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Up Coming Events

February 2nd 2014—Sunday @—Ansar Meeting 11:30am, Lajna Meeting 11:00am, Khuddam General Meeting 12:00pm.

February 2nd 2014—Sunday @ 1:15pm- Monthly Qur'an Class with Hadi sahib.

February 8th 2014—Saturday @ 10am- Regional Waqfe Nau Ijtema in Bait-uz-Zafar

February 20th 2014—Thursday @ 7:30pm- Musleh Maud Day Meeting in Bait-uz-Zafar.

Tahir classes for children including High school students every Saturdays at 9:30am

See inside for Salat timings

Jumma in Manhattan gathering is @ 1:10pm

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Seeratul Nabi in Masjid Bait-uz-Zafar



Seeratul Nabi or the life of the Prophet Muhammad (saw) was commemorated in Bait-uz-Zafar on Sunday January 19, 2014 at 1 PM after Salatul Zuhr. Members from Bronx, Manhattan, along with all local Hulqa attended this blissful Jalsa.

The program started with Tilawat or recitation of the Holy Qur'an by Abdul Yanful sahib followed by Nazm by Zafar Malik sahib. Maher Mahmood, a local tifi shared his speech on the topic ". The Prophet Muhammad (saw) as a brave man" where he gave examples of our beloved Prophet's (saw) life and actions where he led by example in defending Islam fearlessly and with honor.

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Another speech on social and spiritual revolution of the Prophet Muhammad (saw) was shared by Zulfikar Sikder sahib. He explained with incidents during the lifetime of Holy Prophet (saw) where his character and influence brought such a profound change in the hearts of ruthless Meccans that led to transformation of a spiritual and civilized society from a dark and ignorant society.

Ahmad Chaudhry sahib presented a moving speech on "Qualities of the Prophet Muhammad (saw) Essential for our Youth" where he gave numerous lessons learned messages to the youth. He spoke of moderation, bullying, peer pressure, and other relevant issues that remain at large among youth these days and how Holy Prophet (saw) faced them with dignity. Ahmad sahib emphasized how we should read and follow the life of the Holy Prophet (saw) to gain nearness to Allah and how to prevent oneself from easily getting distracted by what is around us.

Ahmad Mubarak sahib translated a speech in English from Hazrat Khalifatul IV (rh) on salat. Concluding Remarks were given by Imam Daud Hanif sahib where he also advised members to grow interest among us to learn about this holy person whose life was the Holy Qur'an. Lunch was provided by ziafat team. Alhamdulillah the program was enjoyed by everyone.

By: Shoeb Abulkalam

Tabligh Report

Similar to last year's nationwide campaign about "Muhammad: Messenger of Peace", Jama'at Ahmadiyya USA has followed up and asked to initiate the campaign for a second straight year. In this regard, the New York Jama'at has established a location and a target audience for March 12th at 6:30 pm at The UC located on 4 West 43rd Street in Manhattan. We look forward to making this event more successful than last year with the help of our Khuddam and Young Lajna, who put in extraordinary efforts.

On Monday, January 20, 2014, Martin Luther King Day was celebrated across the United States. The New York Jama'at had sponsored an event regarding his life in the Harlem section of New York. While the event was on a smaller scale, Ali Murtaza Sb. spoke briefly about the ideals of Martin Luther King and how it benefits many, if not all, Americans today. There were a total of 30 guests, who were given various books and Jama'at accessories. There was also a great turnout from the Bronx-area Ahmadies, especially the Ansar.

On January 26, 2014, there was a program with the Queens Council of Mosques regarding Seerut-ul-Nabi where the Jamaat was a co-sponsor. After struggling for some time to get some presentation time at a Seerut-ul-Nabi event for non-Ahmadies, the Jamaat had finally got its opportunity to do so. The keynote speaker was Dr. Ahmad Chaudhry, with the topic of "Muhammad: Messenger of Peace (SAW)". Despite being an outcast in the eyes of other Muslims, Jama'at Ahmadiyya was introduced and treated with respect throughout the entire course of the evening. Dr. Chaudhry's speech was capped off with a quote from the Promised Messiah for the love of The Holy Prophet (SAW). A few verses of The Qaseedah were recited to conclude the event, which lasted over 3 hours. The total number of guests in attendance were a combined 140 individuals, who were all Muslims and included African-Americans, West Indians and Bengali's. Each guest was given a copy of "Life of Muhammad".

It is encouraged for Jama'at members to be on the lookout at your local workspaces, school and communities for any community or religious events that the Jama'at can partake in. If you see something that you think may be of interest for the Jama'at, please make a note of it and contact anybody in an administrative role.

