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Holy Qur'an

There is no good in many of their conferences except the conferences of such as enjoin charity, or goodness, or the making of peace among men. And whoso does that, seeking the pleasure of Allah, We shall soon bestow on him a great reward. (4:115)

And the servants of the Gracious God are those who walk on the earth in a dignified manner, and when the ignorant address them, they say, 'Peace!' (25:64)

Hadith

In a Hadith narrated by Hazrat Anas bin Maalik^{rz}, he states that the Holy Prophet^{saw} told him, 'O my son, when you go to your home you should say Salaam to your folks in the house.

This will be a source of blessing for you and your family. This amply clarifies that we must say Salaam whenever we enter our own homes. We should be mindful of spreading the message of peace always.

Writings of the Promised Messiah^{as}

Never unduly assert yourself with pride over others, even those who are placed under you. Never use abusive language for anyone, even though he abuses you. Be humble in spirit, kind and gentle and forgiving, sympathetic towards all and wishing them well, so that you should be accepted. There are many who pretend to be kind, gentle and forgiving but inside they are wolves; there

are many on the outside they look pure, but in their hearts they are serpents. You cannot be accepted in the presence of the Lord unless you are pure, both on the outside and inside. If you are big have mercy for those who are small – not contempt; if you are wise and well versed in learning serve the ignorant with words of wisdom; never desire to bring disgrace on their ignorance by trying to show-off your own learning. If you are rich, instead of treating them with self-centered disdainful pride, you should serve the poor. Beware of the paths of destruction. Fear the Lord, be righteous...' (Our Teaching)

MESSAGE FROM SADR LAJNA, USA

Dr. Shanaz Butt



When Hazrat Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmood Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih II^{rz} gave his first address to Lajna in Lahore, Pakistan, July 8, 1915, Huzoor emphasized that there was no difference between men and women in their ability to find God and practice their faith. Lajna members are just as capable as men in gaining knowledge, practicing their faith, spreading the true message of Islam and providing service to those who are in need. Huzoor said that each of us has pledged to protect our faith at the expense of our honor, our desires, our children; in short, we have pledged to make all kinds of sacrifices to achieve the victory of Islam.

I hope that the implementation of the National Program for Lajna and Nasirat (2009-2011) will help us achieve these spiritual goals, Insha Allah. Given that the national theme for the next 2 years is TRUTHFULNESS, the program pays special emphasis on making every effort to become more truthful in all aspects of our daily lives, which include being truthful in our worship, truthful in our relationships, truthful in our responsibilities and truthful in our practice of Islam. We are very fortunate to have this opportunity to serve Islam at the start of a new century of Ahmadiyya Khilafat. It is my hope and prayer that all members of Lajna USA will make an extra effort to improve and bring about a self-reformation that takes us closer to Allah, Insha Allah.

National Correspondence



Letters from the Office of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V^{aba}

February 22, 2009

Thank you for your three letters dated 17th January 2009.

You write that a sum of \$5,164 was collected by the Nasirat and Atfal in USA for the children of Palestine, Jazakamullah Ahsanul Jaza. I pray that may Allah bless these children for their generosity and reward them handsomely and may He Grace them with greater opportunities to excel in their higher spiritual magnitudes.

I give my approval for the Lajna Imaillah Finance budget 2008/2009 as requested in your letter.

I have received and read your progress report for the month of October 2008. Your report indicates that consistency has been maintained in all the shobas, and was pleased to note that 5 bai'ats were achieved by the continuing efforts of the Tabligh Shoba. Congratulations on the special publication of 'The Ayesha' magazine. May Allah grant you more future successes and enable you to carry on and improve the high standard you have set for yourself.

Please convey my loving Salaam to all Lajna and Nasirat in USA.

March 9, 2009

I have received and read your letter

dated 7th February 2009 together with activity report for November 2008, Jazakamullah.

Your report as usual is well presented and clearly outlines activities in all the shobas. Alhamdulillah, two bai'ats were achieved in this month. I am pleased to note that the attendance in the Nasirat classes is about 65% and the girls are taking part in a number of activities.

May Allah bless you for all your efforts and enable you to strive forward for the benefit of the Jamaat.

Please convey my Salaam to all Nasirat and Lajna Imaillah members in USA.

March 17, 2009

I have received and read your report for the Approval of Shura Proposals and Progress Report for book by Sherry Jones, Jazakamullah.

Regarding the proposals put forward during the Majlis-e-Shura, I give my approval. May Allah enable you to carry out these schemes successfully and with positive results, Insha Allah.

Your progress report regarding the fictional novel by Sherry Jones, shows that much effort has been

made by the Lajna team involved to respond to this book. Alhamdulillah, it is pleasing to see that there have been eloquent and articulate responses written by the Lajna team to the author. May Allah bless you all for your sincere efforts, Ameen.

Please convey my Salaam to all Lajna and Nasirat in USA

March 26, 2009

I have received and read your letter dated 20th February, together with December 2008 report and the recent edition of 'Lajna Matters', Jazakamullah.

Your publication is informative and an excellent means of conveying Jamaat news nationwide. Your report details a good account of the month's activities, in the Nasirat classes emphasis should be placed on teaching the correct pronunciation of the Holy Quran and the learning of Salat.

