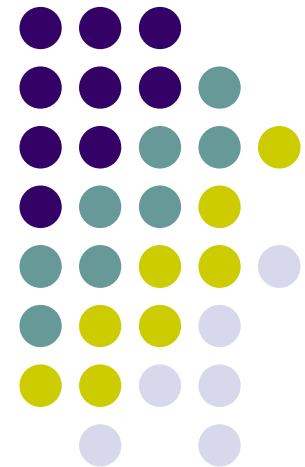




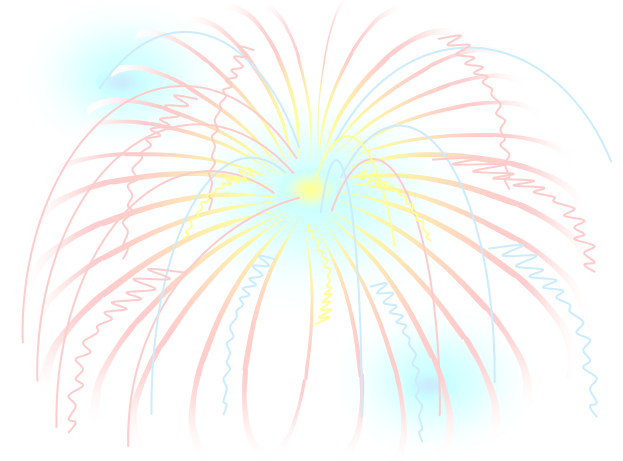
# Tehrik-e-Jadid

Upstate Northeast, Mid Northeast  
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- 1- Leading a simple life
- 2- Promoting Islamic culture

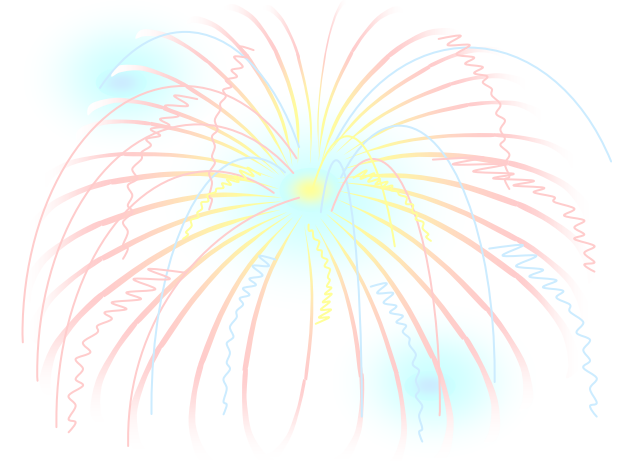


# Case scenario



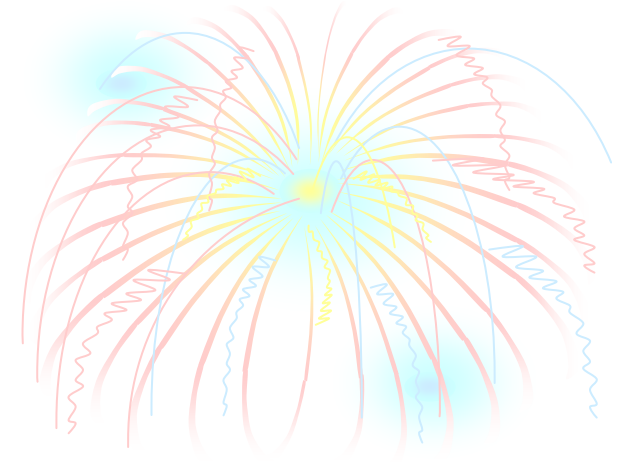
- **Money? No Problem!**
  - A well-off Ahmadi family is having a wedding reception of their daughter.
  - Every detail of wedding has been thought out
  - Great emphasizes is on clothes, jewelry, food and presentation of the wedding.

# What was wrong?



- **Show off**
  - Focus was too much on the money
    - No one asked for groom's personality
    - Bride is focused on her future husband's salary and diamond ring.
  - Left behind feeling of inadequacy for less fortunate.
    - Example of Sarah
- **Raised the bar for others**
  - Bride's unmarried friends now want the same kind of reception
  - They take back the message that finding a rich husband is the criteria of happy marriage. Taqwa has nothing to do with it.

# ...What was wrong?



- **Setting Wrong Example**
  - Non-Ahmadi friends assume that all Ahmadis have double standards.
  - Some might even assume that this is Islamic Culture
- **Future Financial Stress**
  - Wasted a lot of money on one wedding under peer pressure and didn't think about other children.
  - Money could have been used for a better cause.

