



Pictured above: First Mosque of Central Jersey Jamaat.

امروز قوم من نشا سد مقام من
روزے بگریہ یاد کند وقت خوشترم

"اليوم لم يعرف قوم مقامي ولكن سيأتي وقت حين سبذ كرون وقتي السعيد باكين"

**"Today my people do not recognize my status;
The day will come when they will recall my
blessed time with tears."**

آج میری قوم میرا مقام نہیں پہچانتی

لیکن ایک وقت آئے گا کہ وہ سو کر میرے مہارک وقت کو یاد کرے گی



سیدنا مرزا غلام احمد القادری
المسیح الموعود والإمام المهدي (ع)

In the name of Allah, the most Beneficent, the most Merciful.

A month back, I received a call from Zaim Ansar: Central Jersey- Abdul Nasir Sahib to take the responsibility of Muntazim Isha'at. Initially, I was a bit hesitant to take the responsibility due to my working hours; but I am certain that Allah swt will continue to guide me in fulfilling this commitment.

I feel it is important that our young generation knows about the humble beginnings of the Central Jersey Jamaat and how it grew to be the congregation it is today. I gathered some valuable facts through my conversation with Dr. Imtiaz Chaudhary Sahib who led the community as the President from 1980 to 2010.

Earlier, CEJ & North Jersey Jamaats were combined. As membership grew, the Center of Jamaat decided to establish CEJ as its own community in 2000.

Before the first Ahmadiyya mosque was established in New Jersey, our respected brothers

used to hold meetings in the basement of Dr. Ahsan sahab's house in Teaneck. Brother Dr. Mohammad Sadiq later became the first president of CEJ jamaat. In February of 1988, Bait ul Wahid was established in Clifton, CEJ. A small space from its façade, but a strong foundation for the future of the Jamaat in Central Jersey. As the Jamaat was spreading its wings, Khalifatul massih Rabeh, (4th khalifa) visited the CEJ jamaat in 1989 and asked for the number of members; he was informed of a strong congregation of 206. Following that, the Huzoor also graced the jamaat in 1991.

A few years later, building on that foundation of faith, and inviting many more members, in 1998 the Central Jersey mosque- Baitul Hadi became the center for all members. And in 2008, a separate lajna hall was constructed for the sisters in our community. By the grace of Almighty our present majalis has more than 400 members.

My voyage would not have been complete without input from the current President Dr.

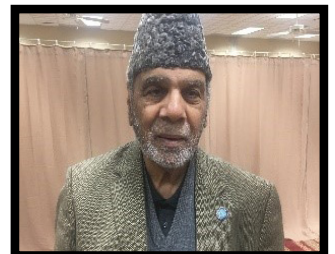
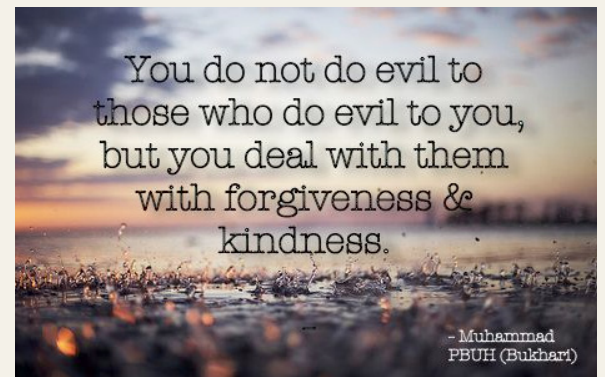
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واعتصموا بحبل الله جميعا ولا تفرقوا ۚ واذكروا
[3:104] نعمت الله عليكم إذ كنتم أعداء فألف بين قلوبكم
فأصبحتم بنعمته إخوانا وكنتم على شفا حفرة من النار
فأنقذكم منها ۚ كذلك يبين الله لكم آياته لعلكم تهتدون

And hold fast, all together, by the rope of Allah and be not divided; and remember the favor of Allah which He bestowed upon you when you were enemies and He united your hearts in love, so that by His grace you became (as) brothers; and you were on the brink of a pit of fire and He saved you from it. Thus, does Allah explain to you His commandments that you may be guided.

