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# Masjid Nasir Newsletter

## Regional Khilafat Day Jalsa



On Sunday, May 27th, Khilafat Day Jalsa was held in Willingboro, NJ. This was designated as a regional event, drawing more than 400 Ahmadis from 5 Jamaats in the region. The evening was full of

faith inspiring, heart moving lectures and *nazams* (poems). Close to a dozen presenters educated the audience for 3 hours on the importance, need, and blessings of Khilafat.

## Masjid Neighborhood Cookout

About 50 Ansar, Khuddam, and Atfal took part in this year's Neighborhood

Cookout on May 20th, 2007 from 2PM to 4PM after the auxiliary meetings. More than 50 men, women, and children guests attended the BBQ, including the priest and some members of the Lutheran Church in

our block. Al-Hamdu-lillah, this program was a success. We were able to interact with many of our neighbors on a one to one basis and make our presence known in the community.

Flyers advertising the event were handed out a week in



advance. Some flyers were also distributed to local stores. Many of the neighbors expressed their interest in the program when the flyers were distributed. Also, a week earlier, Jamaat members participated in the local neighborhood cleanup. During the cleanup, the Jamaat further advertised the BBQ.



## Mobile Tabligh Unit Report

By the grace and mercy of Allah the Mobile Tabligh Trailer Unit goes out every Saturday on the streets of Philadelphia. For the last two summers this unit had been a regular feature on Vine Street across the National Library. The Tabligh Trailer can also be found on Broad Street and the Logan area around Nasir Mosque.

The basic objective of the Tabligh Trailer is to spread the message of Islam – love and peace for all. The Tabligh Trailer typically attracts about 10-15 questioners each Saturday. Leaflets and literature are distributed, and some books are sold or presented.

The usual team comprises of Haroon Rashid sahib-in charge, Madeel Abdullah sahib -Qaid Khuddam Philadelphia, Jalil DeSeignoria sahib, Masroor Abdul Aziz sahib, Affan Abdullah sahib, Tahir Abdullah sahib, and Hussain Abdul Aziz sahib. In addition there are a few other Jamaat members who drop by and volunteer their time. We pray that may Allah bless this team for their devotion and dedication for the propagation of Islam. Ameen.

Philadelphia is an ideal location for Tabligh, as there are more than 300,000 Muslim inhabitants. In the very beginning, the message of Islam primarily came through Ahmadiyyat only. The first Muballigh – Jenab Mufti Muhammad Sadiq sahib landed in Philadelphia during the 1920's. As a result of his

extraordinary preaching we come across African American Muslims whose fathers or grandfathers had



accepted Islam through Ahmadiyyat. However, through the course of time, many of these people were scattered and lost.

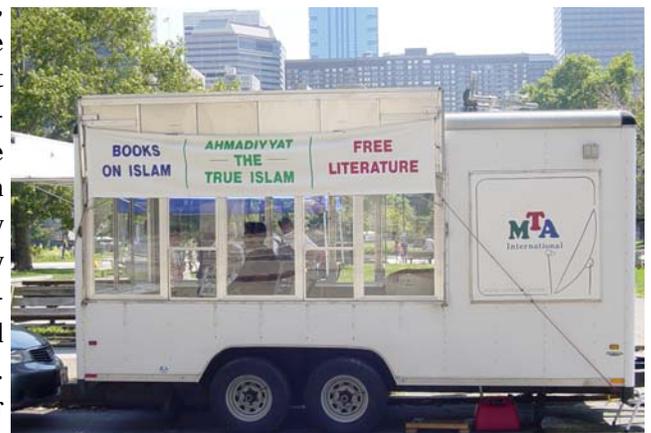
To understand what happens while the Tabligh Trailer is on the road, here is an example of a man who stopped by the trailer on May 19th.

This gentleman talked with the team for half an hour and said he was a Muslim. He further stated that he was almost convinced about Ahmadiyyat. However, he was not quite sure why Ahmadis cannot pray behind a non-Ahmadi Imam. The team did their best in explaining why Ahmadis do not say Salaat behind non-Ahmadi's and invited him to the Mosque. The Tabligh Trailer team also directed him to Jamaat website [Alislam.org](http://Alislam.org). Please pray for him and his search for the true Islam.