May Allah bless you for all your efforts and enable you to strive forward for the benefit of the Jamaat.

Please convey my Salaam to all Nasirat and Lajna Imaillah members in USA.

From the Office of Ameer Jamaat USA

Many Jamaat members including youngsters have written to Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V^{aba} about videos on YouTube against Jamaat and have requested that Jamaat responds to the objections. Hazrat Khalifatul Masih^{aba} had directed to convey to Jamaat and auxiliary members that a large number of videos on a number of important topics are available on YouTube.com. Currently, a total number of 2,545 videos are available on YouTube and this number is expected to increase over time. Please inform and urge members to watch those videos and spread the word around. These videos can be a great tool in answering objections against Jamaat beliefs and spreading Jamaat views on issues of importance to people from all walks of life.

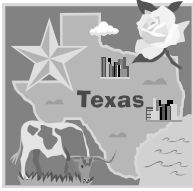
Respected Amir Sahib, USA has instructed that Jamaat members and others should access Jamaat videos on YouTube.com by subscribing to MTAONLINE1 on their YouTube account. Please urge members to create a personal account at YouTube.com and then go to the MTA website www.mta.tv and simply click on the link to YouTube on the main page to subscribe to the Jamaat videos.

General Secretary

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National Mentoring Meeting 2009



By the Grace of Allah, a productive mentoring weekend for Lajna Imaillah-USA was held from March 27th-March 29th, 2009 at Baitus Samee Mosque, Houston, TX. More than 210 participants attended including members of National Amila, Regional Sadrs, Local Sadrs and approved local Amila. Jazakamullah to Dr. Nasir Tanauli Sahib, Jamaat President, Sisters Nilofar Naeem, Bushra Jameel and Nusrat Dawood, Lajna Sadrs Houston Majaalis and to the members of the Houston Majaalis for their assistance and hospitality.

The meeting started right after the Jummah prayer. By the grace of Allah the National Mentoring Meeting was well organized. The National Amila presented different aspects of their offices i.e. Lajna website, Tajnid, Talim & Tarbiyyat, Tabligh, Finance, Waqf-e-Jadid, Tehrik-e-Jadid, Helping our sisters (Khidmat-e-Khalq) and Sihat-e-Jismani.

Respected Sadr Sahiba advised that we must be truthful in our actions, so that Lajna Imaillah can continue to progress. This meeting was very informative for all the members especially for the Local Amila members who were attending the meeting for the first time. May Allah reward everyone abundantly. Ameen

Lajna Imaillah, USA—IT / Website Department

We are keenly aware of the trust our members place in us, and our responsibility to protect their privacy. Whether it is the email addresses, mailing address, or their personal *Tajnid* information, we are individually and collectively responsible for its safekeeping. Lajna IT has the responsibility of each email account holder, each data collector, and each person with privileges to access restricted areas of our Information Systems to make sure that our entire system remains in good order. Each user is expected to adhere to the following guidelines for various aspects of their access privileges in the Lajna Information System.

Email: Lajna USA has assigned individual email accounts to all national, regional and local Amila members to help accommodate their communication needs in carrying out their responsibilities. LajnaUSA.Net account holders should follow these guidelines:

- ☒ All emails accounts are set up for Lajna correspondence only and should not be used for personal or social emails
- ☒ Account access should not be delegated to anyone without explicit permission of Sadr Lajna USA and knowledge of IT Department. In such cases, the account owner remains responsible for the account activity and must supervise the account use. Persons handling the accounts must use their own name and title in the emails.
- ☒ It is strongly suggested that account holders change their passwords occasionally and keep passwords in a secure place
- ☒ Do not use LajnaUSA.Net accounts to register for professional or social networking sites (i.e. LinkedIn, Facebook, Twitter, etc)
- ☒ When sending emails to a large list of email addresses, unnecessary exposure of the email addresses must be avoided by entering your own email address in the "To" field and adding the recipients in the BCC (Blind Carbon Copy) field.
- ☒ In general, members should avoid unnecessary forwarding of emails. However, if and when necessary to forward, users should clean up the text by removing unnecessary information. As an added precaution, you may add "Do Not Forward" to your Email.
- ☒ Unless absolutely necessary please remove the old emails chains from the bottom of your email.
- ☒ Please keep the subject line relevant to the contents of your email.
- ☒ Do not use 'Reply-to' option for having to avoid typing the email address. Unless you are truly replying to a previous email, please create a new email.
- ☒ If SPAM is received in your mail box, do not open the emails. Please forward the email to it@lajnausa.net so that it can be banned from our server.

Website Restricted Areas: Many Amila members and in some cases, non-Amila members are granted access to various restricted areas of the Lajna website. The restricted areas contain sensitive information intended for specific members or for specific use. (i.e. registration for Mentoring and Shura Meetings, etc.). As a responsible user, please be mindful of the following points:

- ☒ Do not delegate the use of restricted areas to anyone
- ☒ Keep access information (ID's, Passwords) only to yourself
- ☒ After visiting restricted web pages, remember to close your web browser.
- ☒ If you suspect that access information has been compromised, please immediately inform the IT department
- ☒ Do not forwards emails containing access information to others

Special Use Access: Some time specific Amila members are given access to various portals for one time or specific use. For example, Lajna Tajnid Portal. Access to this area should be handled with utmost care. The officeholders authorized by Sadr Lajna USA to access this area are; National Tajnid Secretary, Local Sadrs, and Local Tajnid Secretaries.

