

NEWS

Upcoming Events

March 2 — Sunday 11:00 am
Ansar and Lajna meeting

March 7 — Friday 7:30pm
Khuddam ul Ahmadiyya meet-
ing

March 9 — Ansarullah Ijtema
— all day function

March 16 — Sunday at 1:30pm
at Brooklyn mosque: Khilfat
centennial program. This pro-
gram is for all metro area mem-
bers. AND Nasirat Ijtema — all
day function

March 23 — Sunday 11:00 am
Masih Maud Day

Prayer timings at Baitul Zafar:

As of March 9, Prayer timings
at Baitul Zafar will follow as
per New York Jamaat calendar.
Every Saturdays – Tahir School
at 9:30 am

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Tarbiyyat

Please bring yourself and your family for evening prayers to Baitul Zafar.

Ahmad Mubarak Sahib gives Dars from Hazrat Masih Maud's Malfoozats, and on Wednesdays Imam Kauser Sahib gives Dars. Imam Sahib has started lessons on Salat. Those of you who cannot make it in the evenings, Please try to come for Fajr or Zuhr prayers. Also, there is extra incentive to come for Fajr prayers. Tahir Mahmood Sahib will lead a physical education class to get you all fit and ready for summer.

Talim

Report Cards were mailed out to all Tahir school parents. Parents are requested to sign and return them.

KCC FUND

We are behind our target. Please ensure that each and everyone of us participate in this one-time blessed scheme. Our children and our elders must all participate. The suggested amount was \$1,000 per family.

Team KCC FUND

Wasiyyat

We would like to attain our target of 50% chanda paying to enroll as Moosies. First and foremost are the officeholders of the Jamaat and auxiliaries that they should come forward and sign up for this scheme.

Election of Talim Secretary

As the newly appointed secretary has moved out of New York, the election for this office will be held after Juma on March 7, 2008.

Tabligh Report

Different Imams were contacted for next month's Seerat-ul-Nabi conference. We were waiting until mid-February to confirm the speakers and decide the order in which they will present in.

We are attempting to organize a Interfaith Symposium in March.

We have contacted a church with a list of dates in which it would be possible to host one and we plan on confirming the dates shortly.

In regards to Khilafat Jubilee Celebrations, we have sent a advertisement to three different newspapers. The Review of Religions issue titled "What is Khilafat?" was mailed to different professors who are in contact with us so they may understand what the divine institution of Khilafat is.

March is Tabligh month. With the guidance of Imam Inamul Haq Kauser Sahib and Sadr Sahib, it is advised that everyone may at least simply send the message of Islam and Ahmadiyyat to one person. If any help is needed in setting up a dinner or something of that sort, please feel free to contact Sadr Sahib or Imam Sahib.

Brother Nasir Bacchus invited four guests to Musleh Maud day meeting.

Abdul Ghafoor

Ansar Monthly Report

The monthly meeting started with the recitation of Holy Quran from Chapter 87 Verse 11 – 20 by Naseem Mahmood Bajwa sahib, Ahadith of Prophet Mohammad (SAW) was discussed by the Sultan Sandhu sahib on the blessing of the Khilafat, and it was emphasized that by staying connected to Jamaat and Khalifa we can acquire many blessings. Rashid Ahmad sahib read a few couplets from the poems of Promised Messiah. To continue to follow the national program on moral training, Bilal Farhat sahib provide a gist of Hazoor's Khutba from October 12, 2007 on the excellence of Friday Prayers. Abdul Ghafoor sahib discussed the Importance of Prayers in Tabligh in Urdu.

Zaeem Sahib explained the process that our jamaat is going through to acquire the new property in Queens and requested prayers and financial sacrifice from all the Jamaat members to successfully acquire this property.

Forming four teams of four members each, we played a message relay game to see how much message changes when it passes thru four members. Two teams delivered message in Urdu, and two teams delivered English messages. It was interesting and a good first time experience. We will continue to experiment with different educational games in the next meetings. The floor was opened for a question and answer session, and the meeting concluded with silent prayers led by Naseem Bajwa sahib, with snacks served after Zuhr & Asr prayers.