However Tabligh is an obligation of all Muslims. It is especially a responsibility of Ahmadis since we are the blessed people who accepted the Promised Messiah, the Imam of the Age. The task of spreading the message of peace and carry the banner of Islam to each corner of the earth falls on the shoulders of Ahmadis. Some are diligently doing Tabligh within their sphere; some are going out with the Tabligh Trailer. Members who cannot afford time to go out for Tabligh can pray for the success destined for the Tabligh Trailer team and the rest of the Jamaat. With prayers we all can partake in the blessings of Tabligh

### **Tabligh: everyone can easily take part**

and essentially fulfill this goal. It can also be suggested, to those members who desire to participate with the Tabligh Trailer, but are limited due to their circumstances, that they can provide meals for the team. This will be a consolation and a source of blessing. May Allah



enable all of us to fulfill our obligations toward Islam and Ahmadiyyat, Ameen.

## Lajna News

*By: General Secretary, Lajna*

In the month of May, Lajna Philadelphia attended a Mid-Northeast Regional Fun Day, as well as held a regular Lajna meeting. The MNE Fun Day was a whole day event held on Saturday, May 19, 2007. There was a lot of food and much socializing. Each chapter was allowed to set up their own fundraising food stall. Lajna Philadelphia was selling water, haleem, and three types of chicken wings this year. Hopefully, we became closer to each other through this bonding (and eating).

Our Lajna meeting was held the following day on Sunday, May 20th. After the regular openings of tilawat, ahadith, and pledge, the Tarbiyat, Tabligh and Talim programs were held. An interesting discussion about the importance of purdah developed.

### Young women are hesitant to listen about modesty, because they want to blend in with the crowd.

One elder sister pointed out that if everyone observed purdah, one's husband would only know the beauty of his wife and would think she was the most beautiful. However, in this society, many women are available to look at, thus this leads a man to think he has the chance to get a better woman; ultimately, leading to unrest in the home. Another Sister pointed out that young girls within this society do not know what modesty is. Clothes are dictated by the latest fashions and since there is nothing else available, girls wear them. Also, young women are hesitant to listen about modesty, because they want to blend in with the crowd.

The second part of the Tabligh program consisted of answering questions our Lajna members were asked during their tabligh experiences. One question was:

### Why do we not pray behind non-Ahmadi Muslims?

Different points were presented. The correct response was that, one of the articles of faith is to believe in all of God's Prophets; thus, how can we pray behind one who refuses to accept a Prophet appointed by God. Hadhrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad as the Promised Messiah and Imam Mahdi as declared by Allah and his Prophet Muhammad (saw).

### Upcoming Events

June 3rd and 17th - Lajna Meeting

July 6, 7, 8th – Lajna Ijtima in Maryland

July 15th – Picnic

**Prayers are requested** for Nasira Sami as her father has passed away.

If you would like to submit any announcements and/or literary works to this section of the Newsletter, please email sumera\_c@hotmail.com before the 18th of each month.

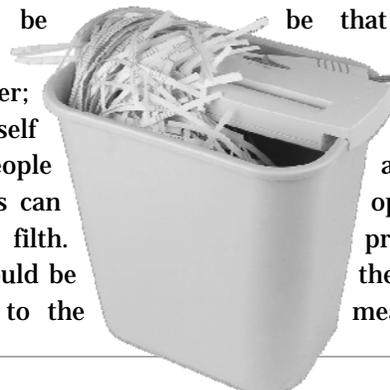
## Proper Etiquette of discarding papers with Quranic verses or Holy pictures

