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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/>

Tabligh Announcements

- * QPTV programs are shown every Tuesday at 12:30 pm on channel 35 and every Friday at 4:30 pm on channel 56.
- * Jama'at Ad in 100 NY Bus started from June 28. All required to participate in literature distribution to notify friends and colleagues. Flyers available in mosque

Tabligh Progress Report:

- * We have already distributed 21,000 plus flyers in Queens! Another 2000 distributed in Manhattan www.muslimsforpeace.org has 100 visits per day and 10 phones call received at 800-WHY-ISLAM per day
- * So far 40 plus active members participated in the distribution effort to their friends and in the following areas (Cambria heights, Jamaica, Astoria, East New York, Spring Garden Hills, Hollis Hills, Hollis, Flushing, New Hyde Park and more)
- * Most people were pleased to receive the flier and many non Ahmadies were also pleased to receive the flier door to door distribution was also very positive however on weekend a lot of people were not home. Very few people refused to accept it though there were no negative comments. One British lady mentioned that she is aware of the work of our community and we should Do more awareness in USA. A few people was pleasantly surprised as they thought Islam means terrorism as portrayed by media
- * Weekly emails with Tabligh related news are sent (NY Metro article and Fox News interview with Missionary In Charge)
- * Jalsa Update with Press Release sent out to 300 plus guest and 50 plus reporters.

Bangla Desk

- * Bangla Live Q&A (Shutter Shondane) on MTA and Tabligh contacts are notified to watch and learn from the programs held on June 17 to 20
- * NY Metro Bangla Desk coordinator was invited and spoke about the distinctive features of AMC on Saturday July 17 at a Bengali Human Rights organization's event
- * Two guests and one new Ahmadi travelled to US Jalsa Salana with families
- * One Ahmadi brothers worked double shift so that his partner a non-Ahmadi guest can go to the Jalsa_Bangla service reporter from VOA came to cover US Jalsa Salana.

Report By: Mubashir Karim / Ghulam Rabbi

Ramadhan Program: Ramadhan Starts Aug 11, Inshallah. Taravee prayers will start Aug 10th. Isha prayers will be held one hour after Maghrib. Fajr will take place 15 minutes after sehri Time (or time shown on the calendar). Kindly check with Jama'at calendar or the Ramadhan Schedule.

Dars ul Quran will take place every Saturday and Sunday during Ramadhan one hour before Iftari. Kindly come on time to listen to the Dars. Those who would like to participate in the Iftari on weekends, may please contact their Hulqa Nigrans (see new list of Hulqa Nigrans included in this issue). Members who would like to provide Iftari during week days may please contact Abdul Ghafoor sahib for details. Iftari during weekends and week days is under the supervision of Secretary Ziafat. Please pay your Zakat during the month of Ramadhan. Fitrana is to be paid before Eid so that we can get it to those who deserve and if you know of someone who you think deserves funds out of Fitrana, Kindly contact our Secretary Amore Ama, Mahmood Ahmad. Ramadhan schedule is included in this issue. Please bring Guests to listen to Dars ul Quran during Ramadhan. Increase in supplications, reading of the Quran and indulge in good deeds and work on to eliminate habits that are harmful is what we all should work on during this holy Month.

Tarbiyyat:

Tarbiyyat and educational Programs for children and young adults during summer vacation has been put together by our Tarbiyyat secretary, Mohmaad Afzal Sahib. The younger children under the supervision of sister Farhat ayaz will provide all children home study and will monitor weekly and similarly sister Qudsia Ghayur has been appointed to provide home study schedule to Tahir school students to work from home and report to her their progress. It is important that parents ensure that their children are abiding by the instructions by these two supervisors.

Also for those who in college, Khuddamul Ahmadiyya will advice students with reading material and request them to come to Bait-uz-Zafar more frequently to say prayers in congregation. Here again, we request parents to make sure that their elder sons and daughters of college going age do utilize their vacation time in such spiritual uplifting activities.

We expect Ansar and Lajna to come with their children to Bait-uz-Zafar for congregation prayers. Particularly the evening prayers.

We have noticed increase in attendance during Maghrib prayers and also at times we are joined by passer bys for prayers.



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

opportunity the meet the new Chief for Community Affairs division of NYPD, as well as other guests who attended the event.

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

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

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 the grace of Allah, three khuddam from the Queens Majlis got together to prepare and serve in the "Soup



By: Farhan Ahmad

Guests visiting NY Jama'at

- * 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 Kariem Apooian, Imam and National Tabligh Secretary for Majlis Ansarullah Nigeria, visited New York Jama'at and attended USA Jalsa Salana.



Abdul Fatai Kariem Apooian in the center



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



During Dinner Reception in Bait-uz-Zafar

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.

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.