- ☒ Access should not be given to Muavinaat, assistants or other helpers without prior approval from National Lajna Sadr
- ☒ Person responsible for collecting data should be mature and understand the sensitivity
- ☒ The compiled Data should be kept in safe places
- ☒ Do not exchange raw Data files via emails. Use password protection to secure your raw data files.

Local Sadrs should consistently remind their Amila about the sensitivities inherent in email accounts and personal data protection.

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Welcome to 61th Jalsa Salana USA, 2009

The 61st Jalsa Salana USA will be held at the Dulles Expo Center in Chantilly, VA from June 19th—21st, 2009 Insha Allah. Please plan to attend and volunteer your services wherever they are needed. Your help will surely make this Jalsa a success in all aspects of hospitality, service and sisterhood. For Jalsa registration, please go to <http://www.ahmadiyya.us>.

Welcoming our New Sisters & Guests

Please help us welcome our newest Lajna members and invited guests to Jalsa Salana USA 2009. Local Sadrs, please be sure to submit the following information to Hospitality at JalsaDaftar@lajnausa.net as soon as possible:

Name of Majlis, Local Sadr, Total # of New Ahmadi Sisters, Total # of expected Jalsa Guests, Their Names, Contact Information (phone and email), Date of Bai'at (if applicable), and the dates they plan to attend the Jalsa Salana USA. If you are aware of their transportation or accommodation needs, please specify and explain circumstances.

Jazakamullah, Hospitality Team

National Ijtema'at 2009 *"Is not Allah sufficient for His servant?"*

Topics and activities will be chosen to highlight the importance of this Theme in our daily dealings as wives, mothers, children and Ahmadi in the community from various points of view. Mark your calendars and plan to attend one of these National Ijtemas during the summer. As always, the success of these gatherings is dependent on your attendance and active participation. Please inform your local Sadrs of your travel plans ASAP if you plan to attend.

Region	Dates	Location
South	May 29 th —May 31 st	Houston
West Coast	Jul 31 st —Aug 2 nd	TBD
Midwest	Aug 7 th —Aug 9 th	TBD
East Coast	Aug 14 th —Aug 16 th	Baitur Rehman Mosque

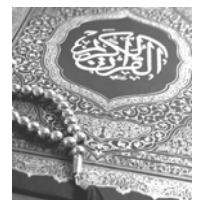
Jalsa Announcements

Jazakamullah to all Lajna and Nasirat in USA who maintained excellent discipline and practiced silence throughout Jalsa Salana last year. We again request our Lajna and Nasirat to continue keeping the silence during Jalsa. Please see some guidelines in regards to discipline:

- ✦ Offer Salat in congregation at designated times, standing in neat rows shoulder to shoulder
- ✦ Observe appropriate mosque etiquette when in the prayer area
- ✦ Ladies who are not offering prayers should kindly watch the children so they don't run around causing disturbance
- ✦ Please keep your mobile phones turned off during Jalsa proceedings and refrain from text messaging during proceedings
- ✦ Food will not be allowed in the Jalsa Gah at any point or time
- ✦ Children under the age of seven will use the Children's Jalsa Gah
- ✦ ALL MOTHERS of children under 7 will remain with their children in the Children's Jalsa Gah at ALL TIMES
- ✦ Those mothers with more than one child should keep the family together in the Children's Jalsa Gah unless the family member is 11 years or older and is responsible/capable of handling themselves in the main Jalsa Gah
- ✦ Please notify security about any suspicious characters not wearing a badge
- ✦ Cooperate with ALL volunteers, including those on duty to help you park in appropriate spaces
- ✦ We must also keep in mind the cleanliness of the premises (host family home, hotel accommodation, Jalsa site, Food Hall, bath room etc.)

Holy Qur'an Completions

Inshallah we will be recognizing Nasirat, who have completed their first recitation of the Holy Qur'an as we have done during the past few years. Local Sadrs/Nasirat Secretaries, if there are any Nasirat/girls in your Jamaat who have completed the Holy Qur'an, please provide the name, age, date of completion (From Jun '08-May '09), parents' name, a picture of the Nasira and contact information to the National Nasirat Secretary, Laeeqa Mirza at JalsaDaftar@lajnausa.net. Please submit this information by **May 25, 2009** Jazakamullah!