By: Abdul Ghafoor sahib

Lajna Report

The Lajna meeting began with Tilawat & Translation of the Holy Quran, Surah Al-Imran verses 38 & 39 by Anika Farak. Sister Sumera Ahmed read Hadith 145 from Words of Wisdom about the moral training of a child. Which was followed by a reading on the Promised Messiah (AS)'s treatment and kindness towards children by Mariam Ahmed. This was followed by a Punjabi nazm recited by Saba Noreen.

Aisha Saleen & Dr. Salamat Majeed presented the Talim program on "The Pious Women of the Holy Quran and the Holy Bible". Farkhanda and Farida Ahmad delivered the Tarbiyyat program recapping Huzoor's Jalsa Salana UK Speech 2013 to the women using the presentation the National Tarbiyyat Secretary, Aziza Rehman.

Farhana Ahmed shared about the upcoming interfaith event and how to respond to questions about Ahmadiyyat. Farida Ahmad then spoke about and shared photos from her recent Gift of Health Trip with Humanity First trip to Guatemala in December. The meeting concluded with silent prayers and was followed by the Tarteel Class led by Rehana Shehzad. We practiced the correct pronounce letters aliph through sheen.

By: Farida Ahmed

Waqfe-Nau Report

On January 11, 2014, the Queens Jama'at held its first waqf-e-nau meeting of the year. The meeting began with the recitation of Surah Al-Imran v. 96-98 with translation, recited by Haseeb Mirza. Danial Mahmood then gave the Urdu translation of these verses. Following the tilawat, Alisha Robeena recited the hadith "People Are Like a Teeth of Comb" with translation. Afterwards, Saba Noorin recited couplets 4-6 of the qaseedah with translation and Maherah Mohar also recited "Ho Fazl Tayrah Ya Rab".

Prior to the various presentations, Farah Ahmad gave a short introduction about herself, her family, and the reason behind why she waqfed her children. The first presentation was that of Danish Chaudhry who did a PowerPoint on Hazrat Umar Farooq (ra). The PowerPoint was a well-organized history on Hazrat Umar Farooq's (ra) life, as well as his time as a companion of the Holy Prophet (saw) and his life as a khalifa. Following Danish's PowerPoint, Amatul Hayee Marium gave a PowerPoint presentation on Hazrat Noah (as). Marium spoke of Hazrat Noah's (as) lineage, family, legacy, and the consequences of the disbelievers of his time. Afterwards, Amara Mahmood gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Q&A session of a Nasirat waqf-e-nau class in July 2012 in Canada. The Question and Answer session ranged from various questions including purdah, women's roles in careers, and the piousness of an Ahmadi wedding.

Towards the end of the meeting, the regional waqf-e-nau secretary, Dr. Nadeem Ahmad congratulated the Queens Jamaat on how far their waaqifeen have come. He also reminded us of the upcoming waaqifeen ijtema, and urged all children to participate according to their age groups. Our Waaqifeen secretary concluded the meeting by once again reminding us to remain steadfast in our Namaz, Quran, and Friday Sermons. Our secretary also stressed that the waqf children should actively use the websites: <http://waqfenau.us/> and <http://www.waqf-e-nau.org/>, as they are extremely helpful and also contain the waqf-e-nau syllabus for the ijtema. The meeting concluded with silent prayers. There were a total of 22 parents and 24 children, as well as 10 non-waqf children.

Note: Please be advised that waqf-e-nau class will be held every second Saturday of the month.

By: Amara Mahmood

Humanity First Team Travel; to Guatemala to Give Gift of Health

The Humanity First USA team of medical, student and general volunteers arrived on December 18, 2013 in Guatemala to serve humanity on the third Gift of Health trip of 2013 with the support of Humanity First Guatemala.

In the first three days, they saw over 1300 patients at the Gift of Health mobile clinic in Santo Domingo Xenocaj. This municipality has no major hospital in the area and only a small clinic with a nurse, so the benefit of Humanity First's presence is invaluable. In the three days at the clinic in San Juan Alcotenango, they saw over 1600 patients. At both locations, Each patient saw a physician in the pediatric or general medicine area, and then received free medications in the pharmacy. Prior to the clinic, all student volunteers had created over 800 hygiene packs by collecting donations of toothbrushes, toothpastes, toys, and other direly needed health care supplies, which they are now distributing to patients and children. Many of the physicians had also connected donations of medications and supplies. The educator had conducted a toy drive at school and spent part of her days playing with and handing out toys to the children at the clinics.