By the grace and help of Almighty Allah we will be holding the local Ansarullah Ijtema on March 9th 2008. The program will start at 10.00 AM and end by Magrib prayers. All members are urged to attend and participate in the competitions. The Syllabus is available in the Mosque. The venue is Baitul Zafar. There will be no general meeting for the month of March as we will be holding the Local Ijtema.

Muntazim Amoomi & Muhammad Ahmed Chaudhry

New York Mosque Update:

We have signed a contract with a 10% down payment and aggressively have to work to raise \$3.5 million to close the deal in the next few months, Inshallah. The remaining 50% of the amount will be due every six months. To close the deal, all the amount has to be raised from within the New York metropolitan area. The mosque fund collection committee is headed by Abdul Ghafoor Sahib assisted by Mansoor Ahmad, Chaudhry Mohammad Ahmad, and Rizwan Akbar.

New Amila for New York Jamaat

Please find the list of the approved Amila members for the term that started in July 2007 and ends June 2010. Please extend full cooperation to the new office holders and pray that Almighty Allah give them the strength, wisdom, and ability to carry out their duties with Taqwa and humbleness. The new office holders have been requested to suggest names of assistant secretaries that will be send for approval to Amir Sahib.

Lajna Report

With approximately eighty members in attendance, Lajna Imaillah held its monthly auxiliary meeting on Sunday, February 3rd. Quranic recitation and translation were done by Rashida Bajwa and Sofia Bajwa, respectively. Hadith number seven was read from 40 Gems of Beauty by Durre Adan Akbar, followed by a poem recited by Qudsia Ahmad and translation by Maryam Ahmad.

The taleem program entailed questions about The Will. Taleem secretary, Naeema Mahmood, described the Promised Messiah's message of: God's beauty and attributes, proof that the Holy Prophet^{saw} is the seal of all prophets, characteristics of those Ahmadis who would be buried in 'Bahisthi Maqbarah', and his warning against those who may become suspicious towards the scheme of Wasiyyat.

President Farkhanda Ahmad reminded office holders that Hazoor^{aba} has directed all office bearing Lajnat to accept Wasiyyat.

Farah Ahmad, Tarbiyyat secretary, discussed the purpose of our Jama'at as explained by the Promised Messiah and our responsibilities as Ahmadi Muslims. She also detailed the "true reformation" which involves the worship of Allah, unity, love, and compassion.

Farida Ahmad, newly appointed Tabligh secretary, briefly discussed the importance of Tabligh and ways to implement it in our daily lives.

For the health segment of the meeting, Dr. Salamat Majid explained the term "organic food" and encouraged sisters to buy and cook healthier foods for their families. Organic food is grown by farmers who do not use pesticides or chemicals for their crops or give antibiotics to their animals. Organic food goes through certification to assure that proper procedures are in place.

Lajna reviewed a portion of Salat, and were also reminded by their president to donate generously to the Mosque Fund. The meeting closed with silent prayers.

Saira Bajwa

KCC2008

In connection with the KCC2008, some additional books have been prescribed by the Center (Markaz). The following is a list of all the prescribed books:

1. The Will (Al-Wasiyyat)
2. The Heavenly Decree (Asmani Faisela)
3. The Heavenly Sign (Nishan-e-Aasmani)
4. Divine Manifestations (Tajalliyat-e-Ilahiyya)
5. Essence of Islam, Vol. IV
6. Nur-ud-Din
7. With Love to the Muslims of the World
8. A Message of Peace and a Word of Warning
9. Message of Love and Brotherhood to Africa
10. Was Ahmadiyya Jama'at planted by the British?
11. The Truth about the Alleged Punishment of Apostasy in Islam
12. Nubuwwat and Khilafat
13. Mansab-e-Khilafat
14. Aina-e-Sadaaqat
15. Khilafat-e-Haqqa Islamia
16. Nizam-e-Asmani ki mukhalifat aur oos ka pusmanzar

These books can be ordered from the NHQ (Attn: Imam Ziaul Haq Kauser, 15000 Good Hope Road, Silver Spring, MD 20905) or downloaded from alislam.org. Please study these books this year and incorporate the review of these books in various jama'at programs. Jazakallah.