Lajna Imaillah, USA - Annual Awards



	SMALL			MEDIUM			LARGE		
	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Tabligh	Charlotte, Las Vegas	AL/TN, Orlando	Columbus, Rochester	Austin	Cypress Houston	DC, York/Hsb	North Jersey, Queens	Detroit	Central Jersey, Silver Spring
Talim	RTNC	Charlotte, Rochester	Phoenix, San Diego	Baltimore, York/Hsb	Albany, Austin, GA/SC, Willingboro	Chicago East, Houston South, Syracuse	C Jersey, Queens, VA North	LA Inland, North Jersey	Brooklyn, Laurel
Tarbiyyat	RTNC	Las Vegas	Orlando	Baltimore, York/Hsb	Cypress Houston, Houston North	Austin	North Jersey, VA North	LA East, Queens	Detroit, Laurel, VA South
Khidmat-e-Khalq	Charlotte, Las Vegas	Oshkosh, Sacramento	RTNC, San Diego	Milwaukee, DC	Austin, York/Hsb	Bay Point, LA West, Willingboro	Silicon Valley	VA South	North Jersey, VA North
Nasirat	RTNC	Bay Point	Charlotte, San Diego	DC	Bay Point	Chicago East, Long Island, York/Hsb	Queens	Brooklyn, Laurel	Central Jersey, Virginia South
Finance	AL/TN, RTNC, St. Paul	Phoenix, San Diego	Charlotte, Columbus, Denver, Portland, Rochester	Austin, Baltimore	Chicago East	Bay Point, Boston, Hartford, DC	North Jersey, VA North	Chicago West, LA Inland, VA South	Central Jersey, Dallas, Detroit, LA East, Laurel, Queens
Tehrik-e-Jadid	Orlando, Phoenix	Merced, San Diego	Oshkosh, RTNC	Cypress Houston, Willingboro	Baltimore, Bronx	Long Island, Washington DC	Queens, Silicon Valley	Chicago West, Laurel	Brooklyn, Detroit
Waqf-e-Jadid	Oshkosh	Denver, Orlando	AL/TN, San Diego	Cleveland, Cypress Houston	Baltimore, DC	Willingboro	Silicon Valley	Chicago West, North Jersey, VA North	Brooklyn
Attendance	Las Vegas, San Diego	Orlando	Oakland, Toledo	Bay Point, Willingboro	Cypress Houston, Syracuse	GA/SC, Washington DC	Central Jersey	Brooklyn, North Jersey	Silicon Valley, VA South
Reporting	Charlotte, San Diego			Austin, GA/SC, Washington DC, York/Hsb			LA Inland Empire, North Jersey, Silver Spring, VA North, VA South		
Best Majlis	RTNC	Orlando	San Diego	Cypress Houston	Austin	Baltimore	North Jersey	Queens	VA North
Most Improved	Oshkosh			Willingboro			Central Jersey		
Bai'at	Merced (8 bai'ats)								
Handicraft	RTNC	Phoenix	Denver, Oshkosh	Seattle, York/Hsb	Austin, GA/SC	Boston, Cypress Houston	Queens, VA North	LA East	Silver Spring, VA South

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Humanity First

VACANCIES IN HUMANITY FIRST OPERATIONS

Humanity First USA is looking for dedicated and qualified individuals to serve as **Directors, Assistant Directors and motivated Volunteers** for our Disaster Relief & Human Development Programs. Please find a brief summary of the job descriptions for these positions below. If you or someone you know is interested and willing to dedicate approximately 8-10 hours per week, please contact rrana@humanityfirst.org.

Humanity First USA (HF-USA) serves as the 'Donor' Country for numerous 'Recipient' Countries (listed below). The following is a brief summary of the job description for Country Directors and National Project Directors and their teams:

Country Director / Assistant Country Director: Guyana, Suriname, Ethiopia, Indonesia, Ghana, Liberia, Ivory Coast, Guatemala, Peru, Tanzania:

Responsible for keeping track of all activities within a specific recipient country assigned to HF-USA. The Country Director will generally be the single point of contact between HF-USA and the Humanity First Organization within the specific recipient country (e.g. Humanity First Liberia). This individual will be responsible for the project management and support of all projects within the recipient country that HF-USA is supporting (e.g. IT Centers, Water Wells being built, Medical and Farming programs). The Country Director will use the specific technical expertise (water well experience etc.) of the National Project Directors and their teams to execute projects in their assigned countries. Country Directors are expected to participate in weekly operations conference calls, provide regular reporting and raise funds for projects in their respective countries through HF-USA Fund Development Department. Also, they are responsible to keep their respective country's Embassy and community in the USA informed and engaged in Humanity First's work.

National Projects Director / Assistant Project Director: Water for Life, IT Centers, Our Kids, Our Future, Disaster Relief, Feed the Hungry, Medical Programs:

Responsible for developing a national leadership team and expertise to support and execute their program nationally and internationally. National Project Directors will work with Project Leads in local Majaalis of USA and Country Directors to assist them in executing their programs. National Project Directors / Asst. Directors are expected to participate in weekly operations conference calls, meetings, developing expertise in their respective areas, grants searching and provide regular reporting.

If you are interested in joining the team to support these initiatives and the Project Director please contact us.

Second Harvest Food Bank

of Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties

On Feb 12th 2009, drive coordinators, and supporters gathered on at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts for the Annual Awards and Recognition Event. This year was especially meaningful as attendees celebrated incredible community support at a time of unprecedented need.

The Silicon Valley Majlis received a GOLD AWARD, for supporting the Campaign called "ShareYourLunch". This Campaign provides free lunches in public schools to the needy children. They also received an award for "OUTSTANDING DRIVE COORDINATOR". Jazakamullah to the Silicon Valley Majlis' generous support of the campaign to end childhood hunger.