The trip was organized under the leadership of Dr. Naeem Lughmani, Medical Director of Humanity First USA along with the support of Gift of Health coordinator, Saifra Khan. The team on ground includes two physicians from USA, Dr. Khaula Rehman and Dr. Tahira Khalid, Akram Khalid, a physician from Canada, Dr. Kashif Ahmed, physician assistant Saba Ali, medical student Anesia McRae, educator Farida Ahmad and student volunteers from across the US: Tayyab Shah, Yousuf Shah, Aman Ahmad, Umar Momen, Moghees Hanif, Adal Malik, and Ayma Malik.

The Humanity First Guatemala team is led by David Gonzalez, Executive Director of Humanity First Guatemala, and includes 14 volunteers who are assisting in translation, pharmacy, and other logistics. The ground team had worked tirelessly in the past month to prepare for the arrival of the Gift of Health team.

The entire team of volunteers begins their day early at 7 am, and the clinic continues late into the night until the patients clear out. The entire team is working very hard and serving humanity, welcoming each patient, family and child with a smiling face. Humanity First is taking lead in serving Humanity in Guatemala.

Additional updates can be followed at www.twitter.com/hfguatemala. For more information about Gift of Health or interest in joining an upcoming trip, please contact Saifra at sai-fra.khan@us.humanityfirst.org.

By: Farida Ahmed



Khuddam Food & Clothing Drive

A clothing and canned food drive was done by Queens NY Majlis in December -January 2014. Alhamdulliah, a total collection of 80+ boxes of clothing were collected that consisted winter coats, hats, pants, shirts, shoes for men, women and children. Most of the items were collected from young students at Razi School in Queens NY where an Ahmadi sister works as a teacher. When the school found out about Humanity First organization from our Ahmadi sister, they wanted to give their donation of items to help the people in need. Thanks to the help from several Queens khuddam, all the boxed items were transported to Queens masjid for storage. The clothing/Food drive continued in January 2014 and more items of clothing and canned foods were collected from local Jama'at members. At the end of the drive the entire collection of items were donated to a local shelter operated by Volunteers of America in Queens, NY.

Manhattan Halqa Report:

The Manhattan hulqa held its first monthly meeting in 2014 on 26 January. The meeting was attended by several members, in addition to Imam sahib Daud Hanif and Sadr sahib Nazir Ayaz. The meeting was opened with tilawat by Muhsin Shahid.

This was followed by some remarks from Sadr sahib - who underscored the standing meetings of the auxiliary organizations on every first Sunday of the month, which everyone should attend - before the hulqa heard from Imam sahib.

Imam sahib made several important points. First, Imam sahib reminded us that the tilawat to open a formal meeting should be read, not recited from memory. He recalled that even a hafiz al-Qur'an would read from the Holy Book, with his finger tracing the words, so that his whole being, in every sense, was part of the recitation of the Holy Qur'an. The hulqa will thus ensure to read a section from the Holy Qur'an at its next meetings, rather than rely on recitation from memory.

Second, Imam sahib spoke about the need for recitation of the Holy Qur'an that isn't just internal but loud and audible - not just so that one can hear and partake in the recitation but also, and this is especially important, so that the children of a household become used to hearing the Holy Qur'an and benefit from being used to the practice.

In this vein, third, Imam sahib spoke more generally about the need to ensure that children grow up being familiar with the practices of Islam. Families should say congregational prayers together so that the children become used to this, and they should see their parents engage in prayer or in the recitation of the Holy Qur'an. The children should be immersed in the relevant practices from an early age on even if they don't take part yet themselves. Against this background, Imam sahib also encouraged the members of the hulqa to be in close(r) touch with one another and to encourage each other not only by means of the monthly hulqa meeting but also through other contact between the families. Members of the hulqa spoke about their views and experiences, particularly as concerns the responsibilities parents have vis-a-vis their children. Members also referred to the importance of the hulqa meetings as a way of keeping in touch.

The hulqa also discussed ways to facilitate transportation to Bait-uz-Zafar, and insha'allah members will coordinate with one another in the future. The ladies of the hulqa also continued work on their syllabus

By: Markus Ehsan Bouillon

Khuddam Report

In January, Khuddam participated in the new youth Quran class that was conducted by Naeem Ahmed of Long Island. The 45 minutes Quran class was in Dars format from Chapter 12 Yusuf. It was attended by 13 Khuddam and 1 Tifl after the Khuddam meeting on that day.

One Tifl gave a speech on the Holy Prophet (saw) bravery during the Seeratul Nabi program while another Khuddam spoke of the spiritual development among the Meccans during the lifetime of the Holy Prophet (saw), followed by one more khadim who spoke on the Holy Prophet (saw) and take away message for the youth.

