AN ERA COMES TO AN END

AN AUTOBIOGRAPHY

THE HISTORY OF NEW YORK JAMAAT
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1981- 2016

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INTRODUCTION

My beloved father, Nazir Ahmad Ayaz, passed away on July 3, 2016. He was a loving husband to my mother, Farhat Ayaz, my mentor and friend, and a wonderful grandfather of three. He was a dedicated servant of faith and the President of the NY Jamaat for almost 35 years. After his death, while checking his computer files, I came across an autobiography that he had started writing approximately two years prior to his death, when there was a possibility that the Queens Jamaat was going to be split into smaller sections. However, the jamaat continued to remain whole under his leadership until the day he took his final breath.

He had decided to write about his years as president and titled it 'An Era Comes to an End," which I found to be quite well suited for his 35 years of service. His autobiography covers over three decades of the history of the NY jamaat and mentions many members who are no longer with us. They were the pioneers of our jamaat and their sacrifices, contributions and legacy continue to remain with us. May we learn from them and continue striving in Allah's cause, ameen.

-Asmaa Ayaz

Nazir Ayaz
in front of old Bait uz Zafar
86-71 Palo Alto Street, Holliswood, New York 11423

ABOUT NAZIR AYAZ

(05-23-1947 - 07-03-2016)

OVER 36 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE NY MUSLIM COMMUNITY, FROM IMPLEMENTING WEEKLY YOUTH EDUCATION CLASSES TO HOSTING COMMUNITY SYMPOSIUMS FOR LOCAL LEADERS

Nazir Ahmad Ayaz was born on May 23, 1947 in Tanga, Tanzania. Nazir Ayaz was first elected to the office of President in 1981 and continued to serve as president until the day he passed, a monumental 35 years. He was also a member of the International Ahmadiyya Centenary Committee appointed by the late Khalifa of Islam, His Holiness Mirza Tahir Ahmad. The late Khalifa remarked about Ayaz, “I am happy to say that in my opinion you are an exemplary President of the [Chapter] out of all the U.S.A. [Chapters] by the grace of Allah. I pray that may Allah enable you to maintain that distinction always."

Nazir Ayaz oversaw instrumental developments in New York City’s Ahmadiyya Muslim chapter. In 1996, Ayaz helped facilitate the expansion of Ahmadiyya Muslim chapters in the NYC Metro area from one to three. In 2005, he then helped the community expand to Long Island. He managed the transition from a mosque in a small house to the great mosque that is now present at the corner of 188th and McLaughlin.

Under his leadership, the New York chapter was among the first to pioneer (in 1985) a weekly Sunday school for local Muslim youth - a school program that runs to this day. He also started a basketball tournament to encourage fitness and brotherhood amongst the community’s young men, which has grown into an annual event featuring dozens teams from around the nation and world.

Nazir Ayaz worked closely with Humanity First USA, to raise funds and establish programs in impoverished countries around the world. He was particularly focused on funding cancer research in his home country of Tanzania.

Through his involvement with the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, he was a staple in meeting with other faith and community leaders and eager to offer the mosque as a meeting point. President of Queens, New York community, Nazir Ahmad Ayaz, passed away in Manhattan, NY on July 3, 2016, at the age of 69. From God we are and to God we return.

Nazir Ayaz is survived by his wife Farhat, daughter Asmaa, and three grandchildren, along with numerous members of his extended family in the United States, England and Pakistan. Funeral prayer was held at the Baituz Zafr Mosque at 188-15 McLaughlin Ave, Queens, NY on July 4th, 2016.

“Nazir Ayaz was a role model for thousands of people. His humble nature touched everyone. He made sure to remain behind the scenes while actively involving as many people to enhance their skills and empower them,” said Nasim Rehmatullah, Senior Vice President Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA. “We have the utmost respect for him and He will be greatly missed by friends, family, and our community.”

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October 4th, 2015 – Bait uz Zafar

2016 – Bait uz Zafar

Visit to the Ghana Consulate in New York on August 10th 2015.
To extend the Jamaat's welcome message to the newly appointed Ghana UN Representative;
Madam Martha Ama Akyaa Pobee

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AUTOBIOGRAPHY
AS WRITTEN BY NAZIR AYAZ
BETWEEN 2014 – 2016.

WHEN DID YOU BECOME PRESIDENT?

It's been quite long. I became president of the NY Jamaat in 1981.

THIS MAKES IT OVER THREE DECADES. ARE YOU THE LONGEST SERVING PRESIDENT IN USA?

Currently it may be the longest term, but there have been presidents in the past who have served over 30 years.

HOW MANY MEMBERS WERE THERE WHEN YOU TOOK OVER?

About 75 in all of NY and CT.

WHAT WAS YOUR FIRST MAJOR TASK AS PRESIDENT?

When I became president, we had a mission house in Brooklyn at Union Street off Eastern Parkway. Our members who used to come for Juma prayers or Sunday meetings used to get mugged, so the Mubligh at that time, Masoud Jhelumi Sahib received directives from the Vakil-ul-Ala, Mirza Mubarak Ahmad Sahib to sell the place at the earliest and so we sold it. Saleem Nasir Sahib helped greatly in this task.

Soon after this task, I helped at the Jalsa Salana USA at a college in Wayne, New Jersey with Attaulla Kaleem Sahib. Attaulla Kaleem Sahib was the Amir and Missionary Incharge and Dr. Eshan Zafar Sahib was officer Jalsa Salana and we worked under his guidance. It was Iqbal Ahmad Sahib and myself who did most of the work with attendance of about 325 members.

HOW MANY JAMAATS WERE THERE IN USA AT THE EARLY YEARS OF YOUR PRESIDENCY?

Early in 1980, there was one Jamaat of New York and New Jersey and then Brother Mohammad Sadiq became the president of New Jersey and Brother Umar Ibrahim became the president of the New York Jamaat. On the East Coast, there were Jamaats in Boston, Pittsburg, Philadelphia and Washington. In the Midwest there was Chicago, Dayton and St. Louis and no Jamaats in the south or west. New York Jamaat covered the entire New York State as well as Connecticut.

AFTER SELLING THE PROPERTY IN BROOKLYN, WHERE DID MEMBERS MEET FOR JUMA AND JAMAAT ACTIVITIES?

We used to say Juma prayers at the Shaheen Sweets in Jackson Heights, Queens. Juma prayers were usually led by Saleem Sahib and Salim Nasir Sahib and jamaat meetings were held mostly in a public school in Flushing Queens

WHEN DID YOU ACQUIRE THE OLD BAIT-UL-ZAFAR?

It was during the time of Amir and Missionary Incharge Sheikh Mubarak Ahmad Sahib. The national property secretary was Mir Daud Ahmad sahib. We purchased a small school located in Queens at 86-71 Palo Alto street, Holliswood, New York. It was at that time, the most expensive real estate property that the Jamaat had purchased. The price was $450,000. We did most of the renovation through Waqre Amal. Indeed one name can't be forgotten, Mahmood Ahmad Sahib, who used to live in New Jersey at the time and used to travel to

this site daily. He worked continuously for two months renovating the mosque and making it functional for prayer and meetings. There were many other dedicated volunteers, many of whom are now residing in Canada.

Soon after Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV (RM) became Khalifa he announced the five mosque project for USA and that included New York. He wanted each project to be at least over 5-acre land but gave a wavier to New York as it difficult to find such a land in the vicinity of the city.

Before the purchase of the Bait-ul-Zafar, there was a Mosque committee established during the Khalifat of the third Khalifa which was for the tri state Mosque project for New York, New Jersey and Connecticut. The committee reviewed over sixty locations and then came to the conclusion that one mosque for the entire tri state is not practical. So New Jersey started looking for a site in that state and we found a place in Queens which was in 1985. Hazoor named the Mosque Bait-ul- Zafar. In a response to my letter to Hazoor as to why not call it a Mosque, Hazoor beautifully explained this and I have included a few lines below of his response:

“The New York Mission House has been named Baitul Zafar; one reason being that the word “Bait: conveys far wider meanings than the word “Mosque.” “Bait” is and can be used for an ordinary house as well as for a worshipping place. But “Masjid” is used only for a worshipping place. Because our Mission Houses are used both for worship and for other purposes, therefore I was rather reluctant to call it a Mosque” and have chosen a name which covers all the meanings and is all-inclusive” (Khalifa tul Messih IV RM, 1985). Soon after we purchased this new place, Mubalugh Inamul Haq Kauser Sahib moved from Philadelphia to New York.

WHY DIDN’T NY HAVE A MUBALUGH FOR SO MANY YEARS?

When I came to USA, Masoud Jhelumi sahib was the resident mubalugh here, but unfortunately, he had a heart bypass surgery and went back to Pakistan. For a short time, we had Ibrahim Jamune Sahib who was the mubalugh in Dayton. Then came Major Abdul Hamid Sahib.

After that there is a long period in which no Mubalugh was stationed in New York until later in 1985 when Inamul Haq Kauser Sahib came to New York. After Kauser sahib, Mukhtar Cheema Sahib was stationed in New York and later Daud Hanif Sahib came to New York. Daud Sahib became missionary in charge and was transferred to the headquarters in Maryland and Kauser Sahib again returned to New York. Currently we have Naib Amir Daud Hanif Sahib as our Mubalugh in New York.

DID THE SHURAS IN USA START SOON AFTER YOU TOOK OVER?

Yes, I attended the first Shura in USA under the chairmanship of Attaulla Kaleem Sahib which was held in Pittsburg, PA. Dr. Khalil Nasir Sahib, a former Mubalugh in charge of USA, was one of the delegates and another one was Dr. Aziz ur Rehman currently residing in Albany. Since then I have attended all shuras except on two occasions.

JALSA SALANA IN NEW YORK

Jalsa Salana in USA used to take place at universities and members used to stay in the dormitories during summer vacations. The food was served out of the university cafeterias.

When Sheikh Mubarak Ahmad Sahib took over as Amir of USA, he wanted to bring about the changes to traditional ways, especially as food should be served from Langar Khana, and that the jamaat shouldn’t pay for the costly food from the university’s cafeterias.

When M.M. Ahmad Sahib became the Amir, a landmark decision was made to hold the Jalsa in New York where Langar Khana will be established to provide food during the Jalsas. Also, this was the first time that Langar Khana was held under Marquees providing the tradition atmosphere.

This was my first experience as the officer Jalsa Salana and knowingly that I had attended only one Jalsa in my life time in Rabwah, and that was the first Jalsa Salana of the fourth Khilafat.

This Jalsa was held in New York in 1993 and 1994 at the CW Post and New York Institute of Technology. Dr. Salahuddin was an instrumental figure in running the Langar Khana and making this historical Jalsa a success.

Jalsa Salanas in USA used to rotate in various cities of America such as St. Louis, New Jersey and Detroit and after New York it remained in Maryland for many years.

AHMADIYYA CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV (RM) formed a committee to come up with plans to celebrate the worldwide Ahmadiyya Jamaat's 100 years in 1989. I was one of the members of this committee co-chaired by Vakil-ul-Ala, Chaudhry Hamidullah Sahib and M.M Ahmad Sahib. The other members were Maulana Sheikh Mubarak Ahmad Sahib, Mobasher Ahmad sahib, now the Mubligh of the West coast. It was indeed a great privilege to be a member of this committee and work with great leaders of the Jamaat.

During the world-wide celebrations, Ahmadiya Jamaat New York produced a souvenir with historical facts of the local Jamaat. It was edited by late Atfab Bismil Sahib.

CONVENER FOR SETUP IAAAE (INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF AHMADI ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS) CHAPTER IN USA

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV in his first few years of Khilafat directed me to form the USA chapter of Ahmadiyya IAAAE. At one of the Jalsa Salanas, I called the meeting of members of the Jamaat with Engineering, Computers and Architect professions and held elections for the office bearers of this chapter. It was Mahmud Ahmad Sahib, now residing in Georgia elected as the president of the organization.

I also assisted in introduction of Computers at the worldwide head offices in Rabwah, Pakistan. I had few meetings with Hazoor, Khalifatul Masih IV on the introduction of computers at various offices in Rabwah. I short listed IBM and NEC and at the time it was very difficult to get hold of an appropriate expertise in Pakistan. Hazoor in his second day of the speech at the last Jalsa Salana in Rabwah (1983) , mentioned my name and the efforts being put to computerize our records and later on, local expertise took over the task of computerization.

KHALIFA RABI R. M'S EARLY FRIDAY'S SERMONS FROM LONDON

We were fortunate to receive Khalifa Rabi (R.M) Friday's Sermons from London. When Hazoor arrived from Pakistan, we could obtain Khalifa Rabi (R.M) Friday Sermon every Friday live, but later down the line we could not cope with expense. Each Khutba used to cost us around $60.00 in telephone charges. In those days, the telephone company used to charge peak day time charges, approximately $1/min. I must appreciate Tariq Hamid for taking on this task with interest and delivering it every Friday and also taking care of the funds.

COMPUTERIZATION OF JAMAAT RECORDS

We claim that we were the first in the world to have a computerized jamaat tajneed and Chanda records of New York Jamaat. It was back in the early 1980's when we bought a personal computer with floppy disks and it

cost us $1800 after the discounted price. There were no Microsoft windows at that time and we used Dbase as the database for our purpose.

As far as I know, the late Mustafa Sabbath of Canada started keeping Tajneed on his computer at work. Later, we moved to newer generations of software and computers until the time when the national system came to being.

INFLUX OF ASYLUM SEEKERS FOR CANADA

Early in the1980's, we received many Ahmadies from Pakistan who wanted to travel to Canada to apply for political asylum. Most travelled to Toronto and others went to Montreal and few to Calgary. Our social secretary of that time Salaam Jamil Sahib was devoted 100% of his time to help these new comers to make their onward journey to Canada. At that time, Canada's laws for asylum were relaxed while USA were much restricted.

SUMMER CAMPS

New York Jamaat is unique in this situation in USA to hold summer camps for the last 30 plus years though the format and focus has changed over the years. When I came to this country, there were few camps held at the residence of Dr. Eshan Zafar Sahib, currently the Amir of USA. After the purchase of Baituz Zafar in 1985, every year for one week girls would attend and one week boys would attend. Amir Attaulla Kaleem Sahib used to teach many of the classes. The students would stay overnight at the mosque and there was an elaborate sports program for the participants.

The late Chaudhry Nasir Sahib and Col. Fazal Ahmad Sahib have the honor of being the principal of these camps over the years and now for a long time, Abdul Hadi Nasir Sahib has been heading the project. These weekly camps have now been shortened to three days within classroom settings. The attendance in these camps have always been the highest in the USA.

OUTDOOR FIELD TRIPS

The idea came about when Hazoor Khalifa Rabi (R.M) sent some youths for a trip to Norway and I discussed this with M.M. Ahmad Sahib, then Amir USA and he graciously allowed it and partially funded it. The trips were weekend long for youths, separate for young men and young women.

The trip usually included hiking and sightseeing and in the evenings, there were discussion sessions with the Mubligh Daud Hanif Sahib who used to accompany the youth groups along with myself. Also, Sadr Lajna would also talk to the girls. We continued these exciting trips for several years and now ceased such activities due to a lack of interest among the new generation as well as administration.

JAMAAT NEWSLETTER

It has been over 26 years or so that the New York Jamaat delivered its newsletter every month without fail. There was only one month that we failed to deliver it in 26 years and that was because one of the members threw the bag thinking it was garbage because we used black garbage bags for mailing.

During the first few years, we used dot matrix printer and only the newsletter was printed in English. Later, we added Urdu, which was hand written. Some of the English section editors I can think of were the Late Br Latif Noorud Din who was also at one time the financial secretary of New York Jamaat.

Among others were Huma Riffat, Bilal and Saira Nayyar and now currently Shoeb Abul Kalam. The Urdu section was edited by Dr. Salahudin, Mubarak Jamil Sahib, and Mubarak Qazi sahib. It was Dr. Karim Sharif who

introduced the electronic version of the newsletter and now currently we have Rashidah Momin Hamid Sahibah. The first to edit the newsletter was the Late Bismil Sahib.

JAMAAT CALENDAR

New York Jamaat had the honor to come up with the first 12 page color Jamaat calendar in the world. We started off with one page, then 4 pages with three months on each page, and now for over some 20 years, have produced colorful calendars with a new theme each year. The calendar used to carry advertisements to offset the cost, but later in the years did away with ads.

For years, it has been Abdul Hadi Nasir Sahib whose arduous work and dedication has enabled us to come up with a beautiful and colorful calendar year after year. It was the late Bashrat Mirza Sahib who helped us with low cost expense in printing and Naseer Sheikh has headed the marketing of the calendar assisted by New York Jamaat's publication secretary Shoeb Abul Kalam. There were several who helped us to design the calendar.

KHALIFA RABI'S VISITS TO NEW YORK

Khalifa Rabi (R.M) visited New York four times during 1980's and 1990's. During his first visit, Khalifa Rabi (R.M) stayed at house near the Mosque belonging to Ijaz Malik Sahib. During his second visit, he stayed in the same house, but ownership had changed to Mr. Munir. The third visit, Khalifa Rabi (R.M) stayed at the residence of Rashid Alladin Sahib.

The fourth time, Hazoor landed at JFK and headed for Canada by car with an overnight stay at a hotel in the town of Liberty on route 17. New York Jamaat members received Khalifa Rabi (R.M) at the airport along with the Canadian team and escorted him to Liberty and from there, the members from Rochester Jamaat took over and saw Khalifa Rabi (R.M) off to the border.

During the second visit, Khalifa Rabi (R.M) entered USA from Canada and stopped over in Rochester to perform the opening ceremony at the mosque and delivered a lecture in Albany on his way to New York. Before arriving at his destination, Khalifa Rabi (R.M) stopped over at the North Jersey mission house.

Khalifa Rabi (R.M) said once that how can he come to America and not visit New York.

During his last visit to New York, Khalifa Rabi (R.M) expressed his vision to have a larger Mosque in the New York area. We worked over ten years to fulfill Khalifa Rabi (R.M) desire. Khalifa Rabi (R.M) is not with us, but his vision has been fulfilled.

KHALIFA RABI (R.M) LETTER EXPRESSING HIS PLEASURE

At the end of his first trip, Khalifa Rabi (R.M) wrote to me a beautiful letter expressing his pleasure in the following words:

I am happy to say that in my opinion you are an exemplary president of the Jamaat out of all the USA Jamaats by the grace of Allah, I pray that may Allah enable you to maintain that distinction always.

During Khalifa Rabi (R.M) last visit to New York, Khalifa Rabi (R.M) delivered his Kuthba Juma and in that Hazoor expressed his displeasure during the reception when Khalifa Rabi (R.M) said there weren't proper Pardah observing Ahmadi Ladies in the reception.

PURCHASE OF THE NEW BAIT UZ ZAFAR

All those involved reckon it was a divinely inspired project and without that it would not have been possible to purchase it.

Around the late 1990's was when the first thought came to our minds to start looking for a larger premise and for this matter, a Mosque committee was established with Nasir Butt Sahib as the chair person.

The project took a serious turn when A member contributed a handsome amount of over S100,000 and soon after another member contributed over $50,000 or so. We saw many properties and in some cases, came so close to purchase that some felt sad when the negotiations fell through.

Our public relation secretary Asad Bajwa was approached by one of his contact that the Jewish temple not far from the current property, is to be put on sale. We met the president of the temple and showed our interest in the property. The temple board of directors were invited to the current location for a dinner and came to know our members and were impressed to find out that Ahmadiyya Muslims were peace loving entity and were willing to move forward with the purchase.

However, the board decided to call upon a professional consultant to put the sale price for the property and it turned out too expensive for us, over eight million dollars. The temple found a Buyer but contract fell through and that again was in our view, a divinely action in our favor.

We negotiated the price to $6.5 million dollars and started the process of purchase. We had enough money collected that was required for the down payment at the contract. However, before we got to that stage another hurdle was in our way. The membership of the temple had to vote and it was to be decided by two-third majority and this itself was a big drawback for us.

Anyway, as l said before, there was divine help coming our way at every step and we moved forward. A lawyer in the Philidelphia area who was familiar with our Jamaat in Israel came to the hearing along with his daughter who both spoke to the congregation in our favor and that was not all. A letter from the Mayor of Haifa, Israel was delivered by his personal representative who also spoke to the congregation and a few questions were raised that were answered by Imam Inamul Kauser Sahib. Ahmad Mubarak Sahib also put in a comment and there were few comments from the membership against the sale to us. The office holders were in our favor and eventually the vote went in our favor.

Soon after the contract, another party took the temple to court and the sale was delayed due to the pending decision by the court which was to either sell the property to us or the other party. This was blessings in our favor giving us more time to raise the funds.

The court decided in our favor and the sale went through with 6 payments to be paid over three years. We raised over five million dollars most of it coming from the New York metro area. The Marqaz chipped in to cover the shortfall.

This property at the time of purchase was the most expensive real estate that Jamaat USA had purchased.

Jamaat Members went out of the way to raise funds for the purchase of the property, including Dr. Ahmad Chaudhry, Laeeq Bajwa, Abdul Gafoor, Dr. Laeeq Ahmad and many more dedicated members.

Due to commercial real estate slump, we did not get much for our old property, just about one million dollars.

Abdul Gafoor Sahib dedicated his days and nights towards the collection of funds for the mosque. The other person who played a key role was Asad Bajwa. As far as we know, no one else has raised such a large amount on their own in USA.

I must say this purchase would not have been possible if the persistent support from Amir Eshan Zafar was not forthcoming. He took much criticism on the sale of this property and came to our full support. May Allah bless him always.

The membership spent hundreds and thousands of dollars in renovating the property which is ongoing process. The New York Jamaat did not ask the Markaz for most of the renovations carried out at this property.

During the last visit of Hazoor, Khalifa Rabi (R.M) he mentioned desire to have a larger center in New York, though he is not there with us, but his vision for New York has been fulfilled, Alhumdolilah.

REGISTRATION OF HUMANITY FIRST AT U.N

In the 1980's just before the Ahmadiyya centennial celebrations of 1989, the Late Aftab Sahib, then the Amir of UK, visited New York and expressed Khalifa Rabi (R.M) desire to register Humanity First with U. N's Social and economic agency, known as ESCOC. He told me that I should liaison with U.N and start working on this project immediately. It took almost a good ten years to get there and obtain membership.

There is one person who was a great instrument in helping me to achieve this goal and that was Bilal Hye. There were about 57 countries who needed to vote for the approval and on the first vote, on the objection of one country, it was put on hold but thanks to the Almighty we removed the objection satisfactorily and obtained the membership.

TRANSLATION OF HOLY QURAN IN GREEK LANGUAGE:

Dr. Azizur Rehaman, then a member of New York Jamaat financially supported the translation and printing of the Quran with Greek translation. His wife of Greek origin, Sister Alia played a key role on the translation of the work.

MASROOR INTERNATIONAL SPORTS TOURNAMENT (MIST)

We started basketball tournaments for Ahmadi youth back in early 2000's with the first one held at the Chelsea piers in Manhattan with 8 team's participating. Later in the years, the teams increased and we also added soccer. We began having international participation from Canada, Germany, UK, Belgium and Holland in addition to the regional and local teams from USA. The tournament was given name Masroor International Sports tournament and I let the Kudam ul Ahmadiyya take the lead in organizing it. This Tournament was completely taken over by MKA USA.

In Memory of Late Nazir Ayaz
Founding Father of the Masroor International
Sports Tournament (Est. 2003)
For his love, guidance and passion in
promoting sports and brotherhood within
Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya.
We Will Cherish And Love His Memory
In Our Hearts Forever

HOW DID YOU MANAGE TO RUN ONE OF THE LARGEST JAMAAT IN USA?

It was entirely with Allah's blessings and the talented team and down to earth membership.

PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS

I had the opportunity to work under five Amir Jamaat USA, starting with Ataullah Kaleem Sahib, followed by Mir Mahmood Sahib and then Sheikh Mubarak Ahmad Sahib. Later down the years, came M.M. Ahmad Sahib and currently Dr. Eshan Ullah Zafar Sahib. I have some good memories from the time of each of the Amir Jamaat. They all possessed unique characteristics as Amir and it was indeed a great privilege and honor working under each one of them.

When I became president, the general secretary was the late Karim Naeem Sahib, father of Naib Amir Monum Naeem Sahib and father in law of Rafi Ahmad, general secretary Brooklyn Jamaat and the financial secretary was Saleem Ahmad Sahib. Later, Rafi Ahmad took over as general secretary and Hadi Nasir Sahib came in as the Tarbiyat secretary.

More members were added to the Amila over the years. Among those who made a profound impact were the Late Mohammad Rafiq sahib, father of Dr. Shahid Ahmad, president Brooklyn Jamaat, Late Aftab Bismil sahib, Khalil ur Rehman sahib, Late Brother Umer Ibrahim Sahib who was previously president of the Jamaat Zinda Bajwa sahib who later joined the national Amila of USA, Rizwan Alladin who later became Sadr Kudam ul Ahmadiyya USA, Salaam Jamil, Saleh Nasir, Iqbal Ahmad, Ismail Nayyar, Ali Murtaza, and Waheed Rushdi Sahib. In addition, there was Moeenud Saleem, Ghulam Rabbie Ahmad, Sheikh Naseer Ahmad, Bashir Sheikh, Salaudin, Karim Sharif, Mahmood Ahmad, Rizwan Akbar, Chaudhry Hafeez and Furhan Ahmad and perhaps others whose names may have slipped my mind.

Currently, l have had the honor of working with Ahmad Chaudhry, Abdul Gafoor, Abdul Hadi Nasir, Ahmad Mubarak. Nasir Butta, Mahmood Mohammad, Tahir Sheikh, Shoeb Abdul Kalam, Naeem Sharif, Mohammad Ahmad Chaudhry, Rashid Ahmad, Fassasi Sunusi, Zulfikhar Sikder, Asad Bajwa Nasir Ahmad, Shazad Latif and hope I did not miss anyone's name.

Among Zaim Ansarullah, Saleem Nasir, Saleem Ahmad, Mohammad Sharif, Mubarak Jamil, Iqbal Ahmad, Mohmmad Ahmad Chaudhry and Mahmood Butta.

Among Qaid Kudam ul Ahmadivya, Bashir Sheikh, Rafi Ahmad, Zafar Malik, Waheed Rushdi, Ghayur Manaan, Tahir Hameed, Mudsar Jamil, Tariq Hameed, Rizwan Alladin, Saeed Chaudhry, Ghulam Rabbie, Asad Bajwa and Rana Abu Bakr.

Among Sadr Lajnas, Ruxana Nasir, Zakia Mahmood, Bushra Butt, Furkhanda Ahmad and Asifa Mahmood.

All the above were inspiring and there was team spirit and dedication to exceed in their noble cause of serving Ahmadiyyat.

Yes, I will not lie, there were times when had to face people of temperamental nature and that caused some distress and friction at times, but as this was the service to my faith, I never took it personally, but avoided conflicts and knowing their nature and kept a distance.

ONGOING PROJECTS:

Almost a year and a half later, many projects that my father had started have been carried out and completed, Alhumdolilah. The New York Jamaat now has a beautiful guest house which was under renovation when my father passed away, but is now fully functional and accommodates many guests throughout the year, thanks to the efforts of Ghafoor Sahib and Asad Bajwa. Also the New parking lot project of Bait uz Zafar was completed, Alhamdolillah.

Few days before he passed away, On June 29th, 2016, He visited library of University Club with his friend Ijaz Malik Sahib and asked the librarian If we could donate The Holy Quran and some other Jamaat books like Philosophy of the Teachings of Islam. Ijaz Malik Sahib later fulfilled his wish after he passed away, alhamdolillah. After that meeting he rushed to meet The President Of General Assembly at the UN so he could arrange an invite for Hazoor to deliver a speech.

My father was an active and dedicated member of Humanity First. As the head of missions for Tanzania, he set up an elementary school, sent mammogram equipment to hospitals, provided training for nurses, and set up a sewing school for girls. His last project was to set up a clinic and Alhumdolilah, through the hard work of Sahibzada Walid Ahmad who is now the head of Tanzania missions and Attiya Malik, the assistant, this project is nearing completion.

My father's memoir provides three decades of history of the NY Jamaat. It is through the sacrifices and dedication of these pioneers that our generation is able to benefit from the gardens of their fruit, but there is still much work to be done. We must continue to sew these seeds for generations to come and work with the same passion and vigor as those before us, may Allah enable us to carry on their efforts, Ameen.

-- Asmaa Ayaz

FRIDAY SERMON - 07-29-2016 - REMARKS BY HAZOOR - HIS HOLINESS MIRZA MASROOR AHMAD (ABA)

Namaz-e-Janaza Ghaib led by Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad Head of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community after Friday Prayers at Baitul Futuh Mosque, Surrey on July 29th, 2016.

After the prayers, Huzoor led three namaz-e-janaza in absentia of Evon Bernaan Sahib, Syed Nadir Sayeedain Sahib and Nazir Ahmad Ayaz Sahib (President of New York Jama'at). Inna Lillahi Wa Inna Ilaihi Raji'un.

Hazoor said: The third funeral is of Mr. Nazir Ahmed Ayaz Sahib, who was the sadar of the New York Jamat in the USA. He passed away on the 3rd of July, 2016 at the age of 69 years old. To him we belong and to him we should return.

He was born on 23rd of May, 1947 in Tanzania. He moved to New York in 1977 and started actively taking part in jamat events. Initially he served as the finance secretary and then served as president of New York Jamat for 35 years. He would visit each salat center across New York, on a monthly basis with a local missionary. He would regularly part take part in financial schemes and voluntary contributions.

He would remind his community members on a regular basis by emails and letters encouraging them to sacrifice more. He would work for the community with great passion and concern. He would train the youth. Often it happens that in charge does not train the next line of workers but he had the special quality that He would train the youth and in doing so prepare the next batch of youth who would serve the jamat. At the mosque or the centers, he would organize games for the young girls and boys and he would set up certain schemes which would grasp he attention, so that children do not deviate of track.

He would organize weekly educational classes for the man and women. These are still going on under the name of the Tahir Academy. He was the director of Humanity First for New York and worked very hard for it. He would complete every task, even though He was the sadar jamat. If the center needed cleaning, He would do it himself and He would throw away any garbage out on his own. He was regular in his 5 daily prayers, the deceased was a moosi and is buried in New York. He is survived by his wife and only daughter Asmaa Ayaz. May God Almighty forgive the deceased and shower his mercy on him and raise his status.

Hazrat Khalīfatul Masīh IV, once said to him that He is a true example of a sadar in the USA and he prayed that it always remain as such. May Allah the almighty, enable more people to emerge in his footsteps. He served as sadar of a local jamat for 35 years and he served with great sincerity.

Amir Sahib and Naib Amir Sahib, USA have also written that he served with great humility and would help more than anyone in administrative matters. He would also help in the capacity of an ordinary worker not just when he would be in charge.

Nevertheless, May Allah almighty grant all of them the lofty status and forgive them, As mentioned earlier after the prayers I'll do their funerals.

Hadhrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad
Khalifatul Masih V(aba)

JAMAAT PHOTOS FROM NAZIR AYAZ'S PERSONAL COLLECTION

Collection of some of the Jamaat photos from Nazir Ayaz's personal collection.

March 1993 – Meeting with Bosnian president

March 1993 – Manhattan Dinner with Bosnian President, Mukhtar Cheema Sahib, Ismaeel Nayyar, Abdul Majid Pracha, Naseem Bajwa, Zinda Bajwa, Nazir Ayaz, Ijaz Malik.

September 1983

March 1991

June, 1992 – Dr. Mohammad Abdus Salam at Tahir Class with Nazir Ayaz and Abdul hadi Nasir Sahib
First Pakistani and Only Ahmadi Muslim to get Nobel prize.

Ref: D. Mohammad Abdus Salam shared the 1979 Nobel Prize in Physics with Sheldon Glashow and Steven Weinberg for his contributions to the theory of the unified weak and electromagnetic interaction between elementary particles, including, inter alia, the prediction of the weak neutral current.

To date only 2 Pakistani's have received Nobel prize. Malala Yousafzai being the second pakistani to get noble prize. The 2014 Nobel Peace Prize was jointly given to Kailash Satyarthi and Yousafzai, "for their struggle against the suppression of children and young people and for the right of all children to education"

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Abdus_Salam

With Chaudhry Sir Muhammad Zafarullah Khan

Ref: Pakistani jurist and diplomat who served as the first Foreign Minister of Pakistan and the first Asian and the only Pakistani to preside over the UN General Assembly and the International Court of Justice

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Muhammad_Zafarullah_Khan

Nazir Ayaz with Hafiz Saleh Muhammad Alladin, Jalsa Qadian

Ref: Famous Indian Ahmadi Muslim astronomer
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saleh_Muhammad_Alladin

Bait ud Dua, Qadian

Bahishti Maqbara Qadian

Hadhrat Hafiz Mirza Nasir Ahmad - Khalifatul Masih III(aba) in London

July 1992

Hadhrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih IV(aba) Sheikh Mubarak Sahib, Nazir Ayaz, Rafi Ahmed, Dr Aziz ur rehman, Sheikh Bashir and other Members of NY Jamaat

Group pic 1983 Hazoor's visit to NY

July 1989 Hazoor's visit to NY

US Canada Border

June 1991 Hazoor's visit to NY

June 1991 Hazoor's visit to NY

October 1994 Hazoor's visit to NY

October 1994 Hazoor's visit to NY

Group pic with
Hadhrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih IV(aba)
Mukhtar cheema Sahib, Nazir Ayaz, Naseem Bajwa, Ali Murtaza, Saleem Ahmad, Mukhtar Ahmad, Dr. Salaahuddin, Rafi Ahmed, Nasir Ahmed, Hadi Nasir Sahib , Abdul Ghafoor Sahib, Zinda Bajw

NY Jamaat Nazir Ayaz, Imam Inam ul Huq kauser Sahib, and Mukhtar Cheema Sahib

Nazir Ayaz with Boston president, Abid Haneef Sahib
(Father of Maulana Azhar Haneef Sahib)

Missionary-In-Charge USA
Maulana Ataullah Kaleem Sahib

Nazir Ayaz and Imam Inam ul Huq kauser Sahib with Queens borough president

Mukhtar Cheema Sahib

Brother Muzaffar Ahmad Zafar Sahib
Naib Amir USA 1990's

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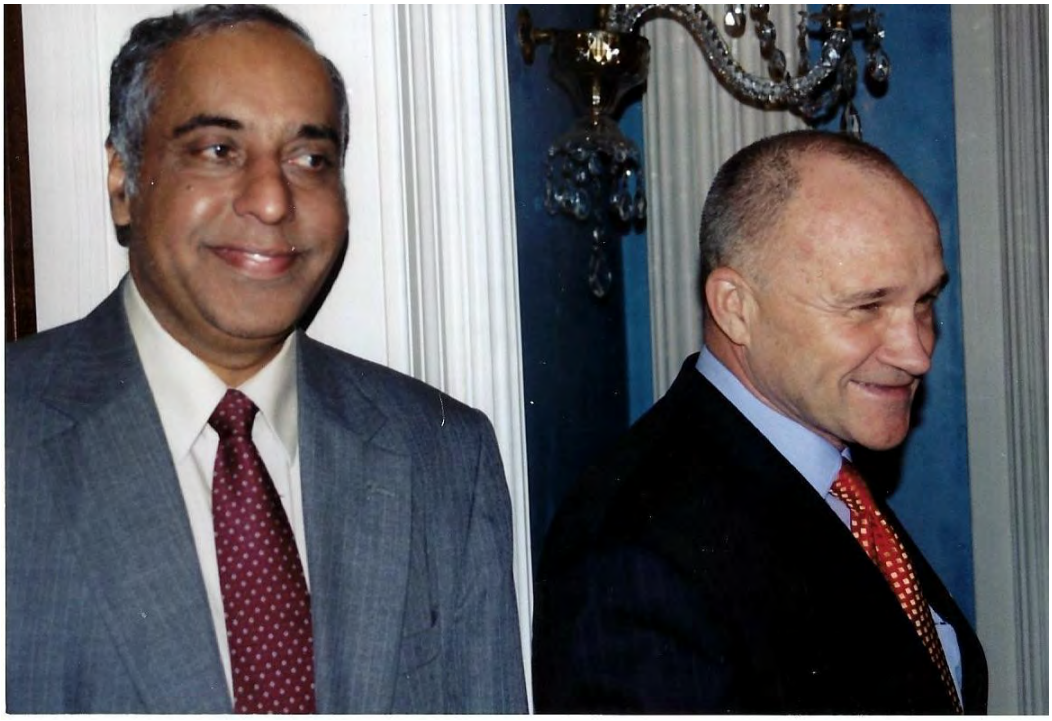
November 1996 with guest

Nazir Ayaz with Michael Bloomberg
Mayor of New York City



Nazir Ayaz with Raymond Kelly
Police Commissioner of New York City

Hadhrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad Khalifatul Masih V(aba) - US Jalsa - 2010

Hadhrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad Khalifatul Masih V(aba)
Sir Iftikhar Ahmad Ayaz KBE OBE PhD (Older brother Nazir Ayaz) and Nazir Ayaz

Ref: To date, only 2 Jamaat members have been honored with the title of "Sir",
Chaudhry Sir Muhammad Zafarullah Khan
and Sir Iftikhar Ahmad Ayaz.
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Iftikhar_A._Ayaz

EXCERPTS FROM BAIT UZ ZAFAR ENVOY NEWSLETTERS 2008 - 2016

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Baitul Zafar Envoy

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UPCOMING EVENTS

We pray that this coming year brings all of us a

Happy New Year

and may Allah make this year a source of blessings and peace for all of us Inshallah and Amin

Jan 1 5:15 am Tahajjat prayers followed by Fajr and breakfast.