Feed the Hungry—Adopt a Shelter!

The truly virtuous feed the poor, the orphan, and the captive for the love of Allah with such foods as they eat themselves, assuring them: We are not laying you under any obligation but feed you only to win Allah's pleasure. We desire no return or thanks from you (76:9-10).

Mashallah Lajna Imaillah USA has been adopting shelters for a few years now. Alhamdulillah, Lajna has adopted 57 shelters. We would like to encourage all Majaalis to continue supporting their adopted shelters during the month of Ramadhan. If your Majlis is currently not supporting any shelters, please identify a shelter where you would like to volunteer and feed the hungry during the month of Ramadhan.

Majaalis Highlights

Lajna Highlights October — December 2008

Meetings

Tajnid as of December 2008:	3,945
Total number of meetings held:	276
Average attendance:	36%
Total number of Halqa meetings:	225
Monthly reports received:	99%

Tabligh

of Bai'ats obtained: 8 Alhamdulillah!

Milwaukee	3
Pittsburgh	3
Orlando	1
Rochester	1

Outreach (Number of People/Guests)

People under one-to-one Tabligh:	822/month
Needy served outside the Jamaat:	1,483/month
Lajna served:	423/month

Average percentage of members active in

Daa'e Ilallah Committee:	416/month
Khidmat-e-Khalq:	1091/month
Listening to Khutba/MTA:	46%
Learning Qur'an Nazira:	12%

Congratulations to:

- ☞ Majaalis that consistently had greater than 50% attendance from October – December 2008: Central New Jersey, Willingboro, Orlando, Oshkosh, Las Vegas, San Diego
- ☞ Majaalis where greater than 75% members consistently listened to Huzoor's Friday Sermons from October – December 2008: Las Vegas, Central New Jersey, Willingboro, Columbus, Rochester, Bay Point
- ☞ Majaalis that achieved 100% Qur'an Nazira Participation: Austin
- ☞ **Small Majaalis** for Outstanding Participation in all three KCC Talim tests: Orlando, Oshkosh and San Diego
- ☞ **Medium Majaalis** for Outstanding Participation in all three KCC Talim tests: Georgia/South Carolina, Cypress Houston and Austin
- ☞ **Large Majaalis** for Outstanding Participation in all three KCC Talim tests: North Jersey, Virginia South and Virginia North

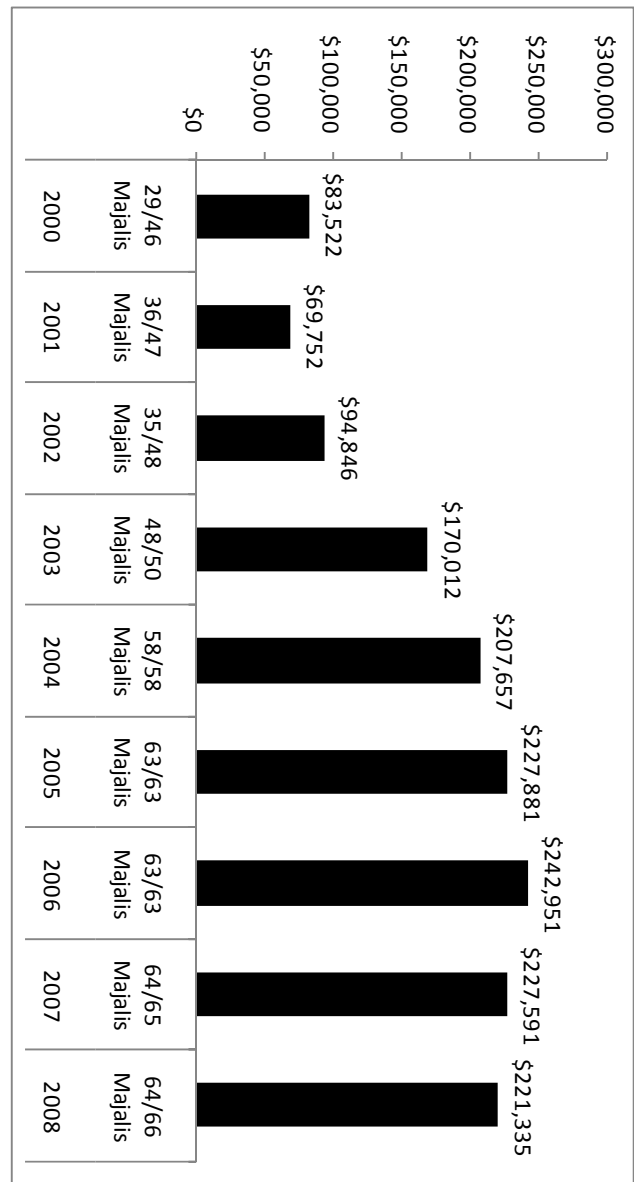
KCC & Qadian Hall Funds Collection

As part of the KCC celebrations, Lajna USA had pledged \$100,000 towards the building of a multipurpose hall in Qadian for Lajna and Nasirat. Lajna USA are also collecting \$250,000 to go towards the Khilafat Centenary Fund. Lajna and Nasirat are requested to wholeheartedly participate and make a donation.

