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In the Name of Allah, the Gracious, the Merciful



Bait-uz-Zafar Envoy

A monthly newsletter of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community of Queens, New York

“One of the blessings of Taqwa (righteousness) is that God frees the Muttaqis (righteous souls) from all the hardships that come in the way of their religious affairs. Likewise, God provides them for their needs”. – Promised Messiah^{as} (Malfoozat Vol. I p. 11)

Upcoming Events

Dars every Wednesday after Maghrib Prayers

- ❖ Tahir Academy **EVERY** Saturday 9:30 AM
- ❖ Coffee, Cake, and True Islam **EVERY** Thursday at 7:30 PM
- ❖ Auxiliary Meetings on **First Sunday of every month**
- ❖ **National Majalish Shura April 26 – 30**

Prayer Timings

April 2019

Days	Fajr	Zuhr	Asr	Maghrib	Isha
4-10	5:45	1:30	5:45	7:30	8:30
11-17	5:45	1:30	5:45	7:40	9:00
18-24	5:30	1:30	5:45	7:45	9:00
25-1	5:30	1:30	5:45	7:55	9:00

Queens Chapter News

Promised Messiah^{as} Day

130 Years of Ahmadiyyat

By the grace of Allah, Bait-uz-Zafar Mosque was full of people on March 23, 2019 in remembrance of Promised Messiah^{as} Day. This day marks 130 years since Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, the Promised Messiah^{as} founded the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community when he accepted the hands of 40 faithful servants who pledged to follow the 10 Conditions of Initiation. The event began with tilawat, along with Urdu and English translation, followed by an Urdu poem.



There were a few speeches on the blessings of Ahmadiyyat, followed by a friendly game of jeopardy between the Men's and Women's Auxiliaries on topics such as History of Islam, History of Ahmadiyyat, Chanda, and so on. This auspicious event came to a close with a speech delivered by Imam Mahmood Kauser Sahib who reminded us of the significance of this day – as it was when the Promised Messiah^{as} had announced that Allah had given him permission to take the initiation. This message was sent across India, and eventually the world. The session concluded with silent prayer, followed by Zuhr and Asr Prayers, and then Lunch.

Regional Waqf-e-Nau Ijtema

Preparing the Leaders of Tomorrow

Every year, the tradition of hosting the regional Waqf-e-Nau ijtema at Bait-uz-Zafar Mosque continues, and by the grace of Allah, every year more and more Waqf-e-Nau children participate. This ijtema began with breakfast and registration, followed by an opening session presided by Hafiz Samiullah Chaudhary National Secretary Waqf-e-Nau. The next session included religious based competitions on varying topics such as Quran, prayers, attributes of Allah, nazm/qaseedah, hadith, and religious knowledge. After Zuhr and Asr prayers, there was another session which consisted of presentations. The ijtema came to a close with a prize distribution and closing remarks by Hafiz Samiullah Chaudhary Sahib.

Coffee, Cake, and True Islam

Spreading the Message of Islam Ahmadiyyat

Every Thursday, Bait-uz-Zafar Mosque hosts Coffee, Cake, and Islam (CCTI), after Maghrib Prayers. The goal of the gathering is to create an environment where people can freely question and express their understanding of Islam and also meet local Muslims. During the month of March, we we had many guests from various backgrounds and faith traditions. One such guest had brightened up the atmosphere even more by bringing along his three wonderful children. All the attendees enjoyed their company. May Allah continue to guide people towards the path of Ahmadiyyat!



Tahir Academy News

Quran and Science Symposium in Bait-ur-Rahman Mosque

On March 16th, 2019, 30 children, along with four chaperones from Queens Tahir Academy took a field trip to Bait-ur-Rahman Mosque in Maryland to attend the Quran and Science Symposium. The students were at Bait-uz-Zafar Mosque bright and early at 5:00 AM for departure. The symposia featured talks from Ahmadi scientists from top institutions who discussed their own work and shared cutting edge advances across diverse fields of science and technology. The symposia presenters also shed light on the bridge between God and science in the context of their own research. There were many activities for the children – including perfume making!