Jan 6th and Feb 3rd Sunday at 11:00 am Lajna and Ansar Meetings

Jan 4th and Feb 1 Friday 7:30 pm Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya Meeting

Jan 13th Sunday 10:45am Regional Tarbiyyat / Talim Seminar at Baitul Zafar.

Tahir School classes every Saturday 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th @ 9:30 am

Gym every Sunday at 1:00 pm starts with zuhr prayer

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New York Jama'at wishes everyone a Blessed New Year

We wish everyone a very Happy New Year. The new year 2008 is a blessed and historic year for us Ahmadi Muslims as it is the year that we will witness 100 years of Khilafat. It is going to go into history and we will witness it and some us will relate it to generations to come. So let us be part of it and enjoy the celebrations of Khilafat year and get utmost blessings from it. May Allah bring great joys to all of us and to our loved ones. May Allah enable us to achieve our all noble objectives in 2008, may it be individual or Jama'at.

Eid-ul-Adhia Celebration

Alhamdulillah by the grace of Allah, Eid-ul-Adhia prayer took place in Bait-ul-Zafar on December 20th, around 10:30am. Murabbi Inamul Huq Kauser sahib led the Eid Prayer and sermon where over 625 members listened to the story of prophet Abraham (as) and the sacrifice he and his wife Hagar made in the cause of Allah. Members included men, women, and children. The weather favored the day as it was sunny though temperature was in the lower 30's.

By: Shoeb Abulkalam

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Humanity First in Bangladesh

A child looks in winder in front of the Humanity First Camp in Bangladesh

The furious cyclone Sidr charged Bangladesh brutally on November 16, causing total damage of $450 million. So far, 3,447 deaths have been blamed on the storm, with that number expected to rise. Tidal waves reached up to a height of 9.8 ft. More than 6 million people in southern districts were directly affected by the cyclonic storms. An estimated 300,511 homes were destroyed and 626,088 houses were partially damaged. Widespread damage to roads and public buildings also occurred, including 792 educational institutions destroyed. An estimated 870,000 acres of crops were damaged. The disaster is worsened by the difficulty in transportation and continual blackouts, making it difficult for relief efforts to reach survivors. Vast amount of people became victims of diarrhea related deaths.

Dr. Sikder is examining a mother along with a child in Rangabali, Bangladesh

Humanity First responded by deploying doctors and medical relief from UK, Canada, and from the USA. Dr. Manzur Sikder from New York, was one of the volunteers who spent a week in one of the affected area in Bangladesh. According to his experience, the situation in coastal Bangladesh is incredibly heartrending in general and the cyclone just made it far more challenging in terms of providing aid to the victims. The people there are extremely poor over and continuous natural disasters in those locations just worsened the situation. But the local people there are brave and they just live with it. It was quite a humbling experience for Dr. Sikder to witness.

The long lines to receive medical treatments in the Humanity First Camp

In addition to providing fresh water to the affected people, Dr. Sikder ran a medical camp in Rangabali, which is a remote island in the district of Potuakhali (few miles off the coast of Bay of Bengal). According to him, the lines to see a doctor from America "who could cure everything" were very long. On his second day of work, he saw over 180 patients, and also made some house-calls for patients who could not come to the temporary clinic. Luckily, there were not too many cases of injuries from the cyclone, or outbreaks of infectious diseases.

Thus far, Humanity First has sent water launches from Dhaka and Chittagong. The coastal villages of Barguna and Patuakhali are anticipated to be the areas most in need of humanitarian assistance. Plans are being constructed to open soup kitchens and provide additional medical assistance to prevent the spread of water borne diseases such as cholera and typhoid.

By: Shoeb Abulkalam

Centenary Khilafat-e-Ahmadiyya

KCC fund reminder. We have a suggested total amount of $1000 per family to be paid by June 2008. Kindly work on it to fulfill our target. Jazaklalh khair. It is a life time opportunity to participate as our gift to the centennial celebration of Khalifat.

New York Jama'at's Superb Volunteer Stars

Jama'at e Ahmadiyya's unique success is on its force of Volunteers and here in New York Jama'at, we had many who devoted and dedicated their time and energies for the sake of their faith and all is done by providing time from their ever busy schedule. May Allah reward you all and bless you and may Allah provide you the ability and strength to carry out Jama'at obligations and built spirit of volunteerism in among all of us so that when we go to bed at night our conscious says that we indeed did something useful for our faith and when we start the day we start it with the prayer that Almighty give us the opportunity to serve Ahmadiyyat to our best ability. Amin. Here are the names of those committed individuals:

Nazir Ayaz as a Jama'at president and for his leadership, guidance, and for all the significant works he has accomplished in coordinating many Jama'at programs and especially for his devoted time for New York Jama'at.

Iqbal Ahmad for Ansarullah, as Hulqa Nigran, MTA setup help, and for being there whenever Jama'at needs any help.

Zinda Bajwa as Naib Amir and for consultation to Jama'at Members.

Asad Bajwa as Secreatry Amore Kharija and Qaid of khuddamul Ahmadiyya

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Farhat Ayaz as a teacher at Tahir School.
Abdul Hamid Ahmad for zaifat aid.
Humera Ahmad as Lajna Amila Member
Mansoor Ahmad as former Hulqa Nigran of Baitul Zafar.
Mukthar Ahmad for assisting our Property Secretary.
Rashid Ahmad as an Ansarullah Amila Member.
Farhan Ahmad as former Hulqa Nigran.
Nasir Ahmad for planting flowers at Baitul Zafar.
Raiz Ahmad as Ansaullah Amila Member.
Dureadan as Lajna Amila Member.
Sultan Akbar sahib as Imam of Baitul Zafar.
Attah Al Hassan as Ansarullah Amila Member.
Hassan Bajwa as a teacher in Tahir School.
Naseem Bajwa as Secretary Finance.
Khurram Bajwa for Waqr Amal.
Sofia Bajwa for KCC project.
Maqsood Bhatti as Moasil in Ansarullah Amila.
Amir Bhatti as Khuddam Amila Member.
Nasir Bhuiyan as Khuddamul Ahmadiyya Amila Member.
Tahira Rehmatullah for KCC project and Humanity First.
Ehsan Bouliton for Humanity First.
Asima Ghazi for Humanity First.
Alla Ditta as Ansaullah Amila Member.
Farzana Farhat as Lajna Amila Member.
Atiya Farhat as Lajna Amila Member.
Huma Hamid as teacher at Tahir School
Rehana Ahmad as teacher at Tahir School.
Saleem Ahmad as Jama'at Auditor.
Mueen Ahmad as Khuddamul Ahmadiyya Amila Member.
Farah Ahmad as teacher at Tahir School
Monirah Ahmad, Lajna Amila Member.
Alia khan for helping Richmond Hulqa
Tahir Amin Khan for ziafat and clean up
Mohammad Ahmad for khawaja and Humanity first
Nadir Mahmood for his help to the Tabligh department
Naeema mahmood as Lajna Amila Member
Tahir Mahmood as Hulqa Nigran of Baitul Zafar
Mohsin Mahmood as vice president
Fatima Mahmud for general projects and tabligh
Fahim Malik Humanity First and Public Relation project.
Nadim Malik for Huanity First
Ismat Mangla for KCC project
Naeem Mansoor as Ansarullah Amila Member
Qudsia Tanveer as teacher for Tahir School
Halima Mohammad for special Hulqa projects.
Abdul Ghafoor as Secretary Tabligh and Ansarullah Amila Member
Salamat Majeed as Lajna Amila Member
Faiza Bajwa head of the Review of Religion Mailing team
Reaz Ahmad as Nazm Atfal, Tarike Jadid Secretary, and as a Hulqa Nigran
Rizwan Akbar as Secretary Audio Video Secretary, special Jama'at programs and events
Nasir Bacchus as Hulqa Nigran Richmond Hill and Ansarullah Amila Member.
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Naeelah Nasir Review of Religions team
Ismail Nayyer for special projects, Public Relations, & Ansarullah
Rehana Nayyer as Lajna Amila Member
Saira Nayyer as the Editor of Baitul Zafar Envoy
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Naveed saeed as assistant to Audio Video and other assignments
Sultan Sandhu as Tarbiyat Secretary and Ansarullah Amila
Usman Sandhu as Khuddamul Ahmadiyya Amila Member
Fassai Sanusi, Waqfe jadid Secretary and Ansarullah Amila
Karim Sharif as General Secretary and Tarbiyyat programs
Nusrat Sharif as Lajna Amila Member
Hasan Shahid as the Caretaker of New York Jama'at web page
Naeem Sharif as the Zaifat Secretary and Hulqa Nigran
Kamran Shaukat for KCC project
Irfan Sikder as Ansarullah Amila Member
Manzur sikder as former Publication Secretary and KCC project
Atiq Yasser as Khuddam ul Ahmadiyya Amila Member
Momin Hamid for editing Urdu section in Baitul Zafar newsletter
Aysha Bajwa and her family members for mailing the monthly Baitul Zafar newsletter
Mariam Bajwa for assisting the Financial Secretary
Bushra Ahmad for her time at Tahir School as a Lajna office holder
Imran Ahmad for his work for MKA as a Maal Secretary
Farkanda Ahmad for all her time and work as a Lajna President
Farida Ahmad as Member of Review of Religions team
Mahmood Ahmad as Ansarullah Amila member, and as Jama'at's Secretary Amore Ama
Mansoor Ahmad for ziafat work and as the former Hulqa Nigran
Shahzad Ahmad for bringing children from Manhattan to Tahir School and also as former Hulqa Nigran
Ghulam Rabbi as Secretary Wasiyyat and for his tabligh activities.
Shoeb Abulkalam as National and local Amila member, as a Publication Secretary, involvement with alislam.org book sales, as registrar for Tahir School, for Calendar project, for Baitul Zafar envoy, and for other assignments
Abubakr Rana as Khuddam Amila Member and for helping Tabligh department
Hafiz chaudhry as Jama'at Property Secretary and Ansarullah Amila Member
Khashif Chaudhry as National and Local Amila Member of Khuddam ul Ahmadiyya
Rashida Hamid as teacher at Tahir School, for editing Urdu in Jamat newsletter, Lajna Amila Member
Ahmad Chaudhry as Hulqa Nigran, Humanity first, Zaim Ansarullah, and Secretary Waqfe Nuh
Saira Bajwa as a Lajna Amila Member, Member of Review of religion team, and for special KCC project

Jazakallah to all of you for all your generous contributions in year 2007. We humbly apologize if we forgot to mention anyone's name. May Allah bless them all and give them the reward of their great efforts (Amin).

بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم

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2/1 Friday at 7:30 pm Khuddamul Ahmadiyya meeting

2/3 Sunday at 11:00 am
3/2 Lajna & Ansar meetings

2/9 Waqfe Nau Ijtema at Baitul Zafar – All Day Program

2/16 and 2/17 Masroor Basketball and Soccer Tournament (see inside for information)

2/23 BanglaDesk meeting at 1:30 pm at Baitul Zafar

2/24 11:00 am Musleh Maud day meeting.

Every Saturdays – Tahir School at 9:30 am – No class on 2/9 due to Waqfe Nau program. Also no boys classes on 2/16 due to Masroor tournament.

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Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya spends time @ Baitul Zafar during New Year's Eve

Khuddam exercising during new year's eve

Khuddam gathered together on New Year's Eve at the masjid for their annually New Year's Night. Following Isha'a prayers, food was served and enjoyed by all members. An opening session was held, starting with the recitation of the Holy Quran. Rizwan Alladin sahib was present at the event and presided over all proceedings. Amir Bajwa gave an interesting presentation on Virtualization and how the field of virtual technology is evolving and will eventual find its way into our homes. All the participants were enlightened to the growing field of information technology and given an insight on some breakthrough technology. Tahir Mahmood followed with a presentation about how all khuddams should stay healthy and fit. He read excerpts from a book by Khalifatul Massih the Second and shared his thoughts about the exercises. He then led all the khuddam in a series of practice sets, showing all members 5 different simple exercise routines that should be done daily. A friendly game of Jeopardy followed as the khuddams split into 2 teams and played 2 rounds followed by a Final Jeopardy question. Team B won in a dominant victory and spoiled Team A's chance of a comeback win. Overall, the night was filled with many interesting presentations and all members had a great time.

Khuddam doing ab exercise

By: Massawar Ahmed

New York Jama'at begin's the new year with Tahajjat & Fajr Prayer at Mosque

Members praying tahajjat in prostration position

"Every Ahmadi should begin the new year by performing tahajjat and Fajr prayer at Masjid", this was the humble request of our beloved Huzur[aba], and Alhamdulillah New York Jama'at has carried out this duty by waking up early for tahajjat prayer on the new year day and joining in large numbers to Baitul Zafar, whole heartedly for tahajjat prayer, followed by fajr prayer. There were more than 250 members including Lajna, Nasirat, Atfal, Khuddam, and Ansar attended this gathering. Ziafat team has worked tirelessly in organizing and serving delightful breakfast for everyone. Members were able to enjoy and relax rest of the day since it was a holiday.

Members praying Fajr in congregation

By: Shoeb Abulkalam

Majlis Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya Sports Corner

The Khilafat International Sports Tournament this year is supposed to be the grandeur event of the year for MAA and MAA. The event will take place from February 16th-17th. The Basketball Tournament will be held at the Island Garden, a premier sporting facility in which professional basketball teams like the NY Knicks practice. This year the expectance is to have over 30 MKA and MAA teams participate from across America, Canada and Europe. Unlike previously, this time Soccer along with Basketball will be played out.

The Soccer Tournament (for Khuddam only) will be held on Saturday, the 16th of February at the Aviator Sports and recreation Facility. This is the first time this event is being recognized on a larger international scope, which is due to create heavy competition as UK is coming in with multiple teams to challenge the soccer stars of the USA. Three days of competition, sportsmanship, brotherhood and most of all the celebration of one hundred years Kilafat-e-Ahmadiyya. This year again New York Jama'at is proud to host it, everyone is welcome to be part of this main event whether one wishes to participate, or be a spectator, this will be a historical occasion!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr 04, Friday, 7:30 pm- Khuddam Meeting

Apr 12, Saturday, 11:00 am- Ansar and Lajna Meeting

April 13, Sunday, 2pm - Seeratul Nabi Meeting, Zuhr/Asr prayer followed by program

April 20, Sunday, 1pm—Khilafat Regional program at the Long Island Mosque

April 20, Sunday,10am— Lajna Ijtema

April 25-27— Shura USA @ Bait-ur-Rahman, Maryland

Apr 27, Sunday, 9am– Local Khuddamul & Atfal-ul Ijtema

May 2, Friday, 7:30pm— Monthly Khuddam Meeting

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Serra-tu-Nabi – Symposium on the Life of Holy Prophet Muhammad

Sunday, April 13 2008, at 2:00 PM
Bait-ul Zafar Mosque
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Direction: *Grand Central Pkwy East to 188 St Exit, Turn into McLaughlin Ave and 2nd right on Palo Alto Street. Buses: Q17 at 188 St / McLaughlin Ave. Subway: F train to 179th St stop*

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Welcome Address	Nazir Ayaz, President, NY Chapter
Dawate-ilallah – Inviting Towards Allah	Dr. Karim Sharif
Holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ – Life in Mecca	Imam Yahya Nafiu
Qaseedah - *Arabic poem in praise of the Holy Prophet* ﷺ	Br. Safwan Akbar
Tolerance in Islam	Imam Abdul Baqi Hamed
Holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ - The Final Model of Allah for the Universe to Follow	Brother Ahmad Mubarak
Question and Answer session	All Participants
Concluding Remarks	Moderator

Refreshment will be served at the conclusion of the program.

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Local Ijtema Nasirat-ul-Ahmadiyya

The Local Nasirat Ijtema of Queens Jamat was held on March16,2008 at Baitul Zafzr. It was an exciting experience for all the attending Nasirat .The theme of this Ijtema was "Khilafat" because this is a special year we are celebrating for the completion of the first 100 years of Khilafat-i-Ahmadiyyat.Everyone enjoyed all the fun activities and games. It was also a worth while experience to gain more religious knowledge. It was not a day to prove who won and who lost. Instead, it was a day to show good spirit and to participate to enjoy yourselves.

We start our Ijtema with the recitation of the Holy Quran.Our Nasirat secretary lead us in saying Nasirat pledge.After a hadith& a nazam Aunty Fahmida Shah ,lajna president of Long Island jamaat, made an opening speech.She reminded us of-our duties towards Khilafat & also contributing for the mosque that we are in process of purchasing.

After this the competitions were started. The first competition was of Tilawat-i-Quran.

The second competition was Nazm. This was a thrilling competition because it was a chance to hear some of the beautiful voices that our Nasirat had. All these Nazms were performed in many different tunes and this was an enjoyment for everyone present.

After this, we offered Zuhar and Asr prayers and then we had lunch.Nasirat were asked to prepare posters from home for the competition keeping the theme of khilafat in their minds .Quite a few girls worked very hard and brought in the posters .They were hung on the wall.

After the break the second Ijlas was started with the recitation of the Holy Quran.The Speech competition was held. All the group Levels did speeches on different aspects of Khilafat and it was done with much excitement.

Now that all of the competitions were over, students relaxed by playing some of the organized games. Afterwards, it was the time to receive prizes. The students were extremely happy and anxious as to whether they would receive a prize or not. Aunty Rashida was reading out the names and Aunty Salamat distributed prizes among the position holders.The result of the competitions is as follows:

Holy Qur'an

7-10	14-15	11-13
1. Aleena Ahmad	1. Shanze Hamid	1. Nida Nasir &
2. Amatul Hayee Maryam	2. Uma Khan	1. Maaham Ahmad
3. Anoosha Hamid	3. Husna Nasir	2. Aysha Ma nsoor
		3. Aqsa Bajwa

Poem

7-10	14-15	11-13
1.Shaiza Mansoor	1. Shanze Hamid	1. Lyla Mansoor
2. Amatul Hayee Maryam	2. Uma Khan	1. Aysha Mansoor
3. Aleena Ahmad	3. Labeeba Chaudhry	2. Nida Nasar
		3. Maaham Ahmad

Speech

7-10	14-15	11-13
1. Aleena Ahmad	1.Amna Ahmad	1. Aysha Mansoor
2. Amatul Hayee Maryam	2. Uma Khan	2. Maaham Ahmad
3. Anoosha Hamid	3. Samra Ahmad	3 .Lyla Mansoor

Poster Competition

1. Shanze Hamid
2. Quratul-ain-Akbar
2. Amara Mahmood
3. Anoosha Hamid
3. Amna Ahmad & Labeeba Chaudhry

The following girls got a Consultation Prize for just entering Nasirat and participating in the Ijtema.

**Warda tul Saba & **Rukhsaba Rikti

Thus, the Ijtema was an exciting experience with tons of happiness that was able to please us. It was a thrilling experience that will always be a part of our memories. We are thankful to the Judges and all the others that helped to make this event a successful one..

Fahmida Shah, Salaamat Ghafoor,Farzan Farhat ,Farah Ahmad,Qudsia Ghayoor,Qudsia Ahmad,Rehana Ahmad ,Bushra Ahmad,Homaa Hamid,Quratul Ain,Sana Nasar,Naila Ahmad,Husna Ahmad.

And we also thank all the Nasirat and their parents who worked hard to make our Ijtema a successful one.

By: Aysha Mansoor

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UPCOMING EVENTS

May 4th, Sunday, 10:00 am– Regional Ansar Ijtema @ Bait-ul-Zafar

May 4th, Sunday, 10:00 am– Regional Khuddamul Ahmadiyya Ijtema @ Long Island Mosque

May 4th, Sunday, 11:00 am– Monthly Lajna Meeting

May 9th, Friday, 8:00 pm– Evening with Sadr Khuddam & Atfal-ul-Ahmadiyya @ Bait-ul-Zafar

May 10th, Saturday, 9:30 am– Regional Khilafat celebration program for children at boy scout camp in long island– open to all Atfal & Khuddam

May 27th, Tuesday, 9am– Tahajjat program starts at 3:30am at bait-ul-zafar 11:00am - Regional Khilafat program to be held at a hotel in new jersey.

June 1st, Sunday 11:00am - Lajna and Ansar meetings

Friday June 6th– Khuddam Meeting after Magrib.

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Bait-ul-Zafar Khilafat Centenary

New York Jama'at is very fortunate since two of our Khilafatul Masih have visited New York and have left back many memories among the members of New York Jama'at. 100 year of Khilafat-e-Ahmadiyya is indeed a true blessings from Allah the Al-Mighty as we are fortunate enough to celebrate it. The blessings of Allah and our Khulafatul Masih have been with the New York Jama'at and we pray that soon we get a new Mosque, and start our 2nd century of Khilafat with a new start, Inshallah!

Khalifatul Masih III visiting

Khalifatul Masih IV visiting

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Reminiscence of New York Jama'at

30th August, 1984

My dear Nazir Ayaz,

Assalamo Alaikum:

Thank you very much for your letter dt. 19th August. I am so happy to learn that today, the 30th August, 1984, you are going to close the deal and receive the keys for the New York's mission house, Alhamdulillah. Alhamdolillah. May Allah bless this 'House' and may it be the source of eternal blessings for all those who attend it, and may it be the beacon of light for all the people of New York. I sincerely pray that may Allah remove all the difficulties which you are currently facing in the purchase of the large property next door to the mosque.

I wish you all success in your efforts towards achievement of high ideals. May Allah reward you all for this. Wassalam. With love to your Charming daughter.

Yours sincerely,

MIRZA TAHIR AHMAD
Khalifatul Masih IV

Above is the letter sent to Sadr Nazir Ayaz sahib back in 1984 by Khalifatul Masih IV, regarding the purchase of Bait-ul-Zafr. Bait-ul-Zafr is 24 years old and has so much memory twined in all of us

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The Brooklyn Mosque in 1976

Khalifatul Masih IV visiting Bait-

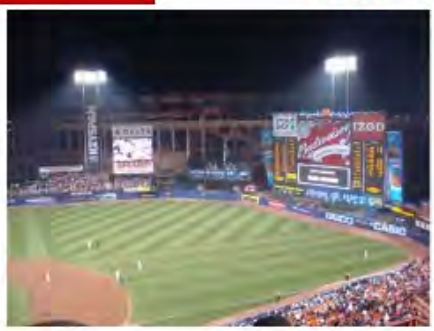
Reception of Sir Chaudhry Zafrullah Khan by New York

An opening week of the Mets Game

Mets Stadium

A view at the fans from the upper deck

New York Jama'at purchased over 70 tickets to give an opportunity for the Atfal, Nasirat, Khuddam, and Ansar to attend one of the opening game for New York Mets. Mets played the game 5 of Philadelphia Phillies. This was very historical since this is the last year Mets will be playing in the old stadium as they will start the 2009 opening season in the new stadium. Since the game was long, not everyone stayed around till the end. The game was very enthusiastic as Mets were on lead first then the Phillies tied and lead the game as the Mets were trailing. But the game went on to extra inning and ended up Mets beating the Phillies in 12 innings, with the score 4-3. Everyone enjoyed the game as the weather was also favorable. We are grateful to Nazir Ayaz sahib for collaborating this event for us all and we look forward to more fun time throughout this year inshallah!



A view at the Mets vs. Phillies game

By: Shoeb Abulkalam

New York local Ijtema @ Bait-ul-Zafar

Hadi Nasir sahib explaining the correct pronunciation of Holy Qur'an

New York Jama'at held the Annual Local Khuddam-ul and Atfal-ul-Ahmadiyya Ijtema on Sunday, April 27th at about 10:30am in Bait-ul-Zafar Masjid. There were over 20 Atfal and over 15 Khuddam who participated in the program. The weather wasn't in favor which led to poor attendance this year. The Atfal Judges were Mohammed Mahmood and Naeem Sharif and was coordinated by Nazm Atfal, reaz Rahman. The Khuddam Judges were Abdul Hadi Nasir, and Fasasi Sanusi and coordinated by Ahmed Chaudhry. Food was prepared by Rizwan Hamid and two of his cousins. The food was delicious and they worked the whole day preparing the food for us all. The program ended with prize distribution and concluding remarks by Hadi Nasir sahib. Few Khuddam went on to play sports afterwards. Below are the results:

Atfal in their Speech competition

Khuddam Results

Qur'an Tilawat
1st: Mueen Ahmed
2nd: Rizwan Akbar
3rd: Shoeb Abulkalam
4th: Tahir Mahmood

English Poem
1st: Khurram Bajwa
2nd: Shoeb Abulkalam 2nd: Atiq Yasser
3rd: Farhan Ahmad
4th: Mueen Ahmad

Impromptu Speech
1st: Mueen Ahmed
2nd: Zaki Bajwa
3rd: Tahir Mahmood
4th: Asad Bajwa

Urdu Nazm
1st: Rizwan Akbar
2nd: Asad Bajwa
3rd: Ahmad Chaudhry
4th: Mohammed Ghayoor

Memorization of Holy Qur'an
1st: Mueen Ahmed
2nd: Ahmad Chaudhry
3rd: Asad Bajwa
4th: Hannan Chaudhry

Quiz Competition:
Team A
Khurram Bajwa, Farhan Ahmad, Atif Chaudhry, Asad Bajwa, Mueen Ahmad, Mohammed Ghayur

Atfal Results

Mayar-e-Saghir

Qur'an Tilawat
1st: Mahir Mahmood
2nd: Danial Ahmad
3rd: Faiz Nasir

Qur'an Memorizaation
1st: Farhan Ahmad
2nd: Faiz Nasir
3rd: Danial Ahmad

Speech
1st: Danial Mahmood
2nd: Mahir Mahmood
3rd: Danial Ahmad

Nazm
1st: Danial Ahmad
2nd: Faiz Nasir
3rd:Danial Mahmood

** special prize in Holy Qur'an Memorization: Kaleem Shahzad*

Mayar-e-Kabir

Qur'an Tilawat
1st: Safwan Akbar
2nd: Taimur Hamid
3rd: Samar Nasir

Qur'an Memorizaation
1st: Taimur Hamid
2nd: Safwan Akbar
3rd: Fareed Sanusi

Nazm
1st: Taimur Hamid
2nd: Naveed Hanif
2nd: Samar Nasir
3rd: Safwan Akbar

Speech
1st: Safwan Akbar
2nd: Taimur Hamid
3rd: Shabbir Ahmed

Spelling Bee Contest for both group:
1st: Taimur Hamid, 2nd: Faiz Nasir, 3rd: Safwan Akbar

Special Prizes: Kaleem Shahzad, Zain Shahzad, Nazeef Bajwa, Kendall Shephard

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June 6th, Friday, 8:30 pm– Monthly Khuddam Meeting @ Bait-ul-Zafar

June 8th, Sunday, 11:00 am – Monthly Lajna Meeting @ Bait-ul-Zafar

June 8th, Sunday, 11:00 am – Monthly Ansarullah Meeting @ Bait-ul-Zafar

June 20—22 Friday—Sunday, USA 60th Jalsa Salana @ Harrisburg, PA

June 27—29 Friday—Sunday, Canada Jalsa Salana

June 4, 11, 25, Wednesday—Weekly Tabligh Class after Magrib @ Bait-ul-Zafar

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New York Jama'at Welcomes Hadrath Khalifatul Masih Vaba To USA

The members of New York Jama'at with great joy look forward to the arrival of Huzur to USA. All eyes of Ahmadis are eagerly awaiting to see Huzur upon his arrival in USA. We pray for Huzur's safe journey and May Allah protect him though out his stay in North America and it is our sincere prayer that Huzur's trip to our homeland is of great success and that Allah Al Mighty enable us to do good so that our beloved Khalifat-ul-Masihaba is happy with us.

Huzur will lead prayers at Bait ur Rahman on June 17th and 18th. We should all make an effort to go there so we can pray behind him. After the USA Jalsa Salana (June 20th – 22th), Huzur will return to Bait ur Rahman and will grace with his presence at the Waqfe Nuh meeting on Sunday, June 22nd at Bait ur Rahman followed by Ameen and Nikah ceremonies.

Standing at this milestone and looking back the 100 years of

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100 year Khilafat Centenary Celebration

Over 1,100 members attended the 100 year Khilafat Centenary Celebration which took place in Regency Hotel, in NJ hosted by North Jersey Jama'at, on May 27th, 2008. USA Amir sahib was present in this gathering along with Nair Amir, Munib Hamid sahib. Various topics were discussed, from the election process to the institution of Khilafat. Safwan Akbar from Queens, gave a talk on the 1st khalifatul Masih. The Audio/Video was handled by Queens. Other Participants from Queens Jama'at were Fasasi Sanusi , Naseem Bajwa, Hassan Atta, and Ahmad Mubarak. The program started at 11am and ended approximately 6pm. Everyone enjoyed the delicious food and free literature.

Khilafat Centenary Dinner @ Bait-ul-Zafar

On May 24th, 2008, New York Jama'at held a dinner for all the New York Jama'at members on the occasion of celebrating Khilafat Centenary. Over 200 members enjoyed another marvelous food from the Ziafat Team, led by Mansoor Ahmed sahib. After the dinner, there was a informal trivia session took place, which was hosted by Mueen Ahmed. He asked 10 questions and the winners received a special gift. Salat ul Magrib and Isha followed. Imam Kauser Sahib attended the dinner and led the prayers.

Tahajjat Prayer @ Bait-ul-Zafar Opening The Khilafat Day

A Big hit! A record for the first time in Bait-ul-Zafar that hundreds of men, women, and children came on May 27th, to pray for Tahajjot and then Fajr prayer (led by Imam Kuser sahib) to start the Khilafat Day. Breakfast was served by the Ziafat team. Methai were distributed while children got chocolate/candies. led tagath prayers. We appreciate Shaeen sweets for the decorative packaging of the methai. Members stayed back in Masjid to watch Huzur's (aba) address.

Khilafat Stamps!

As part of the Khilfat celebrations, USA Jama'at issued postal stamps and many members have purchased it and if you need more, you can order from ahmadiyya.us site or at the Jalsa Salana.

Bait-ul-zafar Lighting

Bait-ul-Zafar has been embellished with beautiful and colorful lightings commemorating the 100 years of Khilafat. A day & Night snap are shown

Pledge at the occasion of 100 years on Khilafat

"Today at the completion of 100 years of Khilafat – e- Ahmadiyya, we swear an oath to Allah to vouch to spread Islam and Ahmadiyyat and to make the name of Prophet (peace be upon him) reach the corners of the earth, we shall keep exerting till the last moments of our lives, and for the accomplishments of this cause and duty, will always keep of our lives dedicated to Allah and His Messenger (peace be upon him) saw, and will offer every sacrifice, no matter how big is that, to raise the flag of Islam higher, in every country of the world, till the last day of the earth. We also affirm that we shall strive till the last breath to safeguard the institution of Khilafat and its stability and shall direct our progeny after progeny, to always be bonded with Khilafat and be given the blessings of it, so that Khilafat-e-Ahmadiyya continues to go on safe and sound and the propagation of Islam may go on through Ahmadiyyat till the day of judgment and the flag of the Prophet (peace be upon him) may fly higher and higher than all the other flags in the world. O God, grant us the capacity to fulfill this pledge."

Translation by Ahmad Mubarak Sahib

New York Jama'at History

Above are some snapshots of New York Jama'at members from 1050's and 1960's. Ex. USA Amir,

Missionaries Of New York Jama'at:

1. Maulvi Ghulam Yasin (1947-1956)
2. Maulvi Nurul Huq Anwar (1956-1960)
3. Maulvi Abdul Qadir Zaigham (1959-1960)
4. No Missionary (1960-1973)
5. Maulvi Sadeeq Shahid (1973-1976)
6. Maulvi Masood Jehlami (1976-1980)
7. Major Abdul Hameed (1980-1983)
8. Maulvi Inamul Huq Kausar (1984-1992)

Bait-ul-Zafar Purchase

Baitul Zafar was purchased in 1984. A Special Committee was formed through whose efforts and by the Grace of Allah Baitul Zafar was acquired. The Committee consisted of Dr. Ahsan Ullah Zafar (then Naib Amir II) , Dr. Shahid Ahmad, Dr. Mir Mubarak Ahmad.