Job Opportunities

If you know of any job opportunities or openings, please let Mahmood Ahmad Secretary Amoor-e-Ama know by phone or e-mail. We want to provide information to our members who are looking for a job. Phone: 917-599-8382 or e-mail: mahmoodabhutta@yahoo.com

Musleh Maud Day

On Sunday February 24, 2008 the Queens and Long Island Chapter celebrated Musleh Maud day at Baitul Zafar Mosque hosted by the Queens chapter. The program started with the recitation of the Holy Quran by Nasim Bajwa sahib and a nazam by Nazame Zoudeen sahib written by Hazrat Musleh Maud, Mirza Bashir-Ud-Din Mahmood Ahmad(ra), Khalifatul Masih II of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat.

Imam I.H. Kauser sahib opened up the forum by pointing out why we celebrate Musleh Maud Day. He said it is NOT our custom in Islam to celebration someone's birthday. The significance of the celebration was that great nation remembers their heroes on highlighting their directions, goals and motto so that future generation can recognize, understand and appreciate their achievements. The birth of Hazrat Bashir-Ud-Din Mahmood Ahmad (ra), signified the fulfillment of a great prophecy from Allah given to Promised Messiah and Mahdi, Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (as) related to the ultimate victory of Islam in the latter days. Promised Messiah's progeny will carry the torch of Islam to all corners of the earth as promised by Allah "I shall cause thy message to reach the corners of the world". The Holy Prophet (peace be upon him) called this Holy Spiritual son as the Musleh (Reformer), and the Promised one. Soon after Hazrat Bashir-Ud-Din Mahmood Ahmad (ra) was elected Khalifatul Masih II, one part of the Jammāt became separated due to their personal grudge held by some elder elite members of the Jamaat. They saw the young Bashir-Ud-Din Mahmood Ahmad as a young man not worthy of being crowned with this title and office. They deemed themselves more deserving of this title because of their age and academic merits. It was pointed out that these worldly people ruined their souls by rejecting the institution of Khilafat and later degrading the title of the Promised Messiah (as) from a Prophet to just Mujadid. Their mission is now devoid of blessing and guidance from Allah for their arrogance. We are blessed and very happy to see the heavenly signs from Allah in favor of His chosen servant. Our duty is to follow the instruction and direction of our Khalifa in trying to live a pious life and for the propagation of Islam from the darkness of this world. We must pray to Allah for Hazrat Musleh Maud (ra) to grant him higher rank in paradise.

Ismail Nayyar Sahib briefly narrated the great prophecy about the pious son given my God to Promised Messiah after his Divine instruction to go into seclusion for 40 days for the remembrance of Allah in Ludhiana. Young brother Safwan Akbar gave a brief description of the early childhood of Bashir-Ud-Din Mahmood Ahmad (ra) who received his education in the District Board Primary School and, later in 1898, in Taleemul Islam High School but later dropped out of school. Nevertheless, in his student life he was never interested in routine book knowledge, and could not succeed in the Government entrance exam. He received his moral trainings from his father the Promised Messiah and he learned Arabic from Maulana Nooruddin, Khalifatul Masih I. It was in fact the Divine Destiny that later proved that the Lord Almighty Himself wanted to be his teacher.