Hadith:

A companion of The Holy Prophet sa relates: One day we were sitting with The Holy Prophet sa when this chapter was revealed. I enquired from Muhammad sa. Who are the people to whom the words and among others of them who have not yet joined them refer? Salman ra, a Persian was sitting among us. The Holy Prophet sa put his hand on Salman ra and said. If faith were to go up to the Pleiades, a man from among these would surely find it. (Bukhari).



Pictured above: President CEJ: Dr. Mir Sharif Ahmad (left) and Vice president CEJ: Dr. Imtiaz Chaudhary

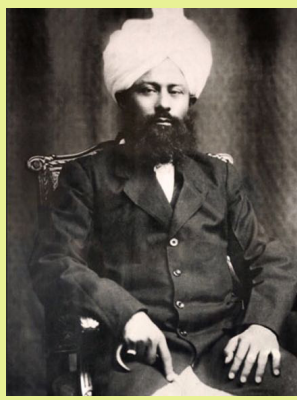
What should I do to protect myself from flu this season?

CDC recommends a yearly flu vaccine for everyone 6 months of age and older as the first and most important step in protecting against this illness. In addition to getting a seasonal flu vaccine, you can take everyday preventive actions like staying away from sick people and washing your hands to reduce the spread of germs. If you are sick with flu, stay home from work or school to prevent spreading flu to others. In addition, there are prescription medications called antiviral drugs, e.g, Tamiflu that can be used to treat influenza illness.

Can the flu vaccine provide protection even if the flu vaccine is not a “good” match? (like this flu season)

Yes, antibodies made in response to vaccination with one flu virus can sometimes provide protection against different but related flu viruses. A less than ideal match may result in reduced vaccine effectiveness against the flu virus that is different from what is in the flu vaccine, but it can still provide some protection against flu illness. In addition, it's important to remember that the flu vaccine contains three or four flu viruses (depending on the type of vaccine you receive) so that even when there is a less than ideal match or lower effectiveness against one virus, the flu vaccine may protect against the other flu viruses. For these reasons, even during seasons like this one when there is a less than ideal match, CDC continues to recommend flu vaccination. Vaccination is particularly important for people at high risk for serious flu complications, and their close contacts.

By: Nasir Mahmood Ahmad ■



Musleh Ma'ud Day



NEWS Flash:

- There will be a Jamia trip for Waqfe Nau & Non Waqfe Nau boys- 14 and up; from March 30th to April 1st. For more details, contact Waqfe Nau secretary- Mubashir Mirza.
- The health department of CEJ has started the physical fitness program every Saturday after Fajr prayers. Amish Dar Sahib is leading the program.
- Message from the National Ansar Talim Department: The assignment for the first half of the year 2018 is Noah's Ark. Specific verses and translations to be included in the Talim syllabus.
- CEJ Lajna has been active in many philanthropic efforts. Lajna members represented the CEJ community by donating 50 new school bags to rise foundation. Also, an amount of \$3000 was raised for “feed the Hungry” program of Humanity First. Through extra dedication around thanksgiving, 70 food bags were donated to local food pantry. CEJ Lajna also collected 300 women shalwar suits to donate to the Eidhi foundation in New York.■

Pictured below: Majlis Ansarullah CEJ Hosted Sadr Majlis Ansarullah USA, Imran Hayee Sabib on March 3rd at Baitul Hadi mosque. The session was attended by majority of the members.



Hazrat Khalifatul Massih V (ABA) appointed Muhammad Saeed Sahib as Missionary of three New Jersey Jammats. He has been serving the Jammats for the last 30 years. His last appointment was in Miami Florida, where he also had the opportunity to work on a special assignment in Caribbean-French speaking Countries with Maulana Daud Hanif Sahib for 8 years. Prior to coming to the US he also served in Ivory Coast & Burkina Faso for five years. The Central Jersey Jamaat welcomes Imam Sahib.



