

# Jaffari Snap Shot

Your Monthly Activity Guide by the  
Islamic Shia Ithna Asheri Jamaat of Toronto

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The most complete gift  
of God is a life based  
on knowledge.  
**Imam Ali (a.s)**

## Brain Teasers

Which word in the dictionary is  
spelled incorrectly?

What kind of tree can you carry  
in your hand?

What gets broken without  
being held?

How many of each species did  
Moses take on the ark with  
him?

Send your answers to  
[secretariat@jaffari.ca](mailto:secretariat@jaffari.ca)

## Message From The Secretariat

We proudly present to you the inaugural online edition of the Jaffari Snap Shot. This Newsletter has been designed to serve as a snap shot of the activities at our Centres and to give you a glimpse of our community in action. It will provide concise and timely information on accomplished projects, present activities and upcoming events.

Our focus for the Newsletter will be to connect us all. It will keep members informed of our activities and showcase the vision, work and dedication of all our volunteers.

We aim to publish an issue every month Inshallah and will strive to keep the format of the Newsletter user-friendly and readable at a glance, short and sweet as they say.

For any new initiative to be a success, we need your feedback, ideas, comments, suggestions and any short articles, so that we remain focused as well as provide to your interests and keep the newsletter informative as well as appealing at all times.

Please email us your views to [secretariat@jaffari.ca](mailto:secretariat@jaffari.ca). We look forward to hearing from you soon.

*While this publication is aimed at informing the community and keeping us all connected, the Secretariat reserves the right to decide on the content and refuse, correct, or amend any submission that does not meet the publication standards and/or runs contrary to Jamaat policy.*

## Safety And Security Seminar

In order to better educate and prepare ourselves for the safety and security of our members, the Executive Committee in partnership with the York Regional Police, Vaughan Fire and Rescue department and Dr. Mohamed Panju, organized a Safety and Security Seminar. The seminar was held on Saturday, 5th December, 2015 at the Marhaba Banquet hall.

Over 55 participants were briefed on how to conduct safety during events, avoid potential problems and how to implement and ensure a safe and secure environment during our programs.

## In the News

### Series of Lectures covered...

- Our Youths Are Our Future Ambition
- Road to a Successful Marriage
- Passive and Active Awaiting
- The Lady of Light (a.s) is My Inspiration

### Sheikh Inspires all Young as well as the Young at Heart.



SPEAKER

**SHEIKH NURU MOHAMMED**

### Out of The Cold



This year the shelter at JCC ran from January 26, 2016 for ten Tuesdays until the end of March 2016. Our "Guests" arrived in shuttle buses from a designated location on Yonge Street in the afternoon and their stay was until breakfast the next morning.

Arrangements for warm clothing, other needs, sleeping, meals and programs for the evenings were managed by the Out of the Cold Committee in partnership with Mosaic.



### Outreach Event

On Saturday, January 9th 2016 the Jaffari Community Centre welcomed a number of guests to a Milad event in celebration of Prophet Muhammad's (s.a.w.) birthdate anniversary. Among the visitors were Federal MP's Majid Jowhari and Ali Ehsassi, MPP Reza Moridi, Deputy Mayor of Richmond Hill Vito Spatafora and several local faith-based and community leaders. After being welcomed to the centre by members of the Exec. Committee, Outreach team and other volunteers the guests were split up into groups for an escorted tour of the Centre. Our tour guides received many compliments about the facility with many asking if they could return soon to show JCC to their friends.

Over dinner Maulana Rizvi gave a keynote address in which he talked about the Holy Prophet, his life and legacy for which he was warmly applauded. After dinner, Vice President Shabbir Jaffer described the objective of the occasion as an opportunity to enable the entire local community, of which JCC is a part, to participate in and celebrate the Holy Prophet's birthday as well as for all civic and community leaders to meet, chat and exchange views. It was an enjoyable evening for guests and volunteers alike and one that built new bridges while reinforcing existing ones with the community at large.

### Visit to Our Centre by Guests From Hesperus Seniors Home

On Friday February 26th, members of the Outreach team and Seniors Committee welcomed a group of 18 people from Hesperus Village (nearby seniors' residence), to the Jaffari Community Centre. Following introductions and a delicious lunch our visitors presented Maulana Rizvi and the Centre with floral gifts. They then joined our congregation for the Friday Khutba and watched with interest as we offered Salatul Jumah. Their visit ended with a visit to MARC which they were very impressed by, many asking if they could return for another tour soon.

The intellect is what arrives at what is correct through reasoning, and recognizes what has not yet happened through what has already taken place.