The Lajna meeting started with the Recitation of Sura al-Baqarah verses 165-166, by Sister Sana Nasar. The translation was read by Sister Qudsiya Ghuyyur. Next, Hadith #37, "Leave behind your heirs in a comfortable condition" was read by Sister Fouzia Syed, while translation was read by sister Nida Nasar. Sister Asifa Mahmood then read an excerpt from Malfoozat, writings of the Promised Messiah^{as} related to the Hadith. A poem was then recited by Mahaam Ahmed. Ramadan was the topic of the combined taleem and Tarbiyyat workshop conducted by Sister Asifa Mahmood. We discussed the purpose and guidelines of Ramadan and prayers that were especially beneficial during the holy month. Social secretary, Rehana Nayyar, reminded Lajna to be especially prepared to donate time, money, and food in the month of Ramadan to those who were needy.

Canned foods will also be collected so please bring in as many as you can.

Announcements were then made by President Farkhanda Ahmad. The Meena Bazaar which took place last month raised \$3,000, by the grace of God. These funds will go towards Lajna activities as well as the Masjid Fund. Sister Farkhanda also reminded us that Hazoor^{aba} has reminded us to practice simplicity during wedding celebrations. Boys who get married should not be having mehndi celebrations, as this is a tradition for girls. Girls should have small mehndi gatherings for their close friends. In the spirit of Ramadan and simplicity, we should also avoid elaborate Iftari celebrations.

The meeting ended with a quiz about Tehrik-e-Jadid and then silent prayers.

By: Bariah Ahmad

New York Jama'at Amila

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Baituz Zafar A	Mohammad Zaman
Baituz Zafar B	Reaz Rehman
Bayside/ Fresh Meadow	Nasir Ahmed
Flushing	Hafeez Chaudhry
Elmhurst	Naeem Sharif
Richmond Hill	Nasir Bacchus
Howard Beach	Nadim Ahmad
Manhattan	Nadeem Malik

A passer by seeing our ad on the NYC buses has this to say:

"This afternoon here in NYC, a city bus rumbled past me with a huge poster on its side bearing a welcome and necessary message: "Muslims for Peace / Love for All / Hatred for None." A Google search unearthed the fact that the campaign is sponsored by the Ahmadiyya sect, which is considered heretical by mainstream Muslims because of its belief in its messiah-founder Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (1835-1908). (Many in the West have said that Islam needs a Reformation; Ahmadiyya looks analogous less to Luther's break from Rome than to Christianity's development out of Judaism.) Reliable membership numbers are hard to track down, but the most numerous contingent of Ahmadiyya members appears to be in Pakistan (4 million), where 86 of them were murdered in terrorist attacks in May; the most famous member in the West was the great jazzman Art Blakey. (They do have a significant presence in the U.S., in one specific regard: I see copies of their Koran translation, by Maulana Muhammad Ali, all over the place, and used to own one myself.)"

- Mike Potemra



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

Jalsa Salana UK:

It is reported that about 7 members from our Jama'at attended the Jalsa in UK. The Jalsa proceedings were shown at Bait-uz-Zafar though most watched in their homes. The members gathered for the Almi Bait at Bait-uz-Zafar early on the last day of the Jalsa and were served with breakfast at the conclusion of the Bait ceremony.

Jalsa Salana USA

A large number of the membership attended the USA Jalsa from New York Jama'at. A delegate from another Muslim Organization also attended the Jalsa and had nothing but praise for the event as per our National Tabligh Secretary, Ali Murtaza Sahib. Their visit to Jalsa was arranged by our Tabligh department. Many of our Khuddam provided Khidmat-e-Khalq duties. Members helped in serving and cooking of the food at the Jalsa. Two of our members were occupied with MTA services.

Mosque Fund:

It has been over two years that we have made sure that this column appears in our every issue of the Envoy so that our members are kept abreast with the progress of the collection of the fund. Well we have just paid the 4th installment, Alhamdulillah. May Allah accept the sacrifices of all those who had contributed for this installment and for the past ones as well. We have two more to go, the next one being the highest amount of the six installments, so let us from on work to meet the Target figure that is close to seven hundred thousand. Many around the country have contributed towards the National Mosque fund. However as most of the fund from this category is being put towards our Mosque, so we are obligated to take the lead and raise the maximum amount. At the close of the fiscal year, we were number two in collection in the National Mosque fund behind Silicon Valley Jama'at.

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

All high school and college students are requested to sign up for at least 40 hours during summer holidays for volunteer work with the Jama'at during Summer Holidays. You can choose flexible schedule that suits you and at the same time obtain certification that will help you towards a credit at school or college. Please sign up with Nazir Ayaz.

Regular in Prayers and recitation of Holy Quran:

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

Marriage:

Farhan Ahmad, our new auditor of New York Jama'at was married to Nazia Khan of Maryland. Farhan is an active member of Khuddamul Ahmadiyya and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Rashid Ahmad. Congratulations to the Married Couple, May Allah make their marriage a success, Amin.

Deaths:

- * Sister Aliya's son passed away in Guyana after fighting a long time with cancer.
- * Mother of Mohammad Zaman passed away in Bangladesh. Zaman is a Naib Qaid of Khuddamul Ahmadiyya, Queens.

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

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

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