Maliq Nauman Ahmad Sahib presented a brief sketch of the accomplishment of Hazrat Musleh Maud(ra). Even though from his childhood he suffered from sore eyesight, occasional fever but Allah had granted him a deep encyclopedic intrinsic spiritual knowledge and was blessed with great memorization skills. From 14th March 1914 to the 7th of November, 1965, a period of about fifty two (52) years, he led the Jamaat Ahmadiyya. He was very obedient to Nooruddin, Khalifatul Masih I. He was the first to do bait at the hands of Khalifatul Masih I and was asked to serve by being the Imam-us-salat which was preparation for his training to lead the jamaat later on. He was highly praised by Khalifatul Masih I for his obedience and zeal to service of Islam. Early in 1911 with the permission of Hazrat Maulana Nooruddin, Khalifatul Masih I, he founded the Anjuman Ansaarullah, In September 1912, he traveled to Egypt, thence to Mecca and performed the Hajj and remained active in preaching Islam and Ahmadiyyat during his sojourn. In June 1913, he started, "The Al Fazl". 12th April, 1914, delegates from all over the country were invited to a Majlis-e-Shoora to discuss about propagation of Islam. He expressed his desire that amongst them there should be a band of men who should know various languages so that they could easily propagate Islam the world over. He stressed: "I would like to see the truth of Ahmadiyyat shine far and wide in the world. This was not difficult for our Lord to be achieved." He established Nazarat Dawat-e-Tabligh in 1919, and the Madrasa Ahmadiyya as the basic centre and made efforts for its advancement and steered it from the status of a mere Seminary to a University, and all these efforts were aimed to provide learned religious missionaries with teachings in the Quran, Islamic teaching secular knowledge English, chemistry well rounded in secular knowledge. Along with the missionary work he did a great deal towards imparting moral training to the Jamaat. Separate organizations were formed in Jamaat: The Organisation of Ansarullah for men above 40 years of age. The organization of Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya for youth below 40. The Organisation of Atfal-ul-Ahmadiyya for boys of below 15 years. The organization of Lajna Imaillah for women. The Organisation of Nasirat-ul-Ahmadiyya for girls. Through all these organization, essential moral and organization trainings were imparted on firm grounds. In 1947, when the country was divided, along with other Muslims, the Ahmadis also left for Pakistan. In order to ensure their unity, integrity and cohesiveness, a great city Rabwah was built, wherein, offices, schools, colleges and various departments were re-established and re-organized. Hazrat Musleh Maoud(ra) planned, re-organized and consolidated the financial structure of the Jamaat on very sound footings by initiating various schemes and appeals for donation and contribution such as Tehrik-e-Jadid and Waqf-e-Jadid.

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Clarification — Hissa Amad and Hissa Jaidad

"Clarification has been sought on some issues/concerns that Ahmadi women face, especially, at the time of filling in their Wasiyyat (the Will) application forms. Following is a set of explanations (in the light of Markaz's instructions) in regard to payment requirements for Hissa Amad (portion of income) and Hissa Jaidad (portion of property) for compliance.

a). Hissa Amad:

A Moosiah is required to pay Hissa Amad on the following.

- i). On income if she is working; otherwise pay on pocket money.

b). Hissa Jaidad:

A Moosiah is required to pay Hissa Jaidad on the following (only on that which is applicable).

- i). Haq Mahr (Dowry money given by the bridegroom to the bride)

- ii). Jewelry.

- iii). Any assets received in inheritance.

- iv). Any property acquired through her personal resources e.g. her income.

Additional Clarification in Regard to Property (for purposes of Wasiyyat only):

Any asset (including home of residence) owned jointly with husband is counted entirely as belonging to the husband unless the wife has personally paid for it. (This, notwithstanding the country's laws which would apply for other purposes).

MTA Dish Changes — Updates

MTA has been upgraded in order to provide you with MTA's new expanded services in North America. Please contact A/V Sec. Iqbal Ahmad for help on how to update your system.

SOCIAL WORK REPORT

On Saturday, January 5th, 2008, six members of the Queens Lajna , Sister Halima, Sister Shalina, Sister Madiha Ashraf, Sister Wajiha Ashraf, Sister Nabila Nayyar and Sister Rehana Nayyar proceeded to the Queens office of the Riverfund Charitable Organization for volunteer work. The Lajna members made 100 sandwiches and packed 1000 grocery bags to be distributed among the homeless and needy citizens of New York. Sister Madiha Ashraf completed a project on Riverfund for which she received an 'A' at school. This project was shown at the Riverfund office to their executives and was greatly appreciated by them. They requested a copy of the project which will be provided to them by Sister Madiha Ashraf.

On Saturday, February 8th, 2008, six members of the Queens Lajna , Sister Halima, Sister Shalina, Sister Saba Nasir, Sister Sana Nasir, Sister Nida Nasir and Sister Rehana Nayyar proceeded to the Queens office of the Riverfund Charitable Organization for volunteer work. The Lajna members made 100 sandwiches and packed 1000 grocery bags to be distributed among the homeless and needy citizens of New York.

Rehana Nayyar

Masroor Tournament Preparation at Gymnasium

The Queens Masjid rented out an indoor gymnasium for four months in preparations of the Masroor tournament being hosted by NY. We played two hours every Saturday after reading Zuhr Namaz at the mosque. We had several teams come practice with us such as Virginia and Philly, Long Island, and Brooklyn. We played soccer first for one hour followed by basketball for the remaining time.