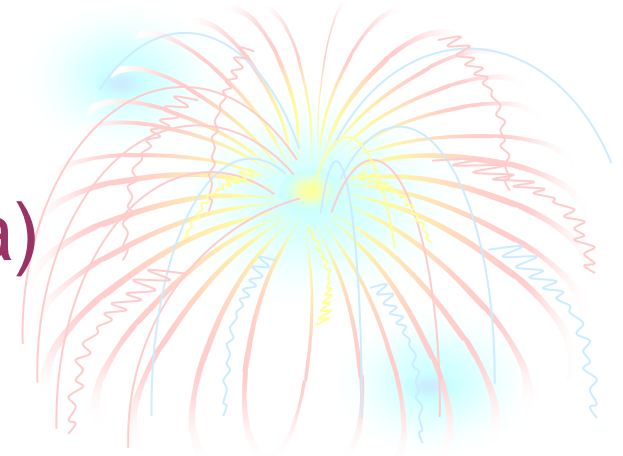
# Islamic teachings



- Islam promotes simplicity in all aspects of life.
  - Huzur (aba) said:

*The authentic commandment in Islam is that of holding a reception for Walima, that too in accordance to one's means. God has told us the objective of our creation and any good work that is done to please God becomes worship*

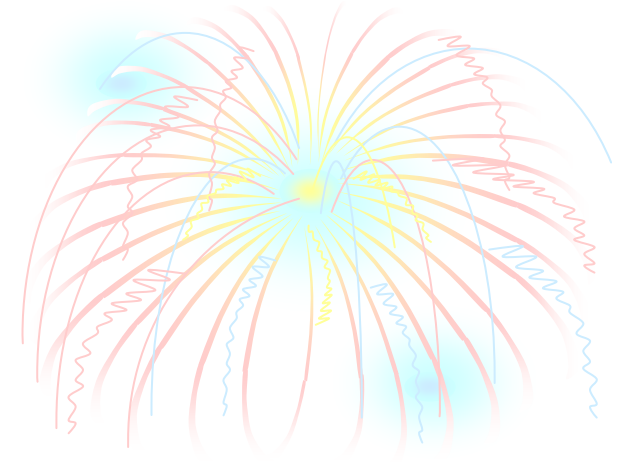
# Saying of our khalifa (aba)



- Huzur (aba) said:

*So much money is spent on marriage celebrations that in places where these rituals are followed people have assumed that these are among the obligations of marriage. For example, there is the Mehndi ceremony. It is given the same significance as the wedding day. Invitation cards are printed, stages are prepared and series of parties continue for many days prior to the wedding. Each day a new stage is set up, the lavish meals are discussed and reviewed. This ritual has also grabbed hold of those who do not have the means to afford it and as a result they have to endure debt.*

# Noble examples



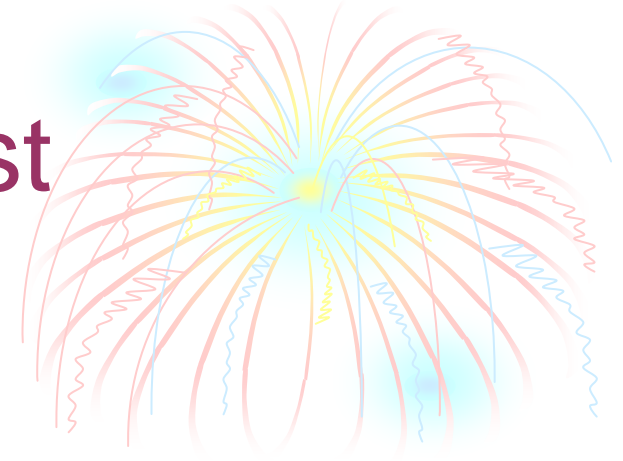
- Hadhrat Fatima's (ra) Wedding
  - Holy Prophet Muhammad (saw) wed her with a sleeping mat and a water skin.
- Nawab Mubarka Begum's (ra) Wedding
  - Her mother took her to Nawab Muhammad Ali's (ra) house saying  
*"I am giving in your care my orphan daughter"*.

# What could have been the best practice?



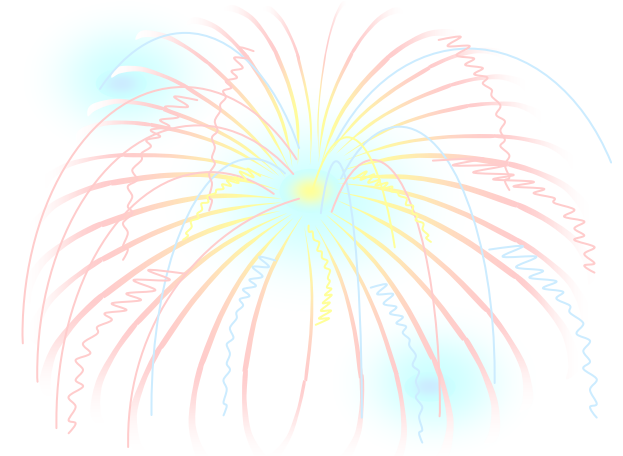
- **Simplicity**
  - Families could have adopted simplicity and used the same money for better purposes
    - Donate to Jama'at
    - Maryam Shadee Fund
  - Financial Stress on the Family could have been avoided.

# ...What could be the best practice?



- Promoting Islamic culture
  - Tabligh\_ the backbone of Tehrik-e-Jadid
    - Simpler wedding would have been an opportunity for tabligh (Jenny's case)
  - Message for Young Generation
    - Marriage\_ a blessed tie based on the criterion of taqwa.

# Take home message



- A peaceful life is only through islam
  - Islamic Culture *is* Simplicity
  - Huzur (aba) said:

*Today it is Ahmadis who stand for a society to establish pleasure of God and rights of others. Who else but Ahmadis have pledged that they will give up following idle rituals and greediness, who else but Ahmadis have pledged that they will totally accept the kingdom of the Holy Qur'an,...and will make the Word of God and the word of the Prophet (saw) their modus operandi*