Khuddam will start playing soccer on Sunday's in the gym across Bait-uz-Zafar soon.

Bronx Halqa Report:

Bronx halqa meeting was held on Jan 26th presided by respected sadr Nazir Ayaz sahib. After the tilawat by Muzzaffar Ahmad Jajja sahib and translation to those verses of quran by Hashim Awan, respected sadr sahib said, the first Sunday of the every month is a very important, in which all the meetings are held for Ansar, Khudam and Lajna. He said Jamaat members should try to attend their meetings, especially he put stress on khudam to attend their meetings and youth Quran class. The timings for the meetings are: Lajna's at 11:00 a.m, Ansar's at 11:30 a.m, khudam's at 12:00 p.m and youth quran class at 1:00 p.m. He also reminded us about the event in the month of February, he said Musleh Maud day is on Thursday February 20th which is even on a working day, everybody should try to attend and give some respect to our historic days. This way our generation will learn how these historic days are important for us. After this he asked Brother Adu Farid to tell us about the event of Martin Luther king day which he attended in south Bronx along with six members from Bronx and four members from queens. He said they talk about the optimism in community and a peace in nation. And also he distributed literature among people. Ali Murtaza sahib represent our jamaat.

Zaeem Ansarullah, Mahmood Bhutta sahib also attend Bronx halqa meeting, he said we should keep our attendance regular in jamaat programs and in congregational prayers because our children are looking at us.

The second part of the meeting led by our respected Imam Daud Hanif Sahib who ask everyone to come in front and introduce themselves and say something. All the participants in this enjoy this part of the meeting. During the meeting Hot Chocolate and delicious cookies was served to all members. After this respected Imam held the Ameen ceremony of Raheel Yanful, and said a person is successful with the conscious effort and constant in efforts. May Allah help them all and make them model for other children. He said our whole life revolves around this book. The children who finish the Quran should start very next day again with surah Al-Fatiha. He also mentioned one Hadith regarding this, that our Holy Prophet said, "Later days children will play Nabuwat" they will act like prophets. Our Jama'at system is very perfect and very blessed, once you are a pillar the others will be a pillar. So today at least you have known the members of this area in more detailed. God blessed all of us. All together 35 members of Jama'at attend this meeting. Lunch was served, cooked by Wasim Kokab Sahib.

By: Tahir Gulzar

Ansar Report

This month regular majlis monthly meeting was held on Sunday January 5 at Bait-uz-Zafar. Since 2014 syllabus was not received in time for the meeting it was decided that we will review the 2013 syllabus, however the meeting program was received just before the meeting and was incorporated into existing agenda that was prepared before hand. The recitation of Holy Quran was done by Mohammad Afzal sahib from Sura Al Nur Chapter 24 Verse 36 and Abdul Hadi Nasir sahib presented the tafseer of the recited versus. Pledge by Zaeem sahib. The Hadith # 1 was revised from the syllabus by Saleem Ahmed Mahmood sahib. Naeem Ahmad Mansoor sahib revised the first condition of Bait and also reviewed the tarbiyyat exercise with members of majlis which was interactive session and majlis members enjoyed it. On the moral training subject Hazoor khutba summary from February 10, 2012 was presented by Iqbal Ahmad sahib. Atta ul Hasan sahib presented the Quranic directive about tabligh and Dr Tahir Khan sahib discussed the health topic of Exercise and Nutritions. Regional Nazim Arshad Janjua sahib made comments about the New Year program that will be coming up and spoke about the new Sadr majlis Ansarullah USA Dr. Faheem Younas saib. Meeting concluded with the silent prayers and after Zuhr and Asr prayers lunch was served. The Mahmood Ahmad Bhutta sahib was approved as Zaeem Ansarullah for Queens New York majlis for the year 2014-2015 by Sadr sahib.

ALC: The national Ansarullah Leadership Conference was held on January 17-19 in Dallas TX and New York jamaat was represented by Zaeem sahib and Iqbal Ahmad sahib was invited as guest.

Second best Majlis: Alhamdolillah by the grace of Allah and with all your help the New York majlis got second position in USA, congratulations to all members of majlis.

Next Majlis Ansar monthly meeting will be held on February 2 at 11:30 AM, all members are requested to attend. Please contact Zaeem sahib for more information.

By: Iqbal Ahmed

It was decided to hold monthly Qur'an classes for youths and adults and the first class took place on first Sunday after the auxiliaries meetings. The Khuddam class was taken by Naeem Ahmad sahib and Lajna class was taken by Rehanna Shazad and Khosnoor Shazad. We hope to continue this class monthly on first Sundays of every month after the auxiliaries meeting. Waheed Nasir will coordinate Khuddam class and Huma Hamid will coordinate the Lajna class.