Message From Zaeem CEJ

Dear Ansar **السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكُمْ وَرَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ**

Allah says in the Holy Qur'an, "O Mankind, We have created you from a male and a female; And We have made you tribes and sub-tribes that you may know one another. Indeed, the most honorable among you, in the sight of Allah, is he who is the most righteous among you. Surely, Allah is All-Knowing, All-Aware." (Al-Hujurat, 49:14)

This is the Islamic teaching of brotherhood for the whole mankind. It is only through this beautiful teaching of human equality that mutual love, respect and compassion can be established. A righteous believer is enjoined to inculcate this teaching in oneself and to propagate it. This can foster love, affection and equality which lead to peace and security in this world.

Allah teaches us that all mankind is like a family and it can only look after the peace and security of each other, if it lives like a close-knit family. Allah describes that the division of tribes and nations is only for the purpose of recognition. This teaching did not just remain theoretical; the Holy Prophet (peace be on him) put all teachings given in the Holy Qur'an into practice. He loved the poor and the disadvantaged, freed the slaves, assigned the deprived their rights, and took care of everyone around him.

As elders of the community we should become role models and lead our families and the Jama'at by example in every aspect of our lives. We should uphold all Jama'at values and traditions with pride. I urge you to make every effort to bring all ansar close to the Jama'at with love and compassion. Every Nasir should reach out to Ansar who do not participate in the Majlis and the Jama'at activities. We have to make every Nasir count and help everyone get closer to Almighty Allah.

Let us work together to attain nearness to Almighty Allah by following His commandment to create peace in our families and communities. May Allah enable all of us to do so, Amin.

وَالسَّلَامُ

By: Abdul Nasir ■

ANSAR AMLA CENTRAL JERSEY

- 1: Abdul Nasir
Za'eem
- 2: Dr. Imtiaz Chaudhary
Naib Zaim Anwal
- 3: Mohammad Rizwan Akbar
N-Zaim SD (below 55)
- 4: Muzaffar A. Khan
Umoomi
- 5: Jalaluddin Abdul Latif
Tarbiyyat Nau-M
- 6: Rafaqat Ahmad
Muawan Za'eem
- 7: Qasim Mahmood Bajwa
Naib-Umoomi
- 8: Mir Maqbool Ahmad
Taleem-ul-Quran
- 9: Ashar Hafeez
Tabligh
- 10: Nasir Mahmood Ahmad
Tajnid
- 11: Hammad Munir Malik
Tarbiyyat
- 12: Tariq Ahmad Malik
Waqf-e-Jadid
- 13: Khalid Mehmood Ahmad
Health-Dhanat Sehat e Jismani
- 14: Mubashir Ahmad Mirza
Finance
- 15: Belal Khalid
Ethar (Social service)
- 16: Azeem Anwar
Auditor
- 17: Syed Imran Ahmed
Muntazim Ishaat (Publications)
- 18: Khalid Maqsood Ahmad
Naib Tarbiyyat

Not pictured

Abdul Rab
Tebrik e Jadid
Ahmad Khan
Naib Tarbiyyat

Abdul Hafeez
Naib Taleem



A Faith-Inspiring Bait

This story was narrated by Naseer Alam sahib from North Jersey. On Friday, Jan 5, he noticed a stranger at the Friday prayers in the North Jersey masjid. Noticing a new face, he got closer to him and introduced himself. He learned that he was Mr. Giovanni from Bagota, Columbia and was visiting US. On inquiring, he mentioned that he was dissatisfied with his Catholic belief. He was surfing internet and was introduced to Islam by Mr. Nouman, an Ahmadi from Virginia, who met him on a blog. He was attracted to it but could not get hold of Ahmadi in Columbia as there were no mission house /Jamaat Centre in Columbia. It seemed like Mr. Giovanni had already accepted ahmadiyyat at heart as he already had a downloaded Bait Form with him and was ready for a Bait. He also told Naseer Alam that he did not pray in the Catholic way on the funeral of his mother a month earlier.

He also mentioned that he was in US on a business trip and was staying in an Air B&B place in Newark. He found address of our masjid and called Uber to come to attend Friday prayers in Baitul Wahid, Hawthorne. Naseer Alam sahib gave him a cap to cover his head. He wanted to attend the Friday prayers but

didn't know how to do it. Naseer sahib instructed him to pray in his own words. He joined the Jamaat for Friday prayers and followed the motions.