Nazir Ayaz sahib greeting Sir Chaudhry Zafrullah Khan during his

Chaudhry Hamidullah sahib sitting with Imam Inamul Huq Kauser sahib during his visit to

New York Metro Khilafat Children Camp / Picnic

On May 10, 2008, as part of the Khilafat celebration, a special program for children was arranged for all children coming from all the four Metro Jama'ats of New York - Queens, Brooklyn, Long Island and Bronx.

The program was coordinated under the supervision of the President of Long Island Jama'at, Arshad Janjua sahib. The Lajna members headed by Sadr Lajna Farkhanda Ahmed, and she made all the program arrangements. Over 200 children and their parents attend the program that was held in a wilderness scout camp by the beach and lake. It was beautiful day in a very pleasant surroundings of greenery and fresh air. The children and their parents were treated with barb-q lunch prepared by assistant Ziafat Secretary Naeem Sharif with Rashid Khaloon of Long Island and Ijaz Sandu of Brooklyn and many others who gave a helping hand.

The completions were conducted by Farah & Mueen Ahmed, assisted by Riaz Rehman and Shoeb Abulkalam. Children sent in their essays for their essay completion and brought with them paintings, graphic designs, and models with the theme of Khilafat. Children were awarded prizes in poem, speeches, prayers and other competitions.

We are grateful to the judges (Karim Sharif, Mueen Ahmed) who helped in marking the completions. The closing ceremony was conducted by Arshad Janjua sahib for Boys and by Sadr Lajna queens, sister Farkhanda Ahmad for girls. Imam Kauser sahib led the afternoon prayers and spoke to the children stressing upon the importance of Khilafat and he tested their knowledge on Khilafat by asking questions. Below are the results of winners from Queens Majlis:

Essay Competitions **Boys** **Age:** 7—10
1st: Hamza Ahmad

Essay Competitions **Girls** **Age:** 7—10
1st: Amatul Mariam
2nd: Anoosha Hamid
3rd: Amara Mahmood

Essay Competitions **Girls** **Age:** 11—13
1st: Shanze Hamid
2nd: Sumra Ahmed
2nd: Amna Ahmed

Essay Competitions **Boys** **Age:** 14—15
1st: Safwan Akbar

Models, Poster & Cards Competitions **Girls** **Age:** 7 & under
1st: Shaiza Mansoor
3rd: Meher Muzaffar

Models, Poster & Cards Competitions **Girls** **Age:** 11-13
1st: Labeeba Chaudhry

Nazm Competitions **Girls** **Age:** 7 and under
1st: Meher Muzaffar

Nazm Competitions **Girls** **Age:** 7-10
1st: Hirra Muzaffar

Nazm Competitions **Girls** **Age:** 11-13
1st: Labeeba Chaudhry

Nazm Competitions **Girls** **Age:** 14-15
2nd: Laila Mansoor

Nazm Competitions **Boys** **Age:** 14-15
3rd: Safwan Akbar

Hifz Competitions **Girls**
1st: Amatul Mariam **Age:** 7—10
1st: Shanze Hamid **Age:** 11-13
1st: Nida Nasir **Age:** 14—15

Hifz Competitions **Boys** **Age:** 7—10
1st: Danish Chaudhry
3rd: Hamza Ahmad

By: Shoeb Abulkalam

Islamic Sporting Competition Winner!

On May 24th and 25th, Khuddam from Queens competed in the Islamic Games held in South Brunswick, NJ. The event, the largest Muslim sporting competition in the US, attracted more than 5,000 attendees and 1,500 athletes. Kashif Chaudhry, the captain for the MKA USA basketball team, was instrumental in bringing Khuddam from Virginia, Maryland, Philadelphia and York together to compete. Khurram Bajwa, another member of Team MKA USA, helped lead them to the finals. Cheered on by President Ayaz Sahib, the team came back from a 15 point deficit to claim the championship. Also competing at the games was Ahmad Chaudhry, who advanced to the quarter finals in tennis and table tennis. Be on the lookout for the Islamic Games next year as we intend to send a larger delegation from our majlis. Read more about the games at Islamic-games.com and mkausa.org.

By: Ahmad Chaudhry

TALIM UPDATES

In the first few weeks of June, Tahir School will hold their annual exams and on June 14th being the last day of the semester, There will be end of the year ceremony where we will recognize talented students. Parents are requested to attend the ceremonies that will start at 12:30pm. And before that normal classes will take place as usual

The summer classes will start Mondays to Thursdays at Bait-ul Zafar starting July 7th week, Inshallah. We will provide details later, Inshallah. And on course the children summer camp is due towards end of August, Inshallah.

We wanted to make sure that students of level 2 and 3 must know Salat with translation and it is good news that almost all students of level 3 know it and all students of level 2 know that Salat and have memorized the translation at least 50% with hope that by the end of the semester they will know 100%, Inshallah.

We are collecting data of our high school students and those going to college and further studies. It should be complete by the time this issue gets to the mail boxes, Inshallah.

Inter Faith Gathering

An interfaith meeting with the theme global peace festival 2008 was held at a church in flushing, Queens with participation from all major faiths. For the Muslim perspective, Ahmadiyya Muslim community was invited and Nazir Ayaz was called on the podium to say few words on the Islamic perspective on the given theme and a short Islamic prayers. It was good opportunity to net work with leaders from the various faiths and youths were pretty good numbers in attendance.

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July 5th, Saturday, 10 am– 4pm Khuddam Field Trip at Alley Pond

July 5th, Saturday, 11am – Monthly Lajna & Ansarullah Meeting

July 7th (Daily Monday—Thursday) Summer Classes Starts for Tahir School Students

July 18—20 - National Lajna Ijtema

July 25—27 - Jalsa Salana UK (Arrangements to watch program at Bait-ul-Zafar, (All must participate in the Almi Bait on the 27th at 8:00 am)

August 1st—Monthly MKA meeting

Aug 3rd— Lajna & Ansar meetings

Every Wednesdays— Tabligh Classes after Maghrib Prayer

Every Friday — Talim-ul-Quran Classes after Maghrib Prayer

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USA celebrates 60TH Jalsa Salana with Hadrath Khalifatul Masih

This year Alhamdulillah for the first time over 9,500 people attended the 60th USA Jalsa Salana with the presence of our beloved Hadrath Khalifatul Masih Vaba. It was also a record breaking attendance from our New Yorker Jama'at, who from all walks of life attended the Jalsa Salana USA to hear and see their beloved Imam, Hazrat Khalifatul Main Vaba. Almost every member from our Jama'at were there. Huzoor delivered the Jumu'ah sermon and led prayers at the Jalsa Gah. On the second Day, Huzur Addressed Lajna and then addresses the Jama'at in his concluding speech on the third day. This Jalsa was indeed a historical one, not only because we were celebrating the 100 years of Khilafat, but also our beloved Huzoor was with us at the Jalsa. His inspiring speeches should come part of our every day lives, we must act ...continued on page 2

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The Message From Your Dear Master to ALL of His People

The Promised Messiah(AS) addressed every person of his Jamaat and he says:
" Study the Quran with care and hold it very dear with a love, that you have not for anything else. As God has said to me: All types of good are continued in the Quran This is wholly true. Those people are to be pitied who prefer anything else to it. The fountain-head of all your prosperity and salvation is the Holy Quran. There is no religious need of your which is not filled by the Quran. On the day of Judgment, the Quran will confirm or deny your faith. There is no other book under heaven beside the Quran which can furnish you with salvation. God has been very Beneficent towards you that he has bestowed a book like the Holy Quran upon you. If the Quran had not been revealed the whole world would have been left like a dirty limp on flesh."

The Holy Prophet[saw] said: "The best among you is the one who learns the Quran and teaches it"
The Holy Prophet[saw] has also said about the blessing of the Holy Quran:
"Those who gather together in mosques for learning and reciting the Holy Quran and teach one another, tranquility descends upon them . The meaning of Allah encompasses them and Angels take them under their wings."

Having known all these things still, we ignore and pay no attention towards the Holy Quran. We do not give any importance to the saying of the Holy Prophet[saw].

The Proof of this is fact in that whenever the Quran Class was held their was always poor attendance. That is how much interest and regard we have for the Holy Quran. Except for a few, no one bothers to attend the Quran class while the Promised Messiah has repeatedly informed us about the importance of the Holy Quran in his various writings
We should be fearful of that situation about which the Holy Quran has drawn out attention that on the day of judgment the Holy Prophet[saw] would say:
"And the messenger will say. O my Lord; my people indeed treated this Quran as a discarded thing."

My dear brothers and sisters, the Promised Messiah (as) has handed over the Holy Quran to his followers and our ancestors learned the Holy Quran with enthusiasm and propagated Ahmadiyyat all over the world. We should not be among them on the day of judgment to whom the Prophet of God has said with great sadness:
O My Lord, my people indeed treated the Quran as a discarded thing."

This is a small sentence which makes one saddened. The pain and agony is filled in this sentence.
Upon reading this verse the heart trembles. Keeping this in mind, all brothers and sisters, boys and girls, who are able to learn, Qir-at and the meaning of the Holy Quran, should attend the Quran class every Friday, after the Maghrib Prayer.

This class will commence on July 18 2008 Inshallah!.

Get Knowledge by participating in this class and also the pleasure of Allah and his messengers.

May Allah enable every one to join the Quran class. Ameen.

Abdul Hadi Nasir
Secretary Taleem-ul-Quran

Tahir School Ceremony

The closing ceremony of the Tahir School took place on June 14th, 2008. the students strived diligently throughout the fall and spring semester and finally their efforts were acknowledged in the ceremony. All those students who maintained a high attendance record were recognized along with those students who excelled in the classes. The subjects varied with different levels, from Holy Qur'an, hadith, comparative studies, History of Islam, Urdu, to Qaida.

The Tahir Camp starts from July 7th, 2008, where there will be various topics discussed from every Monday—Thursday between 6:30pm-8:30pm ending with Maghrib. All Tahir School students are requested to attend this Summer Camp which would be very beneficial to them where they will learn in depth on Holy Qur'an, Hadith, History, etc.

By: Shoeb Abulkalam

Nigerian Delegate visit Bait-Ul-Zafar

Imam Abdul Fatai Apoyin who had came to US to attend Jalsa Salana of US Jama'at from Nigeria paid a visit to Queens New York Jama'at and had a wonderful dinner with the Nigerian Ahmadis as well as some selected members of the Amila on June 29th, 2008. Alhaji Apoyin hailed from Ibadan, the city with largest population of Ahmadis in Nigeria. He's the President of Apata Jamat in Ibadan, Nigeria as well as the National Qaid for Tabligh (Majlis Ansarullah Nigeria). He plays a leadership role in public debates on biblical discussions with many Christian worshipers which had given the Nigerian Jama'at a large converts from Christianity to Ahmadiyyat—the true Islam.

The President of New York Jama'at Nazir Ayaz sahib and the National tabligh secretary Ali murtaza Sahib had a very interesting discussion with the guest on Tabligh issues. He also visited Brother Mohsin Mahmood and sister Fatimah Mahmood with fervent prayers. Alhaji Apoyin will be returning back to his home country in Nigeria on July 3rd, 2008.

By: Fasasi Sanusi

NEW YORK BOOK FESTIVAL 2008

The view of the bookstall in the central park, where Ahmed Chaudhry, Abubakr Rana, Mohammed Zaman, Shahzad Ahmed are seen seated.

Mubarak sahib talking to people in the bookstall

New York Jama'at participated in the New York Book Festival in the central park on June 28, 2008 where books of Islam and other topics where displayed in the booth. Books on foreign languages and also Holy Qur'an with commentaries and on different languages were also for sale. Secretary Publications, Shoeb Abulkalam coordinated this event, and to assist him were Abubakr Rana, Mohammed Zaman, Shahzad Ahmed, Ahmad Chaudhry, Mubarak Ahmed, and Abdul Ghafoor. They worked very hard in carrying the books, helping in setting up, and breaking down, and also in free literature distribution. Ishaq Rosiji sahib was kind enough to take us there with his van and also our Missionary, Inamul Huq Kauser sahib attended the fair and later brought us back in his van.

By: Shoeb Abulkalam

Social Work Report

On Saturday, June 14, 2008, 4 members of the Queens Lajna , Sister Halima and daughter, Sister Saba Nasir and Sister Sana Nasir, , proceeded to the Queens office of the Riverfund Charitable Organization for volunteer work. The Lajna members made 700 sandwiches and packed 1000 grocery bags to be distributed among the homeless and needy citizens of New York.

By: Rehana Nayyar

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August 1st, Friday, After Maghrib Khuddam Monthly Meeting

August 2nd, Saturday, 10am – Regional Waqfe Nau Program

August 3rd, Sunday, 11am – Monthly Lajna & Ansarullah Meeting

August 10th, Sunday, 11am – Jama'at Picnic @ Belmont Park

August 17th, Sunday, 10am – Tarbiyyat Seminar for Adults. For All young men and women

August 22—24 - National Khuddamul Ijtema in NY. Ansar and Atfal are all welcome to attend

September 1st - Ramadan Starts

Every Wednesdays— Tabligh Classes after Maghrib Prayer

Every Friday — Talim-ul-Quran Classes after Maghrib Prayer

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A Dream finally Comes True – New York is now blessed with a large Mosque!

By the Grace of Allah, On Wednesday July 16th, 2008, we took the possession of a larger premises that will become landmark for Jama'at-e-Ahmadiyyat in New York. It took many years to see this day. Many went above the call of duty to raise funds to maximum of their capacity. We were short at the closing and few of the members again raised a million so that we can close the deal with the help from the Marqaz as advance until we sell Bait-uz-Zafar and pay the difference.

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THE New NY Mosque . . .

Nazir Ajaz sahib leads Amir sahib to the new Mosque

Amir sahib grace the occasion with his presence and led us in prayers. Zuhr prayers were said at the new mosque. Amir sahib went over the financial sacrifices that the members of the Jama'at had demonstrated over the past year. He said through Waqr-e-Amal we should bring this new mosque up to the speed so that it is presentable.

From Left to Right: Nazir Ajaz sahib, Amir sahib, Zinda Bajwa sahib, Inamul Haq Kauser sahib inside the New Mosque

We have many members who are in trade of construction and have come forward to renovate few of the necessary items at their own expense. Mashallah.

There are challenges and need to focus so as to achieve our objectives and we request for your special prayers in this regard. We have to sell the existing property so that we can payoff the funds and secondly do all the necessary projects in the new premises and make it available for use.
We have to raise 3.5 million more in the next few years to pay off the loan against this building. May Allah enable us to fulfill our obligations in respectful was with dignity as Huzoor wanted us to do.

Murabbi Inamul Haq Kauser sahib leading the first prayer in the New Mosque, with Amir sahib and members from NY, Brooklyn, and LI Jama'at

It would not have been possible to see this day and this superb building as our center in New York, if it was not because of those who maximize their efforts and spirit of sacrifices.

And then there was the team under Abdul Ghafoor sahib consist of Mohammad Ahmad Chaudry, Mansoor Ahmad and Rizwan Akbar. It was day and night effort by Asad Bajwa who was our go between man with the brokers and seller. The effort put up be Sadr Lajna is also commendable in raising fund for this project.

Members from other Jama'at also attended the opening day, Sadr Long Island, Arshad janjua sahib, Rafi Ahmed, Fazl Ahmed from Brooklyn and others.

Every Saturday starting at 10:00am,we will do Waqr-e-Amal until it is ready to use.

Members give farewell to Amir sahib as he departs from the New Mosque

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September 1st - Ramadan Starts at New Masjid

September 6th - Tahir School Starts from Every Saturday at new Masjid

Every Wednesdays— Tabligh Classes after Maghrib Prayer

From August 31st—September 29th—Taraveeh Prayer at New Masjid after Isha Prayer

Iftar– Every Weekends

October 1st - Eid-ul-Fitr

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New York Jama'at holds a special Tarbiyyat Program for Khuddam and Lajna

Dr. Khalil Malik addressing all

A Special Tarbiyyat program was held for the young Khuddam and Lajna who are currently enrolled in college or have started their career. This informal five hour seminar took place on Sunday August 17th, 2008, in Bait-uz-Zafar comprising over 80 people. The program began with Talim-ul-Qur'an lessons instructed by Abdul Hadi Nasir sahib followed by Zikrl Ilahi topic by Ahmed Mubarak sahib. Mubarak sahib reminded the audience to manage time to spend in the ways of Allah the greatest.

National Tabligh Secretary, Ali Murtuza sahib reminded the listeners to engage in one to one tabligh. Ghulam Rabbi sahib emphasized on tabligh and tarbiyyat issues, mainly by discussing the fundamental beliefs of Ahmadiyyat. The seminar took a break by performing Salat-ul-Zuhr and Asr following lunch. National Secretary Talim, Dr. Khalil Malik sahib spoke on the instructions provided by our Huzur[aba] on Talim. He reminded us to always read the Holy Qur'an and continue to educate ourselves to excel in knowledge. Rizwan Alladin, Naib Sadr Khuddamul Ahmadiyya, also joined the crowd in an interactive session where he asked and discussed with the audience the directions and guidance of our Huzur[aba]. Nazir Ayaz sahib was hosting this seminar and he concluded with words of encouragements to khuddam to become victorious in the educational and sports competitions in the upcoming Ijtema.

Ahmed Mubarak sahib addressing to the crowd

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The 2008 International Masroor Basketball Tournament U.K

The 2008 International Masroor Basketball Tournament U.K took place in UK from August 2-3rd. 9 teams took part in this tournament. They included: UK 1, UK 2, Pakistan, Canada, Team U.S.A. national, Team U.S.A. All Stars, Belgium, Germany, and Palestine. The two U.S.A. teams consisted of one of the best players ranging from the East Coast and West Coast. Four khuddam from New York played in this tournament: Kashif Chaudhry, Imran Ahmad, and Khurram Bajwa were part of the Team U.S.A All Stars team, and Farhan Ahmad was part of the Team U.S.A. National team. The games were competitive right from the start.

Team U.S.A National

Team U.S.A All Stars

By the grace of Allah, Team U.S.A. National beat Canada in the ultra competitive finals match. Team U.S.A All Stars came in 3rd place by beating UK 1. After the tournament ended, the teams were driven to Bait Ul Fazl Mosque to have dinner with Huzoor (aba). The dinner began with dua, dinner, team photos, hand shake with Huzoor (r.a.), and namaz. It was a true blessing for Team U.S.A to win the championship and meet Huzoor (aba). May Allah give these players courage and strength to Inshallah take part and win future Masroor Basketball Tournaments and come in 1st place!

By: Farhan Ahmed

New Bait-uz-Zafar Update

We are grateful to our members in the construction trade who have volunteered their time and finances to do the major work, namely Fazal Ahmad of Brooklyn, Riaz Ahmad, Saleem Khan of long Island, Haji Ahmad of Brooklyn, Rafiq Ahmad, Maqsood Bhatti, mohammad Ahmad Zafar. They all have been doing work under the supervision of our property secretary Hafeez Chaudhry sahib. They have helped the Jama'at with tremoundous reduction in renovation expense. May Allah Bless them. We are grateful to Ghulam Rabbi and Mubarak Jamil sahib and family for their generous donation of carpets. Also Mahmood Ahmad sahib has also provided technical assistance in this matter. Jazakllah.

As it goes with Mosque fund, Amir sahib has allowed us to go out of the metro area to some of the members and seek their help in raising funds for the first installment. The opportunity for us still continues to call for more sacrifices.

We have a possible buyer for our current premises and going over final negotiation and if all goes fine, we should go into contract soon, Inshallah.

Please find the Ramadan time table inside

Waqr-e-Amal in our new Bait-uz-Zafar!

Khuddam and Atfal are playing volleyball in the new Mosque

Ansar are working hard in making a bathroom for the Lajna in new Mosque

Rafiq sahib, Nasir Sahib, Rashid sahib, and Hafeez sahib at work

It is so good to see dozens of members doing waqr-e-amal every Saturdays and some also on other days under the supervision of Qaid Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya, Asad Bajwa. The hard working Khuddam and Atfal rewards and enjoy themselves by playing sports in the backyard of the new Masjid. This way they are preparing for their National Khuddamul and Atfalul Ijtema. Further to that, our ladies also joined last weekend Mashallah.

2008 Summer Regional Waqfenau Ijtema

The Summer Regional Waqfenau Ijtema was held at Baitul Zafar on August 2nd, 2008. Educational competitions and a tour of the new masjid were the highlights of the day. The National Waqfenau Secretary, Hafiz Samiullah Sahib, attended the event. Winners of this biannual Ijtema were as follows:

BOYS

Group	Tilawat	Nazm	Speech
Under 7	1st Qasid Chaudhry 2nd Mirza Ghulam Haseeb	1st Mirza Ghulam Haseeb 2nd Qasid Chaudhry	1st Mirza Ghulam Haseeb 2nd Qasid Chaudhry
8-10	1st Zeerak Ahmad 2nd Danish Chaudhry 3rd Farhan Ahmad	1st Zeerak Ahmad 2nd Hasan Ahmad 3rd Hossain Ahmad	1st Zeerak Ahmad 2nd Danish Chaudhry 3rd Maher Mahmood
11-13	1st Safwan Akbar 2nd Tahmeed Ahmad	1st Safwan Akbar	1st Safwan Akbar 2nd Tahmeed Ahmad
Above 14	1st Intisar Malik 2nd Waheed Ahmad 3rd Musawwar Ahmad	1st Waheed Ahmad 2nd Mussawar Ahmad 3rd Intisar Malik	1st Kashif Omar 2nd Kashif Debrosse 3rd Waheed Ahmad

GIRLS

Group	Tilawat	Nazm	Speech
7-10	1st Amatul Hayee Maryam 2nd Husna Mirza	Amatul Hayee Maryam	1st Amatul Hayee Maryam 2nd Husna Mirza
Above 14	1st Beenish Nayab 2nd Bariah Ahmed 3rd Saba Noreen	1st Saba Noreen 2nd Bariah Ahmed 3rd Sania Ahmad	1st Saba Noreen 2nd Bariah Ahmed 3rd Naila Ahmad

The next Regional Ijtema will be held in February 2009.

By: Mueen Ahmed

New York Jama'at BBQ Picnic

On August 10th, in a beautiful sunny morning, New York Jama'at gathers in a BBQ picnic at Belmont State Park. New Jama'at also invited Long Island, Brooklyn, and Bronx Jama'at as an appreciation for their financial sacrifices towards the new Bait-uz-Zafar. Members from the Bronx Jama'at, along with members from Brooklyn and Long Island Jama'at took part in this gathering. Inamul Huq Kauser sahib joined as well and led the salat-ul-Zuhr and Asr with the members. Over 150 members came and enjoyed the delicious food and snacks. There was boating arrangements. The day came short as later during the day it started to rain. All in all, it was definitely a day of relaxation and enjoying for the members apart from their busy life.

Watermelon and other snacks are being arranged for distribution

Mansoor sahib cooks burgers as Nasir sahib assists

Ansar, Atfal, and Nasirat are hanging out in the park

By: Shoeb Abulkalam

Inamul Kauser sahib enjoys time with members

Rafiq sahib, Mansoor sahib, Nasir sahib, and Mansoor sahib cooking

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Eid Mubarak to All our Readers!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

October 3rd - Khuddam Meeting,

October 5th - 11am– Monthly Ansar and Lajna Meeting

Tahir School Starts Every Saturday

Every Wednesdays– Tabligh Classes after Maghrib Prayer

October 12th - 2:00 pm sharp– Inauguration reception of the New Mosque. Please bring guests

October 17-19–National Ansar Ijtema

All activities will take place in new Mosque

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New York Jama'at Celebrates Eid-ul-Fitr in New Bait-uz-Zafar

Maulana Kauser sahib delivering Eid sermon in New Bait-uz-Zafar

New York Jama'at serving Food for everyone

Children playing in the playground

Alhamdulillah, Summa Alhamdulillah, by the grace of Allah, New York Jama'at has been blessed with the largest Mosque and our Eid-ul-Fitr Prayer was held in our own Mosque with a crowd exceeding 1700 members Members from all Metro New York Jama'ats, Long Island, the Bronx, Brooklyn, gathered at the new site in big numbers. Marquee was provided for men outside and ladies used the main hall inside. Khuddam took care of the traffic control. Food was prepared by our ziafat team and was served after the Eid sermon. Imam Kauser sahib led the Eid prayer whole heartedly. He provided history of New York Jama'at and its sacrifices over the years.
Audio Video department under Rizwan Akbar, helped by Ahmad Khwaja and others worked to ensure quality audio was available for listeners. Everyone spent the rest of the blissful day lasted with exuberantly

Members listening to Eid sermon outside in Marquee after Prayer

Everyone sitting down after prayer for sermon

Total attendance exceeded 1,700 as members waiting to pray outside the marquee

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New Mosque is now in Use!

The First Phase of renovation is completed saving hundred thousands of dollars by volunteers and donors. The renovation process took longer than anticipated and now our new mosque is open for all activities and there are few things that will continue to improve inside and soon we will start working on the exterior. We have been providing names of those whose services and assistance we value very much: Let us remember them in our special prayers:

Maqsood Bhatti assisted by Zafar Mohammad (Side walk, front patio, roof, exterior wash), Fazal Ahmad (Painting), Daud Ahmad (painting), Shabbaz Ahmad (provided paint), Haji Ahmad and Nadeem Ahmad (Cement work), Kabir and Munir (provided cement), Safeeq Cheema (Roof repair), Rafiq Ahmad (general construction), Rashid Ahmad (Electrical work), Riaz Ahmad (construction of Bathrooms), Mubarik and Mudasar Jamil (carpet), Munawar Ahmad (Carpet), Rabbie Ahmad (Prayer carpet), Mahmood Ahmad (Wood work and other services), Nasir ahmad (General help and plants), Saleem Khan (Car park and land scrapping), Numan Ahmad (Furniture), Muzafar Mahmood (Floor cleaning and polishing), Rashid Ahmed, Ghafoor Ahmad, Nasir Baccus, Shahzad sahib (general help), Mubasher, Khurram Bajwa, Mohammed Zaman, Kashif Chaudry, Ghulam Rabbi, Zulfikar Sikder, Kawser Ahmed, Aziz Ahmed, Tahir Sharif, Asad Bajwa, Fateh Bajwa (provided general help), and Asad Bajwa (Qaid Khuddam ul Ahmadiyya, directed all Waqre Amal). Our young Atfal also worked diligently, Faiz Nasar, Sameer Nasar, Danial Ahmed, Fareed Sanusi (general help). All this was done under the supervision of our Property secretary, Hafeez Chaudhry sahib. Our Ladies also participated in Waqre Amal cleaning windows and painting the Lajna room. There are others whose names may have been missed out. Please remember all in your prayers.

There were several members of the Jama'at who regularly came for Waqre Amal day in and day out. May Allah reward them all. Without their time and hard work it would not have been possible to bring the mosque in its present state.

Waqr-e-Amal

Ghafoor sahib and Rashid sahib hard at work in new Mosque

Qaid, Asad Bajwa, and Khurram Bajwa busy in waqr-e-amal

Iftari @ Queens Borough Hall And @ Queens College

AMI was part of the planning committee along with other Muslim groups, for the iftari held at Queens Borough Hall on Sept. 26. Borough President Helen Marshall along with 2 City Commissioners gave remarks Tamour Ahmad beautifully recited a qaseeda. Nazir Ayaz, & Mubarak Ahmad attended the iftari along with several Khuddam.

Nazir Ayaz sahib and Asad Bajwa attended an iftari at Queens College. It was hosted by Turkish Foundation. President of Queens College gave the opening speech.

By: Asad Bajwa

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November 2nd - Sunday –11am– Monthly Ansar and Lajna Meeting

November 7th - Friday–7:30 pm– Monthly Khuddam Meeting

November 8th - Saturday–1:30 pm– High School and College students luncheon with National Talim Secretary. He will meet with Tahir school students during class time

Tahir School Starts Every Saturday at 9:30 am. Classes starts on time

Every Wednesdays– 7:30 pm– Tabligh Classes after Isha prayer

**Daylight Savings ends on Nov 2nd– change 1 hr behind*

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Inauguration of New Bait-uz-Zafar

Asad Bajwa introducing Ahmadiyyat to the crowd of audience in new Bait-uz-Zafar

After the blissful month of Ramadan, where new Bait-uz-Zafar gathered around 1,800 members in Eid, yet another event occurred couple of weeks after where Bait-uz-Zafar was once again filled with not only members of the Ahmadiyya Community, also with distinguished guests and neighbors around the vicinity. On October 12th, over 130 or so guests responded to our invitation to attend the inaugural reception. Among the guests were neighbors, members of the temple from whom Bait-uz-Zafar property was purchased. There were representation from almost all major religions; clergy from Buddhism, Sikhism, Christianity, and Judaism along with Imams from other Mosques took part.

Maulana Daud Hanif, Missionary in charge of USA, and Dr. Nasim Rehmatullah, Naib Amir USA among the audience

US congressman Anthony Weiner, New York's 9th district, addressed the audience and spoke of peace among the community. New York State Senator Frank Padavan, spoke on the bondage we have as our roots are common and belong to Hadrath Ibrahim. David Weprin, New York City's Council from district 23, and New York State assembly woman Audrey Pheffer also spoke briefly to the audience. A proclamation from Mayor Bromberg of New York City was read by his representative and was received by Naib Amir Dr. Nasim Rehmatullah sahib who represented USA Amir Sahib. The president of Borough of Queens also sent her representative to this congregation.

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US congressman Anthony Weiner,

At the reception, the former president of the temple of Israel, spoke and shared his past experience in this property. Among the clergy, Rabbi Robert Kaplan also said few words. He recognized among the audience Reverend Norris and our own Naib Amir and Missionary In charge Daud Hanif sahib and Imam Kasuer who is the Imam of our Mosque.

The program started off with recitation from the Holy Quran by Dr. Mueen Ahmad and introduction and welcome address was given by our public relation secretary, and Qaid of Queens, Asad Bajwa. The Moderator for the program was Ahmad Mubarak sahib; he introduced all the speakers in a very professional manner and conducted the program smoothly. The closing speech was given by the representative of Amir Sahib, Dr. Nasim Rehmatullah sahib.

Congressman Anthony Weiner, departing as Nazir Ayaz sahib gives him farewell

Ahmad Mubarak was the moderator of the program as he is addressing

There were media representation from Bangla Community and from other local media. Several of our members were interviewed and this process continued even after the program was over. The Coverage from one of the papers is included in this issue.

The wide audience sitting and listening to the speaker during the congregation

The food arrangements were done by Tariq Hamid working with Secretary Zaifat Mansoor Ahmad. The hall was decorated with flowers and there were flowers on each table. The Audio video department under Rizwan Akbar provided excellent coverage.

Dr. Nasim Rehmatullah, Naib Amir, USA gives the concluding remarks

Guests were given books, DVD documentary on Ahmadiyyat and set of pens as complementary gifts and that was undertaken by Tabligh Secretary Ghulam Rabbi Ahmad. Many guests from Bangla and African Community were present.

Guests are being served Food

Scores of volunteers among men and women made this program an exemplary one and it seems this was the best inauguration ceremony of a mosque where a large number of public officials had gathered and it left a good impression on our guests and we are happy that the good name of Islam and its place of worship was well presented and received. Alhamdulillah.

First Regional NY Metro Khuddam and Atfal Gathering @ Bait-uz-Zafar

Group picture of New York Metro Region in Bait-uz-Zafar

Queens Majlis hosted the first Khuddamul and Atfal-ul Ahmadiyya gathering of New York Metro Region, i.e. Queens, Brooklyn, Bronx, and Long Island Majlis in Bait-uz-Zafar. The main purpose of this congregation was to introduce the new Regional and local Amila of each Majlis, also completing the 3rd Talim Workbook.

Regional Qaid, Zeshan Hamid has coordinated this program and also prepared the food for everyone. Over 70 young Atfal and Khuddam attended on Sunday evening October 26th. Everyone prayed salat-ul-Isha first and then enjoyed the delicious food. The program followed after dinner with the recitation of the Holy Qur'an and a nazm. Zeshan sahib lead the pledge and welcomed everyone. He shared the prayer read out by Khalifatul Masih II and reminded all of us to continue to build the bond of brotherhood and follow the instructions of our Huzur (aba). He then introduced the new Regional Qaid who will be taking post from November 1st. Dr. Ahmad Chaudhry will be the Regional Qaid for NY Metro region. Zeshan sahib has been promoted to a National Amila member for Atfal -ul-Ahmadiyya. The next agenda was taking the 3rd Talim Workbook quiz for Khuddam while the Atfal attended a educational seminar on Halloween. Zeshan sahib, along with the Nazm Atfal from Queens, Long Island, and Brooklyn coordinated the program where Atfal learned the history of Halloween and why we as Ahmadi should not engage ourselves in such activity.

Jahid Ahmed, who came as a guest, taking part in the quiz jeopardy

Group A participating the quiz session

Brooklyn Majlis as group C during quiz

Khuddam were divided into three groups and were asked questions from the quiz jeopardy style. It was entertaining and after the quiz, everyone gathered together to take a group picture. There was a guest present also, Zahid Hossain brought his friend, Jahid Ahmed who has also visited in past. Jahid enjoyed the program and met new people. The program concluded with silent prayer by Nazm Atfal of LI, Irfan Alladin sahib.

By: Shoeb Abulkalam

Prayers for Protection

Assalamo alaikum wa Rahmatullah

In his sermon of October 3, 2008, Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih V (aba) has advised the members of Jama`at to frequently recite the following prayer:

Hudhur Anwar (aba) mentioned that the Promised Messiah (as) has written in his book, Haqeeqatul Wahi, that during the case filed against him involving Mr. Karam Din in Jehlum, he used to recite the above prayer. Hudhur (aba) further said that in a recent dream, he was also indicated that he should advise the Jama`at members to recite this prayer frequently.

O my Lord! Every thing is your servant! O my Lord! Protect me! Help me! and have mercy on me!

Members of Jama`at are advised to recite the above prayer frequently and also regularly pray for safety and security of the Jama`at and its members. May Allah Almighty accept all our prayers. Ameen!

Wassalam,
Dr. Aslam Daud
National General Secretary

For Protection against Enemy

دشمن سے پناہ مانگنے کی دُعا

Rabbi kullu shai'in khaa-dimu-ka rabbi fah-faznee wan-surnee war-hamnee

رَبِّ كُلُّ شَيْءٍ خَادِمُكَ رَبِّ فَاحْفَظْنِيْ وَ انْصُرْنِيْ وَ ارْحَمْنِيْ

O my Lord! Everything is Your servant. O my Lord! Protect me, help me, and have mercy on me *(Tadhkirah)*

اے میرے ربّ۔ ہر ایک چیز تیری خدمت گزار ہے، اے میرے ربّ تو میری حفاظت فرما اور میری مدد فرما اور مجھ پر رحم فرما (تذکرہ صفحہ ۴۵۸)

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A Very Happy & Blessed New Year to our Readers!