Caribbean Desk & Bangla Desk Meetings

A Monthly Discussion

Bait-uz-Zafar Mosque hosted its monthly Bangla Desk Meeting, along with the Caribbean Desk meeting on March 22nd, 2019 after Maghrib Prayers. The meeting began with the Tilawat and was presided by Imam Mahmood Kauser Sahib. Syed Kirwani Sahib who accepted Ahmadiyyat in 2016 shared his story about how he accepted Ahmadiyyat despite being under the influence for over 20 years. Nazim Rahaman Sahib from the Caribbean desk shared his story about how he accepted Ahmadiyyat last year after attending program in Philadelphia with Beloved Hazooratba. After Isha prayer there was a delicious pot-luck served to everyone!

Atfal/Khuddam/Ansar News

Meeting Held on First Sunday of the Month

Atfal and Khuddam Ijtema

A Yearly Tradition

The Atfal and Khuddam of Queens New York were up bright and early on March 10th, 2019 in order to start their ijtema on the right foot: praying Fajr in congregation. The theme for this years ijtema was importance of Salat. There were religious competitions, as well as sport competitions. The ijtema was a great success that brought together the Atfal and Khuddam for a day of learning, brotherhood, and devotedness. By the grace of Allah, this year was the highest Khuddam and overall attendance at the local Ijtema with 45 Khuddam alone in participation. May Allah continue to keep our youth on the right path.



Pathway to Peace

Peace, Love, and Unity

Khuddam of Queens Majlis went to the Bronx as per instructions of Regional MKA in order to help support the tabligh program in the Bronx. In addition, Khuddam and Ansar went to attend the interfaith program in the Bronx on March 31st, 2019. The interfaith had members of varying faiths, including Jews, Christians, and Muslims. The keynote address was delivered by our very own Imam Mahmood Kauser Sahib. There were also representatives from the NYPD and FDNY, who came together with the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community to spread and share ideas of love, peace and unity through meaningful dialogue. By the grace of Allah, there were 37 guests, and a total of 82 attendees! The take home message of this interfaith was to invite others to your houses of worship which alone is a great privilege. This program was reported by Channel 12 News in the Bronx as well as online views of this news report exceeded 3000 views.

Khuddam Night Out

Evening of Bonding

On March 9th, 2019 a few Khuddam along with Imam Mahmood Kauser Sahib went out to dinner together at Sagar. It was a great opportunity to get together and bond with their fellow brothers. This night was a special celebration as it was right after the finals of this years ABL NYC Season. The Champs again this year was team Long Island. Everyone joined together in the celebration. Keep an eye out for next months outing!



Food Pantry Visit

Khuddam Volunteer

Khuddam visited the local food pantry and gave a helping hand! Khuddam helped prepare food for a few hundred people in a Queens food pantry in Richmond Hills. If you are interested in Volunteering, please contact Danyal Ayaz Sahib, Nazim Khidmat-e-Khalq.

