

# MINNESOTA SAMACHAR

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## Message from Our President ...



Assalam alaikum & Eid Mubarak

On behalf of the Executive we extend our hearty Eid greetings! The end of Ramadhan always brings sadness to my heart to see the end of a wonderful opportunity of abundant blessings of Allah (SWA). As in every year, this year brought all community members together in doing Ibadah. This included good lectures in almost all nights with the children taking part. The spiritual upliftment and recharge cannot be measured. We can only thank Allah (SWA) for providing us with this great opportunity and ask that He always keeps us in His grace.

A lot goes into providing the type of services that are being catered at our Center. Words fail me to show my gratitude to all volunteers, sponsors and donors who have worked so hard and diligently to make this a successful and memorable time for all of us. We pray to Allah that He may accept all our deeds and to shower us with His choicest blessings, may He ease our pains and may He provide success to our endeavors in education, work and business. May He cure all afflictions and sickness. Ameen.

*Shabbir Yusufali*



## New Faces on the Madressah Board

Az-Zahra Madressah announces a new Board organization and director structure. The new three board members are Sr. Sara Shahsavand as the Principal, Br. Murtaza Yusufali Mulla as the Vice Principal and Sr. Batul Mehdi as the Planning/Vision coordinator

The Director of Administration is Sr. Zara Sajjad, Director for Islamic Education is Sr. Batul Najfi, and Director of Operations is Sr. Kaniz Walji.

Best wishes to the new team!!



## Madressah Re-opens Saturday, September 26

After a long break for Summer and Ramadhaan, Madressah will resume on Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:30AM. There will also be Open House for the parents at the Imambara at the same time as the Madressah. Enrollment and uniforms will be handled at the open house.

### NEW UNIFORMS FOR BOYS!!

Pastel blue L/S T-shirts & Navy blue pants (NO jeans)  
– Available at Registration



## Parents Organization Message – “The PO”:

The madressah is starting a new year and this is the perfect opportunity for all parents to get involved and volunteer. The PO organizes the lunches for the children and helps with the Madressah events during the year. The PO is also instrumental in raising funds for the Madressah so that it improves on the education it provides.

All parents are requested to sign up for at least 1 volunteer activity and more if you can. There will be sign up sheet on the day of Registration. Also, if you would like to be part of the PO planning committee, please let us know on the day or contact Sister Batul Mehdi or Sister Zillehuma Hudda.

## Jamaat Getting Ready for Eid!

This year, the day of Eid will be either Sunday Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> or Monday Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>. Below is the program for the day of Eid.

### Prayer Program:

\*7:30AM – Dua-e-Nudba  
\*8:00AM – Eid Namaaz & Khutba  
1:00PM – Zohr namaaz  
1:30PM – Raffle Drawing  
2:00PM – Eid Lunch



### Carnival Program:

10:00AM – Eid Carnival at MPC  
1:00PM – Namaz-e-Zohrain and Lunch  
3:00PM – Kabrastan (Ladies & Gents Majlis)

\* In case Eid falls on Sunday, these times will be delayed for ½ hour

## Eid Carnival & Raffle



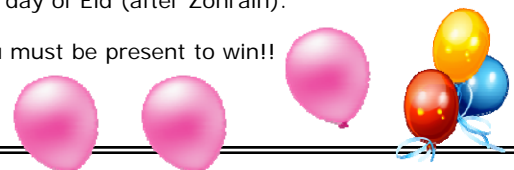
The awaited Eid Carnival that takes place at the end of the Holy month of Ramadhan will be held at the MPC on the DAY of Eid from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

Similar to last year, the carnival will be a fun filled event for all kids and adults. There will be jumping castles for the kids to burn energy, lots of games for entertainment, and delicious snacks for people to purchase.

The carnival will also feature a bazaar where there will be items on display for people to browse and purchase. A special stage will also be set up for family eid portraits.

You will notice that the kids are selling raffle tickets at the Center as part of the preparations for the Eid celebration. The tickets are \$1.00 each. All the proceeds go to the Jamaat. There are some very exciting prizes that have been donated so please purchase raffle tickets and help the Jamaat, and in turn you may win a prize. The raffle will be drawn on the day of Eid (after Zohrain).

You must be present to win!!





**Welcome to Minnesota**



Fidahusseini bhai, Zeenat bai, and Hasnain Saleemohamed who recently moved from Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Their families, Sajjad, Sukaina & Imtiaz Saleemohamed, are already part of our Jamaat and they have visited our Jamaat many times in the past. Fidahusseini bhai and Zeenat bai got a transfer from Milwaukee to the Rainbow Foods store in St. Louis Park. Hasnain who has an education in Electrical Engineering. Glad to see some Packer Fans in Vikings Territory!