January 4th - Sunday –11am– Khuddam & Lajna Amila Meeting

January 10th - Saturday –Nasirat & Atfal Meeting during Tahir School

January 30th - Friday –7:30pm– Monthly Khuddam Meeting

January 31st - Saturday –Waqfe Nau Ijtema

January 31st - Feb 1st –National Ansar Leadership Conference

Tahir School– Every Saturday

Tabligh Classes every Wednesday @ 7:30pm after Isha Prayer

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All 4 Majalis of New York Jama'at celebrates Eid-ul-Adhia @ Bait-uz-Zafar

Imam Kauser sahib addressing Eid Sermon to members

Monday, December 8th came the joyous day, Eid-ul-Adhia and members from Bronx, Brooklyn, Long Island, and Queens Majlis all gathered under one roof, Bait-uz-Zafar to celebrate this jubilant day. Men, Women, and Children exceeded the number by thousands as the Mosque was filled with exuberant joy among the members. This was the last gathering of New York Jama'at for the year of Khilafat Jublee and everyone took this opportunity to embrace one another as the reunion came to close. Food was prepared by the Queens Ziafat team and Security and patrolling was carried out under the supervision of Queens Majlis as well.

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MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT NAZIR AYAZ

There is a hadith: Holy Prophet Mohammad[saw] said "Allah will continue to hold out his hand at night so that he who has sinned during the day might repent, and to hold out his hand during the day so that he who has sinned at night might repent, till the sun should rise from the west.

Hazrat Masih Maud (as) has said that when we go to bed at night, we should take self accountability about how the day was spent.

Every night there is a hope for better tomorrow. Beginning of New Year brings hope and optimism. We do New Year resolutions and pledge to improve and to become a better person.

New Year acts like milestone in our lives. We look back and see what we have achieved during last year and how much we have improved.

While it is customary to wish happy New Year, perhaps it is also time to pray for happiness and well being of everyone. May Allah forgive our past sins and bless us in the coming year.

Let the New Year be witness that we are treading on the path of righteousness. It is time to reflect and resolve – to be better than what we are today.

Let us come closer to our creator. Drop our shortcomings and bad habits. Take care of our health and our family. Become more efficient and productive. Time management is art so let us be punctual.

The question, are we beneficial to our community and society is answered positively.

Let us take forward the blessings of Khilafat that we celebrated in 2008 in the years to come. Allah gave us a beautiful mosque in 2008, let us come often to the Mosque and become more involved in Jama'at activities. The progress of the Jama'at is a collective effort and let each and every one of us be participant in this cause.

May Allah resolve all our worries and hurdles to success and bring glad tidings in the New Year. Avery happy, healthy and blessed New Year to everyone.

Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya

- This Month Khuddamul Ahmadiyya of Queens held it's monthly Amila Meeting on Saturday December 20th at 2pm followed by the monthly general Khuddam Meeting.
- Khuddam helped cleaning and preparing for the Eid prayer
- Waqr-e-Amal was performed by cleaning the Masjid
- A sleepover was held for Khuddam and Atfal on New Year's Eve
- Weekly Basketball league continues to take place
- Khuddam spends time in gym after Magrib & Isha prayers regularly
- Below are pictures showing highlights:

National Naib Mohtamid OF Majlis Atfalul Ahmadiyya, Zeshan Hamid visited during New Year's Eve to spend time with Atfal. Naib Sadran National Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya, Rizwan Alladin, and Mohammad Ahmed Chaudhry also attended.

Atfal and Khuddam are participating in recreational activities in the Gym in Bait-uz-Zafar

Khuddam are cleaning and fixing lights for the preparation of Eid ul Adhia

Waqr-e-Amal being done

Khuddam Monthly Meeting

News from Secretary Publications

"Jesus In India", written by the Promised Messiah[as] is a big hit on Amazon now. 30 copies were sold on Amazon. Readers are showing a growing interest on this topic

If anyone wishes to donate books to our Bait-uz-Zafar Library, you are most Welcome!

Kindly drop your Good conditioned books to the library and they will go through a screening before being shelved in the library. High School and College students can also donate their educational / review books so future students can benefit from.

Jazakallah

Shoeb Abulkalam, Secretary Publications

Tarbiyyat/Hulqa News:

The Secretary Tarbiyyat Karim Sharif sahib and Hulqa Nigran Nasir Ahmed along with the president visited homes in bayside Hulqa. Previously members from Manhattan and Elmhurst were visited and visits will continue in other hulqas as well. Points and suggestions that were provided by the members will be addressed and hopefully make our Jama'at more efficient in the new year, Inshallah.

Finance

The members provided their income budget for the fiscal year starting July 2009. The income budget when compiled was found to be less than last year while the expense budget sent to the center for approval has increased and that was mainly due to expense due to larger premises.

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Up Coming Events:

March 5th –Sunday–Nasirat ijtema @ Bait-uz-Zafar

March 22nd –Sunday– 10am- Musleh Maud Day Program

March 27th–Friday– 7:30pm– Khuddam Monthly Meeting @ Bait-uz-Zafar

March 27th–29th – Lajna Mentor Meeting @ Bait-uz-Zafar

Tahir School Every Saturday

Tabligh Classes- Every Wednesday after Maghib Prayer

March 7th, March 21st- 7-8pm– Khuddam Soccer Practice in gym

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3rd Annual USA Jama'at Public Relations Seminar @ Bait-uz-Zafar

The Third Annual Public Relations seminar was held on February 28, 2009 in Bait-uz-Zafar. It was a 2 day event. The seminar was organized to bring public relations and chapter presidents or their representatives from all branches (69) in the United States to discuss matters requiring national efforts and organization. 110 Jama'at members from across the nation attended the two day seminar. This includes 85 Khuddam, Ansar and 25 Lajna. Specific recommendations were made to the PR department were to engage the new administration of Barack Obama with the views of the Ahmadiyya Community given the renewed policy of diplomacy and understanding / reasoning with the Muslim community as a whole. Daud Haneef sahib, Missionary USA in charge also took part in this event. Zinda Bajwa sahib outlined the importance of complying with the direction set forth by Khalifatul Messih V and provided examples of such instructions by Hazoor over the past years playing an important role in the guidance of the PR department activities.

Concluding remarks were made by Imam Daud Hanif sahib. He stated that we must convey the message of Allah to all mankind regardless of what capacity we are in. We need to follow the methodology of the Holy Prophet(saw) in conducting our PR activities and conveying the message of Islam. He first addressed the common people and gradually reached out to kings via letters.

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Asad Bajwa sahib

Similar examples exist from the times of Promised Messiah[as]. The delegates raised issues for awareness to the guests such as persecution in Pakistan and the recent arrest and exile of 29 Ahmadi Muslims in Saudi Arabia on December 29th, 2006. After understanding these and other points respected Naib Ameer Sahib and Missionary Sahib led the team in a discussion and Q & A that lasted for over one hour.

Following the conclusion of the PR Seminar the delegates were lead by Mr. Asad Bajwa in welcoming guest speakers to present on various topics. The first presenter was Arif Humayun sahib, of Portland on "The Radicalism of Islam – A White Paper".

Saad Mansoor, Son of Naem Mansoor sahib was chosen as The Rising Star for the Month of March in Majlis Atfal-ul-Ahmadiyya USA. His picture and profile can be viewed in the MKA website in *http://www.mkausa.org/Atfal-Home-Page/This-Month-s-Rising-Star*

Peace Through Religion Conference

Missionary, Daud Hanif sahib

Following the 2009 Public Relation Seminar on the 28th February The all important Peace through religion conference was held on Sunday March 1, 2009, at Bait-uz-Zafar NY. Five distinguished speakers, who hail from various positions of life, were the key feature of this significant program of Peace through religion.

State Senator Frank Padavan

As the hallmark of our each and every activity is to begin with raising God's name the conference was declared open with the recitation of Holy Quran by Hafiz Samiullah sahib.

First speaker Mr. Arif Humayun threw light on the radicalization of Islam and how Islam got politicized and began to decline towards the start of the Renaissance and that whatever Islam had brought to the world was slowly being destroyed by those who called themselves Muslims due their gross error in understanding and practicing Islam. With the help of a slide show well prepared, he made it conspicuous that how the persecution against Ahmadies began and the motives behind it, made a national assembly to decide about a faith and thus the fate of a Muslim community. Mr. Humayun based his presentation on some top notch writers intellectual's writings.

Assemblyman Mark Weprin

Then came Rabbi Moshe Ulmer of Conservative Synagogue of Fresh Meadows who spoke about dialogue. That if there is no dialogue nothing can be solved in this world. He also mentioned how Pres Anwar Sadat of Egypt was the first Arab head of state to make efforts and visited Israel to make peace with Israel. He stated that the turmoil in world is due to falsehood and if the truth is practiced peace is achievable.

State Assemblyman Mark Weprin spoke about how the area he represents is made of such diverse religious and racial backgrounds that the children of different backgrounds are taught to hold hands together when they assemble and that they don't care about what each other believe in or what they look like. He further stated that ignorance about another person and group is the cause of hatred, when you don't sit with others you don't know about them and then you assume things.

Imam Daud Hanif Sahib also spoke about religion through peace, he said that God Almighty Has clearly given the directions to follow, and joining each other in good deeds, regardless of your color creed and belief. He said like Jews we too have firm faith that the peace is in God and with God. Imam Hanif quoted the last sermon of Prophet peace be upon him.

Rabbi Moshe Ulmer, Conservative Synagogue of Fresh Meadows

State Senator Frank Padavan also spoke of the diversity that this area represents and the philosophy of peace that the Jama'at upholds, he at the outset quoted the famous Frank Sinatra's line "If you can make it there, you can make it anywhere, It's up to you, New York." And that meant that if the NY Bait-uz-Zafar is making such efforts of unification through dialogue the Ahmadiyya community can make it happen in the whole world.

Arif Humayun sahib

With that Mr. Asad Bajwa the moderator for the day, thanked the participants. Almost all PR partakers with other outside Jama'at guests were served tasty lunch cooked by Mr. Mansoor Ahmad Secretary Ziafat and his efficient team. Soon after that Zuhr and Asr prayers were offered, to call it a day.

By: Ahmad Mubarak

MIST 2009 (Masroor International Sports Tournament)

Amir sahib, with Daud Hanif sahib, Naib Sadr, Latif sahib, along with regional Qaid, Ahmad Chaudhry sahib

The Masroor International Sports Tournament (MIST) was held on February 14th and 15th, 2009 in New York. This Main Event brought together teams from Europe, Canada, and the United States. Over 250 competitors and 36 teams competed in basketball and soccer at two venues. This was the 6th such tournament and the second year that soccer was included. Team Canada came out victorious in Basketball while Team Germany lifted the soccer trophy. The big winner was our brotherhood. Respected Amir Sahib USA presided over the final session.

This year was also a particularly special year for our local khuddam as the Metro New York Soccer Team established themselves as a dominant force in soccer. Metro New York which composed of players from Queens, Brooklyn, Bronx and Long Island, won their first game against the MKA USA team 4-2. It was a very hard fought battle against a very good national team. Our Metro New York Soccer Team went into their second game with a lot of confidence after beating the national team and beat Detroit 10-2.

In the Semifinals Our Metro New York Team faced another formidable opponent in Belgium. Time expired with the score tied 3-3 and the game went into a penalty shootout. Metro New York again came out on top edging over Belgium in the shootout and found themselves playing for the Masroor Cup in the Finals. Their opponents were the German National Team. The German National Team was the team that was supposed to be in the finals and win it all and that is exactly what they did. They played an outstanding game making perfect passes and made perfect shots on goal.

NY Metro Team group pic

Team Germany along with NY Metro Team

The New York Metro Soccer Team played with a lot of heart and put in great effort. They came together and played with team unity and team spirit and will be a team to watch for many upcoming years.

NY Metro Regional QRC Held at Bait-uz-Zafar

Regional Qaid , Ahmad Chaudhry sahib along with Ghulam Rabbi, Qaid Queens

On March 8, 2009 the New York Metro Majlis Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya held their regional QRC. The QRC (Qaideen Refresher Course) has been a national event for many years designed to provide practical guidance the leaders of MKA. This year a regional event brought together qaideen and local amila members from Bronx, Brooklyn, Long Island and Queens. Nearly 30 people attended the event which was chaired by Regional Qaid, Ahmad Chaudhry. Presentation were made by the regional amila members including Nadim Ahmed (Naib Regional Qaid), Fahim Malik (Nazim Sanat-o-Tijarat), Shoeb Abulkalam (Nazim Atfal), and Nadeem Malik (Nazim Khidmat-e-Khalq). The event concluded with lunch and recreational activities.

By: Ahmad Chaudhry

Regional Waqfe Nau Ijtema

The first 2009 Regional Waqfenau Ijtema was held at Baitul Tahir in Brooklyn on Saturday, February 21st. It displayed an admirable turnout consisting of Waqefeen from Queens, Long Island, Brooklyn, Bronx, North Jersey and Central Jersey Jama'at. The morning projected the usual tone of introductory material while the background clamored with the news of our dearly revered Br. Munir Hamid's passing away. He was a "hero", as some put it, and an inspiring orator especially for the Waqefeen, i.e., The Devoted.

Before starting the competitions, the floor was open to all the Waqefeen under the age of seven to impress us with any prepared piece they wanted to share. The competitions lasted until lunch and salat, after which an urdu workshop highlighted the importance of learning this language. The day concluded with prize distributions. Our waqefeen who steered through and were recognized are listed in the table below. Congratulations to all the Waqefeen and their parents who participated and gave it their best effort. Please remember all of our Waqefeen in your prayers.

BOYS			GIRLS		
Participant	**Competition**	**Parent(s)**	**Participant**	**Competition**	**Parent(s)**
Haseeb Mirza	1st Nazm	Ghulam Rabbi & Farhana Ahmed	Husna Mirza	1st Asma'ul Husna 2nd Hifze Quran 3rd Nazm	Ghulam Rabbi & Farhana Ahmed
Mahir Mahmood	2nd Hifze Quran	Muhammad Mahmood & Asifa Mahmood	Amatul Hayee Mariam	1st Hifze Quran 2nd Asma'ul Husna 2nd Nazm	Abdul Ghafoor & Salamat Majeed
Danial Mahmood	2nd Speech	Muhammad Mahmood & Asifa Mahmood	Bariah Ahmad	1st Hifze Quran 1st Nazm 1st Hadith	Naeem Ahmad & Fouzia Ahmad
Farhan Ahmad	3rd Hifze Quran	Naeem Ahmad & Fouzia Ahmad			
Danish Chaudhry	3rd Hifze Quran	Muhammud Ahmad Chaudhry & Shazia Ahmad			
Safwan Akbar	1st Hifze Quran 1st Nazm	Rizwan Akbar & Dureadan Akbar			

Report By: Mueen Ahmed

Al-Hilal

THEME OF THE NEXT AL HILAL ISSUE:
"If I were President..."

How would you make the world a better place? What issues would be important for you to rectify? What does Islam say about being a good leader? How was the Holy Prophet(saw) the best "President" of all?

We encourage young Nasirat and Atfal to write (in their own words) their thoughts about the future for America and how they would work to help their nation and world if they were President.

Email to: thealhilal@yahoo.com

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2009 Shura at Baitul Rehman

This year there were four members from New York Jama'at who had the opportunity to attend the 2009 Shura in Baitul Rehman from April 24th-26th. Naseem Bajwa sahib, Ahmad Mubarak sahib, Abdul Ghafoor sahib, and Shoeb Abulkalam were the shura delegates along with President Nazir Sahib arrived on Friday Afternoon in Maryland for the gathering. This year there were 5 proposals which were being discussed in the Shura, where they fell under Tarbiyyat, Tabligh, Rishta Nata, General, and Finance departments. The delegates were nominated by others and were divided into five groups and discussed the proposal and came up with an agreement to a solution. They were presented in front of Amir sahib on the third day. Members gave their opinions and the proposals were sent to Huzur (aba) for the final approval. For some of us were the first time experience as a Shura delegate from NY Jama'at while others are an old timer (Nazir Ayaz sahib has attended all the shura in USA). It felt like a small jalsa where all the local presidents from all the Jama'at and all the National Amila members were present. Meeting the members from various Jama'ats and meeting new Ahmadi brothers truly gives a place of comfort in the heart. The unity of Khilafat and the obedience & zeal for Jama'at were present among every member in the Shura.

By: Shoeb Abulkalam

Up Coming Events:

May 2nd/3rd –Saturday/Sunday–Ansar Regional Ijtema @ Bait-uz-Zafar

May 3rd –Sunday- Lajna Meeting

May 10th –Sunday–@ 10:30 am Regional Tarbiyyat Workshop for all young khuddam & Lajna and parents

May 15th –Friday–@ 8:00 pm Kulu Jamia - social gathering – please bring snacks and share with other members.

May 16th –Saturday–Regional Khuddam and Atfal Ijtema @ Bait-uz-Zafar

May 17th –Sunday—Lajna Meena Bazar @ Bait-uz-Zafar

May 23rd–Islamic Games Tournament

May 31st –Sunday—Khilafat Day

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HAND-WASHING INSTRUCTIONS

- Many infections and illnesses can be prevented by simple measures of personal hygiene. Following Islamic teachings and the sunnah of
- Holy Prophet (sa) about cleanliness can protect us from many diseases.
- While there is no need to panic about recent news about the out break of Human Swine Influenza, please remember that hand washing, when done thoroughly and frequently, is the single most effective way to prevent the spread of communicable diseases.

Health officials recommend following these steps to keep hands clean:

1. Wet your hands with warm running water.
2. Add soap, and then rub your hands together, making a soapy lather. Do this away from the running water for at least 10 seconds, being careful not to wash the lather away. Wash the front and back of your hands, as well as between your fingers and under your nails.
3. Rinse your hands well under warm running water. Let the water run back into the sink, not down to your elbows.
4. Turn off the water with a paper towel and dispose it in a proper receptacle.
5. Dry hands thoroughly with a clean towel.

Performing Wudu five times daily is an excellent method for protecting yourself from infections.

- It is a good habit to cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it (Don't keep it in your pocket or purse!)
- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hand cleaners are also effective.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread this way.
- Try to avoid close contact with sick people.
- If you get sick with influenza, it is recommended that you stay home from work or school and limit contact with others to keep from infecting them.

What is Swine Flu?

- Swine Influenza (swine flu) is a respiratory disease of pigs caused by type A influenza viruses that causes regular outbreaks in pigs. People do not normally get swine flu, but human infections can and do happen. Swine flu viruses have been reported to spread from person-to-person, but in the past, this transmission was limited and not sustained beyond three people.
- The symptoms of swine flu in people are similar to the symptoms of regular human flu and include fever, cough, sore throat, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue. Some people have reported diarrhea and vomiting associated with swine flu. In the past, severe illness (pneumonia and respiratory failure) and deaths have been reported with swine flu infection in people. Like seasonal flu, swine flu may cause a worsening of underlying chronic medical conditions.
- Spread of this swine influenza A (H1N1) virus is thought to be happening in the same way that seasonal flu spreads. Flu viruses are spread mainly from person to person through coughing or sneezing of people with influenza. Sometimes people may become infected by touching something with flu viruses on it and then touching their mouth or nose.
- Infected people may be able to infect others beginning 1 day before symptoms develop and up to 7 or more days after becoming sick. That means that you may be able to pass on the flu to someone else before you know you are sick, as well as while you are sick.

What should I do to keep from getting the flu?

- First and most important: wash your hands. Try to stay in good general health. Get plenty of sleep, be physically active, manage your stress, drink plenty of fluids, and eat nutritious food. Try not touch surfaces that may be contaminated with the flu virus. Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- If you get fever, cough or sneezing, it is good to see a doctor.

Message from Imam Inamul Huq Kauser Sahib on Swine Flu

Dear & Respected Members,

Assalamao Alaikum wa Ramatullah

It is very unfortunate that swine Flue is spreading all over the world

1) We should especially pray for the safety of all Ahmadies all over the world and the whole humanity at large

2) Taubah (Repentance) and Istighfar should be repeatedly made.

3) Syedna Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV (Rahemahullah) had mentioned that if any epidemic spreads, any where in the world, we should take Arnica 1000 and Acconitum 1000 Mixed (once a day for Three days and then once a week, as a preventive.

Yours in service
Imam Inamul Huq Kauser.

Seerat-un-Nabi Meeting

By the grace of Allah, we had our Seerat-un-Nabi program on April 18th from 2-4 pm. After weeks of preparation and hundreds of invitations sent to different contacts, we had 45 plus guests in attendance. alhamdulillah! Our program started with the Recitation form the Holy Quran which was done beautifully by Mueenuddin Ahmad, after this there was an Urdu poem recited by Jamil chaudhry sahib of New Jersey. Then there was a brief welcome message given by our vice-president Fasasi Sanusi sahib, then one our Non-Ahmadi guest, Imam Qazi Mohammad Qayyoom sahib spoke on the topic Holy Prophetsaw, the perfect model of toleration & moderation. Afterwards there was a brief speech given by Harpreet Sing Toor who is the Chairman of the Sikh Cultural Society. He spoke on Holy Prophetsaw as the Preacher of Peaceful co-existence with all Faiths. Then there was a Qaseedah presentation in Arabic by Safwan Akbar and Taimur Hamid. Then another guest speaker, Imam Abdul Baqi Hamed of Brooklyn, spoke on the topic Holy Prophetsaw as the liberator of humanity. At the end respected Inamul Haq Kauser sahib talked on the life of Holy Prophetsaw from the Ahmadi Perspective. There was also Questions and answer session followed by concluding remarks led by our respected Naib Ameer, Daud Hanif Sahib. Delicious Food was served which guests enjoyed. Gifts were also presented by Sectary Tabligh to the guests which included 2 books namely Philosophy of Teachings of Islam, and Islam's response to contemporary issues. The guests were also invited for the peace conference to be held on June 7th. A thank you email was sent to all guests. The program was recorded and will be shown on QPTV in upcoming weeks. Overall the program was a great success and we hope to continue such programs on Life of Holy Prophetsaw in near future. Inshallah!

Report By: Naved Saeed

Blood Drive!

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community has partnered with the NY Blood Center to host and sponsor a blood drive in Union Square in Manhattan on Saturday, May 30th, from the hours of 12:00-5:30. Since there is a shortage of blood supply and each donation can save three lives, this is a very worthwhile cause and a great opportunity for us to show what a positive impact we have on our community. Come join us and bring your family and friends. For more information, contact your local Qaid or Nadim Malik at 646-418-2995. May Allah be with you!

By: Nadeem Malik

JOB POSTING

There is an opening for a business consultant. This person needs to have strong business acumen skills, preferably with an MBA. Also, it would be preferably if the person has strong fluency with Visual Basic and MS Excel for business modeling purposes. Contact Rizwan Alladin *ralladin@alum.mit.edu*

Publications

Dr Afshan Malik of Manhattan Hulqa had her article published in a hematology journal "Annals of hematology", its regarding a case of a patient with detection of blood cancer on his genetic studies without any evidence of cancer on the blood test reports. She is doing her fellowship in hematology at a hospital in Manhattan.

Lajna Report

The monthly Lajna meeting took place on April 5, 2009. Recitation of the Holy Quran with Urdu translation was done by Rashida Bajwa and English translation was read by Maryam Bajwa. Hadith was read by Naeema Ahmad and translation by Farida Ahmad. Poem was recited by Afsheen Butt. This was followed by the Talim workshop held by Naeema Mahmood. New Lajna workbooks have arrived and questions were answered relating to verses from Sura Baqarah.

In an effort to have open communication, President Farkhanda Ahmad then conducted an informal discussion,calling on various Lajna to share their feelings about coming to Masjid, how they like the meetings, and how they feel when they come to Masjid and meet other members. Different Lajna members went onstage and shared both their positive and negative experiences. The president thanked them for sharing their thoughts and for helping us to improve ourselves and our jamaat.

Next, the Tarbiyyat workshop was held by Dr. Salamat Majeed who discussed how truthfulness is the root of our tarbiyyat. She advised members to observe the truth, observe all five Prayers and recite the Holy Quran daily. Lastly, Farah Ahmed explained the purpose of Tehrik-e-Jadid. She discussed the Daftars that Huzur (aba) has started and told members that they should be aware of what Daftar they belong to. Announcements were made by Farkhanda Ahmad who announced that we won the national Lajna award for 2nd Best Majalis. She also stressed speaking the truth at all times and listening to Friday sermons regularly. The meeting ended with Silent Prayers and refreshments were served.

By: Bariah Ahmed

PEACE CONFERENCE

On April 23rd, we had over 30 religious and community leaders join us for a leadership conference on promoting peace through dialogue. Fasasi Sanusi sahib started the meeting with Tilawat. Kauser sahib introduced the community and stressed the important role our community is playing in encouraging interfaith dialogue. Part of Huzoor's speech from recent peace conference was shown to the guests. Rabbi Bob Kaplan commended us on the work we are doing in promoting peace. Rev. Charles Norris said that as an ex. he has been reading books on Islam to help him better understand another religion.

By: Asad Bajwa

On Saturday April 4th, some of the Tahir Class students , boys and girls went to see the New York Knicks vs. Toronto at Madison Square Garden. There were around 44 students including chaperons and some people from Brooklyn. The game was pretty interesting but the Knicks lost. We were cheering for them the whole time. Everyone had fun. After the game everyone went home but some people stayed to eat.

NY Knicks vs. Toronto Raptors Game

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Instructor: Hameed Ahmad Naseem
Status: Enrollment open
Start Date: May 12th, 2009
Duration: 6 months
Prerequisites: None
The class is focused towards teaching basic translation of the Holy Qur'an. The class will cover the 2:54 to 2:115 of the Holy Qur'an. The course will include word to word translation as well as some basic Arabic grammar

Amir sahib of Norway along with his family attended a dinner reception in his honor at Bait-uz-Zafar attended by Amila members of the NY Metro Jama'ats along with Imam Kuaser sahib. At this occasion Ahmad Mubarak sahib recited some of his newly written poetry. There was al lively question and answer session.

Earlier in the month, Mubaligh Ashraf sahib of Calgary also paid his visit t our new mosque in New York.

First Current Affairs Gathering

On Friday, April 17th the first Khulo Jamia or Current Affairs Program was held on 7:30pm after Magrib Prayer. Members brought dishes of delcious food and were enjoyed by everyone and a question/answer session was led by karim Sharif sahib where lajna, Ansar, Khuddam asked various questions on many topics.

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Up Coming Events:

June 7th —Sunday–Lajna and Ansar Meeting @ 11am

June 7th —Sunday–All Religions founders day meeting – Interfaith Peace conference @ 3pm

June 19th–21st —USA Jalsa Salana

June 26th–28th —Canada Jalsa Salana

June 6th and 13th- Tahir School Exams

July 4th - July 10th– Tahir Summer Camp for boys and girls from ages of 5 to high school students and beyond.

June 27th—Khuddam Meeting @ 11am

June 6th & 27th– Soccer Games in Central Park @ 6pm

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2009 Khilafat Day

Khilafat day was held in Baitul Huda, Long Island on May 31st, from 11-3pm. A bright Sunday in Spring, brought four Majalis, i.e. Queens, Brooklyn, Long Island, and the Bronx together where members rejoiced in commemorating Khilafat Day. The program started with the recitation of the Holy Qur'an by Mohammed Suleman sahib. A welcoming address was given by Sadr Long Island, Arshad Janjua sahib where he greeted over 400 members for coming together to celebrate the special day. Poems were recited throughout the program by Reaz Rahman sahib, Ijaz Chattha sahib, and Nizami sahib. Safwan Akbar, a tifl delivered a brief overview on Khilafat system. An Urdu address on Blessings of Khilafat was shared by Luqman Ahmad, who is a waqf-e-nau. There were two very moving speeches delivered by Dr. Ali Ahmed sahib and Ahmad Mubarak sahib. Both speakers emphasized the importance and significance of Khilafat and the outcome of those who are deprived of this spiritual blessing. Nazeer Cheema sahib, Sadr Bronx Majlis, shared his importance of time and serving the Jama'at solely to please Allah and showing obedience to our Khalifatul Masih. Our Missionary Inamul Kauser sahib gave the final talk where he gave some historic examples of our past khulafa and how their prayers and predictions came true. He mentioned that the spiritual progress would only excel through holding on to the rope of Khilafat. Dr. Shahed Ahmed, Sadr, Brooklyn Jama'at gave the concluding remarks and urged members to keep close contact with our Khalifatul Masih. A delicious Lunch was served after Zuhr and Asr prayers.

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Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya Blood Drive

On Saturday May 30th, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community hosted and sponsored a blood drive in partnership with NYC Blood Center. It was a beautiful sunny day, by the grace of Allah. The support of our khuddam was tremendous. They rose to the challenge of walking around and talking to busy New Yorkers and bringing them to the blood donation bus. Their efforts resulted in huge success. For the entire duration of the blood drive, we were at maximum capacity, with 2-5 people often waiting outside!

Many people in Union Square, one of the busiest places in the country, were observing and asking about our community. I had several people ask me about us, and one person commented that our community had "a very special spirituality". The NYC Blood Center staff said that they have never seen a group like ours sponsor the drive, and are asking when we can do it again.

Alhamdolillah, our khuddam from all local Jama'ats took time out of their busy Saturday and volunteered. From Queens/Manhattan we had NYC Metro Regional Qaid Ahmad Chaudhry sahib, Queens Qaid Rabbi Ahmed sahib, Saad Hassan, Aamir Bhatti, Hassan Shahid, Tahir Sheikh, Arif Bhatti, Shoeb Abulkalam, Fahim Malik, and Saeed Ahmed. From Brooklyn we had Mahmud Ennin, Fiaz Ahmed, Luqman Ahmed, and Waheed Ahmed. Bronx was led by Qaid Mubashar Mahmud sahib, who was accompanied by Ahitisham Nawaz, Adnan Nawaz, Bilal Nawaz and Bilal Saleem Cheema. Long Island was represented by Qaid Hashim Mumtaz sahib and respected brother Irfan Alladin. We also had four non-Ahmadi volunteers as part of our team.

May Allah continue to strengthen our bond of brotherhood, and may we always shine in the eyes of everyone in the communities where we live.

Report By: Nadeem Malik

Finance

We have about 2 weeks to go before the year comes to end, so please pay your past dues and also ensure that we all follow the subscribe rate when paying obligatory chanda and pay on regular basis.

The National Financial secretary observed that many members do not pay according to the subscribe rate and for that matter we have mailed out letters giving every earning member's current status. Kindly take appropriate action. Jazakallah and Allah Bless you for all your sacrifices.

- Tahir Sheikh will assist the financial secretary in his day to day activities. Javed Sayed will continue to assist the financial secretary in computer related activities.
- The obligatory Chandas for every earning member are Chanda Aam or Wasiyyat if you are Moosi and Chanda Jalsa Salana.
- The table will help you to work out your chanda according to subscribed rate. Chanda aam is 6.25% of the net income and Wasiyyat is minimum of 10% of the net income. The net income is take home income after taxes and other obligatory items for the self employed.
- Chanda Jalsa Salana is 10% of the chanda Aam/Wasiyyat.
- If one cannot pay the dues according to the prescribed rate, he or she can write to Huzur[aba] for a lower amount as per ones mean. This does not apply to Moosiyyan.
- The chanda is to be paid on regularly basis and Paying through on line banking facilities will help to save time and become regular.

If your Net Income is	Your Chanda Aam is	Your Wasiyyat is	If your net income is	Your Chanda Aam is	Your Wasiyyat is
$1	$0.06	$0.10	$400	$25.00	$40.00
$2	$0.13	$0.20	$500	$31.25	$50.00
$3	$0.19	$0.30	$1,000	$62.50	$100.00
$4	$0.25	$0.40	$1,500	$93.75	$150.00
$5	$0.31	$0.50	$2,000	$125.00	$200.00
$6	$0.38	$0.60	$2,500	$156.25	$250.00
$7	$0.44	$0.70	$3,000	$187.50	$300.00
$8	$0.50	$0.80	$3,500	$218.75	$350.00
$9	$0.56	$0.90	$4,000	$250.00	$400.00
$10	$0.63	$1.00	$4,500	$281.25	$450.00
$20	$1.25	$2.00	$5,000	$312.50	$500.00
$30	$1.88	$3.00	$5,500	$343.75	$550.00
$40	$2.50	$4.00	$6,000	$375.00	$600.00
$50	$3.13	$5.00	$6,500	$406.25	$650.00
$60	$3.75	$6.00	$7,000	$437.50	$700.00
$70	$4.38	$7.00	$7,500	$468.75	$750.00
$80	$5.00	$8.00	$8,000	$500.00	$800.00
$90	$5.63	$9.00	$8,500	$531.25	$850.00
$100	$6.25	$10.00	$9,000	$562.50	$900.00
$200	$12.50	$20.00	$9,500	$593.75	$950.00
$300	$18.75	$30.00	$10,000	$625.00	$1,000.00

During the visit of the president of Pakistan to New York where he addressed the Pakistani community, Nazeer cheema sahib, president Bronx Jama'at along with Ahmad Mubarak sahib were invited.

Summer Tahir Camp

This year we are holding the camp for all ages from kindergarten to high school and beyond. There will be separate classes for boys and girls and it will be full day sessions with the exception of kindergarten, that class will end at 1:30 pm. Classes will start at 9:30 am and go all day. There will be Tarbyyati issues and lots of new subjects will be covered.

It is requested that all children must attend and avoid taking any vacation time or summer jobs during July 4th and July 10th.

There is another camp to be held at Willingboro boys only ages 12 and above and overnight stay the site. That camp starts July 11th.

2009 Islamic Games

This Memorial Day Weekends brought a strong bond of brotherhood and excitement for our NY Metro Khuddam. Over 20 Khuddam from Queens, Long Island, Bronx, and Brooklyn came together to attend the 2009 Islamic Games in Rider University for a two days sports event. This is the largest Sports events for Muslims in the USA, where over 1,000 athletes competes in various sports. Over 45 Khuddam participated in this event. Our NY Metro Khuddam participated in Basketball, Soccer, Volleyball, Cricket, Cricket, Tennis, Table Tennis, Track and field, and Flag Football.

Khuddam stayed over in Willingboro Masjid for the night and played their heart out. The event brought our khuddam closer together and gave them the chance to play as a team like professionals. After this now every Saturday, Khuddam gathers in Central Park to play Soccer where khuddam from all four Majalis gathers.

By: Shoeb Abulkalam

There will be no Jumma at the Manhattan location on June 19th due to Jalsa Salana USA. Jumma arrangements will be there as usual at Bait-uz-Zafar.

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RAMADAN MUBARAK!

August 1st @ 4:00 pm– An Evening with Pakistani guests

August 2nd– Lajna and Ansar Monthly Meeting @ 11am

August 2nd– NY Metro Graduation Day from 1st grade to beyond College @ 1:30pm

August 6th -9th—National Khuddam Ijtema in Milwaukee

August 16th— Sunday—NY Jama'at BBQ Picnic in Lake View Park. All are welcome.

August 22nd— Ramadhan Starts. See inside for Ramadhan program.

