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In the name of Allah, the Gracious, the Merciful

BAIT-UZ-ZAFAR

ENVOY

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Abu Hurairah relates that the Holy Prophet (saw) said:
Allah will cover up the faults on the Day of Judgement
of him who covers up the faults of another in this world
(Muslim)

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Queens Chapter News

Love Beyond the Art

A Transcription of Dars Given by Imam Sahib

The dars began with Chapter 27:60: "Allah the almighty says: Say, All praise belongs to Allah and peace be upon those servants of His whom he has chosen. Is Allah better or what they associate with Him?" This dars was about looking for God, finding God, and connecting with God. In this day and age many people are running away from God. This is why this verse of the Quran is so important.

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih Rabay (rh), said: "if you love the art, you must love the artist. If you love the creation, you must love the creator". In this day and age, you will see people on Instagram, Snapchat, Pinterest, Tumblr, and twitter, and they'll like images and pictures of people, animals, horses, dogs, cars, airplanes, or whatever it may be, any they'll spend their whole day, sometimes hours, sometimes days, just liking various things that they come across. And so in a way they're loving the art, but many of these people, have forgotten: what about the artist? People the creation, all of the things that God has created, but what about the creator?

In the Marshall Islands, there is no McDonalds, no Taco Bell, there's no sidewalks, there's no streetlights, there was no grass, no fields. There were just banana trees, palm trees, and shrubs. In our homes, some places had no electricity, some places there were just small huts, and some places, there were big large tents where entire villages used to live. And with that primitive kind of lifestyle, they were still extremely happy people. They would wake up before Fajr just to wake up, just to enjoy the sunrise, and when we they were introduced to Fajr, the whole entire mosque was full of men, women, and children. We wondered why? And they said we always wake up this early in the morning, now we have a purpose behind it.

Recently a very dear, pioneer member of our jamaat her name was Naila Bien, who was one of the first Ahmadi of Marshall Islands, she converted in 1987, nearly 32 years ago. And the way she converted, her husband in fact came across some books of Khalifatul Masih Rabay

and the Promised Messiah. He started writing letters and he wrote to Khalifatul Masih Rabay, and said I would like to join Ahmadiyyat, and I would like to request some books, and some homeopathic medicine. So the correspondence continued and he joined Islam Ahmadiyyat. And she joined with him. But very similar to Hazrat Khadija, her husband passed away, and she married again, her next husband passed away, she married again, he also passed away, and again she married again, to the fourth husband, she recently passed away. Throughout this, she always said, my first husbands love for Islam has been engrained in me, and I will remain as an Ahmadi Muslim even though her other husbands were not.

Again, what was unique about her, that she had nothing, and I remember one day we were arranging a general meeting for the jamaat, and I had given her some money. I didn't want to put the burden of the general meeting program on her. So once the program was over, we went to meet her, and she gave me the receipt, and I realized, she had spent \$5 over what I had given her, and this is a country where minimum wage, is \$1.50. I took out my \$5, and I said here, take \$5. Imagine this old lady, who barely made probably \$100 a month, reprimanded me, she said: "Imam am I not a Muslim?" I said, yes, yes of course you are! She said then why are you giving me these \$5? They are for me? I don't need to be reimbursed. This just shows you that at an island in the middle of nowhere, where \$5 to her, is probably \$1000 equivalent to you, and yet she said I don't want it.

Now here, we have sidewalks, we have McDonalds, we have Taco Bell, we have every single thing you can imagine. And yet, people are not happy. And the reason for that is because they love the creation, and they do not love the creator. They have loved the art, but they forgot to love the artist.

The last thing is the Promised Messiah (as) who says that the love we strive for in this world, whether is towards our mother, friend, or even spouse, all of them are a tiny taste into what love is in store for humankind when they turn to God. So let's make a sincere effort to turn to God Almighty and let us try to realize we are

all the children of God, and if we truly turn to God we will begin to love the artist, and he will give us more of his creation, more of his art. May Allah help us to do that, Ameen.

