

MINNESOTA SAMACHAR

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Message from Our President ...

Assalamu alaykum.



As we prepare for the Holy month of Ramadhan, I am confounded with the challenge of what we can do or how can we invigorate each other to participate and partake in this wonderful opportunity to enrich our spiritual lives. How can we nudge along all members of our families to come and participate and gain from the services provided at our Center.

Let us make sure that we support and encourage each other. Let us accept this beautiful blessings of the invitation from Allah (SWA) who has opened the doors of mercy full of bounty and grace. Let us hope that we are not disappointed and left out from this great opportunity of getting close to Allah (SWA).

Ramadhan Mubarak! Ramadhan Kareem!

Sincerely,

Shabbir Yusufali



Ramadhāan Fund "NOW OPEN"

This fund is one of the most critical funds that allows the Jamaat to run programs that are rich and educational. This funds helps pay for all visiting speakers, activities, niaz, Eid activities, and gifts.

The goal is to raise \$10,000 during the Holy month. Please see our Treasurer, Naushad bhai Karim with your donations.

Duas for Kids:

There will be special classes for the kids ages 9 and up. The kids will be taught how to recite the ramadhāan duas after which they will have a chance to recite the duas in the mosque during the last 10 nights of the Holy month.

If you are interested in having your kid(s) in this class, please contact Kanizbai Walji or Sadiqbhai Datto who will be coordinating this effort.



Special Meeting – Proposal Passes

There was a special meeting that was held at the Center on Friday August 7, 2009. The objective of the meeting was to reclaim the land adjacent to the mosque for future development. The proposal was passed unanimously. For details of the proceedings, please contact the Secretary, Br. Imtiaz Salehmohamed .

Mahe Ramadhāan Starts August 21

Yes, it is that time of the year again, of course, it depends on the moon, however the 1st night of the Holy month of Ramadan is expected to be on Friday, August 21, 2009.

*Note: This schedule has been prepared based on fair mathematical calculations and prediction methodology. In case the moon is not cited on Friday, the fist of the month will be on Sunday and the schedule will change accordingly. For the latest information on programs, please call the recording services at (763) 424-4909.

We have planned many activities for the holy month at the Center. The schedule attached describes these activities. Here are some highlights:

- Most weekdays, the program will start at 7:00PM with Qur'an Khani, namaaz followed by Iftaar EVERYDAY of the week. Most of the weekdays iftaars will be potluck (please check with Zehrabai Ahmed, our chairlady for details) and the weekends will be sponsored (check with Waheedabai Shivji for details).

- There will be Quran Khani everyday – please check the schedule for the starting time as it varies due to the change in namaaz time. There will be Ramadhāan duas everyday which will include Dua-e – Tawasul and Dua –e- Iftitah.

- We will have two speakers this year. The first two weeks will be our very own Salim Yusufali and the last two weeks will be Azhar Arastu. Please see the next page for their background and experience.

- Niaz or tabaruk will be distributed every night, PLEASE contact , Waheedabai Shivji and coordinate what you would like to bring as there has been excessive waste in the past and we would like to minimize the wastage of food.

- If anyone who would like to sponsor niaz on the weekends, please contact Waheedabai Shivji.

The Youth Organization and Jaffery Sports will have many activities scheduled on the weekends. These will be fun-filled where the whole family can get involved and look forward to.

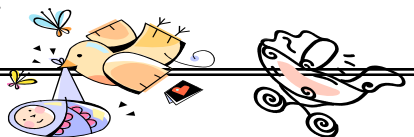
Summer Fun & Learning Program

The Summer Fun Program 2009 concluded another exciting and fun year.



We thank all the sponsors, volunteers, parents who made this program successful. Special thanks to Zahra Nathani and Zahra Sabur who took on the leadership of the program from the planning to the execution of program. This was their first year and certainly a very successful one! We hope to see them back next year, inshallah. Thanks also to the parents who cooked food for the kids – it was delicious and all the kids enjoyed it.

Thanks to all the volunteers who helped out during the volunteer appreciation BBQ – it was a great event and the food was awesome.



Births:

Numa Zahra, daughter of Zaanat Jahan and Abbas Ali (son of Br. Salih and Sis. Jinan Radhi) was born on July 27, 2009. Numa Zahra weighed 7 pounds 4 oz at birth

Mohamed Hadi, son of Hassan and Masooma Hemani was born on August 12, 2009.

Congratulations to the new parents!

Visit to Beth El Synagogue

On Saturday, August 1st, 10 members from Anjuman- E-Asghari visited Beth El Synagogue, a Jewish church located in St. Louis Park during their Sabbath program.

The group was greeted by Louise Ribnick who gave them an overview of Judaism and a rundown of what to expect in the service. The group discovered more similarities between Islam and Judaism for example, they pray three times a day, follow the lunar calendar, and much more. Thanks to Sameer Parmar to organize this event and all the members of the community who participated in the event.

Guest Reciters for Holy Ramadhaan

Our Jamaat has been blessed to have two scholars who will be visiting us from Qum this year. Below are some details about them:

Salim Yusufali: (first two weeks)

Salim was born in New York and was raised in the Twin Cities, Minnesota where he went to elementary and high school. After graduating as a class valedictorian, he then pursued his bachelor's and master's degrees in Computer Science at Stanford University in California. It was during his university years that he took a keen interest in Islam and the Internet and he took part in the effort that led to the formation of the Ahlul Bayt Digital Islamic Library Project and eventually [Al-Islam.org](http://al-islam.org) (<http://al-islam.org>).

After graduating, Salim worked at a Silicon Valley software company first as a software developer and then as an engineering manager. During this time, he and his wife, Shaista, taught at the Islamic Sunday School of the Shia Association of the Bay Area (SABA) where Salim also served as interim principal.

Disenchantment with the typical career path and Silicon Valley lifestyle, a desire to become closer to Allah, the Qur'an, and the Ahlul Bayt (a), and a ziyarat trip to Iran led Salim to change his course in life at the end of 2003 when he quit his job. He and his wife then went to the Holy City of Qum to pursue their Islamic studies in the Hawzah. He is now actively pursuing these studies during the school year and travels back to America during the summer to visit family and share what he has learned with others. He is blessed with a son, Muhammad Hadi.

Azhar Arastu: (second two weeks)

Azhar Arastu has the background in Management. He used to work for a Marketing research company in US as a Manager. He then left all of that when he moved to Qum in October 2002. He has been living in Qum since then. Even though he spent so many years in Qum he strongly feels that there is so much to learn.

Azhar Arastu's passion is to assist the younger generation in learning the beautiful religion of Islam and to apply it practically to one life.

News you can Use

Umbrella Policy, by Rizwan Mulla, State Farm Agent - Brooklyn Park



Did you know that with one major lawsuit you could lose everything you have worked so hard for? Verdicts amounting to hundreds of thousands of dollars are being awarded by our court system and appears to be increasing everyday. You are at risk of a lawsuit if you cause an accident resulting in injuries to someone or damage to their property.

An Umbrella policy provides \$1,000,000 or more protection against liability claims. This policy gives you excess personal liability protection in addition to the liability coverage currently provided in your other personal insurance policies. It also provides \$1,000,000 of new personal liability protection, anywhere in the world, for many situations which may not be covered by the basic insurance such as Shock, Mental Anguish, Slander, Libel, False Arrest, Defamation of Character, Wrongful Detention, Malicious Prosecution, Humiliation, Invasion of Privacy and False Imprisonment

If you have any questions or are interested in this policy, please contact Rizwan Mulla at 763-425-6868. Like a good neighbor, Rizwan is there....