



Bait-uz-Zafar Envoy

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“You will not enter Paradise until you believe, and you shall not believe until you love one another.”

Holy Prophet Muhammad^{sa} (Sahih Muslim)

Upcoming Events

- ❖ **Dars EVERY Wednesday after Isha 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
- ❖ Regional Waqfe Nau Ijtema March 2nd Saturday
- ❖ Local Khuddam / Atfal Ijtema March 10th Sunday
- ❖ Masih Maud Day on March 23, 2019 @11AM

Prayer Timings March 2019

Days	Fajr	Zuhr	Asr	Maghrib	Isha
28-6	5:45	1:00	4:15	5:55	7:30
7-9	5:45	1:00	4:15	6:00	7:30
10-13	6:20	1:30	5:30	7:05	8:30
14-20	6:20	1:30	5:30	7:10	8:30
21-27	6:10	1:30	5:30	7:20	8:30
28-3	6:10	1:30	5:30	7:20	8:30

Queens Chapter News

Musleh Maud Day

Remembrance of the Prophecy Concerning the Birth of the “Promised Reformer”

On February 24, 2019, the Queens Chapter gathered at the Bait-uz-Zafar Mosque in remembrance of the prophecy concerning the birth of the promised son to Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad^{as}, the Promised Messiah and founder of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community. According to this prophecy, Allah the Exalted would bestow the

Promised Messiah^{as} a son within nine years who would bring awesome progress to Islam and Ahmadiyyat. He would spread the message of Islam to the farthest corners of the Earth. Today, we know this Promised Son as Hazrat Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmood Ahmad^{ra}. The event began with tilawat, along with Urdu and English translation, followed by an Urdu poem. Afterwards, the original prophecy was read out and then the English translation. There was also a powerful speech delivered on the extraordinary life of Hazrat Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmud Ahmad^{ra}. Afterwards, there was a friendly game of jeopardy between the Men and Women Auxiliaries on topics such as History of Islam, History of Ahmadiyyat, Chanda, and so on. The Women's Auxiliary won, yet both parties had a great refresher on their religious knowledge. This auspicious event came to a close with a speech delivered by Imam Mahmood Kauser Sahib who reminded us of the significance and impact of Hazrat Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmud Ahmad^{ra}. The session concluded with silent prayer, followed by Zuhr and Asr Prayers, and then Lunch.

Bangla Desk

Queens Bangla Desk Holds Monthly Discussion

Bait-uz-Zafar Mosque hosted its monthly Bangla Desk Meeting on February 16th, 2019. The meeting began with the Tilawat by Shoeb Abulkalam Sahib. This was followed by a Bangla nazm which was presented by Khandaker Shakil Ahmed Sahib. Zaman Mohammad Sahib presented Ansarullah talk and Mohammad Seher sahib presented Khuddam talk on behalf of Qaid Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya. The Queens coordinator of the Bangla desk presented the desk report. Imam Mahmood Kauser Sahib concluded the session and stated that the whole purpose of the desk meeting is to activate members in their own Tarbiyyat, as well as engage them in Tabligh activities. This is an important message for us all! There was a total of 47 men and women, as well as 2 non-Ahmadi guests. This event is open to all Ahmadis and non-Ahmadis from all races, cultures and backgrounds as a way to help spread the message of Islam Ahmadiyya.

Ask an Imam

A Chance to Ask Your Questions on Islam

On February 16th, 2019, Bait-uz-Zafar Mosque hosted its first ever Ask an Imam Event. The event was moderated by Reza Islam Sahib, and questions were answered by Imam Mahmood Kauser Sahib. Guests were invited to ask any questions they had on Islam or Ahmadiyyat in person, and on Twitter. There were 60 members including men, women and children who attended this meeting. May Allah enable us to host more events like this in the future! This event arranged by Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya Queens in collaboration with Local Tabligh Department under the guidance of Sadr Jama'at Abdul Ghafoor Sahib.

Announcements:

- ❖ **Regional Waqf-e-Nau Ijtema on March 2nd, 2019**
- ❖ **Qur'an and Science Symposium on March 16th in BRM**
- ❖ **Local MKA / MAA Ijtema on March 10th, 2019**
- ❖ **Masih Maud Day on March 23, 2019**

Khuddam/Atfal News

Khuddam Auxiliary Meeting Held on First Sunday of the Month



Atfal, Khuddam, and Ansar attended a food pantry right after fajr prayer in Queens, where they packed food for over 1,000 people for distribution



Atfal and Khuddam went to Brooklyn Nets

stadium in Barclay's Center, Brooklyn to watch NBA game between Brooklyn Nets and Portland Trail Blazers.