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2009 JALSA SALANA UK

US Delegates are sitting during the VIP Dinner with Huzur (aba) during Jalsa Salana

This year the UK Jalsa Salana was held on July 24-26, 2009 in Hadiqatul Mahdi in Alton, UK. This year from New York Jama'at, Naib Amir, Zinda Bajwa sahib, Qaid Ghulam Rabbi, along with Shoeb Abulkalam, Abubakr Rana, and Mohammed Zaman attended this blissful convention. Abubakr Rana and Mohammed Zaman were selected as 2 out of the 4 Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya, USA delegates to attend the Jalsa. The Jalsa was very successful as the weather was very favorable and attended exceeded 27,000 members. Amir, Missionaries, other local and national office holders of various Jama'at from many countries attended this year's 43rd UK Jalsa. Love, Peace, brotherhood, sacrifice, devotion, meeting faces from around the globe were the common ingredients of this blessed gathering. After Jalsa, the UK Jama'at were very generous to give the US members a tour of Islamabad, where Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV (ra) grave were visited and got a chance to meet the people who are residing there. Also US members visited Baitul Futuh and Al Fazl Mosque, where individual mulaqat was held with Huzur (aba). Huzur (aba) again arranged a mulaqat with all the US members. Praying behind Huzur (aba) for a week fulfilled the hearts of the members. Huzur's (aba) directions and advice to everyone this year was very succinct and specific, hence may Allah give us the strength and ability to carry out our beloved Huzur's (aba) message to the people and may we become triumphant in our mission, inshallah.

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North East Regional Tarbiyyat Camp

This year's the Regional Tarbiyyat Class took place at the Bait-ul-Nasr Masjid in Willingboro, New Jersey. The Program started on Friday July 11th, 2009 and ended on Saturday July 18th, 2009. The Total number of students Registered were 68 Atfal and Khuddam. From the NY Metro Region, there were 11 Atfal and Khuddam from Brooklyn Jama'at, while 11 Atfal and Khuddam were from the Bronx Jama'at, and 3 were from New York Jama'at.

We Started our days there at 4: 30 am, by waking up for fajr prayer. A Tifl has to lead the fajr prayer and another Tifl had to give dars. We would all then go back to sleep by 5:00 am and wake up by 7:30 am for breakfast and shower. The class started from 9:30 am to 12:00 pm. After zuhr and lunch, the class would start again at 3:00 pm till 5 pm. Salat-ul-Asr took place afterwards. Sports activities started from 5:30 pm till 7 30 pm. After sports we would all come back to the Masjid for salat-ul-Magrib and dinner. After dinner, there would be either an Islamic documentary or a questions and answers session. We then perform Isha prayer and by 10:00 pm, we go to sleep. One of the classes that I liked was the subject on the existence of God by the subject of Jesus Christ not dying on the cross and also about the second coming of Jesus Christ and the Promised Messiah. There were many teachers for all these various classes. Imam Kauser sahib was one of our teachers. A picnic was also held during this fun camp. We played sumo style wrestling, chicken fight, volleyball and other sports.

Alhamdulillah we had a very successful Tarbiyyat Camp this year. The camp was full of interesting topics and fun and interactive activities. I request all the young Atfal and also Khuddam to allocate their time for the next year's Tarbiyyat Camp. It will be very exciting for all of us and we can share our brotherhood and enjoy our summer breaks in participating in the camp, Inshallah!

By: Farood Sanusi

Al Hassan Atta is spreading the message of Jesus in India to seekers of Truth in book fair

Tifl, Haseeb Mirza, and Nasirat Husna Mirza, help distribute fliers and books on Islam during the Book fair in Harlem

2009 Harlem Book Fair

New York Jama'at participated in the 2009 Harlem Book Fair, where over 500 stalls were present this year. It was a sunny day on July 18th, Saturday, where stalls were zoned between Malcolm X blvd and Lenox on west 135th street. Members who jined and helped ou were Zulfikar Sikder, Al Hasan Atta sahib, Fasasi Sanusi sahib, Abdul Ghafoor sahib, and Shoeb Abulkalam. Ghulam Rabbi dropped by with his family and children and helped in distributing literatures and pamphlets, also answering questions to public. Ahmad Mubarak sahib has also joined with his family and children and stayed till the end to sell books and also answer questions to those interested in Islam and Jesus Christ, and Holy Prophet (saw). There was a large crowd over 10,000 visiors and also a large number of Muslims were present there. Over 500 Review of religions were handed out, over 200 pamphlets on Islam were distributed. Main books sold were Jesus in india, Life of Muhammad, and Holy Qur'an. Ishaq Rosiji sahib helped with the transport and also giving out literatures.

By: Shoeb Abulkalam

Mubarak sahib speaking to visitors in the book stall.

New York's Annual Summer Tahir Camp

The camp in 2009 was held from July 4th to July 9th, 2009. This year's camp was held for the first time in the Jama'at's new Mosque and it was held in the school wing of the building in proper class rooms environment.

The camp was a day camp with 147 students registered with daily attendance averaging 120. The camp was open to both boys and girls with three classes for boys and three classes for Girls and boys and girls of ages five and six also attended as kindergarten class daily for half day sessions. The students were from the Metro New York Jama'ats – Queens, Long Island, Brooklyn and Bronx and two students from Canada.

The classes were divided into the following levels both for boys and girls:

Junior – School grades 1 to 4

Middle – School grades 5 – 8

Senior – High school and college going students.

The syllabus that was prepared by the national tarbiyat office was followed as guidelines under the supervision of the camp principal Abdul Hadi Nasir sahib. The camp had the privilege of having two Jamia students as teachers along with Imam Kauser sahib. The jamia students were Rizwan Khan and Talah Ahmad. The other tutors included Dr. Irfan Alladin, Moeen Ahmad. Among the ladies teachers were sadr Lajna New York, Queens Farqanda Ahmad, Rashidah Hamid, Masters in Arabic, Qudsia Tanveen, Masters in Islamiyat, Dr. Salamat Majeed, recently graduate of Howard and Columbia Uzma Ahmad, Alia Ahmad, Sadr Lajna Long island, Fahmeedah Shah, Regional sadr Lajna Bushra Butt, Farhat Ayaz, Javaria. The camp administrator was Majeed, a foreign student who devoted his summer holidays at our camp.

The subjects taught the various levels included the Quran, Seeratun Nabi, Conditions of Bait, Purdah in Islam, The purpose of Creation, Unity of God, Attribute of Allah, Zikre Illahi, Ahmadiyyat, Tazkia Foez, Salat, Article of Faith, Pillars of Islam, Cleaniness, Obedience and Descipline, Hadith and of course there was time for recreation. Children were served with food and snacks as per their likings such as Pizza, Hamburgers, Chicken and chips, kabab roll and pasta.

The administrator noted that some parents have to work on their children on the discipline aspects. The children have to learn how to behave at the mosque and respect for each other and respect for tutors.

On the final day, a quiz was given to all students and at the closing ceremony, prizes were presented by Imam Kauser sahib and all students whose attendance was over 70% were awarded with certificate of attendance. Sadr lajna presented to the Girls.

Quiz competition results:

Senior Boys:

1. Taimur Hamid 2. Nabeel Quazi 3. Tamur Ahmad

Middle Boys:

1. Salman Ahmad 2. Wahab Quazi 3. Najiullah

Junior Boys:

1. Monan Ahmed 2. Mirza Haseeb Ahmed, 3. Zaroon

KG:

1. zeshan Hamid, 2. Rayaan Bajwa 3. Qasid Bajwa and Tauseef Bajwa.

Senior Girls:

1. Abeeha Alam, Munazza Alam, Aysha Mansoor, Mahwish Ahmad, Maham Ahmad, Bareah Alam
2. Shanza Hamid, Aniganasi

Middle Girls:

1. Rukash 2. Amatul Hayee 3. Husna Nasir, Alina Ahmad, and Amara Mahmood

Junior Girls:

1. Ruksabha Rickty Zaman 2. Baria Ahmad 3. Husna Mirza

KG:

1. Fiza Ahmad 2. Hajrah Ahmad 3. Bareeah Mahmood

MKA Blood Drive

On July 18th, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community sponsored its second blood drive this year in Union Square, Manhattan. We were blessed by the grace of Allah with beautiful weather. Building on the strength of our first drive in which we gathered 27 pints of blood, this time around we received 43 donations, an increase of 59, Alhamdulillah!

Volunteers that contributed to the success of this drive are MKA Naib Sadr sahib Rizwan Alladin, regional Qaid Ahmad Chaudhry sahib, Queens Qaid Ghulam Rabbi sahib, and respected brothers Furhan Ahmad and Hasan Shahid.

Below is a letter from the NYC BloodCenter regarding the drive:

"On behalf of the New York Blood Center, I would like to thank you for sponsoring a blood drive along with the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community on Saturday July 18th.

We are grateful for the opportunity to have worked with you and your organization to produce such a successful drive. The event collected 43 pints of blood, which have since been separated into their components and distributed to patients in hospitals throughout the area.

It is your effort and the commitment of our friends and neighbors that enable us to meet the daily demand for blood products. There is no substitute for caring people who take the time to donate blood so that others may live, and those that volunteer their time as well. Your organization has greatly helped us toward this goal. Once again, thank you for helping us to fulfill our mission of saving lives."

By: Nadem Malik

MKA Adopt-a-Highway

Khuddamul Ahmadiyya of Queens Majlis performed its first Waqar-e-Amal Adopt-a-Highway cleanup of 2009 on Sunday July 12, 2009. The participants consisted of 9 Khuddam: Qaid Queens Ghulam Rabbi, brother Kashif Chaudhry, Imran Ahmad, Farhan Ahmad, Syeed Ahmed, Kawser Ahmed, Abubakar Rana, Tahir Sheikh and brother Nasir Bhuiyan. Qaid Gulam Rabbi shahib also invited two Bengali brothers that were his relative who were visiting and they joined the effort in this task, may Allah bless them for their help and cooperation. This outdoor activity was fun and productive that started around 11:00 am Sunday morning and ended around 2 pm. Two mini vans were used to transport the group to the job site in Long Island and there, the group was slit into four teams and were spread out to clean trash and litters from the side of the the assigned 1 mile stretch highway road. The cleanup was completed in about 2 hours and altogether about 8 bags of garbage were collected. The garbage bags were left by the Khuddamul Ahmadiyya Adopt-a-Highway sign board for pick up. It was a beautiful sunny afternoon and all the participants enjoyed this outdoor activity and gained productive experience of the true meaning of Waqar-e-Amal (dignity of work) no matter what the job calls for. After the clean up efforts, Naib Qaid brother Imran Ahmad cordially invited the participants to his house for lunch and recreational swimming at his full size built in backyard pool. Inshallah the Adopt-a-Highway clean up task will continue once a month during this summer.

By: Abubakr Rana

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EID MUBARAK!

Ramadan Program continues with daily arrangement, come for breakfast, Iftari provided. Weekends we have Dars-ul-Quran after Maghrib and dinner

Daily Taravee prayers after Isha prayers

September, 20th, Sunday–Eid-ul-Fitr Prayer @ 10:30am at Baitur-Zafar, Inshallah!

September 25th, Friday–Khuddam Meeting , Friday after Maghrib

September 26th, Saturday–Tahir school semester starts on every Saturday at 9:30am-1:30pm with Eid Party

October 4th, Sunday– Ansar & Lajna meeting on Sunday @ 11:00am

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2009 NEW YORK JAMA'AT PICNIC

This year's New York Jama'at family picnic was held in Hempstead State lake park along with long island Jama'at. However, members from New York Metro Jama'at were also invited. Members from New York Jama'at, Long Island, Bronx, and Brooklyn attended the event. Members started arriving at the park about afternoon. Mohtamim Ansar of New York Jama'at, Abdul Ghafoor sahib put two volleyball nets for men and Lajna. at lunch delicious BBQ were served along with other things. A volleyball match was played between Ansar and khuddam from the Metro Jama'at and Ansar won the match. some people enjoyed horse shoe tossing. Funding for this year program was provided by few people from New York Metro and Long Island Jama'at. We are thankful to Ghafoor sahib, Amir Bajwa, Mansoor Ahmad, Mohammad Ahmad, Hafiz Chaudhry, Mahmood Ahmad, Razzak sahib, and Ishaq Rosiji sahib for their service. A special thanks to Secretary Ziafat of New York Jama'at, Mansoor Ahmed and his team for providing delicious BBQ and their efforts to make this year's program a success.

By: Mahmud Bhutta

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Humanity First

Left Picture: *Ahmad Chaudhry is far left standing with the members of the Humanity First team.*

Bottom Picture: *Ahmad Chaudhry is to far right in group picture with Amir of Ghana.*

Dr Ahamd Chaudhry spent 9 days in Ghana (from August 11th to 20th) serving the people of Ghana on behalf of Humanity First USA. May Allah reward him for his time and service for the cause of humanity. Dr. Ahmad Chaudhry is the Regional Khuddamul Ahmadiyya Qaid of NY Metro Region and also plays a key role in Humanity First. He is an oral surgeon by profession.

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NEW YORK JAMA'AT CELEBRATES EID UL FITR

This year, by the will of Almighty Allah, Eid-ul-Fitr fell on a weekend, (September 20th). After a spiritual month of fasting, the day of celebration bloomed and this Eid-ul-Fitr was celebrated by Ahmadies of New York Metro Jama'ats (Queens, Brooklyn, Bronx, Long Island) at Bait-uz-Zafar. Some 1200 to 1400 men, women and children united together on this beautiful Sunday morning for Eid Prayer. Men performed their prayers on the grassy plot of Bait-uz-Zafar while women were in the mail hall and the Lajna hall. Imam Kauser sahib delivered the Eid sermon in which he stressed on every Ahmadi's responsibility towards spreading the message of Islam. He shared many references of the Holy Qur'an and ahadith as well as historical facts from past on spreading the message of Islam. Sweets and snacks were provided after prayers. A bookstall was also held. Members were seen embracing each other joyously with love and devotion as they were exchanging their Eid Mubarak greetings.

UP COMING EVENTS:

October 4th, Sunday– Ansar & Lajna meeting on Sunday @ 11:00am

October 17th Saturday– October 18th Sunday – National Ansar Ijtema at Baitur Rahman

October 30th, Friday–Khuddam Meeting , Friday after Maghrib

November 1st, Sunday– Blood Drive in BaiturZafar @ 11 am

November 1st, Sunday– Ansar & Lajna meeting on Sunday @ 11:00am

Every Saturday Tahir School classes for students of KG, Primary and high school students starts at 9:30 am to 1:30 pm

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Online Holy Qur'an Education

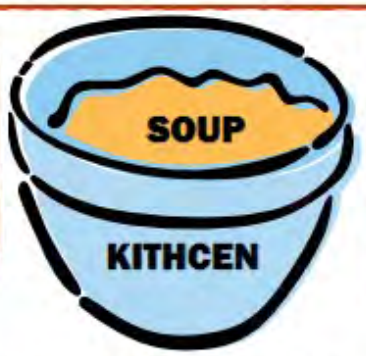
The following Online Holy Qur'an courses are now available for enrollment:

BRB04: Basic Recitation of the Holy Qur'an (Beginner Level)
Thursday's from 10:00 - 10:30pm EST
Start date: October 15th, 2009
Open to children ages under 12. It will cover basic recitation starting from the very beginning of the Yassarn-al-Quran. The course starts from learning the Arabic alphabets, pronunciation of each letter and learning the rules for connecting letters.
Location: Web Conference Room 2, Audio Conference Room 2

BRB03: Basic Recitation of the Holy Qur'an (Beginner Level)
Monday's from 9:00pm - 9:30pm EST
Start date: October 12th, 2009
Course is intended for Nasirat and Young Lajna (Girls ages 7 to 18). It will cover basic recitation starting from the very beginning of the Yassarn-al-Quran. The course starts from learning the Arabic alphabets, pronunciation of each letter and learning the rules for connecting letters.
Location: Web Conference Room 2, Audio Conference Room 2

BT05F: Basic Translation of The Holy Quran Module I
Friday's from 8:30 - 9:00pm EST
Start date: October 16th 2009
The course is focused towards teaching basic translation of the Holy Qur'an. The class will cover the verses 1:1 to 2:53 of the Holy Qur'an. The course will include word to word translation as well as some basic Arabic grammar rules. Location: Web Conference Room 2, Audio Conference Room 2

To enroll please visit the website http://www.alfurqan.us



• Khuddam from local Queens Jama'at volunteered at a Soup & Kitchen drive in Woodside, Queens on Sunday, September 13, 2009. The drive was held by the Jackson Heights SDA located in Woodside. Members who participated included Farhan Ahmad, Kashif Chaudhry, Fahiz Nasir, Sammer Nasir, Taimur Hamid, Kauser Ahmed, Syeed Ahmed, and Kareem Sayed. We arrived at the facility at 10:30 and worked until about 2:00pm. We served about 120 people who came to eat. We started the day by setting up tables and chairs. Around noon the people started coming in and we took turns serving the food. After serving, the people left and we helped clean up the floor, put away the chairs and tables. This was a time well spent on helping the needy especially during the month of Ramadhan. It helped us feel the hunger that these people feel everyday with no food. One day might not seem much, but for those who are less fortunate it means an eternity. We will continue to help volunteer at this facility on a monthly basis.

More Soup Kitchen

• Nadim Malik and Ahmad Chaudhry volunteered at a soup kitchen in Manhattan for 4 hours on Saturday September 19th, 2009.

5th Annual Queens Book Fair

New York Jama'at participated in the 5th Annual Queens Book Fair that was held on September 19th in the Farmer's Market in Jamaica, New York. This was an indoor event where book sellers and publishers held book stalls attracting readers with versatile interests. Ghulam Rabbi, Zulfikar Sikder, Mohammed Zaman, along with New York Secretary Publications, Shoeb Abulkalam attended this fair. Various Jama'at literatures were on display including Holy Qur'an in foreign languages and books on Islam, and Christianity. Fliers and pamphlets on Ahmadiyyat were distributed to the crowd. This was the second book fair that New York Jama'at participated in. Another Book Fair will take place in December in Manhattan and New York jama'at is looking forward to the fair, inshallah.

By: Shoeb Abulkalam

Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya, USA presented Mohsin sahib of New York Jama'at with one of the most prestigious award, Mufti Mohammad Sadiq Award. This award is presented to an individual in the Jama'at who has served the Jama'at for many decades and has sacrifice ample time, wealth, and effort for the service of the Jama'at. Mohsin sahib held the position as the Vice President of New York Jama'at for many years. Mobarakallah Holakum!

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UP COMING EVENTS:

Happy New Year!

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

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

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

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

Every Saturday Tahir School classes @ 9:30 am

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Hajj—A Journey of a Lifetime

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

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

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Imam Daud Haneef Sahib Takes Charge of the Metro New York Jama'ats:

- Imam Daud Hanif sahib will officially take charge as Mubaligh of the four New York Metro Jama'ats as of January 9th 2010, Inshallah.

  We wish Imam Sahib best wishes and our prayers and cooperation will always be there.

- Imam Kauser sahib will be responsible for his other Jama'ats in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Until such time a decision is made by marqaz on his future appointment.

- Imam Kuaser Sahib had nine Jama'ats under his responsibility, a region which probably has the highest Ahmadi population in the country.

- He is still in charge of Tabligh activities in North East Region and to ensure he visits his all Jama'ats on regular basis and stands out among his many accomplishments. New York Jama'at was privileged with his regular Friday sermons and Wednesday evening Tabligh classes.

  We wish Imam Sahib all the best and Allah be his guide and protector.

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RABI-UL-THANI/ JAMADI-UL-AWWAL

APRIL 2010

UP COMING EVENTS:

April 2nd – 4th, Friday Sunday– Masroor International Tournament in Maryland

April 4th, Sunday @ 1:30pm – Regional Tarbiyyat Seminar under the auspicious of the national Tarbiyyat Secretary in Baitur-Zafar

April 10th, Saturday– Bangla Desk Meeting

April 11th, Sunday– Auxiliaries Meetings

April 18th, Sunday– Lajna Ijtema

April 23rd – 25th, Friday Sunday– National Shura USA in Baitur Rahman

Every Saturday Tahir School classes @ 9:30 am

Imams visit Bait-uz-Zafar

Over ten Imams and other African American Muslim leaders attended a day long program held at Bait-uz-Zafar conducted by a Muslim group. At this occasion, Our national Tabligh Secretary spoke and welcomed the group and also Imam Kauser sahib spoke and presented free copies to all attendees of Philosophy and teaching of Islam. Our Publication department set up book stall and fair amount of books were sold. Among the speeches, an African American leader spoke of Ahmadiyya Muslim contribution in spread of Islam in USA from its early days till now. Over 200 men and women attended the program. A full story of the program appeared in a Muslim Newspaper .Our Khuddam were on khidmat-e-Khalq duties for the comfort of our outside guests that all appreciated the hospitality by the Jama'at and admired the Bait-uz-Zafar building and its location.

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New York Humanity First Dinner

Humanity First USA | Serving Mankind

Humanity First Fundraiser dinner was held at Crown Plaza hotel close to LaGuardia airport on March 11, 2010. Alhamdulillah, it went very well and exceeded the fundraising goal we had set up for this event. Great teamwork by everybody involved! Jazakallah!

The dinner was advertised to support Haiti and other disaster relief efforts of HFUSA. Nazir Ayaz sahib was the local leader for organizing the entire event. The advertised cost of the dinner for individual attendees was $100/seat. The team got donations from several companies. Initial estimates for net funds raised comes to around $26K+.

The attendance was around 95 attendees, with a healthy 30-35% non AMC audience. Program included the following:

* HF videos (overview + Ghana surgical mission videos) developed by Momin Bhatti and Ahmad Chaudhry
* Humanity First Overview by Iftikhar Ahmed (Director, Marketing and Funds Development) - power point slideshow
* Haiti relief - first hand volunteering experience by Kristyn Kennie (RN from NJ who volunteered in Haiti with HF along with Dr. Farooq Padder and his colleagues) - very well received
* We had guest speakers from City council NYC, Ghana consulate, UNRWA, another NGO with HF Germany connections, and Imam Daud Hanif Sb.
* Dinner (Very presentable Pakistani cuisine catered by Shaheen restaurant)

We had magician, from LA Jama'at, Jameel Mateen who showed card tricks, and Salaam Bhatti from Long Island Jama'at, who performed a stand up comedy.
Among the team that worked behind to make this a success was Atiya Malik, Ahmad Chaudhry, Tahir Sheikh, Zeshan Hamid, Tariq Hamid, Nadim Malik and Fahim Malik.

We very grateful to our sponsors without whom this program may not have been a success and we are grateful who worked to bring non Ahmadi guests, almost 40% of the attendees and some of them did contribute towards the humanity first dinner.

Iftikhar Ahmed
Director, Marketing and Funds Development
Humanity First USA

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Telling the truth should be news- If it happened, it will be here

The speakers highlighted the Life of the Holy Founder of Islam, Prophet Mohammad from various perspectives, including his examples as the living Quran, the Preacher of a Green Planet, his moral excellences, his success as a human being, lessons from the Farewell Address, and his stature as the Perfect Preacher.

Ahmadiyya Times | News Staff | US Desk
Source: Ghulam Rabbi & Siddique Rahim
Edited by Ahmadiyya Times Staff

A symposium organized by the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community (AMC) of New York on the life of the Holy Founder of Islam, Prophet Mohammad was held on March 7, 2010.

The event held at Ahmadiyya Muslim Baituz Zafar Mosque was attended by nearly 200 people from all segment of the society.

The gathering was called to order by Mr. Ghulam Rabbi, AMC's secretary for interfaith dialogue and community outreach for the New York Chapter, who acted as the master of the ceremonies (MC) for this occasion.

The event was started with the recitation of a portion from the Holy Quran by Mr. Muenuddin Ahmed and Mr. Ghulam Rabbi greeted the guests and the speakers; and thanked everyone for their participation.

The President of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, NY chapter, Mr. Nazir Ayaz delivered the welcome address. Some of the presenters recited Urdu and Arabic poems in praise of the Holy Founder of Islam, Prophet Mohammad. Many distinguished personalities were in attendance and several spoke very eloquently and left audience spell bound. The speakers for the event included Mr. Kareem Sharif, Secretary of education for Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, NY chapter; Imam Benjamin Bilal of Signs of Life; Ibrahim Abdul-Matin, author of Green Deen: How American Muslims Go Green; Imam Tahir Mustafa Kukaj from Albanian Islamic cultural center; Al Hajj Shaykh TA Bashir, Asst. Sec General of Council of African Imams and Founder of House of Peace (HOP); and Imam Inamul Haq Kauser, the missionary of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community.

The speakers highlighted the Life of the Holy Founder of Islam, Prophet Mohammad from various perspectives, including his examples as the living Quran, the Preacher of a Green Planet, his moral excellences, his success as a human being, lessons from the Farewell Address, and his stature as the Perfect Preacher. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by the MC, Mr. Ghulam Rabbi, to the speakers, attendees and organizers. The event was attended by several print and digital media representatives and an Urdu language newspaper has already reported on the event. The host chapter of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, New York, offered gifts of books to the guest and dinner was served to all attendees. Imam Kauser led the congregation in a silent prayer.

1st Ever Regional Atfal Rally!

Alhamdulillah our first ever NY Metro Atfal Rally was a great success. our regional qaid sahib, Zeshan bhai's idea sparked us to hold such event. Our Nazimeen Atfal: Nadeem Ahmed, Bilal Saleem, Taimur Ahmad, Taimur Hamid & Reaz Rahman, along with the support of Murabbiyyan Atfal: Rashid Alladin sahib, Mohammad Mahmood sahib, Faraan Shamim sahib, and Saleem Chema sahib, and ofcourse our qaideen Ghulam Rabbi sahib, Mobusher bhai, Umair Jamil sahib, and Mahmud Farukee sahib has stepped up and gave their full support in organizing and coordinating the event.

we like to thank Nazir Ayaz sahib, NY Jama'at president for letting us hold the Rally in NY Masjid. We also like to recognize Nasir Bajwa, Asad Bajwa, Fareed Sanusi, Mueen Salim, Fahim Malik, Safwan Akbar, Sammar Nasir, Fahiz Nasir, Tahir Sharif, Ahmad Chaudhry, Fateh Ahmad, Noman bhai. our Naib SADR MKA Rizwan Alladin, Mansoor Ahmed, Rizwan Akbar, Mansoor sahib, and of course our Regional Qaid sahib, Zeshan Hamid for attending, sports coordination, food preparation, food distribution, taking care of the snacks, breakfast, lunch, dinner, and for being there by sacrificing time to help us hold such an successful event.

We gathered in Bait-uz-Zafar Masjid, Queens, New York on March 5th around 7:30pm. We had overall 48 Atfal Attendance, 2 from Bronx (Bronx Tajneed is only 6), 9 from Brooklyn, 9 from Long Island, and 24 from Queens
and with Khuddam and Ansar, we exceeded 75 in attendance.

Friday night we had Maghrib and Isha prayer followed by dinner. the opening session started with recitation of Holy Quran and a Nazm and Atfal Pledge. Regional Qaid sahib then asked the Atfal for the ground rules and were recorded for them to follow during this course. then a Tarbiyyat session dollowed. Dr Nadeem Ahmad and Faraan Shamim sahib spent time with Atfal asking them about themselves and what they like to do on friday night and how they can spend their spare time doing good things. after wards Atfal played among themselves and eventually shrugged in their sleeping bags looking forward to the exciting day ahead.

Salat-ul Fajr was led by a Tifl and dars was also given by a Tifl, Safwan Akbar. after wards the teams of Mayar-e-Kabir and Mayar-e-Saghir was formed. Atfal caught some extra sleep and woke up for breakfast. after some playful time everyone headed toward the Indoor Gym. the distance was so close that we all walked there.

Basketball, Soccer, and Race took place and all Atfal Mayar-e-Kabir and Mayar-e-Saghir participated. Alhamdulillah no serious injury occurred. Pizza was served for lunch and then we all walked back to the Masjid. we prayed Salat-ul-Zuhr and Asr, led by a Tifl. Atfal then wrote letters to Huzur (aba) and also filled out the Atfal Survey. the concluding session began with recitation of the Holy Quran and Nazm and Atfal Pledge. Regional Qaid sahib then asked Atfal if they have followed by the ground rules that they have given to follow. few Atfal shared their experience what they thought, a young tifl by name Mirza Haseeb Ahmed said "I learned that don't do bad things and be nice to people". Majority of Atfal raised hands when asked if they have enjoyed the Rally. then Certificates, candies, coat pins, pens, "Love for All Hatred for None" stickers were handed out to all Atfal for participation and for those who came in first and second place in sports.

Zaid Malik from Queens became the MVP in both Basketball and Soccer from Mayar-e-Saghir and Najih Ullah from Brooklyn was the MVP in Soccer Mayar-e-Kabir and Zafar Mahmood from Bronx was the MVP in Basketball Mayar-e-Kabir.

We concluded our Atfal Rally with silent prayer and everyone departed with a joyous spirit. this definitely was a historical event for us and we will always remember this and hold similar event in future. inshallah.

Shoeb Abulkalam
Regional Nazm Atfal - NY Metro

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JAMADI-UL-AWWAL / JAMADI-UL-AKHIR

MAY 2010

UP COMING EVENTS:

May 2nd, Sunday– @ 6:00 pm - Jama'at Meeting *Theme: Islamic family values - a teaching without borders, An interactive program.* Please come with your family and friends

May 9th, Sunday @ 10:00am – Regional Ansar Ijtema at Bait-uz-Zafar

May 9th, Sunday @ 11:00am – Lajna Meeting

May 23rd, Sunday @ 11:00am – Lajna Meena Bazaar

May 27th, Thursday @ 6:30pm – Khilafat day, Dinner will be served before the meeting

June 12th, Saturday @ 10:00am - Khuddam and Atfal Regional Ijtema in Bait-uz-Zafar

Every Saturday Tahir School classes @ 9:30 am

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Faith country: Ahmadiyya message of peace on bus Ads

Ahmadiyya Muslim messages of peace, epitomized by their motto: "Love for All - Hatred for None," are being spread across Los Angeles' Inland Empire on 167 buses.

One of them stops across the street from the Baitul Hameed Mosque on Ramona Ave. in Chino, one of two Southern California chapters of this peaceful, worldwide denomination of Islam.

The campaign by the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community of Greater Los Angeles and the Inland Empire aims to assert the Islamic principles of peaceful co-existence as part of a nationwide effort to denounce extremism and terrorism, and promote the true guiding principles of Islam, which are peace with God and with mankind, freedom, loyalty to one's country, and justice for all.

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The New York Metro Soccer Team competed in The 7th Annual Masroor International Sports Tournament (MIST) which took place in the Headquarters region on the weekend of April 3-4th. 25 teams competed and over 200 athletes participated.

2010 NY Metro Soccer Team

The New York Metro Soccer team played with tremendous heart, team spirit and passion. They played a total of 5 games and reached the semifinals round but could not get back to the finals match as they did the previous year. Rightfully so the Finals Match was between two very deserving teams of Miami/Midwest and Holland and it was Holland with its top talent that took away the trophy with a 4-3 win.

Our New York Metro Soccer team consisted of Shoeb Abulkalam, Saeed Ahmed, Kawser Ahmad, Salaam Bhatti, Rizwan Ahmed, Ackail Ali, Basil Masood, Fareed Sanusi, Mohammad Sakib, Atiq Ahmad, and Fahim Malik. 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 at the end of May at the Islamic games.

NY Metro combined khuddam from Long Island, Queens to form the basketball team in the Masroor International Sports Tournament this year. Unfortunately NY Metro did not win any games this year and did not qualify to the playoffs. They played North East, Virginia, and East/Jersey teams. NY Metro consisted of Saqib Hashim, Waqas Shah, Farhan Ahmad, Taimur Hamid, Bilal Saleem, Faateh Mubeen, Fareed Sanusu, and Ackil Ali. Inshallah next year will be a better turnout.

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JUNE 2010

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 Atfal Ijtema

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

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

July 2nd– 4th - Jalsa Salana Canada

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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.

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, I Soccer team, I volleyball team, and I 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

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JULY 2010

UP COMING EVENTS:

July 1st – 4th - Jalsa Salana Canada

July 4th – Flag hoisting ceremony at BaituzZafar – Happy Independence Day

June 11th, Sunday @ 10:00am–Ansar and Lajna Meeting

July 16th – 18th - Jalsa Salana USA

July 21st – 25th - Tahir Summer Camp

July 30th – Aug 1st - Jalsa Salana UK

Aug 1st @ 8:00am International Bait – All members are requested to attend at BaituzZafar.

Aug 1st – Jama'at Picnic.

Tahir classes every Saturday until close of Tahir Camp

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Global Financial Crisis Seminar in Bait-uz-Zafar

New York Jamat's monthly meeting was held on June 6th 2010 with the recitation of Holy Quran by Rasheed Ahmad and poem by Riaz Ahmad, Presided by Imam Daud Hanif Sahib with naib Ameer Zinda Bajwa sahib and secretary Tarbiyyat Kareem Sharif sahib in chairs . Mahmood Hanif Sahib gave a power point presentation on Global financial crises describing the great recession of 2008 -2010. He briefly explained the Housing Bubble, Banking industries collapse, business falls and unemployment. Many factors were pointed out with the conclusion that beware of asset bubble, nothing goes up for ever and what goes up must come down.

2010 NY Metro Regional Ijtema

This year the NY Metro Region's (Bronx, Brooklyn, Queens, and Long Island Majalis) Khuddamul and Atfalul Regional Ijtema was held in Bait-uz-Zafar on a beautiful sunny Saturday, June 12th, 2010. We would like to first reserve our sincere appreciation to Allah Subhanahtallah for giving us such a blissful day as the weather favored us (it was supposed to rain that day and no rain came down that day) and also for sparking the hearts of our young Atfal and Khuddam of NY Metro to show their eagerness in participating in our regional Ijtema. Alhamdulillah we had 55 Atfal partook in the Ijtema (22 Sitara Atfal, 22 Qamar Atfal, and 11 Badar Atfal), reaching 70% attendance overall from the NY Metro Region.

In the morning, Atfal had their Taleem competition while Khuddam held sports. Khuddam played volleyball, and Basketball. The Murabbiyaan Atfal and teachers from weekly Atfal Classes from Long Island, Brooklyn, Queens were the judges while our naib Murabbiyaan Atfal, Nazimeen Atfal and parents were monitoring and proctoring the Atfal during their competitions and breaks. The Atfal did not seem tired or bored as majority came prepared, i.e. for memorization of Holy Quran, Recitation of Holy Quran, Nazm, Adhan (age 9 and under), and Speech competitions. At the end, right before the Zuhr prayer and lunch, an exciting spelling bee occurred. it was challenging yet intensifying for the Atfal. The most anticipating session for Atfal started, Sports! Soccer and Basketball seemed like the most challenging event for the Atfal. All the young and older Atfal from all four Majalis played together as teams to compete against one another. Race also kept them in the sports zone. This year, we have prepared something new for our young Sitara Atfal. We have a Martials Arts Expert who came and demonstrated karate to our Atfal in the basement of Bait-uz-Zafar. We had everything set up for this as Atfal were all participating in kicking and punching with their Karate Master!