*By: Abdul Salam Bhatti*

The Holy Quran is a guidance that has been given to us by our Lord. Because this scripture is a form of mercy and compassion that Allah has bestowed upon us, we are obliged to treat its pages with respect. Regardless of the medium or method, the importance of the Holy Quran is found in the words that are written rather than the pages that they are written upon. In the modern

world we are given the privilege of producing many copies of leaflets and pamphlets. This medium allows us to distribute certain notes and verses that can be used for Taleem purposes. However; the medium itself suggests to people that such articles can be thrown into filth. This practice should be avoided in due to the

lack of respect that it represents. The verses of God, wherever they may be should be treated with respect, therefore the disposal method should be that which is appropriate. Because we are less prone to burn or bury our articles in this day and age, we are given the option to shred them. This practice allows the words of the article to become a meaningless mix. After this



we are given liberty in disposing the scraps any way that is convenient. Similar respect should be given to pictures of Holy personages, such as the Promised Messiah, his companions, and his Caliphs.

انني معك يا مسرور

**I am with you,  
O Masroor**

A Revelation received by the  
Promised Messiah

## Get to Know Your Fellow Khadim

This month's featured khadim is Nasim Ahmed sahib. Nasim bhai has worked as Sehat-e-Jismani secretary in the past and currently works as Ziafat secretary for Majlis Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya, Philadelphia. He was born in Karachi, Pakistan, came to the US in May 1982, and graduated from Olney High School, in 1986. He has been married for 14



years and has three beautiful children. Nasim bhai likes to play volleyball, and loves to travel and camp. He also owns a sports bike and rides often. Currently, he works as a mechanic/manager in Philadelphia. He requests that the entire Jama'at keep him and his family in your

prayers.

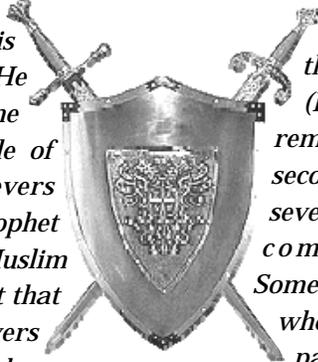
## “You are the shield of Islam”

Presented by MKA Tarbiyyat

Hazrat Mirza Bahirud Din Mahmood Ahmad (ra), The Second Caliph of Promised Messiah wrote...

Hazrat Talha (ra) was a great companion of the Holy Prophet (PBUH). His one arm was rendered paralyzed in one of the battles. Afterwards, on one occasion, during the times of Hazrat Ali (ra), somebody teased Hazrat Talha (ra) by calling him a cripple. At that time Hazrat Talha

narrated to him how his arm became crippled. He described that at one point during the battle of Uhad, the disbelievers attacked the Holy Prophet (PBUH), and the Muslim army had to retreat. At that time, the disbelievers realized that the personality of Holy Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) stood at the center of the Muslims' unity. So they



tried to attack him with all their strength and bombarded him with stones and arrows. Hazrat Talha (ra) said that he immediately realized that there was a serious danger some arrow might hit the Holy Prophet (PBUH)'s face. So he shielded the Holy Prophet (PBUH)'s blessed face with his arms. He said that several arrows pierced one of his arms but he would not

even flinch with pain so that the Holy Prophet (PBUH)'s face would not remain unshielded even for a second, till his arm was hit by several arrows and became completely paralyzed. Someone asked him later whether he felt or expressed pain at that time, since it is normal for a human to cry and shiver in unbearable agony. He said how could I utter a word, since I was afraid that if my arms moved,

some arrow might injure the Holy Prophet (PBUH)'s face.

After describing that incident, Khalifa-tul-Masih II (ra) says that in a similar way you should realize that behind you is the face of Islam, since

**...God will grant you such strength that no one can stand in your way.**

Islam and Hazrat Muhammad (PBUH) are one and the same. In order to protect the face of Islam, you should stand firm like a rock

and be ready to take every arrow that is hurled at Islam on your own arms and on your own chest. Do not think for a moment that you are weak. If you realized that you are created to serve as a shield for Islam, then God will grant you such strength that no one can stand in your way. Make yourself useful to serve the destitute and the helpless of all religions, so that the whole world comes to realize the high moral strength of Ahmadis.