**Imam Ali (a.s)**

## In The News

- AGM Meeting resolves to authorize to create and empower a team of advisors known as the “Capital Advisory Team” (the “CAT”) from within the Jamaat membership that will look for opportunities and make recommendation to the EC, on future capital requirements.
- Speaker, Br. Fayaz Datoos gets re-elected for a second term in office.
- JCC organizes backpacks for Syria with 300 backpacks for school aged children of Syrian refugees children. March 25th, 2016.
- Gym Facilities upgraded at the Masumeen Islamic Centre.
- Masumeen Islamic Centre organizes volunteer appreciation dinner. April 3rd, 2016.
- JSS organized an interactive discussion and Q/A with Sheikh Jaffer H. Jaffer & Sr. Marzia Hassan at JCC, April 9th.
- JTB organizes Men’s retreat from May 13th - 15th, 2016. Three days of spiritual relaxation and outdoor activities.
- JCC to host the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual NASIMCO Conference on May 28th, 2016.
- Razavi Islamic Centre Construction in progress. (Picture Below)



## Our Volunteers In Action

### Strategic Planning Meeting

On Saturday the 6<sup>th</sup> of February 2016 at the Marhaba Banquet Hall, the Executive committee called upon all the Boards for the “Year Ahead” planning meeting. The meeting was geared at looking towards new initiatives.

The presentations covered activities and events with thought leadership and out of the box ideas. All presentations were informative and helped us to better understand our goals and the way forward. A core team has been formed to carry on the planning work, more details to come including the invitation to participate in focus groups.

### Musalla and Calligraphy Project - JFMB

JFMB and a design project team put tremendous amount of hours to come up with a calligraphy, painting and carpet design that was not only very elaborate but functional as well.

The carpet in the Masjid-e-Ghadir and Zainabiya hall were upgraded to plush carpet with comfortable under padding. The second phase will begin soon, Inshallah.

### Jaffari Support Services

In order to deliver efficient services, the Vice President Shabbir Jaffer and JSS Board Leader Sr. Marziabai Hasan led a “JSS Refresh” project, re-structuring the board into two sections led by separate Co-Chairs.

We hope that with more participation and recruitment of qualified individuals we can expand on the scope, reach and effectiveness of this Board.

### Upcoming

### Ladies Program Highlights

- **Saturday, April 23, 2016 at 11:00am**  
**Wafat of Bibi Zaynab (A.S)**  
Ladies Majlis on at 11.00 am  
Location: Main Hall - Ladies Section
- **Saturday, April 23, 2016 at 1:16pm**  
**Amaal of Umme Dawood**  
Program to begin at 1.16 PM with Jamaat Zohrain Salaat followed by Amaal
- **Saturday, April 30, 2016 (22<sup>nd</sup> Rajab) at 5pm**  
**Sufro Ladies Program** at 5.00 pm to 6pm\*

**\*MAIN JAMAAT PROGRAM starts at 6pm.**

## Upcoming Events



**Masumeen Islamic Centre**



Tree Planting Event

**Sunday, May 1st, 2016**

# EarthDay

**Sunday, April 24th, 2016  
Jaffari Community Centre**

**Jaffari Tabligh Board invites you to ...**

AN EVENING OF PRAISE THROUGH POETRY

## MUHAMMAD AND ALI

ONE LIGHT  
ONE MESSAGE

SUNDAY MAY 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2016  
4:30PM | JAFFARI COMMUNITY CENTER  
DINNER RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

Purchase your tickets now  
[onelight.jaffari.org](http://onelight.jaffari.org)

Ticket price includes dinner

**NOURI SARDAR**  
FOLLOW US AND STAY TUNED AS WE CONTINUE TO REVEAL OUR SPECIAL GUESTS!

\$15.00 (Adults) | \$10.00 (Under 10) | Children Under 3 go Free!

#jaffartabligh @onelight2016  
#jaffari\_Tabligh #onelight2016

**Family Eid Picnic**  
Saturday, July 9th, 2016 - More info to follow..

### ISIJ Ladies Yellow Pages Directory

The ISIJ Ladies Committee is pleased to announce the creation of the first ever "ISIJ Ladies Yellow Pages Directory" which will be released Inshallah in May 2016. The directory will consist of a comprehensive list of all services provided by the ladies of our community.

The deadline for submission of the form along with the payment is due by April 30, 2016. If you have further questions, please write to [jccltabligh@jaffari.ca](mailto:jccltabligh@jaffari.ca)

## Jaffari Media and Outreach

**Jaffari Community Centre Clean-up Day**  
**Sunday April 24th : 2.00-3:00 p.m.**

Do you care about keeping our environment clean?

