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In the name of Allah, the Gracious, the Merciful

BAIT-UZ-ZAFAR

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“And observe Prayer and pay the Zakat, and bow
down with those who bow” - Holy Quran 2:44

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"It is not possible for the believers to go forth all together, why then does not a party from every section of them go forth that they may become well-versed in religion and that they may warn their people when they return to them, so that they may guard against evil.

(Surah Al-Taubah, 122)

When asked about his life, the Promised Messiah (as) said very beautifully:

"In reality a happy and blessed life is that life which is spent in the service of God's religion and the spread of it otherwise even if [a] man became the king of the entire world and partook of the endless luxury that were only possible to royalty even then that would not be of any pleasure instead it would be a kind of torment which would reveal itself sometimes immediately and sometimes afterwards."

(Aina Kamalate Islam pg 44-55)

Hazrat Al-Musleh Maud (ra) said "For the propagation of Islam, we need thousands, in fact we need hundreds of thousands of Missionaries. When such Missionaries will disperse in the land with righteousness and sincerity to preach Islam, at that point the entire world will accept Islam. And the seeds of rancour, crookedness and mischief will be finally removed and peace will be established."

Hazrat Musab Bin Umair (ra) came and sat next to the Prophet (sa) one day dressed in all rags. The Prophet began to say "I have seen Musab at a time when there was no one more affluent than him in the city of Mecca. He was the most beloved child of his parents, and he was provided with all the best things to eat and drink, but his love for the Messenger of Allah brought him to these circumstances and he sacrificed it all for the pleasure of God Almighty."

Queens Chapter News

Annual Ramadan Iftar Dinner

Inviting Guests to Learn About Ramadan

On May 28th, 2019, the Bait-uz-Zafar Mosque held its annual Ramadan iftar dinner. This yearly tradition allows our friends and neighbors to see a glimpse of what an average iftar is, while also learning about Ahmadiyyat Islam, and breaking bread with members of the community. The guests listened to a sermon delivered by Imam Mahmood Kauser Sahib, followed by a short video on the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community. Afterwards, the guests were able to observe the breaking of the fast, along with the Maghrib prayers. The night came to a close with the iftar dinner, with some guests remaining to observe the taraweeh prayers. As always, it was a great success, and by the grace of Allah, the iftar was held on an even larger scale than last year. There were well over 50 guests from all faiths, backgrounds, and denominations! This iftar was a great effort by the entire Queens community, and may Allah enable the members of the Bait-uz-Zafar mosque to continue this tradition year after year.

A Month of Great Blessings

Ramadan, the Holiest of Months

This month was full of blessings as the Mosque was filled with worshippers from the sunrise to the sunset. Bait-uz-Zafar Mosque was fortunate enough to host an iftar every night, followed by the beautiful taraweeh prayers. During these iftaris, there were members of our own community as well as guests who were enamored by our traditions and curious to learn more about Ahmadiyyat. Additionally, in this month, members of our community attended other iftaris which helped to create a bond with other communities in this blessed month.

This was a month to create a stronger bond with Allah, while also creating a stronger connection to one's own faith. May the rest of the year be as bountiful as Ramadan, Ameen.



Eid-ul-Fitr Celebration

A Blessed Celebration

By the Grace of Allah, the congregants of Bait-uz-Zafar mosque gathered together on June 5th, 2019 to celebrate the conclusion of Ramadan on the blessed day of Eid-ul-Fitr. Congregants completed the Eid prayers together and listened attentively as Imam Mahmood Kauser Sahib delivered an Eid Sermon. Afterwards, all guests were served a delicious lunch of pulao and Zarda as per the tradition of the Promised Messiah AS.

Tahir Academy Graduation Ceremony

Leaders of Tomorrow

On Saturday June 15th, the Tahir Academy Graduation Ceremony was held at Bait-uz-Zafar mosque. Atfal, Nasirat, Khuddam and young Lajna attended their graduation along with parents and teachers. Students received medals, certificates and report cards showing how many Surahs each child had memorized. Additionally, presentations were led by both Nasirat and Atfal who had previously been awarded first place. Parents and students were invited to speak about their experiences on sending their children to Tahir Class as well as suggestions to be implemented for next year. Teachers and volunteers who dedicate their time weekly were given gifts before the presentation of an end of year video. The ceremony concluded with remarks from Principal Sb. Mohammad Mahmood. May Allah bless our students and teachers and make the next year of Tahir academy as successful as the last!

We are honored to announce that out of a total of 52 Tahir Academies across the Nation, Queens, along with 3 other cities has won the Nusrat Jehan Center of Excellence Award for the 2017-2018 school year. An independent evaluator traveled to each eligible Academy and made a decision for the award and a five-member National Committee conducted the final review. The award was received during Jalsa Salana USA 2019. May Tahir Academy continue to excel and grow in all facets. May Allah allow our students opportunity after opportunity for enrichment! Ameen!



was also a bouncy house, a visit from the local firefighters, a delicious BBQ, and various stalls on the Lajna side. These stalls included a lemonade stand, a dessert spot, a henna booth, a cotton candy machine, and a scarf/jewelry booth. All proceeds went to Humanity First, and by the grace of Allah there was a great turnout.