Waqf-e-Jadid Report 2008

Alhamdulillah Lajna Imaillah collected \$221,335 this year. May Allah bless all Lajna and Nasirat for their sacrifices towards Waqf-e-Jadid and enable them to collect more in the years to come, Ameen.

All Majaalis are requested to submit their semi-annual Tehrik-e-Jadid and Waqf-e-Jadid reports. Reports are due on May 31st, Jazakamullah.



Homeopathic Remedy

Polycystic Ovary Syndrome (PCOS)

1. Pulstilla 200 twice a week
2. Bryonia, Kali. Brom., Lapis Album all of 30 twice a day
3. Cal. Flour, Kali. Mur, Ferr. Phos and Silicea all of 6X twice a day

Nasirat Matters

Nasirat Highlights October — December 2008

Meetings

Tajnid as of December 2008:	683
Total number of meetings held:	275
Average attendance:	66%
Monthly reports received:	81%
Khidmat-e-Khalq activities	74
Tabligh activities	49
Workshops	41
Urdu/Arabic classes	52

Congratulations to the following Majaalis who had timely reporting for October - December 2008:

Baltimore, Laurel, Potomac, Silver Spring, York/Harrisburg, Virginia North, Virginia South, Columbus, North Jersey, Long Island, Queens, New Orleans, Cypress Houston, Houston South, GA/SC, Charlotte, Research Triangle, Tulsa, Inland Empire, San Diego, Boston, and Chicago West.

Assalamolaikum

This year is going to be exciting year for the nasirat as they attend and participate in the fun-loving nasirat camps which will be held in different regions. Insha Allah we hope to gain lots of sisterhood among the young Nasirat and get to know each other from different areas. Please feel free to contact me for any help I can provide you regarding the Nasirat.

Nasirat Secretaries, please help Nasirat in recognizing success by keeping a daily regular chart of salaah performance, reading the Holy Qur'an and listening to Friday Sermons regularly so as they grow, they become the true helpers of Islam and Ahmadiyyat. You can also recognize achieving perfect attendance, Nasirat of the month in your local Majlis, etc. These are just some ideas so please do the best you can for your Majlis.

Please do help Nasirat to achieve maximum participation in the written test. Submit the names of girls who have finished the Holy Qur'an and Qaida in your Nasirat Report. Don't forget the Nasirat report is due by the 10th of every month on the new reporting form to nasiratreports@lajnausa.net.

Wasalaam

Humbly Serving Nasirat, Laeeqa Mirza
nasirat@lajnausa.net



Holy Qur'an Completions

Rasba Qureshi	Tucson, AZ
Temina Kusi	Hartford, CT
Seenam Saira Shah	Bay Point



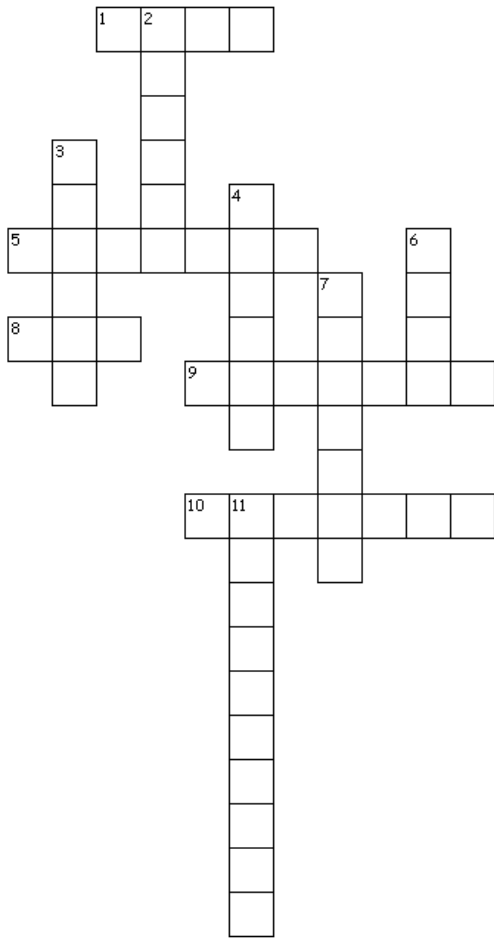
Qaida Completions

Majobeen Parwaz	Boston, MA
Zara Awan	Hartford, CT
Sabrina Khan	Hartford, CT

How to Handle Anger

Everyone gets angry, but it's the way we handle it that counts. Instead of screaming and yelling try to sit alone and breath deeply. Once you are calm, you will be able to think clearly again, and will probably not say anything that could be potentially hurtful. Remember to pray to Allah for help!

Nasirat Matters



Across

1. The person who leads prayer
5. The name of the current Khalifa; Hazrat Mirza... Ahmad
8. Did Huzoor^{ABA} come to USA Jalsa 2008?
9. On May 27th 2008 we celebrated one... years of Khilafat
10. It is a pillar of Islam that starts with 'f'

Down

2. Complete the following: "Paradise lies under the feet of thy..."
3. "It is a sin to abandon..."
4. A Muslim place of worship
6. How many daily prayers are there?
7. "... is all good"
11. The meaning of Nasirat-ul-Ahmadiyya is Helpers of ...

