really need out of the way special sacrifices to meet our goals and you have Mashallah been there all this time, let us do it one more time and after that we have only two more installments left. We have come all this way, let us pull to the end for a lasting reward from Almighty. Please do not forget to pay Mosque fund on behalf of your elders who are not there anymore. This will keep their spirit live and it is the best Sadqa you can give in their name. Allah Bless you.

Jalsa Salana USA Information

The hotels and directions are already posted on Ahmadiyya USA website and more will be added. If you find hotels listed in the web site bit expensive, try on line through special Hotel booking sites.

We do not intend to have transportation service provided by Jama'at. However if you need one, check with your friends and also let us know and we will work on car pooling, inshallah. Also check train, plane and bus options.

Muballageens transfers:

Imam Kauser sahib will be moving to Chicago area and in his place Azhar Hanif sahib will cover New Jersey Jama'ats and Philadelphia Jama'at. Daud Hanif sahib will continue as Mubaligh of the four metro Jama'ats along with countries assigned to him by Huzoor^{aba}.

Marriage:

Javed Saeed was married to Faiqa in Maryland and their Waleema reception was held in New York.
Congratulations to the Married Couple, May Allah make their marriage a success, Amin.

Volunteer time for Community service certification at Bait-uz-Zafar:

For all high school and college students can provide Jama'at 40 hours of their time over the period of summer vacation (2 months +) and obtain community service certification.. I hope all students will take this opportunity and serve Ahmadiyyat. Please contact Nazir Ayaz with your schedule.

Time off for Vacation:

We urge the whole family should take time off for few days and visit some new cities, parks and if you need help in that you may discuss with Nazir Ayaz who can provide you with few options depending upon your budget and time available.

Regular in Prayers and recitation of Holy Quran:

I sincerely hope that you will make best of this summer and finally make sure children say their regular prayers, recite the Quran daily and do not indulge in too much time spent on video games or on internet.

How best to plan summer holidays for your children:

The summer is here and soon schools and colleges will close for summer vacation. The parents should discuss with their children how best to plan for the summer vacation. We very much like you as parents, both father and mother should sit down with your children and plan out events and programs for the vacation time so that it becomes enjoyable, productive, and spiritually beneficial for the whole family.

Tahir Summer Tarbiyyat Camp:

Our annual summer camp will take place soon after the Jalsa Salana in mid July, Starting July 21 and ending July 25th, Inshallah. This is open to all boys and girls from kindergarten to college students. Please ensure all your children do attend and they do not take part time jobs during these dates. Also please ensure they do not take vacation during these dates or take other vocational and recreational sessions. It is a great opportunity for your children to spend time with other Ahmadies of their age and likes.

Isha at Bait-uz-Zafar during summer months will be performed 45 minutes after Maghrib. Kindly make note of it and for all other prayers at Bait-uz-Zafar , please follow Jama'at calendar timings.

Tabligh Announcements

- * **Twitter Account:** If you have already opened a twitter account please follow - www.Twitter.com/AhmadiyyatIslam and www.Twitter.com/GhulamRabbi
- * QPTV programs will be shown every Tuesday at 12:30 pm on channel 35 and every Friday at 4:30 pm on channel 56.
- * The official website for Review of Religions launched: www.reviewofreligions.com. It has 8 years of archived issues.
- * I encourage the Daeen to also utilize Muslim Sunrise for Tabligh www.muslimsunrise.com
- * Join the MKA radio program on Sundays at 6PM at <http://www.blogtalkradio.com/therealrevolution>
- * We are happy to welcome Mr. Saud Chaudhry to the true Islam, Ahmadiyyat. Mr. Chaudhry is the father of Ghulam Rabbi Ahmad sahib and he has been a regular at the Jumma and other Jama'at activities. After deep study of Ahmadiyyat, he signed the Bait. We welcome him to the fold of Ahmadiyyat. May Allah Bless him.

Deaths and Martyrdoms:

- * It is said with great sorrow to share the martyrdom of the Nephew of Sister Amna Hamid and brothers Aziz Ahmad and Karm Ellai sahib was shot to death in Karachi. Huzoor^{aba} mentioned the deceased in his Khutba Jumma and led Janaza prayers. Janaza of the deceased also took place at Bait-uz-Zafar.
- * Also our Jama'at member, Amna Hamid's nephew Shaker sahib passed away.
- * As the news is unfolding and more details are coming by of the Lahore Martyrdoms of Ahmadies. It is sad for us to inform you that among the Shohadahs were:
 1. Brother in law of Ijaz Malik sahib
 2. Cousin of Sister Rehanna Nayyar
 3. Grandfather of Mubarak Ahmad sahib
 4. Cousin of sister Rasidah Hamid.
 5. Haleem Chaudhry sahib lost his cousin, his wife Sister Musaraf lost her brother.
 6. Mohammad Qazi lost his cousin
 7. Nadim Ahmad of Howard Beach lost his cousin
 8. Imam Kuaser sahib lost his uncle (Mamu)
 9. Our Missionary In charge, Mehedi sahib lost his brother in law.
 10. Brother of Saiqa Ahmad, wife of Dr Shahid Ahmad, Sadr Brooklyn
 11. Sister Zarina who lost her father few weeks ago had another loved one, her Uncle, Sadr of Model Town was among those who perished.

اِنَّا لِلّٰهِ وَاِنَّا اِلَيْهِ رَاجِعُونَ
Inna lillahi wa inna ilahi raji'un

May Allah The Almighty elevate their status in paradise and grant Patience to the family members to bear this great loss.

Among the injured ones in the Lahore Massacre, was brother of Ozair Bajwa. He fought with one of the attackers. A relation of our Imam Daud Hanif sahib was also injured.

Congregation prayers at the Mosque:

We want parents to bring their child to mosque for congregation prayers, say for Maghrib and if that is not possible perhaps for Isha, Fajr or Zuhr. This must be planned out and takes place on regular basis.

Learn Holy Quran:

If your child needs to learn Quran, we will have classes daily Mondays to Thursdays at the Mosque. If you are interested in this service, please contact Karim Sharif Sahib or Mohammad Afzal sahib.

Khuddam News:

- * Khuddam cleaned old Masjid and also cleaned and prepared for the gardening and vegetable garden
- * Khuddam helped in set up and clean up during Khilafat Day
- * There was a BBQ gathering by Khuddam



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