**Ansar News**

**2007 REGIONAL ANSAR IJTEMA**

Sunday, June 3rd 2007

Al-Nasr Mosque

500 Bridge Street, Willingboro, NJ 08046

(609) 877-2833

**Educational Competitions**

**Individual Competitions:**

- Qir'at-e-Qur'an (2:31- memorized)
- Dars-e-Hadith (related to Khilafat)
- English Poem Recitation (self-written, related to Khilafat),
- Urdu Poem Recitation (any two couplets, related to Khilafat),
- Prepared Speech (5 min.) Topics:
  - Khulfa-e-Rashdeen
  - Khulfa-e-Ahmadiyya
  - Obedience to Khilafat
- Impromptu Speech (3 min.),
- Observation & Recall

**Team Competitions:**

Message Relay

**Sports Competitions**

**Individual Competitions (40-54 and 55 & older groups):**

Horse Shoe, Arm Wrestling, Musical Chairs

**Team Competitions:** Volleyball

*Khuddam & Atfal are Cordially Invited*

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**A great opportunity to  
reinvigorate spiritually,  
intellectually, socially and  
physically.**

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**A few days to pray, learn,  
compete, relax, and have  
a memorable time.**

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**ESSAY WRITING COMPETITION**

In commemorating the centennial jubilee of Khilafat-e-Ahmadiyya, Majlis Ansarullah, USA will conduct a nationwide essay-writing competition for all Ansar. The topic, rules and regulations of the competition are as follows:

**Essay Topic:** The Institution of Khilafat

**Rules and Regulations:**

- The essay should be a minimum of 60,000 words and a maximum of 120,000 words, and must be submitted in English.
- A complete list of references must be provided. Reference must state authors' names, year of publication, title, edition and publisher.
- The essay must be typed and double spaced on letter sized paper

**Deadline to submit essay:** July 30, 2007

**Prizes:** First place \$ 500; Second place \$ 300; Third place: \$100

Mail a hard copy and disk of your essay to:  
M. Dawood Munir, 11106 Brandon Gate, Houston, TX 77095



## Khuddam News

### Nasir Tournament 2007

by Naveed Malik



Majlis Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya USA is always on the hunt for activities that can help our youth grow into better people. Whether it's a physical attribute of the person or spiritual upbringing of the soul, you will find MKA USA aiding the growth of the youth.

For the past few years, Nasir Tournament has been a great source of competitive sports activity. Recently on Saturday May 19th, 2007 in Baitur Rehman-Silver Spring MD, MKA USA organized cricket, basketball, football and volleyball tournaments for khuddam. The Mid-North



East region team comprising of Willingboro and Philadelphia participated in all the sports. The team, though lacking experience with cricket, still managed to qualify for the quarter-finals, which they lost to Detroit after a hard-fought match. The Mid-North East Basketball team



played really well and in a 3 on 3 tournament lost in the semifinal. The football team, which was organized at the very last minute, did not fare too well. The Mid-North East team had some very good matches in volleyball but the tournament was not completed due to a lack of time.

### Waqar-e-Amal (Dignity of Labor)

By Affan Abdullah

Report of Two major events in May:

On Saturday May 12, the Khuddam participated in a Block Cleanup for the block around the Nasir Mosque. Alhamdulillah, 8 Khuddam and 1 Nasir were actively involved in the clean up. There were many neighbors on both 10th Street and Warnock that we had the opportunity to work with and invite to the Neighborhood cookout that we planned for the following Sunday. Grass was cut and trimmed, sidewalks and streets were cleaned, there was also a courageous Khadim who went to cut grass on adjacent blocks with his extra time.

On Sunday May 27, a cleanup of Bait us Sabooh was held. Four Khuddam and two Ansar cleaned up the lawn of extra grass clippings, cleaned up the driveway, removed extra debris behind the Mosque and house, and wiped down the kitchen areas.

## Khuddam & Atfal Regional Ijteema

### 2007 MKA REGIONAL IJTEMA

Sunday, June 17th, 2007

Baitul Hadi

27 South Street

Old Bridge, NJ 08857

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**A full day of  
Educational & Sports  
Competitions**

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Contact Qaid for details and transportation arrangement.