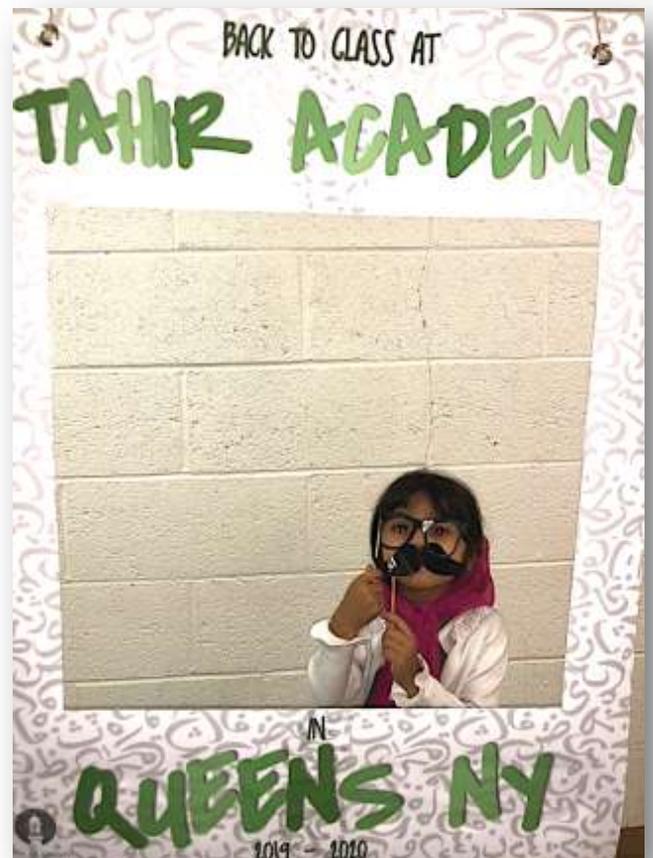
Every Wednesday, after the Isha prayer, Imam Mahmood Kauser Sahib gives a dars, with varying topics from week to week. However, a common theme is that these dars reflect issues that everyone, especially the youth are facing. From social media, to peer pressure, to decreasing attendance in the mosque. Most importantly, these are not lectures, rather they are adjacent to an open conversation, and a safe place for all to come and reflect on pertinent issues. Please make every effort to come, and to bring your family so that not only do they learn and create a stronger bond with other jamaat members, but also so that your children can create a habit of coming to the mosque.



Tahir Academy

New Year, New Blessings!

On September 14, 2019 the 2019-2020 Tahir Academy school year began! There are many new students, as well as helpers, teachers, and old students who have graduated and are now helping! Classes start every Saturday promptly at 9:30 AM. Please make sure your children come with the proper supplies and attires. The Tahir Academy Children will continue to learn the Basics of Islam, History, Holy Quran, Salat and Prayers, as well as partake in trips, and other activities! May this semester be full of blessing for our youth! Kindly remember all the students, teachers, and volunteers in your prayers. Additionally, on September 29, 2019, a few Khuddam as well as Ansar helped clean up the Tahir Academy classrooms! May Allah remember all of those who came together to get this done!



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TAHIR ACADEMY
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*DARS EVERY
WEDNESDAY
AFTER ISHA!*

Annual Blood Drive

Saving Lives, One Donation at a Time

On September 14, 2019, Bait-uz-Zafar Mosque held its Annual Blood Drive. There were many donors, both from the Mosque, as well as guests who saw the banner outside, and were prompted to come donate.

The “Muslims for Life” Blood drive campaign began in honor and remembrance of 9/11, where innocent lives were taken at the hands of terrorists. The goals of this campaign is to collect blood and help save lives, which is a natural continuation of the theme that Islam teaches peace and sanctity of all life. Since its inception, Muslims for Life has held over 1,500 blood drives where 60,000 pints have been collected, potentially helping to save more than 180,000 lives!



Muslim Day Parade

“We Are the Muslim Youth”

On September 27, 2019, members of the NYC Chapters represented the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in the Muslim Day Parade. In an interview, Imam Mahmood Kauser Sahib said: “We are Muslim youth and we will never allow anyone (especially not Pakistan or any Muslim majority country) to snatch away our love for Holy Prophet Muhammad (saw) and the Promised Messiah (as). Alhamdulillah!