Al Hilal—What We Celebrate

As American Muslims we celebrate special Muslim occasions and even share some that are culturally good with our wider community. For this issue, we encourage Nasirat and Atfal to write (in their own words) about special Holidays and celebrations they enjoy with their families, friends and community.

As always we welcome original art work, poetry, short stories and editorials. Parents please help your children develop their writing skills by allowing them to submit their own authentic work.

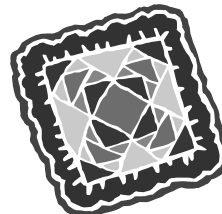
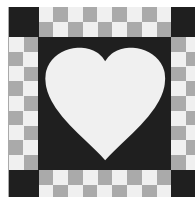
Submissions should be sent to AlHilal@lajnausa.net no later than July 31, 2009. Please include name, age, Jamaat and contact phone number when submitting articles so editors may contact the writer if further clarification is needed.



Character Quilt

Supplies Needed

- 1 large felt square
- Pencil
- Glue
- 4 smaller construction paper squares
- Glitter Glue
- Crayons
- Fabric Paint



Together, brainstorm 4 character traits Muslims should have (e.g. Patience, Respect, Honesty, Responsibility). On each paper square describe a trait and give an example of it. Glue the paper squares onto the felt paper, leaving squares of felt in between to create a checkerboard pattern. Then use the fabric paint, or glitter glue to decorate the felt sections. What a great way to remind Nasirat of good behavior!

Local Matters



Nizam-e-Wasiyyat

'Lo, Allah hath bought from the believers, their lives and their wealth because the Garden will be theirs ...' (Ch. 9:111)
Nizam-e-Wasiyyat or the System of the Will is that blessed scheme which was revealed by Allah the Exalted to the Promised Messiah^{as} almost 100 years ago when God foretold him about his approaching demise. It is for the righteous Ahmadis who pledge a fixed percentage of their wealth to spend for the propagation of Islam, spreading the knowledge of the Holy Qur'an, on preachers, orphans, the needy and the new converts, to name a few causes.

Such are the Moosis or testators of the Will as are pure of hearts and give priority to the needs of Allah's religion over all others. They shed from their hearts all love of this world, dedicate themselves to God, and create a holy change in their minds like the Companions of the Holy Prophet Muhammad^{saw}. Under a Divine inspiration the Promised Messiah^{as} instructed construction of the *Bahishti Maqbarah* (Graveyard of the inmates of Paradise) that would be the final resting place of these pious souls.

The establishment of *Bahishti Maqbarah* under Divine inspiration may be the physical fulfillment of the commandment embodied in the Qur'anic verse, 'And enter thou My Garden.' (89:31) Also there is a revelation of the Promised Messiah^{as}, "I have caused the paradise to descend with thee." (Tazkirah) This revelation also seems to support the interpretation of the above verse.

The Promised Messiah^{as} states, "In regards to this graveyard, glad tidings of great immensity have been conveyed to me. Not only has God Almighty said that this indeed shall be a graveyard in heaven itself but He has also said, Blessings of all kinds have been sent down on it and there is no blessing of which those buried therein will not partake." (The Will)

Our Beloved Imam Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V^{aba} has called upon Jamaat Ahmadiyya worldwide, especially the earning members, to join this Divine Scheme. Huzoor^{aba} said, 'It is my ardent desire. I want to appeal earnestly that for the purification of your lives and the lives of your descendants, join this Heavenly scheme. Come forward. There should be 15,000 new Wasaya within this year so that we can claim 50,000 Wasaya within this centenary.' (Jalsa Salana UK, 2004).

Hence, in total obedience to the Divine Khalifa of the time, we should pray and strive to become the frontrunners to join the Nizam-e-Wasiyyat. May we too be counted among those who have bartered their wealth and souls with Allah the Exalted in exchange for His boundless blessings and eternal gardens, Ameen.

Aasilah Faheem

Note: If you have any question(s) about Wasiyyat, please write to 'Lajna Matters' at LajnaMatters@lajnausa.net. The National Secretary Wasaya, USA Jamaat will reply through this column. When writing to 'Lajna Matters' please write your full name, address, date and Majlis' name. For the sake of privacy, however, only your question will be published.

Message from Youth In-Charge

Assalamo Alaikum, Jazakamullah to all regional and local Sadrs who have enthusiastically taken on the new program for inclusion of youth and begun working on setting up your camps. Alhamdulillah, several regions are already holding camps. Please hold on to your agenda, materials, etc. so you can update me on the details of your camp and how it went. You are now comfortable with use of the surveymonkey.com site, and it has been a useful tool to learn about the youth in your area. Please contact me if you need any help or suggestions in planning your camp. Also, you may give my email address to youth in your area if they would like to contact me directly with ideas or concerns so I can get to know them at youth@lajnausa.net. Just a reminder--please forward photos of your camps and youth activities and mark your Majlis and the date. I need them by May 1 to include them in the Youth Exhibition. Also, please include a handicraft activity in your camp and forward the project to me by May 25th so I can include it in a Youth Exhibition at Jalsa Salana.