Kashif Chaudhry

NIZAM-E-JAMAAT

Hazoor has directed that henceforth all disputes between members should be referred to Nizam-e-Jamaat for resolution. The evaluation by Nizam-e-Jamaat would then determine whether the matter (if not resolved by Amoor-e Ama/ Islahi Committee intervention) should be sent to Qaza or allowed to go to the Court System of the country. Any members who now go to the court system directly and without proper permission from Nizam-e-Jamat would be subject to disciplinary action. This is an occasion for prayers to Allah that He send Harmony, Understanding, and mutual Respect among us, and give us the wherewithal to follow the righteous expectations of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih Al-Khamis in the best ways.

**Ameen Mahmood Ahmad Secretary
Amoor-e Ama**

Musleh Maud Day (continued from page 4)

Retired Maulana Ahmad Sadiq Sahib spoke about the prophecy made by Holy Prophet (sa) that the Promised Messiah shall marry and will have children. This was an indication that this marriage would be of a special nature and, through this, Allah shall grant him such children as would be assisting and co-operating in carrying on his mission. The successor ship after his demise to his Khalifas would not be a likened to a worldly kingdom but of spiritual kingdom to carry out the light of the Prophet. Through the progeny of Imam Mahdi his children and grandchildren will carry the message of Islam for propagation in the world. We are indeed the witnesses of the fulfillment of 100 years of Khilafat this year.

Brother Hasan Bashir Sahib mentioned that when Promised was told By God that "I shall cause thy message to reach the corners of the world" this message started to be carried during the time of Khalifatul Masih II, Hazrat Musleh Maoud(ra). The same year when he was born on 1-12-89 is the year Ahmadiyya jamaat was established by the Promised Messiah with Divine instruction to start taking the Pledge of Allegiance (Biat). At that moment this promised son stood by the bed of the Promised Messiah and vowed "Even if all the people leave you and I am left alone I would stand by you and would face all opposition to and onslaughts on your Mission. After his initiation to Khilafat, some members of the Jamaat did in fact desert this Jamaat out of shire jealousy. Hazrat Musleh Maoud(ra) was the king of oration as his father was the king of the pen. His Khilafat lasted for 52 yrs and they were glorious periods in the history of Ahmadiyyat. Then Fassasi Sanusi Sahib recited a nazam in urdu.

Brother Ahmad Mubarak spoke about the Prophecy of the Promised Messiah regarding Hazrat Musleh Maoud(ra) that "he will be filled with secular and spiritual knowledge". He mentioned that the road to follow the teachings of the Holy Prophet (sa) is only by following the path of the Promised Messiah(as) and his Khilafas. Hazrat Musleh Maoud (ra) was filled with the Divine light from Allah as when he spoke in gatherings people would sit and stand for long hours and would listen to his lectures attentively. Hazrat Musleh Maoud (ra) was meek of heart, extremely intelligent. His Knowledge had the brilliance of common sense that rebuilt the distorted Islamic figure. The load that he carried was not possible for any normal human being without Divine intervention. The knowledge and truth that he demonstrated was backed by actions unlike other worldly philosophers who only wrote but never got to put their philosophy in practice. Interestingly, brother Mubarak mentioned that when he visited the library of Hazrat Musleh Maoud (ra) in Pakistan he found it was filled with thousands of books and literatures covering all aspects of religious and secular knowledge which was not only read but were left with Hazrat Musleh Maoud's (ra) personal hand written remarks on page after page. It was this prophecy "he will be filled with secular and spiritual knowledge" that proved that it was Allah that filled his bosom with Heavenly knowledge. Hazrat Musleh Maoud (ra) was very articulate in his own way and never borrowed anyone's ideas. Brother Ahmad Mubarak pointed out that in fact these religious icons came to the world to remove the dust left on the teachings of Holy Prophet (sa) and these are all blessings credited to Holy Prophet (sa).