Mohamed Hasham, brother of Sajida bai Saleemohamed moved here from Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania. He is a student attending North Hennepin Community College studying Biotechnology.

Welcome to your Minnesota Jamaat!!



**Visit from CAIR MN**

A chapter of America's largest Islamic civil liberties and advocacy group visited our Center during our Ramadhan program on Saturday, September 6th to share their mission, accomplishments and upcoming projects with us. The community understood the important role CAIR plays in protecting civil liberties of American Muslims.

Here are a few things you can do help CAIR

- a) Subscribe to CAIR newsletter and keep informed about what's going on
- b) Sponsor a Qu'ran as part of their "Share the Qur'an" campaign
- c) Donate any amount through their website

**Beth El Synagogue Visit:**

20 plus members from the Beth El Synagogue visited JIC on Sunday, September 6th for our Ramadhan program including Iftaar. Members between the two centers exchanged greetings and ideas on various topics. Both sides had nothing but great appreciation and hospitality for the other side. This was a second interfaith activity between JIC and Beth El Synagogue.

Special thanks to the ladies side for arranging vegetarian meal for our guests who have 'kosher' dietary requirements (similar to what we have as in 'halaal') restricting them to eat meat that is not slaughtered in Jewish way.

Thanks to Sameer Parmar for coordinating all the outreach programs at the center.

**Husseinbhai and Maulana Rizwani in other cities...**

Maulana Rizwani was invited by the Houston Jamaat for the Qadr nights. Maulana also recited majalis at the Imam Hussein Center during the course of the Holy Month. Husseinbhai Walji was invited to Buffalo, NY for the Qadr nights .

**Youth Committee Corner:**

During the month of Ramadhan the youth held events such as:

- \*A youth Iftaar and Q&A session with Br. Salim Yusufali
- \*Boys Lock-in at Lifetime and girls lock-in in the Imambargha
- \*Boys Question and Answer with Agha Arastu
- \*Board Game Night
- \*Ladies Extravaganza
- \*Annual Jamaat Quiz where the "MEN" took the title this year!
- \*Namaaz e Shab
- \*Food drive to benefit need families in the area
- \*Mehndhi Night for the Ladies



All the events were a success thanks to the participation from everyone in the community.

**Session with Agha Azar Arastu**

On Saturday September 12th, after Dua Abu Hamza Thuamali, the youth held a program through the night that consisted of an enlightening presentation by Agha Arastu, followed by a brief explanation of namaaz e shab. After praying Namaaz e Shab, the community was treated to a Sahri-breakfast. About 35 people were present that night.



**Food Drive**

The youth committee is holding a food drive in accordance with the ICM to benefit needy Muslim families in Minneapolis. We would like to collect as much halal non perishable foods to give to the food shelf. The food drive will be open till Eid so please bring your donations to the mosque.



**Coming Up - Mehndhi Night**

The ladies will be having a mehndhi night on Saturday, September 19th after the Eid presentation. All the ladies are invited to attend to get ready for Eid.

**Ramadhan Events for Jaffery Sports – Another Huge Month!**

It was a busy month for Jaffery Sports...below is a recap and results of all the fun filled events:

**Kids Indoor Soccer Tournament**

More than 20 kids between the ages of 7 and 14 took part in competing against each other in this team event. It was a blast and the kids were treated to Ice Cream after the event!!



**Kids Table Tennis Tournament**

During the men's volleyball tournament, the kids had their own table tennis doubles tournament. The winners were: Amin Niknam & Salmaan Mulla and runners up were Zamin Walji & Mehdi Mulla



**Ramadhan Volleyball Tournament**

Ramadhan would not be complete without the Men's Volleyball Tournament. The tournament was competitive and fun for everyone including the spectators. Congratulations to the winning team which included Nazmul Jaffer, Imran Walji, Kumayl Walji, Sameer Parmar, Sajjad Saleemohamed, and Hassan Mulla.



**Ramadhan Ladies Badminton Tournament**

As competitive as ever, the ladies badminton was extremely successful and fun for all the ladies to come together and have fun. The winning teams in this years doubles tournaments were: Anjuman Nathu & Fatema Walji and Sukaina Remtulla & Zahra Zhian. The runners up teams were: Zillehumma Hudda & Sajida Saleemohamed and Mehdiya Lalji & Batul Mohamedali.

**Family Bowling Night**

The highly anticipated event of the year was held at New Hope Bowling during the Holy month. This year was a record setting year where there were 150 bowlers!! The facility was reserved for exclusive use by members of the community. The top bowlers were: Kids – Mazaher Shivji – 147 points, Ladies – Maliha Remtula – 134 points, and Men's – Ahmed Roowala – 188 points.