Khuddam had their Taleem competition in the afternoon session. From 5pm a session on brotherhood and the Lahore incident took place. Atfal, Khuddam watched short videos prepared by Khuddam where it showed the days of the Lahore incident and people's reaction. Atfal shared their feelings toward it . Naib Sadr MKA, Rizwan Alladin sahib hosed the program and he shared how we can all act and step up by informing the world and journalists about this and fight with our pen against these atrocities.

The closing ceremony contained the prize distribution and closing remarks by Imam Daud Hanif sahib. Imam sahib advised all Khuddam and Atfal to remain physically active and participate in sports events, There were plenty of prizes for every single Tifl after all the sports and khuddam prizes hence every single Tifl was given a medal of motivation. There were many khuddam and Atfal who joined from the Bronx, Long Island, and Brooklyn Majlis as well. The winners from the regional Ijtema will be competing in the National Ijtema on August 6-8th in Milwaukee, inshallah.

By: Shoeb Abulkalam

An UMRAH Experience

It felt in my heart one of the days in May 2010 that I need to pay a visit to the most sacred land on the face of earth as mentioned by the Holy Prophet of Islam; the land where angels roam around and accompany you, where thousands of blessings are just showered upon you without even asking for it, the place where prayers are accepted immediately, the noble land where it all started, my faith, Islam. Alhamdulillah, Allah the Great has accepted my prayer and gave me the opportunity to visit Medina, and Mecca for 9 days. Seeing first time in my own eyes the khana Kabah, the qibla where I have been facing since childhood and praying, and now everyone in Masjid-al-Haram are praying all around it, is just an amazing feeling. It was definitely bursting out of the bubble life giving you a reality check and also seeing how much our beloved Holy Prophet (saw) has suffered for the mankind in the hottest and driest place on earth. All the stories I have been reading in the book about the Holy Prophet(saw), walking on the places where he once walked and talked, makes you truly humble and grows love for our beloved Prophet and my faith. Overall, I felt peace that only Allah can provide as he mentioned in the Holy Quran. Also gave me a feeling to go back, and I am inshallah looking forward to it.

By: Shoeb Abulkalam

The Old Bait-uz-Zafar is Sold

Glimpse at the Bait-uz-Zafar

The Old Bait-uz-Zafar that was our home for over 23 years was sold this week to another house of worship. We anticipated more money, but the market for commercial property is not that good in the current economic state of affairs. Moreover as it had limited scope and not much room for future expansion, it also played a role in lesser price and it took considerable time for a suitable buyer to come by.

We could have waited for better price, but then we took out Karze Hasna from members for the purchase of our new Bait-uz-Zafar and it was time to pay them back. This is another reason that we could not keep it for residential usage or for any other purpose. We have liabilities to pay off the installments for our new Mosque and then loans that had to be paid to members just did not give us any other alternate other than to sell it with great regret. We did go over all possibilities that we could think off and at the end this was the only alternate to sell it and also for day to day overheads will now be reduced as we will not have to maintain the old property.

Men's Main Prayer Hall

Lajna Main Prayer Hall

I very well remember the evening back in October of 1985 when our Amir of that time, Maulana Sheikh Mubarak Ahmad sahib, May Allah be pleased with him, signed off the documents at the closing of the property and came along with several Members of the Jama'at, put the key into the door with special prayers and walked into the building and said evening prayers. We had seen over 70 properties before we came to purchase that one and it was the most expensive acquisition by USA Jama'at at that time. Never the less we have sold it for over 100% of the price the building was bought for in 1985.

Kitchen where all the food used to be made

Nursery Hall next to Lajna Hall

There are many sweet memories that will always live with us. I remember the early days when we did lots of Waqre amal to bring the building to state of usage. That house of worship has been blessed with three visits of Khalifatul Masih and we have seen many dignitaries, Ahmadies and Non Ahmadies who graced it with their visitors. A generation has worshiped in this Mosque. They were toddlers and now they carry their toddlers.

Famous Bell used during the Tahir School for ringing bell to indicate class is over.

The Ahmadiyya Jama'at is a progressive entity and our success is based on realities of life. Sentiments and emotions are Human phenomena and based on that we cannot make logical and inspiring judgments. We do cherish the good old memories and now the time is to move on and create better opportunities for our Jama'at and tackle the challenges that lie ahead of us so that another generation will grow and benefit spiritually from the usage of our new Bait-uz-Zafar.

Changes in MTA subway trains:

If you have been taking V train to part of the journey to Bait-uz-Zafar, please note that this train service has been replaced by M train. Please check the new route of M train.

Muslims for Peace campaign

New Yorkers will witness advertisement all over the MTA buses in the month of July. The ads says Muslims for Peace; Love for all Hatred for none and direct those interested to obtain further information to a web site Muslimsforpeace.org. The other aspect of this campaign is to distribute 25,000 flyers especially catered for the occasion. In Manhattan another 20,000 flyers will be distributed..

All men and even women should come forward to help in its distribution. We will go door to door in south queens and have selected about dozen hubs for general distribution. We will also distribute on all college campuses. Ladies can give flyers to their friends, neighbors and others.

It is a historic occasion and let each and every one of us come forward and be dai'illah. At the same time, let us pray for the success of this national project.

Tarbiyyat:

* It is nice summer days and children are off from school. Let us come along with our family to Bait-uz-Zafar and pray in congregation., in particular Maghrib prayers.
* Tahir Summer camp is due to start on July 21st, Inshallah. We expect all children from ages 4 onwards to high school and college students to attend. Tahir summer is the oldest continuous camp that has been holding summer camps for over 20 years. There will be Kindergarten half day classes and separate boys and girls classes at three levels. This is New York Metro Regional camp under the guidance of national Tarbiyyat department.

Library Books:

If you have borrowed books from Bait-uz-Zafar library, Kindly return as soon as possible, The library is reference library and books cannot be borrowed from it. Kindly abide by the rules of the library.

Need to fix your computer or upgrade it:

Consult Zarif Ahmad sahib. at a nominal price, he will help to fix the computer. Contact him at 718 899 4844.

Flag Hosting for 4th of July

Members from New York Jama'at gathered in Bait-uz-Zafar mosque on July 4th morning for the flag hoisting in the spirit of July 4th Independence day. Ansar and Khuddam became the 12 guards to guard the flags. Atfal and Nasirat sang the national anthem of USA before the recitation of the Holy Quran by Al Hassan Atta sahib. Imam Daud Hanif sahib then gave a brief talk and lead us in the silent prayer. Breakfast was served after the ceremony.

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AUGUST 2010

UP COMING EVENTS:

July 31st – August 2nd - Jalsa Salana UK

Aug 1st @ 8:00am International Bait

Aug 1st – New York Jama'at Picnic.

August 8th – Sunday @ 10:00am–Ansar and Lajna Meeting

August 4th–6th–2nd Annual National Atfal Rally

August 6th–8th – National Atfalul and Khuddamul Ahmadiyya Ijtema in Milwaukee, Wisconsin

August 11th – Ramadhan starts with Taravee prayers starting on Aug 10th. *(See Inside for Ramadan activities and Schedule)*

NO Tahir classes this month

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62nd USA Jalsa Salana

The 62nd Jalsa Salana USA was held on July 16-18, in Virginia this year. Majority of the families from New York Jama'at attended this year's Jalsa. Ahmad Mubarak sahib and Ahmad Chaudhry sahib led the MTA Media coverage. Huzur[aba] message for USA Jalsa was read out by Ahmad Mubarak sahib. Ansar of New York Jama'at helped all three days with food preparation and in serving. Khuddam helped with security and transportation as well as supporting the MTA department. Even the Atfal helped with registration and providing water to members who were thirsty this year. 2 Atfal were recognized for the Amin on stage. Members from NY Jama'at took guests with them to this year's Jalsa. The entire Jalsa program, i.e. speeches, pictures, and videos can be seen in the link below:
http://www.jalsasalana.org/usa/2010/

From left to Right: New York city councilman Mark Weprin, New York State Senator Frank Padavan, Missionary In charge USA, Naseem Mahdi sahib

Public Relation Corner

* New York Jama'at's Public Relation department headed by Asad Bajwa sahib invited NY state senator Frank Padavan and New York City councilman Mark Weprin along with their staff members to Bait-uz-Zafar on July. Another guest from Nassau county executive was present as well. Mahdi Sahib introduced the guests the Muslims for peace campaign that is on going in New York area. Mahdi sahib during his visit to New York was interviewed by FOX TV and CNN and appeared in the press conference arranged by the National Media team at a hotel in Time Square.
* On July 27th, New York City Police Commissioner hosted the annual pre Ramadhan conference at 1 Police Plaza. Asad Bajwa had the opportunity the meet the new Chief for Community Affairs division of NYPD, as well as other guests who attended the event.

GIRLS WHO FINISHED 40 AHADITH:

We are proud to announce seven girls who have memorized 40 hadith. They were given a book for their efforts and have a special dinner invitation from Tahir school faculty.

Shanze Hamid, Labeeba Chaudhry, Amna Ahmed, Aysha Mansoor, Lyla Mansoor, Samrah Ahmad

MKA Soup kitchen

By the grace of Allah, three khuddam from the Queens Majlis got together to prepare and serve in the "Soup Kitchen" for the homeless on Saturday, July 11th location in Woodside, Queens . Participating to make this initiative a success were Fareed Sanusi, Atiq Yasser and Shakil Ahmed. Khuddam left around 11:15am to the Woodside location and helped prepare, serve, and clean up after the needy were given food. This Soup Kitchen Drive has been going for almost a year now. Khuddam go once a month and serve between 55-75 needy people. Inshallah, Queens Majlis will be holding a Blood drive in September in Queens.

By: Farhan Ahmad

Guests visiting NY Jama'at

Abdul Fatai Karieem Apooiian in the center

* We had the privilege to receive Kari Nawab sahib, who is the Sadr Ansarullah India. He visited New York along with his wife.
* Also from India, Burhan sahib, Nazr of Publication India visited Bait-uz-Zafar and addressed us informally at the inauguration of the New Amila and farewell to the outgoing Amila members.
* Qaid from Model Town, Lahore was in town from Lahore Pakistan with his family. The public Relation secretary of Lahore Jama'at Khalid Malik sahib is also visiting our city.
* Abdul Fatai Karieem Apooiian, Imam and National Tabligh Secretary for Majlis Ansarullah Nigeria, visited New York Jama'at and attended USA Jalsa Salana.

UK Jalsa & NY Jama'at Picnic

Sunday Morning of August 1st, 2010, the UK Jalsa concluded. Members were requested to gather in Bait-uz-Zafar for the International bait under Hadrath Khalifatul Masih V (aba). Men, women, children all sacrificed the extra Sunday morning sleep and huddled in the Masjid and entered their bait under Huzoor (aba) live. Breakfast was served shortly after. Members stayed back to watch the rest of the concluding session of the Jalsa, including Huzoor (aba) speech, where he emphasized on the persecution and ultimate victory of the Jama'at Ahmadiyyat. (inshallah). After zuhr prayer, NY Jama'at's BBQ/ family picnic was held in the backyard of Bait-uz-Zafar. Men, women, Children had an attendance of 120. Members from New York Jama'at, Long Island, Bronx, attended the event. Couple of volleyball matches were played between Ansar and khuddam from the Metro Jama'at and Ansar won the matches. It seems Ansar has been on a winning streak since last year. We are thankful to Ghafoor sahib, Mohammad Ahmad, Hafiz Chaudhry, Mahmood Ahmad, Razzak sahib, and Ishaq Rosiji sahib for their service. A special thanks to Secretary Ziafat of New York Jama'at, Naeem Sharif and his team for providing delicious BBQ and their efforts to make this year's picnic a success.

By: Shoeb Abulkalam

Vakil ul Tabshir Visits New York

Mansoor Ahmad Khan sahib, who is Vakil ul Tabshir, along with his family that included Sadr Lajna Pakistan were on a personal visit to New York and it was nice of him to grace us with his presence at Bait-uz-Zafar. A reception was held in his honor and at the same time distinguish Lajna members from Metro New York area were present to welcome Sadr Lajna Pakistan. Mansoor Khan sahib was shown around Bait-uz-Zafar Presidents of the Metro Jama'at, Imam Daud Haneef sahib along with executive members from the Metro Jama'ats were present at the reception.

During Dinner Reception in Bait-uz-Zafar

If you are interested in an affordable Housing for seniors over 62 years old , please attend an open meeting on Thursday, 8/12 at 11:00 am at Pomonok Senior center 67 - 09 Kissena Blvd, Flushing NY 11367.

2010 TARBIYYATI TAHIR SUMMER CAMP

On July 21-25, 2010 the New York Metro area held their annual Tarbiyyat Tahir summer Camp. One hundred and nine students from Long Island, Brooklyn and Queens registered for this camp. The students were divided into seven classes; three levels for the boys, three levels for the girls and one section for the kindergarten class. Each level had a variety of topics such as, Holy Quran, Hadith, Seerat-un- Nabi, Ilme Kalam, Zikre Habib, Salat and Prayers, Books of the Promised Messiah (AS), General Knowledge of Islam, and miscellaneous topics that ranged from hygiene to status of parents to peer pressure.

Jamia Students From Canada, who conducted the class

This camp was under the supervision of Abdul Hadi Nasir Sahib. The camp would not have been a success if not for all the volunteers and teachers that took time out of their busy schedules to take part. We are especially thankful to the four Jamia students that were able to come and teach our students; Luqman Ahmad, Umar Akbar, Raza Ahmad, and Syed Taha.

We would also like to thank the ziafat secretary, Naeem Sharif who was assisted by Mansoor Sahib, who kept the students going with their kid friendly meals and snacks. The students were served stir fry, pizza, pasta, naan kebab, and roast chicken with French fries along with snacks throughout the week.

We would also like to thank all the volunteers that helped throughout the five days of this camp, especially with all the heat. Also, we would like to thank Nasir Bajwa and all of the helpers that he gathered to help keep things running smooth throughout the day and all the Lajna members from Brooklyn, Queens and Long Island that helped out during the day with miscellaneous tasks.

This camp concluded on Sunday July 25, 2010 with a closing ceremony, in which the Jamia students commented on their experience with the students. Prizes were distributed to the overall top students of each level. Students were then given trophies for being present for four or all the days of the summer camp. The award ceremony concluded with Dua. A special thanks to Nazir Ayaz Sahib for making this camp successful. May Allah reward all of the volunteers and students that attended this camp. Ameen.

LEVEL I BOYS	
POSITION	NAME
FIRST	ZAROON AHMAD
SECOND	NAZEEF BAJWA
THIRD	QASID CHAUDHRY
LEVEL II BOYS	
POSITION	NAME
FIRST	DANIAL MAHMOOD
SECOND	WALEED AHMAD
THIRD	SHAMIK ALAM
THIRD	IBRAHIM AHMAD
LEVEL III BOYS	
POSITION	NAME
FIRST	SHABIR AHMAD

LEVEL I GIRLS	
POSITION	NAME
FIRST	AFEEFA AHMAD
SECOND	VARDA RAZAQ
THIRD	BARIAH AHMED
LEVEL II GIRLS	
POSITION	NAME
FIRST	AMARA MAHMOOD
SECOND	SAMINE AHMED
THIRD	HUSNA NASIR
LEVEL III GIRLS	
POSITION	NAME
FIRST	AYESHA MANSOOR
SECOND	BARIAH AHMAD
THIRD	SHANZE HAMID

2010 TARBIYYAT SUMMER CAMP FINAL RESULTS

KINDERGARTEN BOYS	
POSITION	NAME
FIRST	QASID BAJWA
SECOND	MASROOR AHMAD
SECOND	RAYAAN BAJWA
THIRD	TAUSEEF BAJWA
THIRD	FAISAL AHMAD
KINDERGARTEN GIRLS	
POSITION	NAME
FIRST	BAREERAH AHMAD
FIRST	MAHERAH MOHAR
SECOND	FIZA AHMAD
THIRD	SIMRAH AHMAD

By: Nialah Nasir

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September 2010

UP COMING EVENTS:

EID MUBARAK to all our Readers!

September 10th – Friday @ 10:30am Eid ul Fitr at Bait-uz-Zafar. Please note Jumma prayers on that date will be at 12:45pm.

September 12th – Sunday @ 10:00am Ansar and Lajna Meeting

September 18th – Saturday @ 9:00am Tahir school starts, First day parents must accompany children to the classes – no admission without the parents, Classes start at 9:30 am to 1:30pm.

October 3rd – Sunday @ 4:55pm–Jama'at meeting starting with Asr prayer and end with Maghrib Prayer.

Tahir classes this month: September 18th, 25th

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Ramadhan observance in Bait-uz-Zafar

Ramadhan, the holiest month of in Islam has been bestowed upon us this year started from the 11th of August. New York Jama'at has embraced this month whole heartedly by coming to Bait-uz-Zafar for opening their fast daily, praying salat -ul-Maghrib and Isha, followed by Taravee prayers. Dars is given daily before salat-ul-Isha, and delicious food are being served on a regular basis as well. Patience, humility, and spirituality are being felt by the members through fasting. Members are seeking forgiveness praying for guidance from Allah and trying to purify themselves through self-restraint and good deeds.

Public Relations

On August 31, we co-sponsored an Iftari with Queen Borough President Helen Marshall. The Iftari was held at Queens Hall of Science. Food was provided by Shaheen Sweets, Tariq Hamid sahib. Their were approximately 250 guests. Shaiza Mansoor and Amtul Mariam recited a Qaseedah during Iftari. Nazir Ayaz sahib, Zeshan Hamid, Mohammed Zaman, Ansil Salam, Asad Bajwa, Taimur Hamid, Atiq Yassar, Ali Ahmed, and Shoeb Abulkalam attended this dinner and exchanged greetings with local Muslim Communities in Queens, and also with reporters.

Announcement:

We are holding a dialogue meeting on September 24 with religious, civic, and community leaders at the masjid. If you personally know someone we should invite, please let us know.

– Asad Bajwa

Waqfe Nau Report/Announcement:

By the Grace and Mercy of Allah, Fall Waqfe Nau Classes will begin Saturday, September 18th. All parents and Waqefeen seven years of age and above are requested to arrive on time before the start of the morning session at 9:30 AM. The day's agenda includes registration, orientation and the beginning of classes. Please do not hesitate to contact the Waqfe Nau Secretary, Mueen Ahmad, for any questions or concerns.

- Mueen Ahmad

* Please contribute towards the Victims of flood in Pakistan to Humanity First USA. You can go online to their web site http://humanityfirst.org/ to contribute or drop the envelope at Bait-uz-Zafar. Atiya Malik is in charge for collection in this region.

HUMANITY FIRST

* We are grateful to Mr. Laeeq Munir for his donation to Bait-uz-Zafar for air condition compressor. It is a costly item and we really appreciate his donation. Laeeq is from Chicago and he is the father of Maham Ahmed, a member of our Jama'at. Jazakallah and Allah bless you and yours.

Oldest American Muslim Community Supports the Construction of Park 51 in Lower Manhattan

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community defends the free exercise of religion for all communities

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA expresses its support for the construction of the Park 51 community center in lower Manhattan . America 's very founding reflects a deep and uncompromising commitment to religious freedom. Freedom in America is indivisible with the freedom to practice one's religion. The First Amendment's religion clauses apply equally to all citizens of all religious persuasions.

The perpetrators of the horrific attacks of 9/11 should not be grouped with the vast majority of American Muslims who are moderate, peace-loving and law-abiding. The list of the victims of 9/11 included American Muslims. American Muslims were also among the first responders to 9/11. As President Barack Obama correctly observed:

"Our enemies respect no religious freedom. Al Qaeda's cause is not Islam — it's a gross distortion of Islam. These are not religious leaders -- they're terrorists who murder innocent men and women and children. In fact, al Qaeda has killed more Muslims than people of any other religion."

"The organizers of Park 51 envision an Islamic center based on a welcoming and inclusive message of peace, freedom and tolerance for all Americans," said Nasim Rehmatullah, Vice President of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA , "We support their cause and encourage all Americans to view the proposed project with open minds and open hearts."

Tribute to our Volunteers

When people speak of our New York Jama'at, one thing always comes up, its richness and interest in volunteers. Let us take a moment and pay our tribute and say special prayers for many of them. The list has been compiled carefully, but if a name is missing, that was not the intention, after all being human, a name or two there may be misspelled or did not make into this list. We all give our time for the sake of Islam and Ahmadiyyat and in return we never look for rewards from fellow beings. We always hope that our little time and effort for our Jama'at will bring blessings and rewards from Allah and continue on to our children and grand children and at the same time we hope our noble gestures towards our Jama'at brings about same trends in our children, Inshallah.

Abdul Hameed Ahmad, his son Rizwan and son in law Mansoor ensures that when Jama'at requires help in catering of food, they are there to provide services in the best manner.

Iqbal Ahmad our former general secretary and now helps out the A/V department and one can always depend upon him to carry out whatever Jama'at requests. His Wife Farqanda Ahmad is probably the longest serving Sadr Lajna of our Jama'at and she also takes time to teach children at the Tahir school. Their Daughter faridah helps Lajna affairs and also works for Review of Religion team. Recently she was part of the team that helps in winning the first prize in handicraft.

Mahmood Ahmad who is currently recovering from an illness is a regular at the prayers at Bait-uz-Zafar and has donated number of items over the years. One item is the one we cannot help seeing every time we are in the Masjid and that is the podium that he built himself. His wife Naseera started the interest to create vegetable garden at Bait-uz-Zafar .
Their son Tahir heads the security team of Khuddamul Ahmadiyya and their other son Rashid donated number of security items over period of time and that has all been installed at Bait-uz-Zafar.

Mahmmod Bhutta an Amila member works also with the finance department and ensures to bring his family regularly to evening prayers to Bait-uz-Zafar.

Mansoor Ahmad, our former Ziafat secretary is part of the Ziafat team that brings delicious cooked food. It is time consuming duty as Jama'at with number of activities keeps Ziafat team always busy and despite looking after his son who is undergoing treatment he puts all the effort that is required to get the job done. One can count that his family will be there at almost all Jama'at activities.

Mukhtar Ahmad has dual role, one as helping hand for Ziafat team and another in the upkeep of Bait-uz-Zafar . Another family that one can see during evening prayers at Bait-uz-Zafar and other Jama'at activities.

Zarina Ahmad gives time to help our ladies with social problems such as visiting hospitals, social services agencies and similar stuff.

Rashid Ahmad, our new Amila member is dedicated member of the Jama'at. Many of energy saving devices at Bait-uz-Zafar are installed by him and so is security system upgrades. He has donated several of the items used in these systems. His son Farhan is also new comer to Amila and has been working for Khuddamul Ahmadiyya.

Saleem Ahmad and his wife are veterans of our Jama'at and served in various capacities and now play the role of advisors. Their son Mueen is Amila member and their daughter in law Farah helps out at Tahir school and so is member of Lajna administration.

Ghulam Rabbi Ahmad, a former member of Amila and currently holds position of Qaid Khuddamul Ahmadiyya has brought many to the fold of Ahmadiyyat. His devotion and dedication towards Tabligh is an exemplary one. The family is regular at prayers at Bait-uz-Zafar. They are the only family to put their kids to karate lessons being held at the premises of Bait-uz-Zafar.

Saeed and Kauser and of course Sehhar, sons of Khoda Aziz are there at the mosque. Sehhar helps out with the A/v Department and his two younger brothers are there doing khidmat-e-khalq duties and waqr-e-amal.

Nadeem Ahmad if the new hulqa nigran for howard beach.

Nasir Ahmad, Hula Ingram for Bayside and Fresh meadows is seen helping Ziafat team and one of the major contributors in the upkeep of Bait-uz-Zafar. He maintains the vegetable garden at Bait-uz-Zafar. His wife Rashidah takes care of Ziafat in the Lajna side. His sons Faiz and Sammer are the most regular among the youths to say prayers regularly at Bait-uz-Zafar.

Nasir Bacchus, An Amila member and also Halqa Nigran for Richmond Hill is keen on Tabligh affairs and spent hours distributing literature in his neighborhood.

Annie Bajwa takes bus to give helping hand to Tahir school admin.

Tribute to our Volunteers ...

Rafiq Ahmad gets one day off a week and that he spends at Bait-uz-Zafar in the renovation and upkeep of Bait-uz-Zafar. He also helps out the Ziafat team. His Wife Rehanna teaches at Tahir School and is also member of the Lajna administration.

Al Hasaan Atta does not have a car and has to take two or three buses to get to Bait-uz-Zafar and with all that hassle he is one of the regulars at Bait-uz-Zafar and is also member of Ansar Amila.

Asad Bajwa an Amila member has worked to see our community is well known among elected officials, civic and community leaders and the neighborhood. His wife Faiza manages review of religion team. The family is regular at Bait-uz-Zafar at prayer times.

Nasir Bajwa runs the administration of Tahir school and lately has been helping the Ziafat team. One can count on him as a good host to our visiting dignitaries.

Zinda Bajwa sahib a veteran of our Jama'at to whom the local leadership looks upon for guidance and inspiration. During his years with the national office, he has introduced the world wide Ahmadiyya community to the law makers at the Hill. His daughter Saira works for Lajna and Review of religion.

Maqsood Bhatti sahib, member of Ansar Amila and helps out the financial department. He is one of the few who regularly uses the recreation facilities at Bait-uz-Zafar. His son Amir heads the new letter mailing team. Bhatti sahib has worked on many renovation projects at Bait-uz-Zafar.

Nasir Bhuiyan is Khuddamul Ahmadiyya Amila member and is there for khidmat-e-Khalq activities.

Ahmad Chaudhry is Amila member, newly elected has served Khuddamul Ahmadiyya at local, regional and national level for many years. he leads the Jumma in Manhattan and helps out other national teams. He is active member of Humanity First.

Hafeez Chaudhry our property secretary spends almost all his free time at the Mosque in the upkeep and renovation of the Mosque. Under his leadership we have seen so many changes undertaken for the betterment of the infra structure. He is also the Halqa Nigran for Flushing.

Kashif Chaudhry is instrument in bringing interest to sports among our youths and has brought fame to Khuddamul Ahmadiyya queens by winning trophies over period of time. He also helps with IT glitches at Bait-uz-Zafar.

Mohammad Ahmad Chaudhry is Zain Ansarullah and hold Amila positions as well. He helps out the Ziafat team and security of the Mosque. He served in the mosque fund collection. One can count his and his family's presence at Jama'at activities.

Shafiq Cheema helped to put the fence at Bait-uz-Zafar.

Hugo Fernandez , the only Ahmadi in our Jama'at with Spanish background is regular in Jumma and in his chanda. A good source of Tabligh to his co workers.

Abdul Ghafoor's efforts for our new mosque will go into our local Jama'at history as a pioneer member with whose efforts and dedication Allah has given us this remarkable Mosque. He is Amila member and has great zeal for Tabligh. He is known to provide social services to the community and individuals. His wife Salamat Majeed sahibah is Lajna Amila member and always there to help our community on medical issues.

Tariq Hamid who have used his contacts to introduce Ahmadiyya community as on going effort. His son Taimur Hamid has brought lots of prizes on behalf of Atfalul Ahmadiyya he is now office holder of the Khuddamul Ahmadiyya.

Rashidah Momin Hamid is a senior teacher at Tahir school. She is Lajna Amila member and edits our Urdu newsletter Nawe Zafar. Her main contribution for the past many years is that dozens of children have learnt the Holy Quran from her. There are daily classes at her residence.

Shoeb Abulkalam is an Amila member and editor of our Bait-uz-Zafar Envoy newsletter. He also helps out with alsialm.org online book store. He also holds Regional Nazm Atfal position and graphic designer of Al Hilal magazine.

Haneef Iqbal takes bus with his son to come to Bait-uz-Zafar on regular basis so that his son does not miss out Tahir School. While in the mosque he helps out our property secretary on various on going repairs.

Tribute to our Volunteers ...

Mubarak Jamil sahib has donated many items over the period of time and at time charged minimal for material for Bait-uz-Zafar.

Alia Khan is a regular member of the Jama'at and is source of bringing our Trinidad and Guyana sisters to Jama'at activities.

Mahmood Mohammad teaches at Tahir School and his dream fulfilled by buying a home close to the mosque so that his family becomes regular at prayers at Bait-uz-Zafar. His wife Asfa helps out at Tahir School.

Muzaffar Mahmood dedicated many days cleaning and polishing floors at Bait-uz-Zafar.

Tahir Mahmood, Khuddamul Ahmadiyya Amila member helps in kitchen & with security. A regular family that is seen at Jama'at activities.

Br Mohsin Mahmood and Sister Fatima Mahmood are our veterans though not doing too good health wise but still has not lost the inspiration for Tabligh. Br. Mohsin dream and vision was to see a large Mosque in a visible location that has fulfilled to the full extend.

Fahim malik , a regional Office holder for Khuddamul Ahamdiyya and has held career advancement seminars.

Ijaz malik a pioneer in bringing Jumma to Manhattan years ago is a regular member at Jumma. He has introduced our mosque projects to non Ahmadies and many have contributed towards our mosque and also visited it.

Nadim Malik a regional Kudam ul Ahmadiyya office holders known for holding many blood drives and helped in soap kitchens is also works for Humanity First. He is the new Halqa Nigran for Manhattan. His wife Atiya holds regional office for Humanity first.

Ismat Mangla makes herself available to address issues in the media that are of concern to Ahmadiyyat.

Naeem Mansoor helps out the property department when called upon for his expertise. His family is another regular at Jama'at activities.

Qudsiyya Ghayur teaches at Tahir school and works for Lajna. She takes bus every week after work to come to Bait-uz-Zafar to clean the Lajna hall.
Sister Halima Mohammad stops by Bait-uz-Zafar on regular basis to maintain plants and water grass and plants.

Ahmad Mubarak a regular at BZ and a former Amila member. He is active participant in media and PR gatherings. Everyone looks upon his service as homeopathic prescribe.

Saad, Son of Syed Inam Nabi sahib Amila member of Khuddamul Ahamdiyya is a regular at Waqr-e-Amal activities.

Abdul Hadi Nasir sahib an Amila member and principal of Tahir school. He delivers sermons at Bait-uz-Zafar. He is one of the few intellectuals of our Jama'at. His daughter Naeelah teaches and helps with Tahir school admin.

Rashid Nasir is appreciated for his donation of furniture.

Ismail Nayyer has been contributor to Jama'at in many aspects and we pray for his complete recovery so that we can once again avail his services to Jama'at. His wife Rehanna is Lajna vice president and helps out in directing members needing services from governmental social services.

Siddiq Rahim Sahib had undertaken successfully assignments by the president and he has been assisting Tabligh department.

Reaz Rehman is the Halqa Nigran and also khuddamul Ahmadiyya Amila member. His wife Fouzia helps out at Tahir school.

AbuBakr Rana A dedicated Khuddamul Ahmadiyya official is there almost at all Waqr-e-Amal sessions and is keen member of Tabligh team.

Mohammad Razzaq donated an air condition and has helped Jama'at purchase electronic items at low prices.

Ishaq Rosiji cleans the Mosque on daily basis. He is dedicated to keep Bait-uz-Zafar clean. He prints our newsletter and mails out Review of religion. His services are noteworthy.

Tribute to our Volunteers ...

Javed Saeed is our IT contact and his brother Naveed is an important player with Tabligh department.

Fasasi Sunusi is the Vice President of the Jama'at and heads the security team. He is actively involved in many assignments and has taken upon him some of the tasks thus reducing president's burden.

Hassan Shahid maintains our web page on ahmadiyya.us.

Karim Sharif sahib is Amila member and is good source for Ahmadiyyat traditions for the Jama'at.

Naeem Sharif, an Amila member and also Elmhurst Halqa Nigran. He leads the great team of Ziafat.

Rehana Shazad taught Quran to children in Howard Beach.

Tahir Sheikh a new comer to our Amila. He is bringing changes to finance department.

Irfan Sikder is Ansar Amila member and his son Zulfikar teaches at Tahir school.

Saleem Ullah sahib is another helping hand for Ziafat department.

Mohammed Zaman is a Halqa Nigran and Naib Qaid. He is popular with Waqr-e-Amal team. He regularly brings milk for Tahir school children.

Mubasher Karim assists general secretary and providing a helping hand to almost all departments.

Ansil Salam a new comer our Jama'at has been helping the president sending reminder letters all over USA regarding national Mosque fund. He is currently helping Jama'at's financial secretary and alislam online bookstore.

Mohammad Afzal sahib, Amila member has devoted time to Jama'at by coming almost daily to Bait-uz-Zafar.

Sharon Ghanny has contacts with west Indian media and she always helps to bring in Ahmadiyya view on the media scene.

Riaz Ahmad a former member of our Jama'at is back in New York and has his imprints in the renovation and repairs of our new Mosque.

Please remember all of them in this blessed month and others whose names may have slipped from our minds.

Request for prayers:

As we are about to come to end of the month of supplications, let us say special prayers for our elderly and sick:

* Abdul Hameed Ahmad sahib who is revering after a long illness and surgery. His grandson Suleman needs our special prayers.
* Amatul Hamid sahibah has multiple medical problems.
* Mussawar, our young lad has been hospitalized for number of months. We need to pray hard for his complete recovery.
* Karam Ellahi Sahib is back from Hospital after long stay. Fahmeedah Akhtar sahibah. Mohammad Ashraf Sahib Uncle of Zinda Bajwa Sahib. Mother of Birgees Barakat. Sadiqa Begum Sahibah. Shazia Bhatti who is recovering from serious burns. Anyat begum sahibah. Atiya Farhat sahibah is having problem with her eye sight. Hugo Fernandez mother. Relation of Tahira Ghanny, Noroon Ghany, Abdul Hamid sahib and his wife Amna sahibah. Abdul Latif Prami sahib and his wife Saidah Kanam sahibah. Belqees Mahmood sahibah. Mahmood Ahmad sahib who is hospitalized. Munir Malik sahib. Br. Mohsin Mahmood and his wife sister Fatima Mahmood. Ismail Nayyar sahib. Mubarak Qazi sahib. Sultana saeed sahibah is undergoing chemotherapy. Asna Shaukat Sahibah and Ysuf Tabish.

Let us remember others who may be sick and old.

There are half a dozen or so members of our Jama'at who are out of job, Kindly pray for their prosperity. Some are not doing well in their business and need our prayers and few of our couples are having domestic issues. May Allah help them to understand each other and live a happy family life.

~ Nazir Ayaz, Sadr New York Jama'at

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UP COMING EVENTS:

January 2nd Sunday – @ 3PM in Bait-uz-Zafar– Jama'at meeting, discussion on challenges of our youths and when disappointed and despair, what to do. Children will have their own programs.

January 9th – Sunday @ 11:00am– Lajna & Ansar Monthly Meeting at Bait-uz-Zafar.