In the concluding remarks Imam Kauser sahib reemphasized that we celebrate Musleh Maoud day out of our love for Hazrat Bashir-Ud-Din Mahmood Ahmad(ra) whose advent was foretold by Allah for the victory of Islam. We must learn the moral qualities of this person. His time on earth was not wasted. He was the person whose mention was made by Holy Prophet (sa) and many other pious souls in the past. Whosoever will stand against him will be destroyed because he is supported by Allah to carry the light of Islam.

By: AbuBakar Rana

REQUEST FOR PRAYERS

—Karm Ellahi Sahib has been in the hospital for sometime. Kindly pray for his speedy and complete recovery.

—Saifullah Sami, nephew of Sister Attiya Farhat, attained a Fulbright scholarship to Yale University to study Architecture. Please pray Allah Almighty grant him more success.

Waqfe Nau Report

Richmond Hill Halqa Meeting

By the grace and help of Almighty Allah the regional Ijtema was held in Baitul Zafar on Feb 9, 2008. It was an all day program and about 70 waqfeen nau children attended with their siblings and parents. The children who won prizes in the competitions from Queens New York are listed below. Please remember them in your special prayers. There will be a special program for the boys of age 12 and above and they will be contacted by the new Waqfe Nau Secretary Muideen Saleem.

These children won prizes:

Amara Mahmood, Amtul-Hayee Marryum, Baria Ahmed, Labia Chaudhry, Nila Ahmed and Husna Ahmed.

Sufwan Akbar, Waheed Ahmed, Musawwar Ahmad, and Danial Mahmood

By: Muhammad Ahmed Chaudhry

Khilafat Centenary Tournament for Atfals

The 5th Masroor Basketball Tournament was different than the rest. This year was the 100th year celebration of Khilafat and also the first year that Atfal were allowed to participate in the event. There were many teams from all over the Country and even Canada sent a team of Tifls to compete. Our Jamaat of New York also sent a team to run for the championships. We were very excited to play in the tournament, and in our first match we played against Maryland Jamaat. We defeated them in overtime with different players contributing to win our first game. In our second game we were overmatched by Virginia and lost by 6 points. Our 1-1 record was good enough to get us in the playoffs. Unfortunately, we played against Virginia again and our bench contributed greatly and sparked a late rally but we lost by 4 points. The winner would have headed to the finals but we missed the championships by a narrow margin. In the finals Canada's team defeated Virginia by a large margin and took home the championship. We all had a wonderful time and we all met new friends. Our Roster for the tournament was: Bilal Saleem Bronx, Fareed Sanusi Queens, Safwan Akbar Queens, Adnan Nawaaz Queens, Kamran Nawaz Queens, Sammar Nasir Queens, Taimur Hameed Queens, Umair Ahmad and last but not least Faiz Nasir Queens. All of these players contributed and had a huge part in our successful run for the trophy.

By: Safwan Akbar

The meeting started with recitation of Holy Quran by Sister Alia. Sister Farkhanda gave five questions & answers on Salat. The meeting closed with silent prayer. Brother Nasir reminded everyone to pay up their Khilafat centenary fund, and to make their pledges for the new Queens Mosque Project. They were also reminded about Musleh Maud day.

Nasir Bacchus

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• **BIRTHS** •
• Mr. and Mrs. Ehsan •
• Bouillon have been •
• blessed with their •
• first child, a baby girl. •
• Congratulations.. •
• May Allah bless the •
• newcomer and make •
• her the light of her •
• parents eyes. •
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Aftal Program at Baitul Zafar

After the ending of the Atfal Tournament, all Atfals were invited to Baitul Zafar to participate in an interactive meeting with Sadr Khudamul Ahmadiyya- Faheem Younis Sahib and Missionary Azhar Haneef Sahib. In this interactive program we discussed the Khilafat Centenary and how we could contribute in this blessed event. We also talked about the different things we learned from the tournament and the different things we should think about. We also discussed in general the event and some suggestions on how to make it more successful in the years to come. We also were shown the new MKAusa.org website and the new Atfal ul Ahmadiyya page. We saw different videos about how different Tifls were contributing with jokes and pictures. Also we were showed how to speak out about any particular topic and comment on anything in particular. This meeting ended with dinner that was served by the New York Ziafat team. This event was very successful and many kids spoke about what was on their mind and we had a great time.

Safwan Akbar