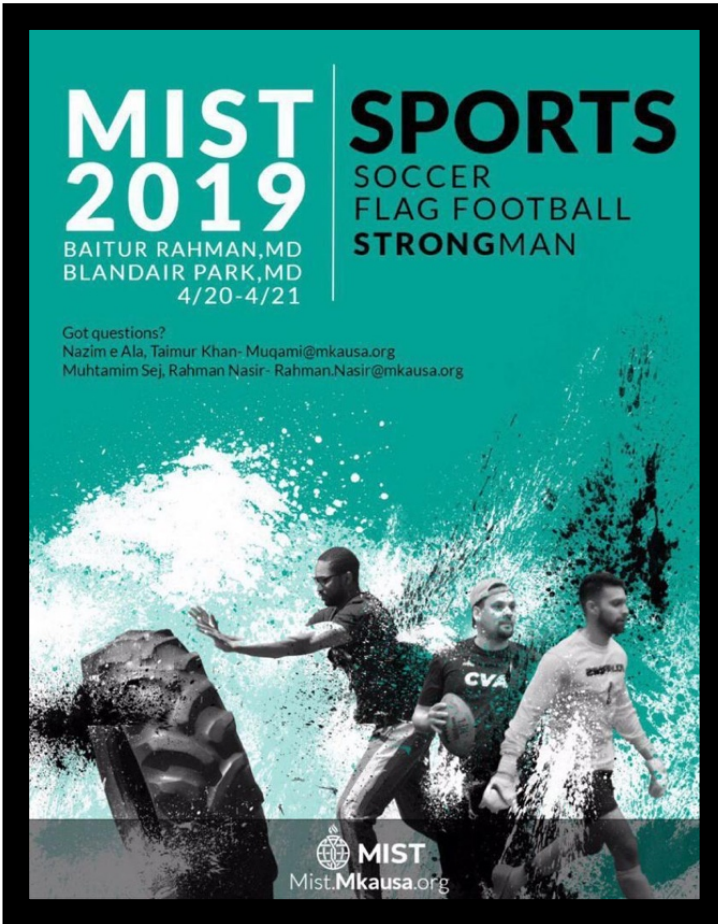
Community Concerns

Chance to Voice Opinions

On Monday, March 18, NYC Comptroller Scott M. Stringer held a roundtable for the South Asian and Indo-Caribbean Community. During the meeting, issues concerning the community in Jamaica and the surrounding neighborhood were discussed. Zulfiqar Sikhder and Asad Bajwa represented the Jamaat at the meeting



Atfal/ Khuddam/ Ansar Announcements



MIST 2019 on April 20th and 21st at Baitur-Rahman Mosque. See flyer for more information!

Khuddam Regional Ijtema April 13th, 2019 to April 14th, 2019. See Flyer for more information!



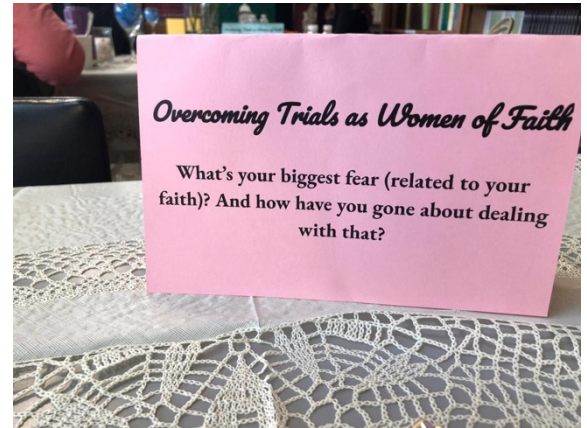
Lajna/Nasirat News

Meeting Held on First Sunday of the Month

“Overcoming Trials as a Woman of Faith”

Queens Lajna Host a Interfaith

On March 17th, 2019, the Lajna of Bait-uz-Zafar Mosque hosted an Interfaith reflecting on the theme of “Overcoming Trials as a Woman of Faith”. There were six speakers from different faiths, and 17 guests. This was a chance to bond with our neighbors, and find solutions through faith to overcome our daily trials and tribulations. There was also a workshop, where each table was assigned a question that started a dialogue. The women left moved and inspired by the interfaith, and by the grace of Allah, the event was a success. May Allah enable us to continue to hold events like these in the future.



NYPD Presentation

A Discussion on Human Trafficking

On March 29th, 2019 two Lajna members attended a NYPD seminar on human trafficking. This presentation discussed how human trafficking can happen in many situations including on a commercial, private, and service industry level. The presentation gave pertinent information on how to help stop human trafficking.

Nasirat Local Ijtema

A Yearly Tradition

Nasirat held their local ijtema on March 31st, 2019. The event began at 9:30 AM with breakfast and registration, followed by opening remarks by the local Nasirat secretary. Following this, there were knowledge based competitions for the three age groups (7-9, 10-12, and 13-14). After Zuhr and Asr prayers, more competitions occurred, including an arts and crafts competition, and a sports competition. The session came to a close with a jeopardy game, prize distribution, and closing remarks. The ijtema was a great success, and may Allah enable us to continue hosting such events in the future.



Nasirat/Lajna Announcements

- ❖ Regional Ijtema for **BOTH** Lajna and Nasirat will be held on the weekend of April 13th and 14th in Bait-uz-Zafar Mosque. Please register!
- ❖ There are upcoming Active Shooter presentations, in the month of April please contact Homaa Hamid if you are interested!
- ❖ We have made a good relationship with the Sun Harbor Manor Nursing home and have been requested to join them every first Saturday of the month from 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM. Please make an effort to join us! Contact Homaa Hamid for more information!

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