Jazakamullah

Los Angeles Times

Letters to the editor

April 7, 2009

What would Muhammad^{saw} say?

Re "Pakistanis shocked by video of Taliban flogging," April 4

It is unacceptable that atrocities continue to be committed by the Pakistani Taliban. President Asif Ali Zardari and Prime Minister Yusuf Raza Gillani must take strong actions against the perpetrators. It is even more shocking that a religious scholar has endorsed such behavior on national television. It is unfortunate that the Taliban and the mullahs have taken Muslims back to an age of ignorance. The prophet Muhammad^{saw} was appointed by God to raise the status of mankind, but the extremists refuse to follow in his footsteps.

Shahina Bashir
Germantown, MD

Mark your Calendars



Department	National Officer	Deadlines
Finance Income Report	FinancelIncome@lajnausa.net	31 st May
Tehrik-e-Jadid (Semi-Annual)	Sister Aziza Rahman—TehrikeJadid@lajnausa.net	31 st May
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Holy Qur'an Completion	Laeqqa Mirza—DaftarLajna@lajnausa.net	25 th May
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REQUEST FOR PRAYERS

- ☞ Respected Huzoor^{aba} & family
- ☞ Respected Ameer Sahib & family
- ☞ Sahibzadi Amtul Qayyum Sahiba
- ☞ Sister Noor Jehan Rana
- ☞ Sister Samina Mansoor
- ☞ Sister Shamim Sheikh
- ☞ Sister Samina Mariam & family
- ☞ Sister Zakia Akbar
- ☞ Sister Zahida Mansur & family
- ☞ Sister Bedar Samee & family
- ☞ Sister Amtul Wakeel & family
- ☞ Sister Fakhra Jadran-Ireland & family
- ☞ Sister Atya Masroor & family
- ☞ Sister Uzma Ahmad
- ☞ Sister Nycema Yaqub
- ☞ Sister Fatima Mahmood

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ☞ Sister Bushra Latif (Cypress Houston) got married to Amir Ayubi
- ☞ Sister Waliyat (Cypress Houston) and Abdul Lateef Oresanya were blessed with a daughter, Rodyallah Abolade
- ☞ Sister Shumaila (Potomac) and Ovais Bajwa were blessed with a son, Fateh Ahmed Bajwa
- ☞ Sister Lubna (Potomac) and Mohsin Ahmad were blessed with a son, Hassan Mohd Vani
- ☞ Sister Amtul Noma Bajwa (Cypress Houston) received the Teacher of the Year Award at her elementary school
- ☞ Sister Qurat-ul-Ain Athar (Cypress Houston) won first place for an essay on global warming in an international essay competition. She has been invited to speak at the United Nations headquarters to discuss global warming
- ☞ Naeema Boykin-Mustaquin (Philadelphia) won 1st Place in the Science Fair at Rochester Institute of Technology
- ☞ Fatimah Boykin-Mustaquin (Philadelphia) won 1st Prize in the Computer Fair for middle school
- ☞ Ramlah Malhi (Bay Point) is a Junior student at Mount Diablo High, ranking first out of 327 students and has a cumulative GPA of 4.15. She has won 1st Place in an essay competition and has been awarded a scholarship

EDITOR'S DESK

Lajna Matters has enjoyed almost 8 years of publication. It has become a regular quarterly publication and has evolved through many changes based on the needs of the time. Masha Allah, due to the amazing growth we have seen within Lajna Imaillah-USA, we have tried to come up with more efficient ways to provide you with a snapshot of what is happening around the country. We hope that you will enjoy reading the newsletter. Your feedback and input is greatly appreciated.

The Lajna Matters team would like to thank all those who have sent timely announcements for this issue. We look forward to **your contributions and feedback** for the July 2009 issue by **June 10th, 2009** to lajnamatters@lajnausa.net.

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"I will give precedence to my faith above all worldly objects"

Important Links

- Source document for an article on Ahmadiyyat by Wikipedia: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Ahmadiyya_Muslim_Community_buildings_and_structures
- Al Islam eGazette is a monthly electronic publication that is emailed to over 25,000 members around the world. <http://www.alislam.org/egazette/>
- MTA International would like to inform you of its new service at [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com/user/mtaOnline1) where you will be able to view from a large selection of some of the best clips that have been broadcast on MTA. <http://uk.youtube.com/user/mtaOnline1>
- Insha Allah Waqfe Nau Weekly National Live Classes will be broadcast every Saturday at 11:30 AM [ET], 8:30 AM [PT] <http://www.blogTalkRadio.com/waqfenau>
- Tifl Post is an electronic newsletter. Empowering parents to not only track the progress of their child, but also be able to ask any question and to be aware of upcoming events. Subscribe to Tifl Post [http://www.mkausa.org/component?option,com_tiflpost/task,subscribe/Itemid,250/](http://www.mkausa.org/component?option=com_tiflpost/task,subscribe/Itemid,250/)
- eLajna! is designed to help you stay up to date with all important Lajna news, events and announcements. Update your email address with your local Tajnid secretary today to start receiving eLajna!
- To access *Remembrance of Allah* (Zikr-e-Ilahi) for the 2009 Tarbiyyat Program, please visit www.ahmadiyya.us/lajna.