Tahajjad prayer on New Year:

Members of the Jama'at gathered at Bait-uz-Zafar and at the Bronx mission house to offer Tahajjad prayers at the start of the new year. Ahmad Mubarak sahib led the prayers and also delivered Dars pertaining to the occasion. At Bronx mission house brother Moudou led the prayers and Dars. Members were provided with delicious Pakistani traditional breakfast.

Shura Proposals and elections of Shura delegates:

Members who would like to submit proposals for the Shura USA may do so by Feb. 28th and submit to general secretary Ahmad Chaudhry. The proposal must be of national nature and must have been submitted in the last three years. It may not be of administrative nature. Delegates for the Shura to represent our Jama'at will be elected at the Musleh Maud day meeting subject to Quorum requirement

Taleem ul Qur'an

We hold classes of Tahir school each Saturday. Registration of the students is 94. Students who are learning Yassarnal Qur'an are 44, the students who are learning Tajweed and translation of some Surahs are 50. As it was decided that the classes of Taleem ul Qur'an should be held on each first Saturday month of every month. Alhamdo lillah we started the Qur'an class in which Tajweed and the translation with commentary of the Holy Qur'an. is being taught.

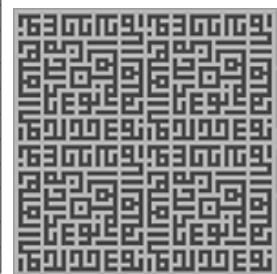
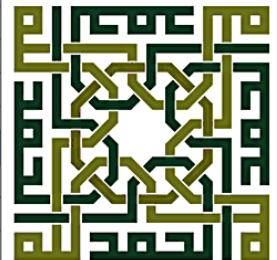
By: Abdul Hadi Nasir



New Classes at Alfurqan is starting for everyone to learn Holy Qur'an. Please go to <http://www.altaqwa.us/>. For any further assistance, send us an email on admin@alfurqan.us or call (732) 734 4879.

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Jamia Studies awareness event 3/15/14 at 5pm at Bait-uz-Zafar

In compliance with Huzoor's (aba) Friday sermon delivered 1/18/13, among the various initiative being taken by Waqfe Nau department, one event is visit of Jamia Ahmadiyya Canada team to bring awareness of Jamia studies for Waqfe Nau and non Waqfe Nau children and youths. All students from kindergarten to PhD/MD are requested to attend this special event at Bait-uz-Zafar on Saturday, March 15th at 5:00pm.

The parents of these students, both mothers and fathers are requested to be present along with their children. The program will start with Asr prayers and end with evening prayers followed by dinner. The regional Lajna sleepover scheduled for the weekend will take place as scheduled.

Achievement:

Ali Khokar graduated with degree in Mechanical Engineering. Congratulations and we wish him all the best for future.

Salat Timings:

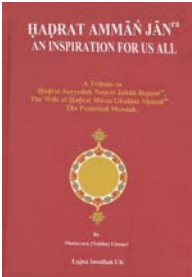
Salat timings at Bait-uz-Zafar: Follow timings as per Jama'at calendar: Fajr 15 minutes past time Jama'at Calendar. Isha is at 7:30pm

Salat Timings at Bronx Mission house: Follow calendar Timings, Isha is at 8:00pm.

Jumma at BZ at 1:15pm, Bronx at 1:30pm, Manhattan at 1:10pm and Middletown at 1:30pm Jumma also takes place in Brooklyn and Amityville in Long Island.

Tarbiyyat:

We are reaching out to all members and reminding Huzur's (aba) message on Salat in congregation and invite them to the mosque with their families to join in congregation prayer, at least the Isha prayer that is held at 7:30pm.



New Book: An inspiration for us all by Munavara (Nabbo) Ghauri, Lajna Imaillah UK. A tribute to Hazrat Sayyedah Nusrat Jahan Begum (ra), the wife of Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (as), The Promised Messiah. Contact Secretary Publications, Shoeb Abulkalam.

Birth:

- Noor Sultana Saeed Daughter of Javed Saeed & Faiqa bushra. Grand daughter of Khalid Saeed and late Sultana Saeed. Born on January 11, 2014. She is a Waqfe Nau..

Congratulation to the parents and may the babies be light in their eyes.

Obituary:

Shiekh Koshi Mohammad Passed away at a hospital in Bronx and was buried at the Jama'at graveyard in Long Island. He was elderly person over the age of 90 and had come to USA as a refugee recently from China.

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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.

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