January 16th – **Sunday** Khuddam Monthly meeting

February 6th – **Sunday** Jama'at meeting

* Alert: Seeratun Nabi Public meeting on 2/13 at 2:00pm. Please start working on getting guests.

Tahir school start at 9:30 am to 1:30pm. *January 8th, 15th, 20th, 29th.*

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Muslims for Peace Campaign

By now everyone knows about the "Muslims for Peace" campaign that to community started earlier this year. The campaign actually started in London when Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih V (aba) launched a bus campaign promoting Muslims for loyalty and peace. The US Jama'at originated the campaign in New York City in the Spring. The New York region has taken the lead in getting the word out in the largest media market in the country. Thousands of flyers have been handed out in all boroughs with Manhattan being a focal point. Jama'at members from the entire East region have come to Manhattan to help out in the effort. In December, over 30 Lajna came to Manhattan to help out in the effort. A special effort was made on New Year's Eve, when dozens of volunteers came to distribute flyers right after Jummah prayers.

The Jama'at also placed a large electronic video ad in the heart of Time's Square to promote its message of Muslims for Love, Loyalty and Peace. There has been much media attention for this message with print, radio and television coverage.

But the most important part of this campaign is at the direct request of Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih V (aba). Let every one of us get involved and help spread the message of peace.

Tabligh Report

* On December 11th, 2010, there was an Interfaith event held at a Church located in Queens Village. There were numerous speakers, with a Jewish speaker from The Temple Tikvah, Imam Daud Hanif Sahib spoke on behalf of Islam, and the Priest from the Church it was held in spoke as well. Ali Murtaza Sahib was the moderator. The event started with prayers from each respective religion. The event consisted of ten topics of discussion. Every speaker gave their religious perspective on each of the topics. The knowledgeable session lasted about 2 hours, with a very productive result. The guests were given a copy of "The Philosophy of the Teachings of Islam", "Islam: The Misunderstood Religion" and "Ahmadiyya Muslim Community". A few refreshments were served.
* As many of you may know, there is a new "Muslim for Peace" campaign situated on an electronic billboard in Times Square. A team of members went out to distribute copies of "Muslims for Peace" flyers. There were media interviews held for a few minutes by TNT broadcasting network, and a rather in depth interview conducted by NTT broadcasting network. They were informed of the campaign and the motives and ideas behind it. Needless to say, they were impressed at our approach on spreading the message of peace and Islam.
* A county Incarceration facility in California has sent us a letter requesting a few literature pieces for the book collection and library. We were happy to send out a few copies of relative books. Aside from that, we are still consistently sending books to our regular Tabligh contacts. Unfortunately, due to the extreme cold weather conditions, the book stall that is regularly placed in Harlem has been postponed for a few weeks. Inshallah we will resume as soon as we can.
* On February 13, 2011, there will be a Seerat-ul-Nabi event at Bait-uz-Zafar. It is extremely important that everybody is prepared for this event, so that it may of course be a successful one.
* The 2011 Jama'at calendars have arrived and if anybody is in need of one for Tabligh purposes, please contact President Sahib and you will be given some free of charge.

Report By: Abdul Ghafoor sahib

Audio Video and CCTV Security Dept.

1. Installed a PTZ camera in the Men's Hall for video recording of all events.
2. Installed 2 TVs with wall mounts brackets in the Men's Hall.
3. Installed 5 Security cameras interior hallways with DVR configuration.
4. Relocated CCTV DVR from 3rd floor to A/V and Security Room. Rewired all exterior camera coaxial cable to A/V and Security Room and connected to the DVR.
5. Dressed and cleaned up all hanging cables at the stage area in the Mens' hall with cable organizer.
6. Provided A/V facilities for "National Ta'aleem ul Quran class" at Bait-ul-Zafar and "Inter Faith Symposium" in a Church in Queens Village, NY.

The above work was accomplished with help of following A/V team members:

1. Iqbal Ahmad Sahib, Rafique Ahmad Sahib, Nasir Ahmad Sahib, Mukhtar Ahmad Sahib, Hafiz ur Rahman Sahib and Arshman Ahmad s/o Riaz Ahmad Sahib.

VIDEO/AUDIO

By: Rashid Ahmad
A/V Secretary

Breakfast with the Mayor of New York

Mayor Bloomberg invited faith based leaders to the annual Interfaith New Year eve breakfast where Ahmad Chaudhry and Imam Daud Hanif sahib had the opportunity to exchange greetings and each others contacts. They were able to meet Mayor Bloomberg and hand deliver the Muslims for Peace flyer and tell him about our efforts in Times Square. Similar greetings were exchanged with Police Commissioner Ray Kelly

A khadim from NY who ran the New York Marathon

Have you ever thought about participating in the New York City Marathon? perhaps some of us have but just the whole physical and mental preparation probably sacked the blooming motivation within our hearts. The story of Fahim Malik is quite parallel to this as he always had the urge to participate but backed out when the reality kicked in. "I was never into running, but when I found that I didn't have the stamina to keep up with my son in Central Park, I decided to take up running to get into better shape", says Fahim bhai. Here are some facts about the New York City Marathon; it is an annual marathon which is a 26.219 mile long race that courses through the five boroughs of New York City. It is one of the largest marathons in the world, with over 40 thousand participants. The race is organized by New York Road Runners (NYRR) and has been run every year since 1970. Because of the popularity of the race, participation is limited to 37,000 entrants chosen largely by a lottery system. Runners who are members of NYRR can gain entry by meeting the qualifications for guaranteed entry or via nomination from an official running club. Fahim bhai applied for two years in a row (2008 and 2009) as first time he was not selected. He decided to join the NY Road Runner club to get a better luck in participating in the marathon. He joined on January 2009 and ran 9 races and volunteered in 4 miles, 6 miles, and 9 miles in the central park. After being exposed to the long running and achieving mental strength, running for NY Marathon seemed more than just a dream. It wasn't just one dimensional purpose for Fahim bhai, the motif was bigger than just his dream to participate in the run. Fahim bhai is also a strong supporter of Humanity First. He wanted to raise awareness for Humanity First, that he has been involved with for 3 years. When asked, he shared "Its an amazing organization with amazing people. You see the level of sacrifice of the volunteers, they give so generously of their money and time. That is inspiring".

Initially no one was aware of his upcoming adventure beside his family members, but some how Dr Ahmad Chaudhry, general secretary of NY Jama'at & National MKA Sami-o-Basri secretary, and Nazir Ayaz sahib, NY Jama'at president found out and encouraged him to broadcast the message in order to raise money. Hence a video was made Fahim bhai sharing his story and requesting for donations to raise $10,000 for the disaster relief and humanitarian organization.

Then came the day, November 7th 2010. Fahim bhai got up at 3 in the morning, and embarked on his mission by taking the Staten Island ferry at 6 am. He came to learn, nearly 40,000 people gathered there for the NY Marathon that day. The race started from Brooklyn, Bayridge, from Verrazano-Narrows Bridge to Fourth Avenue & 65th Street which covered the first 2-4 miles. then in Sunset Park, Fourth Avenue, from 65th Street to 24th Street that covered 4-6 miles, In Park Slope/Gowanus covered 6-8 miles, Fort Greene/Clinton Hill covered 8-9 miles, South Williamsburg covered 10-11 miles, Williamsburg covered 11-12 miles, and finally in Greenpoint covering 12-13 miles. Next borough to hit was Queens, from Pulaski Bridge to Queensboro Bridge stretching 13-16 miles. Manhattan was the next borough where it continued starting from First Avenue to 92nd Street enveloping 16-18 miles, continuing to First Avenue and 92nd Street to the Willis Avenue Bridge adding 18-20 miles. Bronx was the next borough that joined from the Willis Avenue Bridge to the Madison Avenue Bridge giving it a 21-23 miles in distance. after the bridge was crossed, runners were back in Manhattan to Fifth Avenue from the Madison Avenue Bridge to 109th Street, totaling 21-23 miles. Fifth Avenue along Central Park (from 109th Street to 90th Street covered 23 miles itself then West Drive from 90th Street to Grand Army Plaza had 24-25 miles of marathon. closing in on the 25th mile on 59th Street from Fifth Avenue/Grand Army Plaza to Columbus Circle. to finish the last mile it started from the Columbus Circle to finish area, which is the Central Park, adding up to 26.219 miles.

Fahim bhai successfully ended his race at 4pm, while the race didn't end till 7pm that day. He shares his experience that the crowd and public support was extravagant, as there choir singing, others holding motivational signs, little kids were giving high five as runners were passing by. He was wearing a t-shirt that read "Get well soon Musawwar" in the back and part of his run was also dedicated for Musawwar, for him to recover soon. People were cheering for his name also to get better, and thus the message was recognized spread. Fahim bhai started out great and also didn't have much trouble running up to the 18th mile. At mile 18, however he was out of energy; stopping for a power bar to get some strength and tries to run again. After a minute he had to stop again, and catch his breath. being felt like a car with a flat tire, he tried again and he was out of energy after running another couple of miles. Fahim bhai then started praying and asking God for help as he normally does during his normal jogging time. Astonishingly he felt revived again, "it felt like God was holding my hand and I started running again with burst of energy." Fahim bhai says enthusiastically. After that from 20 to 26 miles till the end, he ran better and faster than the first 6 mile of the marathon. According to him, the last 2 miles were even more refreshing for him and he came out strong in the finish line. At the end of the race, his family welcomed him whole heartedly and it was just an amazing experience for him as he says "I would totally do it again!".

Fahim bhai invites those who are interested to start with a mile of walking, then slowly optimizing it to running 4K, to 10K. He shares that this is a great exercise, which allows one to communicate with God while running; it is like a spiritual activity, where you feel God besides being close to the nature. The website to join the New York Road Runner's club is http://www.nyrr.org/. You can still support Fahim bhai by visiting his own fundraising web page at http://www.firstgiving.com/fahimmalik. Alhamdulillah he was able to raise a little over half of his intended goal.

By: Shoeb Abulkalam

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Up Coming Events

November 30th -December 2nd 2012– Jama'at officials Refresher Course in Baitul Rehman

December 2nd 2012–Sunday @ 11am– Ansar & Lajna Meeting

December 21st 2012–Friday @ 7:00pm– Khuddam General Meeting in Bait-uz-Zafar

December 28th -December 30th 2012– West Coast Jalsa Salana

Tahir classes for children including High school students every Saturdays at 9:30am except Dec 29th as new year Holiday

Jumma in Manhattan gathering is @ 1:10pm

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Humanity First helping Hurricane Sandy

Humanity First volunteers from all over USA and Canada came to Bait-uz-Zafar to help out the victims of the disaster that hit New York and New Jersey area and areas surround areas with unprecedented force never seen before of such great magnitude in this region ever before. Humanity First established its command center at Bait-uz-Zafar. Asad Bajwa took care of the accommodation of volunteers staying at Bait-uz-Zafar and our Ziafat team headed by Naeem Sharif took care of their food needs. Br. Ishaq Rosiji helped in maintaining Bait-uz-Zafar while guests were in town.

Among those who were part of the Humanity First team from our New York area included sister Attiya Malik and Shazad Latif.

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Humanity First Launches relief efforts for Superstorm SANDY Victims...

Our members, men and women went to the areas that were badly hit and helped out in the cleaning efforts. Our volunteers went to Downtown Manhattan, Howard Beach, Staten Island, Far Rockaway and Long beach areas. Beside the Ahmadi Volunteers, there were non Ahmadies who helped Humanity First to provide help to those affected by the storm.

The cleaning process continues and volunteers from New York area and outside keep coming to give their helping hand to those badly affected and lost much of their property and belongings.

Many Khuddam, Ansar, Lajna and Atfal from Queens and Bronx were present to volunteer for the Sandy support. Khuddam and Ansar traveled from Washington, Philadelphia, New Jersey, Ohio, Pittsburgh, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maryland, Virginia, and Canada also came and helped on weekends.

There are full stories and photos captured on the official humanity first web site: www.usa.humanityfirst.org

President Obama visits Humanity First

President Obama visited the disaster affected area in New York where he spoke with survivors of the storm and met with federal disaster workers, local officials and disaster response volunteers.

President Obama also met with volunteers of Humanity First. While shaking hands with the President, volunteers gave a brief introduction of Humanity First and told him that they have traveled from Canada. President Obama said "We are very thankful to our neighbors from the north".

Few minutes later, addressing to the media, he mentioned that he met some volunteers from Canada and thanked again saying "...I want to thank all the volunteers...we have some Canadians who have come down to help out" (referring to volunteers of Humanity First from Canada).

Volunteers of Humanity First Canada joined the disaster response team of Humanity First USA that had been assisting the victims of super storm Sandy. Hundreds of Humanity First volunteers have been helping the victims from day one.

Monthly Tabligh Report:

As it was planned to hold two Interfaith meetings during the month of November, the first meeting was held on November 11, 2012 at Bait-uz-Zafar. The topic of this Interfaith meeting was "Prophets of God". The basis of this topic was revolved around the extremely controversial video regarding Islam and The Holy Prophet (SAW) which was released only a few months prior. The first speaker was Rabbi Randy Sheinberg from Temple Tikvah of New Hyde Park. The prophecies regarding Judaism and the prophets they believe in were brought to light, as Rabbi Sheinberg also mentioned that all the Prophets that come are Prophets of God. In this regard, it is up to the people to accept of reject a Prophet, but there is always truth in a Prophet of God. The next speaker was a young Professor from Yeshiva University, Aaron Koller. Mr. Koller mentioned that the mission of a Prophet is not only to spread the word of God around the land or around his people, but it is also to take the problems and troubles of the people and relate that to God as well, since the connection between the Prophet and God is very close and unique. Mr. Koller delivered an extremely informative speech, looking at Prophet hood from every angle. The third speaker was Reverend Dr. Chris Crayton from the Gethsemane House of Prayer Ministries. Reverend Crayton chose to speak about the teachings of The Holy Prophet (SAW) as is stated in the Holy Quran. As opposed to taking a pro-Christian point of view and speak about the significance of Jesus Christ, Reverend Crayton used many references from The Holy Quran saying that there is nothing that the Holy Prophet (SAW) did not bring to mankind in his teachings and principles. The final speaker was Dr. Ahmad Chaudhry, who was filling in for Imam Daud Hanif Sb. who is on a tour of the Caribbean for Jamaat purposes. In a very concise and to-the-point speech, Dr. Ahmad Chaudhry spoke about the trustworthiness of The Holy Prophet (SAW) and his significant qualities even before his Prophethood. Dr. Ahmad Chaudhry went on to mention the significance of the services rendered by The Holy Prophet (SAW). He established rights of women, rights of every human being regardless of how weak or strong they were, how to show dignity to humanity, prime examples of respect and honor towards enemies, no matter how high or low their ranks. In particular, Dr. Ahmad Chaudhry mentioned the instance when Hadhrat Khadija saw how loyal and honest The Holy Prophet (SAW) was when he was only a worker for her. Despite having a rather large age difference, Hadhrat Khadija (40) married The Holy Prophet (25) and gave him all of his wealth, which he distributed evenly amongst the poor. The Holy Prophet (SAW) had also brought respect to every Prophet before him, and every Prophet after him. Overall, Dr. Ahmad Chaudhry pointed out The Holy Prophet (SAW) was a great benefactor of humanity, and not only Islam. Towards the end of the meeting, Dr. Ahmad Chaudhry spoke about the relief efforts that Humanity First were undertaking in order to help victims of Hurricane Sandy. There was a book stall set up which attracted the attention of many of the guests, and a few books were given out to guests in attendance.

A few students from St. Johns university were brought to Bait-uz-Zaffar with a thirst for knowledge regarding some of the common topics of todays day and age. Their questions pertained to the topics of woman's rights, arranged marriages, voting, privacy, and the work the members of the Jamaat are doing to give back to the community. These questions were answered by Vice President Sb., Asad Bajwa Sb., and JT Sb. After a few hours and refreshments, the students left extremely satisfied with what they had learned and were given some literature to read up on, had they any more questions. The books include "Why Islam Is My Religion", "Understanding Islam", "Our Teaching", "An Elementary Study of Islam".

On November 16, 2012, a Church group held a meeting at Bait-uz-Zaffar in which 250 guests were given a copy of Hazoor's sermon, dated on September 21, 2012 which was titled "True Love for The Holy Prophet (SAW)".

On November 18, 2012 there was a Thanksgiving style dinner at the United Methodist Church in New Hyde Park, NY in which every one of the major religions were invited. This style of dinner takes place every year, and every guest speaks about why or how their religion shows thanks. As the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community was invited to represent Islam, it was mentioned that the Jamaat does and shows its thanks every day and not only once a year.

The copy of Hazoor's sermon, dated on September 21, 2012 which was titled "True Love for The Holy Prophet (SAW)" is located in the lobby of Bait-uz-Zaffar. It is encouraged that every member takes a copy and reads it for their own enlightenment, as well as to refresh themselves.

Sadr Nazir Ayaz sahib is seen wearing yamaka during the Nov 18th Thanksgiving dinner in Synagogue

Top Right: *Ahmad Mubarak sb speaking in synagogue*

Bottom Right: *Asad Bajwa sb speaking in synagogue*

Above: *Christian, Jewish, and Ahmadi Muslim Group photo in in synagogue during Thanksgiving Dinner*

By: Abdul Ghafoor sahib

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February 2013

Up Coming Events

February 3rd 2013—Sunday @ 11am—Ansar & Lajna Meeting

February 9th 2013—Saturday @ 9:30am— Waqfe Nuh Regional Program - Tahir school will continue as usual without Waqfe Nuh Children

February 15th 2013—Friday @ 7:30pm— Khuddam General Meeting in Bait-uz-Zafar

February 20th Wednesday 7:30pm- Musleh Maud Day meeting – starts with Isha prayer.

March 3rd 2013—Sunday @ 11am—Ansar & Lajna Meeting

March 7th —Thursday @ 7PM—Holy Prophet[saw] symposium (see flier on page 2)

Tahir classes every Saturdays at 9:30am

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New York Jama'at gathers in Seerat-un-Nabi

The Seerut-un-Nabi meeting was held on Sunday late afternoon January 27th 2013. This joyous program started with the recitation of the Holy Qur'an recited by Majeed Yanful sahib followed by nazm by Zafar Malik sahib. A brief speech on the Holy Prophet[saw] and youth was delivered by young khadim Danial Ahmed. The life of Holy Prophet[saw] presented by various authors was shared by Ahmad Mubarak sahib. Next Dr. Ahmad Chaudhry spoke on the exemplary life of our beloved Holy Prophet[saw] for the youth during his time. Another nazm was presented by Mahmud Bhutta sahib followed by a joined nazm by Nasirat. The concluding speech was delivered by Imam Daud Hanif sahib on the writings of Hadrath Masih Maud[as] on his love for the Holy Prophet[saw]. Fasasi Sanusi sahib shared concluded remarks and the program ended with dua led by Imam sahib. Refreshments were served by Ziafat team. Alhamdulillah there were more than three hundred members who enjoined in this blissful gathering.

Huzur[aba] letter to Nazi Ayaz sahib on the 2013 New York Jama'at Calendar sent on January 4th 2013

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Principal, Hadi Nasir sb discussing with parents and teachers, and Nazm Atfal during Parent Teacher's Meeting during Tahir School

Tahir School Parent Teacher's Meeting

Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya Queens organized a Parent Teacher's conference under the National MKA directive on Saturday January 26th during Tahir School in Bait-uz-Zafar. Principal Hadi Nasir sahib was present during this meeting where he met parents and Tahir school teachers. Teachers and Hadi sb expressed their concerns and how to improve the teaching in Tahir School. Naib Qaid Zulfikar Sikder, Nazm Amoor-e-Tulba and registrar for Tahir School Mobasher Karim, Motamid Shoeb Abulkalam. Nazm Atfal Shahnoor Piracha, and Naib Nazm Atfal Suleman Ahmed were also present to listen to the concerns from parents and teachers. A Arcade basketball hoop was purchased recently to help Atfal with sports during Tahir class break time. Also a permanent Basketball hoop on a pole will be installed in the back parking lot area during spring time to accommodate Atfal occupy with sports. The parent attendance was low but Inshallah we anticipate to have a better attendance next meeting and we plan to hand out report cards to the parents based on their performance. This was a good opportunity for both teachers, principal, registrar, and parents come together and interact for the betterment of Tahir School students.

By: Shoeb Abulkalam

Khuddam from Queens and Brooklyn participate in Soup Kitchen

Khuddam from Queens, Manhattan, and Brooklyn group photo during the soup kitchen

Khuddam see busy preparing fudge cake for dessert and icing the cakes

Khuddam are making tuna salad and egg salad for breakfast section

By the grace of Allah, Khuddam from the Queens Majlis and Brooklyn Majlis gathered together in Lower East side Manhattan on Saturday January 19th, on a chilly morning to serve humanity. This was a new location where Khuddam attended for soup kitchen where the facility was inside a church. The minute we walked in the atmosphere was filled with warm welcome. This facility has been serving breakfast and lunch to people for the last 30+ years every Saturday consistently. There were other organizations there who were volunteering just like us in serving humanity.

The first preparation was for breakfast as we split up in groups as one group was setting up tables, chairs, while other grup was cutting long heroes into small pieces and others were filling up cups with sugar for coffee. We helped out with setting up for hot chocolate, coffee, cereals, breads, danishes, pastries, and fruits. There were almost 50 people waiting patiently in chairs to be served. We called the people in groups and have them sit in tables and enjoy the breakfast. After the breakfast, we immediately started to prepare for the lunch. More people came and were waiting for lunch as we were cleaning up and setting up. We learned how to make tuna salad, mixing Tuna with salt & pepper, celery, mayonnaise, and mustard. We made 4 trays of Tuna salad and started preparing egg salad. Again we learned the process by smashing the boiled eggs on a tray and adding slat & pepper, mayonnaise, dressing. We also prepared salad, helped with meat loaf, icing chocolate cakes, preparing for chocolate fudges, and drinks. We helped mopping the floors, taking out trash, washing dishes in the kitchen, picking up garbage and cleaning around the lobby as well as carrying food out from the kitchen to the serving area.

Khuddam preparing breakfast by filling up cups with sugar

We felt very comfortable working with the volunteers there as they have been doing it for years. What was even more surprising was that the organizers were aware of our Jama'at and our dedication toward serving the country and people. We would like to thank Nadeem Malik who coordinated this soup kitchen and for his continuous support with blood drives and soup kitchen and other Khidmat-e-Khalq activities. We are also looking into soup kitchens in Queens so it is convenient for Khuddam participating from Queens. Inshallah we will be holding a blood drive in the next month and participate in soup kitchen as well.

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JULY 2014

Ramadan Mubarak!

June 29th—Ramadan Starts.

June 28th—Taravee start; see inside for Ramadan activities at Bait-uz-Zafar

July 29th—Eid-ul-Fitr on Tuesday at 10:00am at Bait-uz-Zafar.

Jumma in Manhattan gathering is @ 1:15pm
Jumma in Bait-uz-Zafar gathering is @ 1:15pm

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NY Metro Regional Ijtema Majlis Ansarullah

By the Grace of Allah, the New York Region Ansarullah Ijtema was held on Sunday, June 8th. 2014 at Masjid Bait-uz-Zafar in Queens, NY. It was presided by our National Sadr Saf'e Do'm, Mohtram Imran Hayee Saheb.

The Ijtema program started with the recitation of the Holy Quran along with the English translation of the verses. The welcome address was given by Respected Arshad Janjua Saheb, Nazim New York Region. In his opening address Mohtram Imran Hayee Saheb thanked Sadr Majlis Ansarullah, USA, Dr. Faheem Younus Saheb who had assigned him to represent him at the NY Ansarullah Regional Ijtema. In his address he talked about the proceedings of the Ijtema, touched upon Tarbiyyat and attendance in general meetings and preparing youth for future responsibilities.

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Jalsa Salana Canada

The Annual Convention of Jama'at Ahmadiyya Canada started on June 20th, 2014. The venue was the International Centre, located about 30 km South-West of Baitul Islam Mosque and right beside the Toronto Airport. The hall space rented for Jalsa Salana was 700,000 square feet or 16 acres spread across six halls.

Jalsa Salana Canada 2014 began with the hoisting of Lawaiy Ahmadiyyat, the Flag of Jama'at Ahmadiyya, and the flag of Canada, by Missionary In-charge Canada, Maulana Mubarik Nazir Ahmad sahib and Amir sahib Canada, Lal Khan Malik sahib. Ameer sahib also led the silent prayers after the flag hoisting.

The First day of Jalsa started with Friday prayers, led by Amir sahib Canada, Lal Khan Malik sahib. In his sermon he emphasized the importance of the benefits of Jalsa Salana which included building stronger relationships and spiritual education. Ameer sahib also emphasized the importance of regular prayers by all for the success of Jalsa. An estimated 7000 members of Jama`at attended the Friday service.

The first session of Jalsa started with recitation of Holy Qur'an and translation followed by poem. Session was presided by Maulana Mubarak Ahmad Nazir Missionary Incharge Canada. Missionary Peel Region, Maulana Afzal Mirza sahib was the first speaker and delivered a speech on "The Promised Messiah, a Follower Prophet". Dr Saleemur Rahman sahib spoke on "The Holy Quran - witness to the truth of the promised Messiah". The final speech was by Missionary Peace Village, Maulana Farhan Iqbal sahib on "The Holy Prophet Muhammad (sa) on his Messiah".

Reception Dinner of Maulana Inamul Huq Kauser

A reception was held in honor of Imam Inam ul Kauser who is going to take up his new assignment in Australia. Kauser Sahib was Mubligh for the New York Jama'at at two different periods, first in 1985 and then again in the mid 1990's. Amla members from the three New York Metro Jama'ats were present along with some Jama'at veterans. The three presidents and some members paid tribute to Kauser sahib's dedicated services to Ahmadiyyat, particularly when it came to the New York Jama'at. Kauser Sahib, in his farewell remarks, said that he had the opportunity to serve in about 45 Jama'ats in USA and he found New York Jama'at as the best Jama'at. We wish Kauser sahib the best and our prayers are always with him.

Outgoing and Incoming General Secretary New York Jama'at:

One of our finest stars, Ahmad Chaudhry who served as General Secretary of the Jama'at is moving from New York and will be replaced by Ahmad Goraya as the General Secretary.

Ahmad Chaudhry was an all-rounder. He represented us at many Jama'at and external forums as he is a wonderful orator and carries great knowledge of the Holy Quran and Islam. His services to MKA are noteworthy. We wish our former secretary all the best and let us, as a Jama'at, extend our full cooperation to the incoming secretary.

New York Jama'at participates 23rd Bangladeshi Book fair

Members from New York Jama'at attended the 23rd Annual Bangladeshi Book Festival this year on June 13-15 at William Cullen Bryant High School. We had a reserved spot where we displayed our banner, books, Holy Qur'ans and pamphlets both in Bangla and English.

We distributed over 70 free calendars, copies of Review of Religion, English and Bangla pamphlets, Muslim Sunrise copies, and book catalogs. Mashallah, around 150 people stopped by our stall.

The books we sold included: Philosophy of the Teachings of Islam in English and Bangla, Holy Qur'an in English and Bangla, Life of Muhammad (saw), Salat: Muslim Prayer book, Basics of Religious Education, Children's books in English and Bangla. Various other books including prayer books in Bangla and English were sold as well.

We also had candies and a beautiful poster about the Holy Qur'an on Jihad to attract people along with banners displaying the name of our Jama'at and website.

We made many new contacts because of the book fair and also met many people who were already familiar with our masjid who had attended past interfaith meetings held at Bait uz Zafar. The volunteers who worked diligently for this event are: Kamruz Zaman, Shoeb Abulkalam, Ali Ahmed, Tushar Ahmed, Mahmud Farukee, Shourov Ahmed, Serefin Zaman, Soud Choudhry, Kawser Ahmed, Alfazuddin Ahmed ,Sister Sadia and other members who worked behind the scenes.

A few people showed interest to visit our masjid, especially during the month of Ramadan. A local Bangla newspaper and Voice of America News were also there and took photographs of our book stall. We are requesting for prayers. Amin.

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NOVEMBER 2014

Up Coming Events

November 2nd -Sunday @ 11am Auxiliaries meetings. Please turn clocks one hour back.

November 9th -Sunday @ 1pm- Regional Talim -ul-Qur'an meeting. starts off with Zuhr prayers

November 14th -16th –Friday to Sunday– National Majlis Khuddam Ahmadiyya FQC to be held at Bait-uz-Zafar.

Tahir Academy every Saturday from 9:30 am to 1:30pm.

Tahir academy will be closed on 11/15 and 11/29– Happy Thanksgiving.

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2014 United Kingdom Jalsa Salana

Alhamdulillah, this year's Eid-ul-Adhia celebration took place on October 5th, 2014 at Masjid Bait-uz-Zafar. Previously before this day, the mosque prayer ground was overwhelmingly crowded with the presence of Afghanistan Muslim community who celebrated their Eid day on October 4th. After which the Ahmadiyya Jama'at Eid prayer took place at 10:15 am on October 5th, with approximately about 1100 male and 800 female worshippers in attendance.

Eid prayer was led by Imam Daud Hanif sahib, followed by Eid sermon. The topic of the sermon was based on the importance of sacrifice as was exemplified by Hazrat Ibrahim (A.S), and his son

Lajna National Shura Report

With the Grace of Allah Almighty, Queens, NY Jama'at had the honor of hosting the Majlis-e-Shura 2014 for Lajna Ima'illah USA. Queens Jama'at had put in several weeks of hard work and time into the preparations. Along with members of Queens Jama'at, members from Brooklyn and Long Island Jama'at also participated very actively. Lajna members from the ages 15-25 sacrificed their time from school and work and worked extensively to put this event together. We would also like to thank our Khuddam and Ansar members who had worked diligently side by side with Lajna members. They prepared the food, provided 24 hours security for the mosque and also carried out the task of transportation of guests to and from the airport. The entire mosque was cleaned and prepared for accommodating the guests. All the bulletin boards were designed by Lajna members ages 15-25. We would like to request prayers for all the volunteers and members who gave their time to this auspicious event.

NY Tabligh Secretary, Abdul Ghafoor sahib presented his success story at the National Tabligh Conference at Baitur Rehman Mosque in Maryland on November 1st in the National Tabligh gathering.

Tahir Academy:

Classes will continue to take place. There will be three tests until December and reports will go out based on averages of the tests. There have been improvements in attendance and punctuality. We are about to start gym activities after the classes and Zuhr prayers with one Saturday exclusive for girls.

Prayers at Bait-uz-Zafar:

* Fajr is 15 minutes past the time on the Jama'at calendar
* Zuhr, Asr and Maghrib, follow time as on the calendar
* Isha is at 7:30pm.

By: Khushnoor Paracha

Mujibur Rahman sahib visits New York

Mujibur Rahman Sahib, a great lawyer defending human rights and defending Ahmadies in Pakistan. He spoke to members of the metro New York Jama'at and attended a reception in his honor.

Mujib Sahib addressed a Pakistan American association in Long Island where he was awarded a plaque by the Town clerk of Hempstead, Ms. Nasreen Ahmad. Thanks to Mr. Naeem Ahmad who helped put this event together. Asad Bajwa sahib, PR secretary for the Jama'at also arranged a meeting with congresswoman of the Flushing area. Ahmad Mubarak sahib helped in arranging a meeting with Human rights watch. Nabeel munir sahib arranged a behind the scene trip to the United Nations. Mujib sahib met with the undersecretary at U.N.

Mujib Sahib addressed the students and members of the faculty at the law schools of Columbia and New York University. We appreciate Ms. Zainab Ahmad who helped to arrange meeting at the Columbia. Both these meetings were sponsored by Ahmadiyya Muslim Lawyers Association coordinated by National PR secretary Amjad Khan.

We appreciate Mr. Zinda bajwa who hosted Mujib Sahibs stay in New York.

Tehrik-e-Jadid

The final figure for Tehrik-e-Jadid collection is $24,469.00.

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DECEMBER 2014

Up Coming Events

December 7th -Sunday @ 11am Auxiliaries meetings.

December 26th–28th –Friday–Sunday–Jalsa Salana Qadian with Live transmission of Concluding session from London with Huzoor's (aba) address.

December 26th–28th –Friday–Sunday–Jalsa Salana West Coast.

December 31st–Atfal sleepover in masjid on New Year's Eve followed by salatul tahajjud, salatul Fajr, and Breakfast.

Tahir Academy every Saturday from 9:30 am to 1:30pm.

2015 Calendars will be available in December.

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Queens hosts Fazle Umer Qaideen refresher Course

Alhamdulillah, this year's Queens Majlis was fortunate enough to host the annual Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya's Fazle Umer Qaideen Refresher Course held on November 14th-15th, 2014 at Masjid Bait-uz-Zafar. More than 150 members from all across USA came together in this auspicious gathering. Alhamdulillah everyone praised Queens and NY Metro region for the hospitality, transportation, and food arrangements. This was the first time and looking forward to more.

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JANUARY 2015

Happy New Year Readers!

January 3rd - Tahir Academy Semester opens

January 3rd & February 1st @ Sunday 11am—Auxiliaries meetings

January 3rd - Sunday 1:30pm— Seeratun Nabi meeting offsite.

January 24th—Saturday – Murabbi Atfal Conference

Tahir Academy every Saturday with Atfal/ Nasirat meetings 1st and 3rd Saturdays and Waqfe Nuh meetings every 2nd and 4th Saturdays.

Gym for Lajna 12:30pm 2nd & 4th Saturdays with 1st and 3rd Saturdays cooking lessons.

Gym for boys every Saturday after Zhur with exception 4th Saturday for Girls.

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Queens holds its annual Atfal/Khuddam Sleepover

Queens Majlis held a sleepover for Atfal and Khuddam on December 31st that started at 6 pm and concluded around 7am on the New Year's Day. Salatul Maghrib and Isha were combined. Some Atfal and Khuddam helped preparing the food in the kitchen. For dinner, burgers and fries with tandoori chicken were prepared and served. After dinner, sports were held in the basement of the masjid that included soccer, dodgeball, and soccer. The Atfal started with soccer and were in teams of seven to eight and played against each other. The final score was 4 to 2. My team won! Dodge ball followed next. We split into teams of nine, placed the balls

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FEBRUARY 2015

Up Coming programs

February1st & March 1st @ Sunday 10am– Auxiliaries meetings

February 7th - Saturday 10am– Regional Waqfe Nau Ijtema. (Tahir Academy Class will continue)

February 20th –Friday – Musleh Maud Day in masjid @ 7:30pm.

Tahir Academy every Saturday with Atfal/ Nasirat meetings 1st and 3rd Saturdays and Waqfe Nuh meetings every 2nd and 4th Saturdays.

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Queens Khuddam and Atfal gathering in masjid

Alhamdulillah Khuddam and Atfal of Queens are regularly holding programs in the masjid which is giving more opportunity to come to masjid and gather for Tarbiyyat, Taleem, social interaction, increasing brotherhood, playing sports, eating together, and enjoying good time. The attendance is increasing and as we are in the second quarter of the year, more activities are being planned for the up coming months, Inshallah!