QUEENS LOCAL IJTEMA		Features
MKA & MAA	Theme: Importance of Salat  Sunday 3/10/2019	Breakfast Lunch Tarbiyat Discussion Religious Competitions Sports Competitions Prizes
	Starts at 5:30am @ Bait-uz -Zafar	

Ahmadiyya Basketball League

A new Initiative for the Youth of New York

Every Saturday, all Atfal, Khuddam, and Ansar are welcome to come to the gym and play basketball after Zuhr from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Afterwards, the gym is set to be used by the two teams from Queens (Team Bait-uz-Zafar and Team MKA Queens) along with other teams from Long Island and Brooklyn from 4:00 PM to 6:30 PM. Making history on February 16, 2019, Balal Shahid Sahib (Team Bait-uz-Zafar) made the first dunk in an ABL game. Here are some stats:

Top Five Scorers (total points)

- (1) Nazeef Bajwa (Team Bait-uz-Zafar)
- (2) Talha Malik (Team Brooklyn)
- (3) Zane Mahmood (Team MKA Queens)
- (4) Qasid Chaudhry (Team MKA Queens)
- (5) Shahan Ahmad (Team Long Island)

Top Five Rebounders (Total Rebounds)

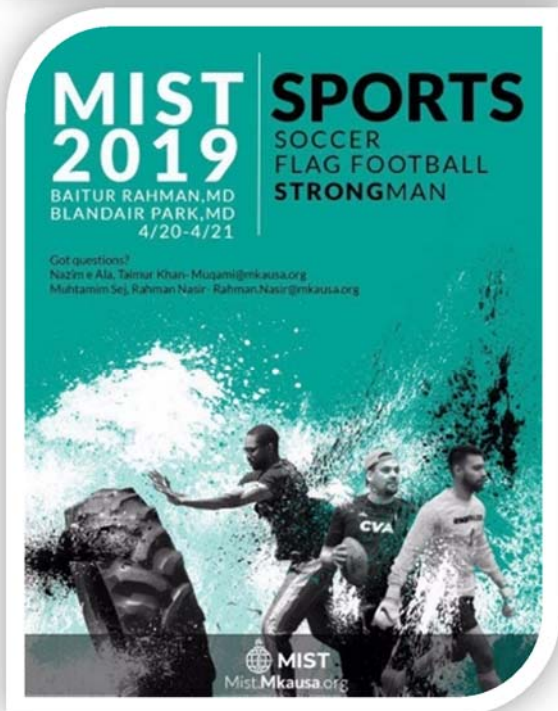
- (1) Nasar Ahmad (Team MKA Queens)
- (2) Balal Shahid (Team Baituz Zafar)
- (3) Imran Ahmad (Team Long Island) Commissioner
- (4) Fateh Bajwa (Team MKA Queens)
- (5) Omar Mahmood (Team MKA Queens)



Evening of Bonding

Khuddam go out for Dinner

On February 16, 2019 a few Khuddam along with Imam Sahib went out to dinner together at Buffalo Wild Wings. It was a great opportunity to get together and bond with their fellow brothers. Alhamdulillah, this has become a monthly tradition. The next Evening of Bonding is scheduled for March 9th at 6:30 pm (right after ABL) at Sagar Chinese.



Khuddam night out

Lajna/Nasirat News

Lajna Auxiliary Meeting Held on First Sunday of the Month

Know Your Rights

Lajna Attend a NYC Human Rights Law Seminar

On February 10th, 2019, Moumita Zaman was invited from the NYC Commission on Human Rights to speak at Bait-uz-Zafar Mosque on Human Rights Law in NYC. The hour and a half long discussion covered an overview of the NYC Human Rights Law as it applies to 7 areas: employment, housing, public accommodations, discriminatory harassment, bias-based profiling by law enforcement, and retaliation and the 24 protected categories (race, disability, age, religion, immigration status and more). 20 Lajna and 6 Nasirat attended this event and left the event well informed.

Lajna Meena Bazaar

A Yearly Tradition

The Lajna held their annual Meena Bazaar on February 3, 2019. This is an annual event where Lajna and Nasirat come together to sell different food items such as puff pastries, pakoray, chai, kebabs, and deserts. The Meena Bazaar also has clothing, jewelry, scarves, and much more. This year was very eventful, and like every year, a great way for Lajna and Nasirat alike to see familiar faces, and old friends.



The Climate Crisis

Healing the Planet

Five Lajna members attended an interfaith program hosted by the First Presbyterian Church of Forest Hills. What made this event unique was that rather than discussing a topic of religion, the topic of the event was the ongoing climate crisis and what we can do within our communities to heal our planet. Additionally, the spiritual tools that can be used to cope with the challenges of climate change were discussed.

Lajna/Nasirat Announcements

- ❖ Nasirat ijtema on March 31, 2019
- ❖ Local Women's Interfaith on March 17th, 2019

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