Do you have an hour to spare after Zuhr prayers on Sunday, April 24th?

If you answered "Yes" to the above please join us in the JCC Clean-Up day effort. Every year in honour of Earth Day, schools, businesses, residents, and community groups come together to take part in Vaughan's community litter clean-up effort. In 2015, over 15,000 people participated in the event all across the City!

We need volunteers to help clean-up the JCC's grounds, trails and sidestreet near the property by picking-up all the winter debris. Bring your family members and friends and have some fun doing it. The City will provide us with free gloves & bags and will collect all the bags that we fill up later.

If you and your friends/family would like to volunteer for this event please send an email indicating number of participants to: [earthday@jaffari.ca](mailto:earthday@jaffari.ca)

Jazak'Allah.

**Naseera Jiwa and Samar Rizvi**  
**(Clean-up Day Co-Captains)**

**Monthly Event Calendar**

<p><b>Saturday, April 9th, 2016 - 1st Rajab, 1437AH - 6.30pm</b> Wiladat of Imam Muhammad Al Baqir (A.S.)</p>	<p><b>Saturday, April 30th, 2016 - 22nd Rajab, 1437AH</b> Sufro of Imam Jaffer As-Sadiq (A.S.) - 5.00pm</p>
<p><b>Monday, April 11th, 2016 - 3rd Rajab, 1437AH - 7.15pm</b> Shahadat of Imam Ali An Naqi (A.S.)</p>	<p><b>Tuesday, May 3rd, 2016 - 25th Rajab, 1437AH - 7.15pm</b> Shahadat of Imam Musa Al Kazim (A.S.)</p>
<p><b>Monday, April 18th, 2016 - 10th Rajab, 1437AH - 7.15pm</b> Wiladat of Imam Muhammad At Taki (A.S.)</p>	<p><b>Tuesday, May 3rd, 2016 - 25th Rajab, 1437AH - 7.15pm</b> Wafat of Hazrat Abu Talib (A.S.)</p>
<p><b>Wed, April 20th, 2016 - 13th Rajab, 1437AH - 8.00pm</b> Wiladat of Imam Ali (A.S.)</p>	<p><b>Thurs, May 5th, 2016 - 27th Rajab, 1437AH - 7.15pm</b> Meraj and Meb'ath of the Holy Prophet (s.a.w)</p>
<p><b>Saturday, April 23rd, 2016 - 15th Rajab, 1437AH</b> Wafat of Bibi Zaynab (A.S.) - 7.00pm</p>	 <p><b>Sunday 8th May, 2016</b> <b>1st Shaban, 1437 AH</b></p>

**The Holy Quran Quiz**

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| 1. How many times is Bismallah repeated in the Quran?   | 4. What is the longest verse of the Holy Quran?       |
| 2. What is the best drink mentioned in the Quran?       | 5. Which Surah mentions 27 attributes of Allah (swt)? |
| 3. What is the best edible item mentioned in the Quran? | 6. Which Sura is known as the heart of the Quran?     |
- Email your answers to: [secretariat@jaffari.ca](mailto:secretariat@jaffari.ca)**

**SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, June 5th, 2016.**

*JCC will be hosting a BBQ/Open House family event for local politicians, civic leaders, community leaders and our neighbours. More details to follow.*

**Jaffari Sports and Recreation Board**

**STRIDES FOR STROKES: A 5K RUN/WALK TO SUPPORT MACKENZIE HEALTH**

Under the auspices of the Jaffari Community Center (JCC), the Jaffari Sports and Recreation Board (JSRB) has registered as a Group Partner for the Strides for Stroke event, a 5K Run/Walk in support of Mackenzie Health.

The event is scheduled to take place on Saturday, May 7th at 8:00 am. You and your friends and family can join this great cause by joining as a participant, or sponsoring a participant under the group "Jaffari Community Centre"

Sign up! Tell your family and friends about Strides for Strokes and get ready to give back to the community! Remember: when you do good, you feel good! For more information please contact any member of the JSRB at [info@jsrb.org](mailto:info@jsrb.org) or Mohamed Bakar Somani at [somanimb@jsrb.org](mailto:somanimb@jsrb.org). We look forward to seeing you at the starting line!

**Please do not forget to renew your memberships and update your information. Register online for access to members portal.**

**Contact the Secretariat Office for any assistance - (905) 695 9786 Monday to Friday 9.00am to 5.00pm - Weekends 9.00am to 1.00pm**