Atfal/Khuddam/Ansar News

Meeting Held on First Sunday of the Month

Tabligh Dinner

Creating Friendships, While Breaking Bread

On September 29, 2019, a Men’s tabligh dinner was held in the Masjid Guest house. There were many guests, as well as local members in attendance. By the grace of Allah, the entire house was full of conversation, new friendships, and new beginnings!

So Said

THE PROMISED MESSIAH (AS):

You must always keep this principle in view that the success that is achieved by a Believer makes him shy of it.

He praises God for this Grace of His. That makes him move forward in the realm of spirituality and in the face of every trial he remains steadfast.

I very strongly believe that if a man wishes to be protected from all sorts of humiliations and hardships, he should adopt righteousness. If he does that, he will not feel short of anything.

The fear of God lies in one's trying to find out that his words and deeds tally with each other.

If he finds that they do not tally, he should realize that he is under the wrath of God. However the words might be pure if the heart is impure it will be of no value in the eyes of God. Rather it can be said that it will inflame the wrath of God.

God is a pearl. Having known Him one looks at the worldly things with hate and takes them as mean. So much so that he does not like to cast a glance over them. You should seek the recognition and full realization of God and you should march towards Him, for therein, and therein alone, lies Success.

It is the duty of every human being to try to attain to these ranks through the rightful method of struggle; he should adopt the way shown by the Holy Prophet through his practical example.

The Hindus say that God and going to extremes cannot reconcile. In other words God does not like anyone going to the extremes (in evil deeds). But of course, God is Merciful and Benevolent and if a man, even when he has committed a grave sin, asks forgiveness with a sincere heart and fervent prayer, He does show Mercy to him.

Meet a Muslim

African American Day Parade in Harlem

Members of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in NYC participated in Meet a Muslim at the African American Day Parade in Harlem on September 24, 2019. Pew Research found that 62% of Americans don't know a Muslim. The Ahmadiyya Muslim Youth is working to remove that gap by going to the streets!



Service for Humanity

What Muslims Do

The Holy Prophet Muhammad (saw) said "Cleanliness is half of your faith". Muslims of the Ahmadiyya Movement Community in Islam cleaning the streets of Hicksville, NY as a part of the "Beautify Broadway" initiative. May our youth continue to give back to the community!



Meeting with Amir Sahib, USA

A Great Honor

Alhamdulillah, members of the Queens Chapter were able to have a meeting with Amir Sahib USA.



Ansar Report

A Monthly Summary

The Ansar had their National ijtema, with an attendance of 50 members this year, along with some guest, new Ansars, and some Khuddam. The members really enjoyed their time at the ijtema, and participated in various competitions, and even won a few trophies!

Ansar general meeting time has been changed for the month of October. It will start at 12:00 PM and will end at 1:45 PM followed by Salat at 2:00 pm. We will need everyone's help and support to start the meeting and finish it on time, inshallah!

Lajna/Nasirat News

Meeting Held on First Sunday of the Month

Regional Amila Meeting

Sisterhood Transcends Boroughs

On Sunday September 8, 2019, the Queens Lajna Amila went to Bait-ul-Huda in Long Island for the Annual Regional Amila Meeting. This was an opportunity to discuss what each respective Borough has been doing to improve outreach, attendance, and overall sisterhood, while also sharing ideas for other chapters to pick up on.

It was an insightful meeting, and all the boroughs discussed new and innovative techniques to bridge the gap between older and younger members, new members and members who have been with us for years, as well as members of different backgrounds. May Allah enable us to implement new ideas to further strengthen our sisterhood!

Mother to Mother

Quaint Discussions Over Tea

On Sunday September 29, 2019, the Lajna had a Mother to Mother event. During this event, the Tarbiyyat Secretary, Farah Ahmad continued speaking on how children should be raised in Islam, as well as the challenges faced in the modern times. This will become a recurrent event, and all Lajna are encouraged to attend!



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