After Friday prayer he had a short meeting with Hafiz Sahib and desired for a Bait but Hafiz Sahib told him as he is in the US for a few days it is better to get familiar with Jamaat in person before signing a Bait. He agreed and it was decided that he should enjoy visiting some sights on Saturday and Naseer Alam would bring him back to Baitul Wahid, Hawthorne on Sunday, Jan 7 for North Jersey Monthly meeting.

Afterwards, Naseer Alam sahib dropped him back to his Air B&B. On Saturday, he had to move to Brooklyn because of some issues with his Air B&B. Since Brooklyn was quite far from North Jersey, Naseer sahib advised him to go to the Brooklyn masjid. Naseer sahib connected him through WhatsApp with Saifullah Khalid, North Jersey Tableegh Sec., who introduced Mr. Giovanni to Brooklyn Tableegh Sec. On Friday, Jan 12, Mr. Giovanni took Bait at the age of 34 years. A few days later, Naseer Sahib contacted him on WhatsApp and he replied,

“Walaikum assalam Naseer, yes I remember you how's life? I'm fine,

working hard and studying. Reading again Jesus in India and understanding more things about Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, peace upon him. I confess I haven't been able to pray 5 times, but I do it and it gives me peace, I pray in Spanish mixed with Arab and English. My friend Eakan told me that is a process and I should keep trying and it's a process, I shouldn't leave frustration in my heart because of that.”

Naseer sahib mentioned that he had always heard stories about Allah Himself guiding people towards Jamaat but this was the first time he himself witnessed such an event which was very faith-inspiring. Naseer Alam wishes to visit this “Righteous Spirit” in Bagota one day. Naseer sahib often brings his children to the Tahir Academy in Baitul Hadi. Feel free to talk to him for further updates on this faith-inspiring event.

By: Belal Khalid, Muntazim Ethar CEJ■



Pictured above:
Anas Mirza, Nazim-e-ala,
CE east region

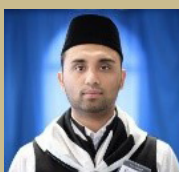
MKA USA is a nationwide youth group that works with young Muslim men and boys around the country. Our name literally means “Association of Servants of the True Islam.”

One of the principal objectives of the organization is the moral and spiritual training of Ahmadi Muslim men and boys. Through a mixture of religious and secular activities, MKA CEJ dedicated to ensuring its members develop and excel in qualities such as piety, honesty and fair dealing. Our primary aim of all moral training is to ensure that these young men can be good citizens and better contribute to the communities in which they live.

We hope to organize Tree planting events, working together with Tree Foundation of New Jersey and planting as many trees as we can. MKA CEJ cares not only for the spiritual and moral well-being of its members, but their physical well-being as well. Like last year we incorporate sports in all our events and some type of physical activity to help keeping the bodies and minds of our members healthy. We will hold our local Ijtema on March 31st in which various sports will be played in competition style. We will also be going to new hiking locations within Jersey and making use of tougher trails.

Insha'Allah.

By: Fawad Mubashir
Serving as Qaid - MKA Central Jersey



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Mir Sharif Ahmad Sahib. He is a dedicated member and has served the Jama'at in various capacities over a long period of time. He started as Qaid Khuddam Al Ahmadiyya, & later served as secretary of Tahrek e Jadid & Waqfe Jadid. The first election of CEJ took place in the year 2001- where Dr. Imtiaz Chaudhry Sahib was elected President & Dr. Ahmad Sharif served as VP for 9 years. Later in 2010, Dr. Ahmad was elected as President of CEJ- till date. Dr. Ahmad is also involved in humanitarian services for the community, like running charity clinics in Plainfield; which is run by a group of 20 doctors. Last year, Puerto Rico was hit severely by Hurricane Maria; and under the umbrella of Humanity first, our Jamaat set up a free medical camp. From CEJ, Dr. Ahmad invited a group of doctors to visit Puerto Rico and help the needy which added a feather to the cap of CEJ.

Since its inception, the strength of our Jamaat has been tested through difficult circumstances; and we pray that Allah showers his divinity upon us at every critical juncture. May Allah guide us to perform our duties under the guidance of Hadrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad Khalifatul Massih Al Khamis aba.

By, Syed Imran Ahmed, Muntazim Ishaat CEJ.■