Seeratun Nabi Day

On January 4th we held a program at a Non Ahmadi Mosque. This program was help to clear the misunderstandings they may have about Ahmadi Muslims not having love for the Holy Prophet (SAW). Imam Daud Hanif sahib delivered an inspiring lecture on the life of Holy Prophet (saw). He strongly convinced the audience of the true love and respect for the Holy Prophet (SAW) in the Ahmadiyya Muslim community. In this event we had a total of 143 guests. Everybody was given a copy of True Love of Holy Prophet Muhammad (saw), a pen, Jama'at calendar and Muslims for Peace flyer. Two young Nasirat also recited the Qaseeda. All of the audience admired the Jama'at efforts.

Interfaith Meeting

On January 11th we held an interfaith meeting at the Unification Theological Seminary in Manhattan. This event was co-sponsored by the Jama'at and we were the only Muslim community there. We had a total of 43 guests attend this program and every guest was given a copy of Review of Religion. The duration of the program was for about 4hrs.

Debate : Did Jesus die on the cross?.

On January 17th a group called JOOC and a Muslim group arranged a debate in Manhattan. The title of the debate was "Did Jesus die on the cross?" Members of the Jama'at went to observe the program. The debate went on for 7hrs and we had the opportunity to give out 86 books of Jesus in India to the guest.

Martin Luther King Day

On January 19th a New York City council member arranged a program on the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. This event was held at the Jamaica Performing Arts center. Jama'at Ahmadiyya was specially invited to come attend the event. In this event we met the Congressman, NYS Senator, NYS Assembly member, and a NYC council member. There were a total of 350 guests and each guest received a Muslims for Peace flyer and a Jama'at pen.

Martin Luther King Day at Bait-uz-Zafar.

With the collaboration of the American Clergy Leadership Conference, the Jama'at held a very successful program at Bait uz Zafar mosque on January 24th. Ali Murtuza was the moderator and there were six speakers from different religions (Jews, Muslims, Christian, and Hindu). Every speaker gave a short but comprehensive lecture on Reconciliation and World peace. Imam Daud Hanif sahib was the chair person and Imam Azhar Hanif sahib gave a beautiful presentation. Every guest was well impressed from the speeches in the event. Despise the freezing snowy day the total attendance was 107 people and from it 57 were guests. All guests were given a copy of *The Philosophy of the Teachings of Islam*, *Islam: The Misunderstood Religion*, Jama'at pens, and a selective guest received a copy of the Holy Quran. The Tabligh Department is very thankful to Ziafat team, Audio Video team, and Qaid Khumddam ul Ahmadiyya NY.

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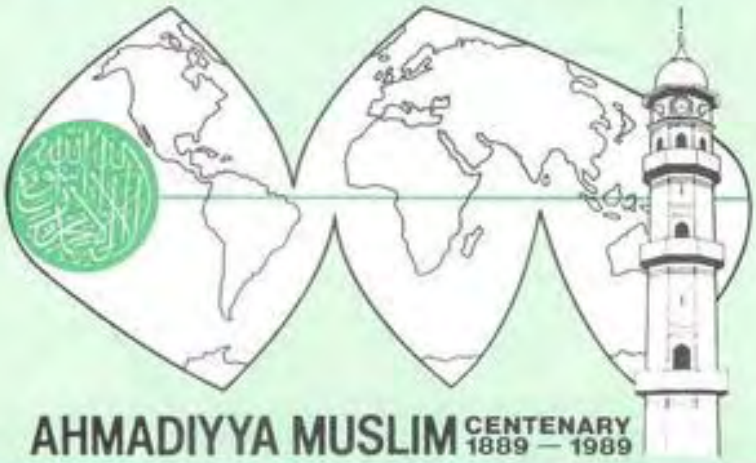


AHMADIYYA MUSLIM CENTENARY 1889 — 1989

FOREWORD

It gives me a great pleasure in presenting this prestigious souvenir on the auspicious occasion of Ahmadiyya Muslim Centenary Thanksgiving Celebrations being held throughout the World. It heralds the completion of the first century of the establishment of the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam in 1889 by its holy founder Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad of Qadian, India, who claimed to be the Promised Messiah and Mahdi, the coming of whom was foretold by the Holy Founder of Islam Hazrat Muhammad Mustafa, peace be on him.

The Promised Messiah had prophecied that Allah would cause his message to spread to the corners of the earth and we, the people of this Age are witness to the fact that the message which had emanated from a small remote village of Qadian one hundred years ago, has now spread to the corners of the earth and today, by the grace of Allah, the adherents to the faith exceed ten million in 118 countries throughout the world.

The present souvenior is being presented by the New York Chapter of the worldwide Ahmadiyya Movement, the international headquarter of which is at Rabwah, Pakistan and the U.S. headquarter at Washington, D.C. It is hoped the contents of the souvenior will be found interesting and informative and would lead to a better understanding of the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam.

AFTAB A. BISMIL
Editor

أليس الله بكافٍ عبده

MISSIONARIES STATIONED AT NEW YORK

Maulvi Ghulam Yasin	1947-1956
Maulvi Nurul Huq Anwar	1956-1960
Maulvi Abdul Qadir Zaigham	1959-1960
No Missionary	1960-1973
Maulvi Sadeeq Shahid	1973-1976
Maulvi Masood Jehlami	1976-1980
Major Abdul Hameed	1980-1983
M. Inamul Huq Kausar	1984-

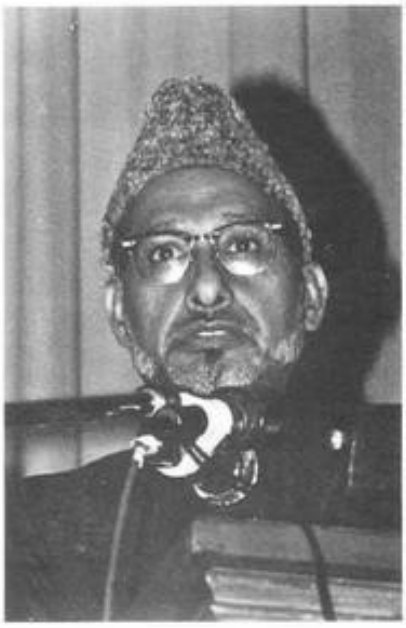
M. Maqbool Ahmad Quraishi and Mian Muhammad Ibrahim served for short duration on temporary assignment in New York.

Sheikh Mubarik Ahmad

Gulham Yasin

Noorul Huq Anwar

Kadir Zaigam



Maulvi Sadeeq Shahid

Maj. Abdul Hamid

Masood Jelumi

Inam Ul Huq Kuaser

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PRESIDENTS OF NEW YORK JAMAAT

Brother Abid Hanif	1956-1959
Br. Muhammad Sadiq	1959
Br. Bashir Afzal	1962

(From 1962 uptil 1973 Br. M. Sadiq and Br. Bashir Afzal alternated as President and Financial Secretary.)

Br. Bashir Afzal	1973-1980
Br. Abdul Sami	1980-1981
Br. Omar Bilal Ibrahim	1981-1984
Br. Nazir Ahmad Ayaz	1985-

Abid Hanif (sitting first from right)
with the elders and predidents of
N.E. region at farewell to missionary incharge
Ataul Kaleem and Welcome to Sheikh Mubarik Ahmad.

Mohammad Sadiq

Bashir Afzal

Umar Ibrahim Bilal

Nazir Ayaz with Sir Zafarullah Khan
during his Excellency's visit to New York.

(may Allah be pleased with him) when he was Vice President under Brother Bashir Afzal.

Brother Omar Bilal Ibrahim visited the International Headquarter of the Jamaat at Rabwah in 1975.

BROTHER NAZIR AHMAD AYAZ
President, New York Jamaat 1985 - To-date

Brother Nazir Ahmad Ayaz was born on May 23, 1948 at Tanga, Tanzania and is a British Citizen with permanent residence in the United States. His father Mukhtar Ahmad Ayaz was a renowned member of the Community who served the Jamaat at various places in the Sub Continent and East Africa. Nazir Ahmad Ayaz and his wife Farhat Ayaz are very active in the Jamaat and their only child Miss Asma Ayaz also takes great interest in the Nasirat activities.

Brother Nazir Ahmad Ayaz is currently serving the 3rd term as President which started on January 1, 1989. Before his election as President in 1985 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. Brother Ayaz is very unassuming by nature and always keeps low profile and generally tries to involve as many members in the Jamaat activities as possible.

Recently our beloved Imam 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 examplary President of the Jamaat out of all the U.S.A. Jamaats by the grace of Allah. I pray that may Allah enable you to maintain that distinction always."

QUAIDS OF KHUDDAMUL AHMADIYYA, NEW YORK

	First Quaid
Muhammad Sadiq	1958
Abid Hanif	1969
Abdul Hadi Nasir	1973-1975
Nooruddin Jalal	1975-1980
Sheikh Bashir	1980-1984
Rafi Ahmad	1984-1985
Zafar Malik	1985-1988
Tahir Hameed	1989 -
Waheed Rushdi	

ZAEEMS OF MAJLIS ANSAARULLAH, NEW YORK

Muhammad Sadiq	1960's
Salim Nasir	1970's
Salim Ahmad	1982-1984
Zinda Mahmud Bajwa	1984-1986
Muhammad Sharif	1986-

PRESIDENTS OF LAJNA IMAAILLAH, NEW YORK

Sis. Mariam Sadiq	1950-1952
Sis. Saleha Hanif	1953-1954
Sis. Mariam Sadiq	1954-1955
Sis. Saeeda Latif	1956-1957
Sis. Jamila Afzal	1958-1960
Sis. Alia Shaheed	1961 - mid Seventies
Sis. Ruxana Naser	1981-1986
Sis. Zakia Mahmood	1987-

NOTE: From mid-Seventies to until Sister Ruxsana tookover, New York Lajna had several short termed nominated presidents.

Brother Jalaluddin Latif (Qaid New York)
at Ahmadiyya Convention 1976

Atfal Ijtima 1975

Khudam preparing food at 1975 Ijtima
Incharge: Sheikh Bashir (Qaid New York)

Khudam National Ijtima hosted by New York 1987
(Qaid Tahir Hamid)

National Ansarullah Ijtima
Hosted by New York 1986
MOHAMMAD SHARIF(ZAIM)

Lajna members attend International women gathering
and introduce Ahmadiyyat

NEW YORK MISSION HOUSES

1. 138 Street, West, Manhattan, N.Y.	1947
2. 115 West 116 Street, N.Y.	1948 - 1954
3. 265 West 730 Street, Manhattan, N.Y.	1954 - 1957
4. 118 West 87 Street, Manhattan, N.Y.	1957 - 1960
5. 147-20 Archer Ave. Jamaica, Queens, N.Y.	1960 - 1973
6. 1604 Union Street, Brooklyn, N.Y.	1973 - 1984
7. Bait-ul-Zafar, Queens, N.Y.	Since 1985

BAITUL ZAFAR - NEW YORK
A Brief Outline

Baitul Zafar, the present Mission House in New York was purchased in August 1984 and it took further 6 months to obtain the Certificate of Occupancy, after which the premises was usable for the purpose legally.

Due to the increasing number of the Jamaat members, the Mission House in Brooklyn was considered too small and thus it was decided that the premises may be sold and some bigger place be acquired. A Regional Committee was formed for the purpose with the approval of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III in early 1982.

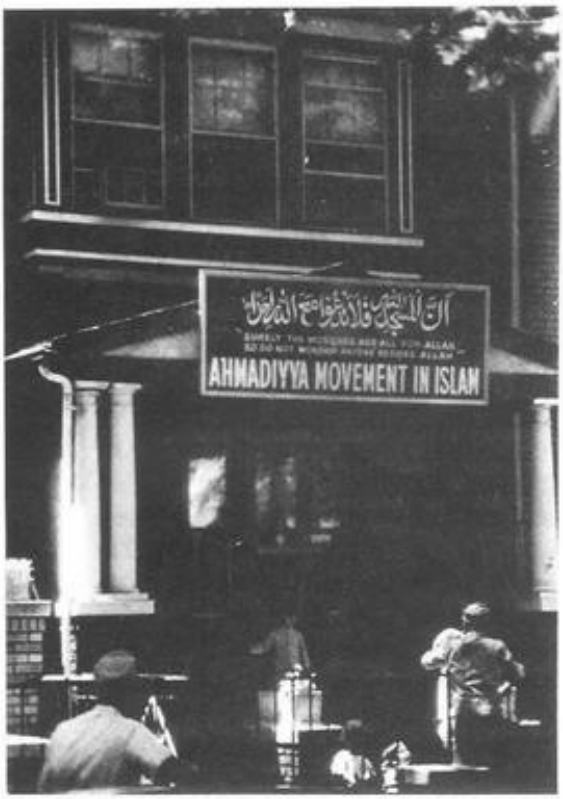
After disposing the Brooklyn Center, the Jamaat held its monthly meetings at P.S. 165 for some time and the Juma prayers were held at Shaheen Restaurant in Queens. When Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV proposed a plan for the establishment of 5 Centers in the U.S.A., a Special Committee was formed through whose efforts and by the Grace of Allah Baitul Zafar was acquired. The Committee consisted of Dr. Ehsan Zafar (now Naib Amir II), Dr. Shahid Ahmad, Dr. Mir Mubarak Ahmad, Dr. Hamid Azizur Rehman, Br. Nazir Ayaz and Br. Abid Hanif (then Regional President).

Sheikh Mubarak Ahmad, Amir and Missionary Incharge and Mir Daud Ahmad, the National Property Secretary of the time, played extremely important part at the National level and made it possible to acquire this prestigious place. According to the President New York Jamaat, Br. Nazir Ayaz, "Baitul Zafar cost $450,000 out of which over 50% was raised locally and the rest came from the National Mosque Fund. It cost another $30,000 to $40,000 to renovate the place and make it suitable for our use."

When donations were invited, the members of the Jamaat responded with great fervour as usual. Great financial sacrifices were observed. Ladies sold their jewellery and contributed to the Mosque Fund. There is a long list of men who made great sacrifices, some members even contributed over $100,000.

During the renovation true spirit of 'Waqaar-e-Amal' was practically examplified. Special mention of some members must be made in this regard. Br. Muhammad Ishaq (now moved to Canada) deserve special mention. Over $57,000 were saved due to the work that was done by the members of the Jamaat. Br Salaam Jamil put lots of hours in getting best deals from all over the United States so that Jamaat's money could be saved on the purchase of material. Sister Ruxana Nasser was our attorney and legal consultant and she worked very hard. Her spirit and motivation must be admired, her trips to City Offices on subways, her forebearance with the authorities, and her patience over the frustrations made her admirable character.

In short Baitul Zafar is the reward which Almighty Allah bestowed upon the New York Jamaat and we are truly grateful.



The Mission House at 1064 Union Street in Brooklyn

WE APPRECIATE THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR DEDICATION AND HARDWORK FOR THE CAUSE OF AHMADIYYAT PERTAINING TO NEW YORK JAMAAT OVER PERIOD OF TIME

REGIONAL MISSIONARY : INAM UL HUQ KAUSER

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IF WE FORGOT SOMEONE. THAT WAS AN HONEST MISTAKE AND WE APPOLOGIZE....

PROMINENT AHMADIES AT THE UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZATION NEW YORK

SIR CHAUDHRY MUHAMMAD ZAFRULLA KHAN
A Brief Life Sketch

Sir Chaudhry Muhammad Zafrulla Khan (may Allah be pleased with him) was a regular visitor to New York from 1947 to 1970 to perform his various assignments at the United Nations Organization which has its Headquarter at New York. During all his visits, whether brief or long, he lost no opportunity to visit the Ahmadiyya Mission House or meet the members of the Community.

Chaudhry Sahib was a great man in every respect and was held in great esteem throughout the world for his high moral qualities, exceptional intelligence, clarity of mind and depth of vision. The Worldwide Ahmadiyya Community loved and admired him not only because he was a companion of the Holy Founder of Ahmadiyya Movement, the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) but also due to his personal noble qualities, his extreme piety, affectionate behaviour and his services to the cause of Islam.

Sir Muhammad Zafrullah Khan had a very distinguished career and during his long public life which extended over a period of almost seven decades he served his country and community and the world at large with utmost sincerity and extreme ability. For the benefit of those of our readers who are not very familiar with his great services and achievements we give here a brief life sketch of this noble servant of God.

Chaudhry Muhammad Zafrulla Khan was born at Daska, Sialkot District, on February 6, 1893. He graduated in 1911 from Government College Lahore, studied at Lincolns Inn England and was called to the Bar in 1914. He was member, Punjab Legislative Council from 1926 to 1935, Member of the Governor General's Executive Council in India from 1935 to 1941 and Senior Judge of the Federal Court of India from 1941 to 1947.

He had the distinction of becoming the first Foreign Minister of Pakistan (1947-54). He was personally appointed by the Founder of Pakistan, Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah. He was elected Judge at the International Court of Justice at The Hague (1954-61), was Vice President of the World Court from 1958 to 1961, and then its President from 1970 to 1973. He was the Chief Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations and became President of the General Assembly of the United Nations in 1962-63. He was the only person ever to have the great distinction of becoming both President of the U.N. General Assembly and President of the International Court of Justice. He was one of the founder members and pioneers of the All India Muslim League and was its President in 1930 and remained closely associated with the Quaid-e-Azam and other Muslim leaders from 1925 to 1947 throughout the turbulent period of the Muslim struggle for independence in India and achievement of Pakistan. He was specially nominated by the Quaid-e-Azam to represent Pakistan in early 1947 at the United Nations to support the cause of Palestine, for which he earned plaudits from the Arabs and, as an acknowledgement of his achievements, King Hussain of Jordan awarded him the "Star of Jordan," the land's highest civil award, and Tunisia and Morocco honored him with their highest civil awards, too. Similar awards were bestowed upon him by Algeria, Libya and Syria. His singular and selfless efforts helped Libya, Algeria and Tunisia gain their independence. His efforts in connection with the Palestine problem and independence of the Muslim countries of Africa and Middle East have been repeatedly acclaimed by Muslim scholars in general and Middle East scholars and diplomats in particular.

Chaudhry Muhammad Zafrulla Khan was the author of 18 books on different subjects ranging from Politics to International Law and Religion. These books were mostly published by reputed publishers of Britain and the United States. He wrote two autobiographies, one in English and the other in Urdu. His translation in English of the Holy Quran has been greatly acclaimed in the West. Among his better known books are: "The Agony of Pakistan," "Servant of God," "Islam: Its Meaning for Man," "Pilgrimage to the House of Allah," "Gardens of the Righteous" (Translation of The Riyadh as-Salihin of Imam Nawawi), "Essence of Islam," etc.

Chaudhry Sahib was very fortunate in this respect that in addition to his being a companion of the Promised Messiah, he was very close to Hazrat Maulvi Nuruddin, Khalifatul Masih I and later on earned the affection and love of Hazrat Musleh-e-Mauood Khalifatul Masih II. Hazrat Chaudhry Sahib had the distinction of announcing the "Fazle Umar Foundation Scheme" under instructions of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III in December, 1965. He served under four Khalifas and our present beloved Imam, Hazrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad held him in great esteem.

On the 6th of September 1985 Huzoor in his Friday Sermon mentioned about the passing away of Chaudhry Sahib. He said that in Sura KAHF the word "Kalima" has been used and one of these "Kalimas" is the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) and others are the "Momeneen." Huzoor said that he was convinced that by the Grace of Allah Hazrat Chaudhry Sahib was one of such Kalimas, who had attained the highest degree of "Taqwa" and he must have reached his Allah "Raziatan Marziah." Hazrat Chaudhry Sahib was fully intoxicated in the love of Allah and was the living symbol of the obedience of the Promised Messiah, who had written in his book "Tajalliat-e-Ilahiya" that "The people of my sect would reach the height of knowledge and understanding and every nation of the world would drink from this spring." Huzoor said that this prophecy, besides others, has been fulfilled in the person of Hazrat Chaudhry Sahib." May Allah be pleased with him.

It may be mentioned here that on Chaudhry Sahib's death the United Nation's flags were flown at half mast as a token of respect for him.

DR. SYED BARAKAT AHMAD I.F.S.

Dr. Syed Barakat Ahmad was a distinguished number of the New York Jamaat for a number of years before his sad demise in Delhi, India on July 30, 1988.

He was an Indian diplomat, an author, a historian and an engaging conversationalist. He belonged to an intellectual family of Delhi. His father Dr. Shafi Ahmad was a journalist and author while his mother was an eminent writer.

Before his appointment as India's High Commissioner to the West Indies Dr. Ahmad was adviser to the Indian delegation to the United Nations General Assembly and dealt with Arab affairs in the Special Political Committee. He was a member of the Indian Foreign Service for quarter of a century, was a constitutional lawyer by discipline, a linguist and historian by education and a diplomat by profession. He represented India at the United Nations in committees dealing with the Arab-Israeli dispute, question of Human Rights and Colonial Affairs. He spent four years in the United States, three in Europe, three in Australia and twelve in the Middle East on diplomatic assignments.

Dr. Barakat Ahmad was a fellow of the Indian Council of Historical Research. For more than 20 years he studied closely the methodology of teaching the Holy Quran and the Arabic language in village mosques, small town maktabs and in the great Universities of Al Azhar, Lahore and Aligarh. His book "Introduction to Qur'anic Script" was the outcome of long experience and profound scholarship. Among his other publications, "Muhammad and the Jews" has been acclaimed as a model of historical scholarship.

During his visit to New York Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV specially went to see him at his residence during his long illness and prayed for him. He moved back to Delhi in July last year from New York after spending three years in various U.S.A. hospitals during which he rendered in English an Urdu book of his spiritual chief Hazrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad "Bloodshed in the Name of Religion." He was a great scholar indeed. May his soul rest in peace.

MR. AMRI OBAIDI

Mr. Amri Obaidi, our very distinguished brother from Tanzania, was one of the most illustrious members of the Ahmadiyya Community and served as a guiding light for his fellow countrymen. He took very keen interest in the Jamaat activities wherever he went and during the course of his stay in New York in connection with his assignments at the United Nations General Assembly he was a regular visitor to the Ahmadiyya Mission House. Mr. Amri Obaidi accepted Ahmadiyyat at an early age and was so intoxicated with the love of the faith that he dedicated his life to serve Islam and went to Rabwah, where he studied at Jamia Ahmadiyya in early 1950's to become a missionary of Islam. After completion of his studies at Rabwah he went back to his country - Tanganyka (now Tanzania) and started his missionary activities. He became very popular with his countrymen on account of his charming personality selfless service and affectionate manners. Hazrat Khalifatul Masih II (May Allah be pleased with him) permitted him to enter Politics and serve his country in that field as well. He was elected Mayor of Dar-us-Salaam, the capital city and served the community and his country in a most befitting manner for a number of years.

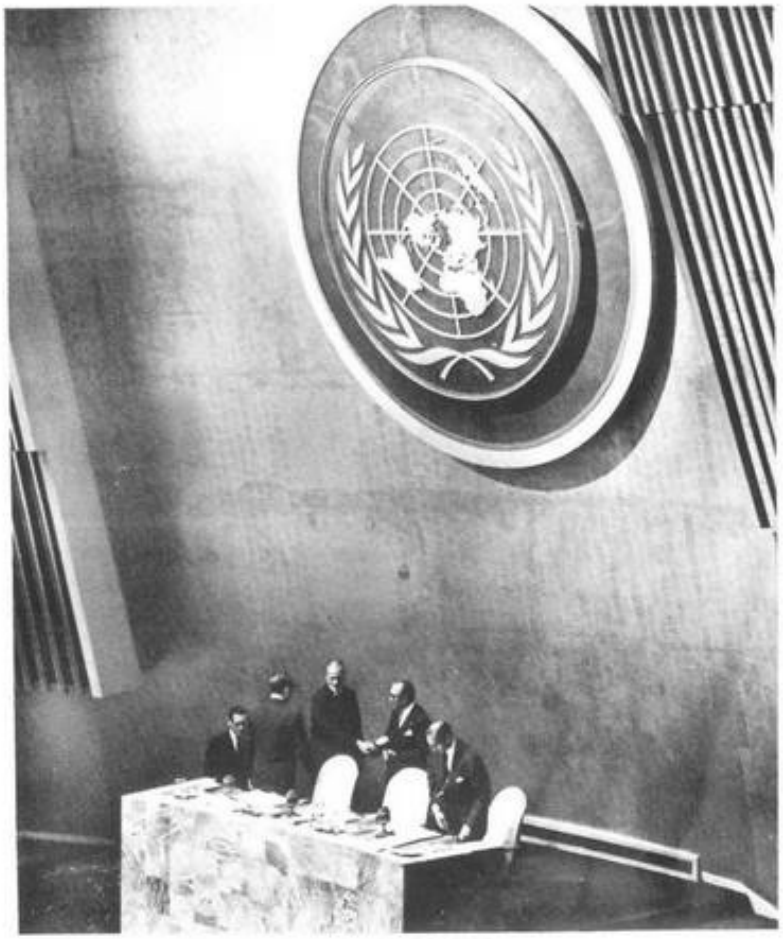
Due to his extraordinary capabilities and flawless character Mr. Amri Obaidi was appointed Minister of Justice to the Government of Tanzania in which capacity he represented his country on international forums. In 1960, he led the Tanzanian delegation at the U.N. General Assembly, where he made a great impact by his intelligence, eloquence and farsightedness.

It is an acknowledged fact that extremely honest and patriotic persons like Mr. Amri Obaidi become targets of hatred by those who are corrupt and cannot achieve their nefarious designs due to such people. Mr. Amri Obaidi became a target of such ruthless enemies. While on an official visit to Egypt he had an attack of food poisoning and fell seriously ill. He died while serving his country and is still remembered as one of the most outstanding sons of Tanzania. May his soul rest in peace.

Ahmadies at United Nations

Dr. Syed Barakat Ahmad
Representative of Republic of India to United Nations

Sheikh Amri Obaidi (1960)
Chief of delegation to United Nation, Representing Tanganika (now Tanznia) Sitting first from right
Occasion: Reception by Ahmadies, Missionary A.G. Soofi is the speaker, Abid Hanif is the president.



Sir Mohammad Zafarullah Khan
President General Assembly, 17th Session

Part of the wall at U.N. with photos of all the Presidents of United Nation.

NEW YORK IN ACTION

All religions Founders Day 1985

Seerat-ul-Nabi day (Public Meeting) Speakers
include Muslims from various sects and Christians. 1987

A tablighi meeting at Baitul Zafar

TAHIR CAMP
An Annual event proudly hosted by New York Jamat for our children

Young Nasiraat in playground 1987

Hazrat Khaliftul Masih III visit to New York 1976

Hazrat Khaliftul Masih IV visit to New York October 1987

Majlis-E-Irfan at Baitul Zafar

A reception in the honor of Hazoor at Marriot Hotel N.Y.
Rep. Of Gov. Mario Cumo (Speaking)
Other guests:
Dr. M.T. Mehdi
Secretary General Islamic Council of North America
Julia Harrison
City Council Woman New York City

Hazoor at Columbia University with students of S.E. Asian studies

Hazoor with Ahmadi children of New York and from Sorrounding Jammat

A glimpse of the crowd outside Baitul Zafar during Hazoor's Visit

NEW YORK JAMAAT IN 1950'S AND 1960'S

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Ahmadi dignataries in New York

Ch. Sir Zafarullah Khan
Reception by New York Jumat Feb.1981

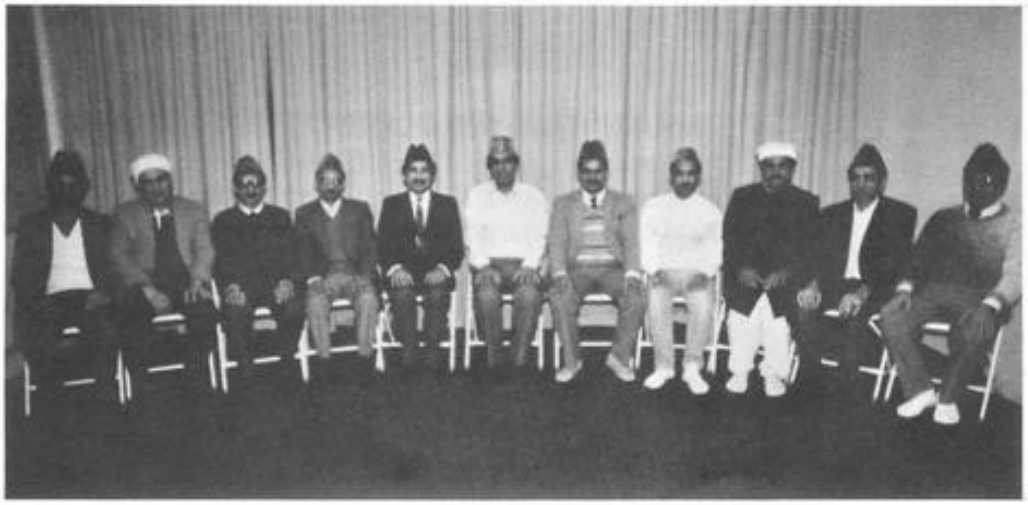
Ch.Hamidullah, Vakil-Ul-Aalla
Sitting 2nd from left
Occasion: Reception at Bait-Ul-Zafar 1987

Mahmood Ahmad,
International Qaid Khudam-Ul-Ahmadiyya
Occasion: National Ijtima in New York 1987

Missionary Kauser and president Nazir Ayaz
with Queens Boro President.

Majlis - e - Amila New York Jamaat

Not in Photo:
Zakia Mahmmod (Lajna NY president)
Kulat Alladin (Incharge Media)



Some of the special office holders of the New York Jamaat.

Not in Photo:
Majid Malik, Nasir Majoka, Tariq Hamid
Naim Sharif, Ijaz Sandu
Syed Mohammad Ahmad

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Sheikh Mohammad Rafiq
(Tahir Class teacher and Acting Imam)

SIS. RUXANA NASSER

She fought for our Ahmadis in Pakistan by using her law background for producing documents to be sent to Human Rights Groups. Her husband Saleh Nasser helped her in many aspects. She accepted Ahmadiyyat herself and was a very successful Lajna President of New York. She was often consulted by the U.S.A. National Executive and attended their meetings as special guest. Sister Ruxana Nasser spent time attending to the legal affairs of the Jamaat, travelling by subway, meeting authorities and helped in closing the deal of Baitul Zafar.

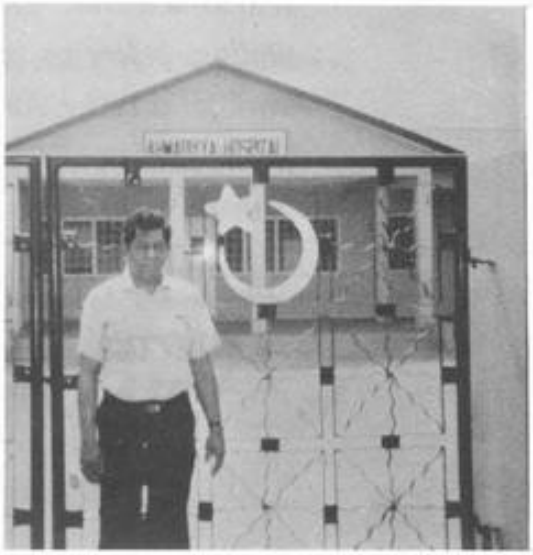
MR. MOHAMMAD SHARIF

Foremost in joining Daaee Il-allah Scheme, worked at various propagation book stalls, distributed literature in thousands and held over a dozen get-togethers with non Ahmadi friends.

DR. HAMID AZIZUR REHMAN

who offered to bear the cost of the translation of the Holy Quran in Greek and other books in Greek language.

MR. ABDUL HAMEED
who took responsibility of payment of the cost of the translation of the Holy Quran.



DR. SHAHID AHMAD AND DR. MIR MUBARAK AHMAD
who visited West Africa on Waqfe Aarzi.

Not in Photo : Majid Piracha (Tahir Class registrar)
and Hafiz Nasir Mahmmod (Tahir Class Teacher)

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The entire Bush family extends heartfelt thanks for your kind words. Though humbled by the awesome responsibilities before us, we look forward to the opportunity to work for a better America and for freedom throughout the world. That path to the future can only be accomplished with the help and commitment of people like you.

Barbara Bush George Bush

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Mr. Nazir Ayaz, President
New York Chapter
Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam
86-71 Palo Alto Street
Holliswood, N.Y. 11423

Dear Mr. Ayaz:

I would like to extend my sincere congratulations to the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam, on the occasion of its centennial celebration.

The commitment of this international movement to religious harmony and its successin providing educational and medical services is most admirable.

It is my hope that the Ahmadiyya Movement will continue to be a positive force for social tolerance and the creation of a peaceful world community.

Best wishes,

Sheldon S. Leffler

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Dear Mr. Ayaz:

Congratulations on the occasion of your first centennial.

The Holliswood Civic Association is proud to count you among our members. You are most gracious neighbors.

Sincerely,

Shirley Kesselman
President
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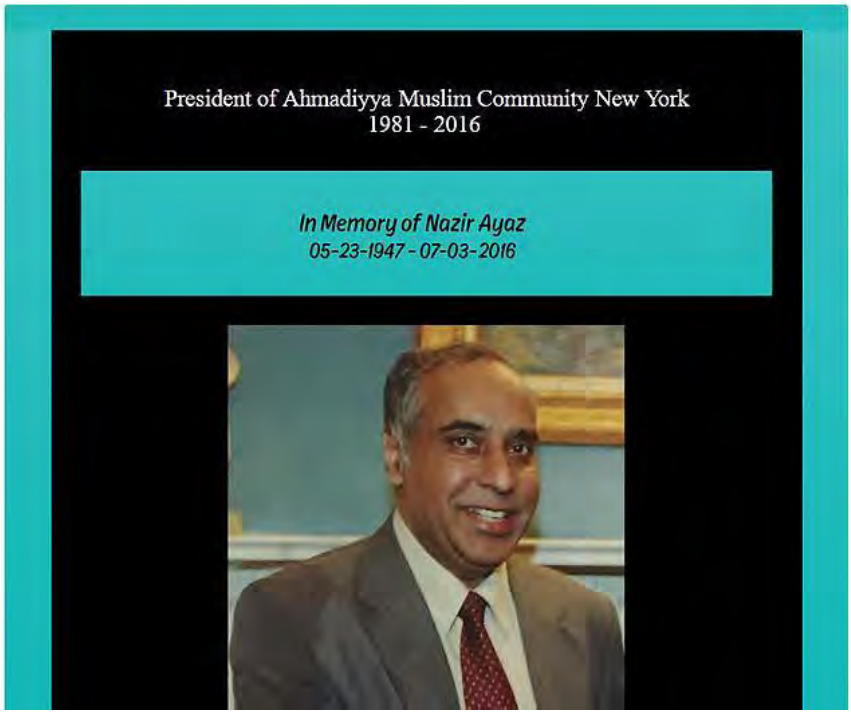

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