## Talim ul Qur'an & Arabic Class

An all new Talim ul Qur'an class has been initiated in Philadelphia at Nasir Mosque. This class is held every Tuesday at 6:30 pm, and is headed by Imtiaz Rajayki Sahib (Assistant National Secretary Talim ul Qur'an) who has very diligently invested time to research and plan the Arabic lessons to be taught in this class, and has taken the sole responsibility of teaching.

The class is designed primarily to teach the correct recitation of the Holy Qur'an, as well as teach the essentials of the Arabic language and

encompasses important elements of moral and spiritual training. In addition to the above goals, the

vast variety of teaching methods and resources available to the class. This class becomes important even for

خَيْرُكُمْ مَنْ تَعَلَّمَ الْقُرْآنَ وَعَلَّمَهُ

**The best among you is the one who learns the Qur'an and teaches it.**

members who are well versed in Quranic studies. Some Ahmadis who are from Pakistan have learned Quran in with an Urdu style. This intermixing and resemblance in

learning and memorization of the Salat will be an integral part of the syllabus.

the two languages, Urdu and Arabic, has resulted in mistakes in pronunciation which needs to be corrected sooner than later. May Allah enable us all to benefit from this Qur'an class in the upcoming weeks and months.

You should attend this class regardless of your current level of reading and understanding Arabic. You will definitely benefit from the

## Month in Pictures



Some of the members that gathered for Neighborhood Cookout.



Listening with full concentration at Khilafat Day.

## Financial Secretary's Announcement

Jamaat Financial Year ends on June 30th. All members that are not up to date in their payment of Chanda Aam/Wasiyyat & Jalsa Salana are requested to make payments before June 30th.

Please contact Financial Secretary, Rashid Bhatti sahib for payment and to update your contribution information.  
Home phone: 215-549-3338



Delivering an Excellent Speech at Khilafat Day.

## Calendar of Events: June 2007

Post this calendar at your work & home.

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Fajr 4:12 Zuhr 12:59 Asr 6:09 Maghrib 8:24 Isha 9:58	Every Sunday: Quran Class 10am					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
Fajr 4:12 Zuhr 12:59 Asr 6:10 Maghrib 8:25 Isha 10:00	<b>3</b> Regional Ansar Ijtema Willingboro. Lajna/Nasirat Meeting 11am.	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Talim ul Qur'an & Arabic class 6:30pm to 8:30pm	<b>6</b> Da'een Tabligh Meeting 7pm to 8:30pm.	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Class with Imam Kausar: 4pm to 6:30pm
Fajr 4:09 Zuhr 1:01 Asr 6:13 Maghrib 8:29 Isha 10:06	<b>10</b> Jamaat General Meeting at 11am	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Talim ul Qur'an & Arabic class 6:30pm to 8:30pm	<b>13</b> Da'een Tabligh Meeting 7pm to 8:30pm. MKA Amila Conference Call at 9pm.	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
Fajr 4:09 Zuhr 1:02 Asr 6:15 Maghrib 8:32 Isha 10:10	<b>17</b> Khuddam and Atfal East Region Ijtema Auxiliary Meetings 11am.	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Talim ul Qur'an & Arabic class 6:30pm to 8:30pm	<b>20</b> Da'een Tabligh Meeting 7pm to 8:30pm.	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Jalsa Salana Canada	<b>23</b> Jalsa Salana Canada. Class with Imam Kausar: 4pm to 6:30pm
Fajr 4:11 Zuhr 1:04 Asr 6:16 Maghrib 8:34 Isha 10:11	<b>24</b> Jalsa Salana Canada. Waqf-e-Nau class 11am	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Talim ul Qur'an & Arabic class 6:30pm to 8:30pm	<b>27</b> Da'een Tabligh Meeting 7pm to 8:30pm.	<b>28</b> Monthly Jamaat Fasting	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Tarbiyyat Class at Bait ur Rehman