Regional Rishta Nata Function

Marital Advice

On June 9th, 2019, Lajna, Khuddam, and Ansar at Bait-uz-Zafar mosque were joined by the National Rishta Nata Secretary Farooq Padder Sahib. The program consisted of a presentation in which the establishment and function of the Rishta Nata department was explained. Topics regarding marriage were discussed in great detail along with an interactive session during which attendees commented on various scenarios. The program was successfully educational for all.



Fourth of July Event!

A Day to Honor our Country

On July 4th, 2019, the members of the Bait-uz-Zafar Mosque hosted an annual Fourth of July celebration. This year was unique as there was a Basketball tournament co-sponsored by councilman Daneek Miller and the South Asian Basketball League, which was arranged between our Khuddam and opposing teams from other communities. There

71st Jalsa Salana USA

3 Days of Blessings

On July 12th to July 14th, 2019, the 71st Jalsa Salana USA was held at the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex. Members from the Queens Majalis accommodated many guests, and remained with them for the duration of the three days. These guests varied in their backgrounds, beliefs, and even ages – but they all were completely enamored by the Jalsa gathering. We hope these join us again in the future, inshallah!

Waiyyat Program

A Great Scheme

Respected National Wasaya Secretary visited New York, Jamaat on July 19, 2019 at Bait-uz-Zafar Mosque at 7:00 PM. The program included an address from National Wasaya Secretary followed by Namaz and dinner. The program emphasized on the importance of Wasiyyat and the many blessings that come with it.

Atfal/Khuddam/Ansar News

Meeting Held on First Sunday of the Month

Ansar Monthly Report

On May 5th, the Ansar general monthly meeting was held and 40 members were in attendance, Alhamdulillah. The meeting was a success, and very informative as members were educated on the importance of Ramadan, reciting the Holy Quran, and the true meaning of sacrifice. These reminders were especially important as Ramadan was upcoming.

During the month of Ramadan, Ansar held elections for Ansar Shura and National Sadr Ansarullah and Naib Sadr of Ansarullah on May 25th, 2019. The election was conducted by Imam Mahmood Kauser Sahib, and went as planned.

Ansar also took part in the guest iftar dinner, by inviting guests, hosting guests, helping in security, and also serving food. Alhamdulillah, the event was a great success!

Ansar also joined the Atfal and Khuddam on a visit to a graveyard on memorial day to show their respect to the veterans who sacrificed their lives for the country.

Ansar Regional Ijtema

A Brotherhood Like no Other

By the grace of Allah, the New York Region held its annual Ansar Ijtema on Sunday, June 16th. The day started off with a delicious breakfast which was enjoyed by members of all five chapters. The Ijtema program consisted of competitions for memorization of the Holy Quran and impromptu speeches both of which had high participation from the Ansar. The day continued with a Rishta Nata workshop and a health presentation. Next, after an intense sports competition, the awards ceremony was presented by Nazim-e-Aala Sahib followed by a concluding silent prayer led by Sadr Sahib of Queens, NY Jamaat. Alhamdulillah this ijtema saw great attendance and participation by all.

National Atfal/Khuddam Ijtema



A Brotherhood Like no Other

On June 28th, 2019, Atfal and Khuddam from the NY Metro Region attended this year's National Atfal and Khuddam Ijtema which took place at Bait-ur-Rahman Mosque in Silver Springs, Maryland. Atfal and Khuddam participated in the program and also volunteered by helping with Ziafat, security, and various other Khidmat-e-Khalq and Waqar-e-Amal duties.

Lajna/Nasirat News

Meeting Held on First Sunday of the Month

Nasirat Help in Community Outreach

Inviting neighbors to Join Iftar Dinner

The Nasirat worked diligently to deliver invites to local houses of worship, their schools, and community centers. The efforts of the Nasirat did not go unnoticed as many guests confirmed after receiving an invite from the Nasirat. May the youth continue to lead the way, in'sha'Allah!

Lajna Distribute Eid Bouquets

A Small Gift With a Big Impact

To end the blessed month of Ramadan on a positive note, a few Umoor-e-Talibat created floral bouquets to deliver to various houses of worship. A total of 12 bouquets were created which were delivered by the Lajna to Churches, Synagogues, Hindu and Sikh Temples. The recipients were greatly touched by the gesture!



Lajna Attend NYC Comptroller's Eid-ul-Fitr Event

Reaching out to our Community!

On Wednesday June 12th, a group of twelve Lajna and Nasirat members attended NYC Comptroller Scott M. Stringer's Post Eid-ul-Fitr Celebration at NYU upon invitation. This celebration was held in honor of the many Muslim communities of New York City as they celebrate the ending of the blessed month of Ramadan. Alhamdulillah, the event allowed members to interact with other faith based groups and spread the word of Ahmadiyyat.

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