

Jaffari Snap Shot

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

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**On which night was the Qur'an
first revealed?**

**Through whom was the Qur'an
revealed?**

**Which is the best month as
mentioned in Holy Quran?**

**How many Verses are in
Holy Quran?**

**How many times the word
'Quran' is repeated in the
Holy Quran?**

**Email your answers to
secretariat@jaffari.ca**

Message From the Secretariat



The sense of community that takes over during Ramadan is overwhelming. Our Centres are not just a place for worship but one for the community to come together.

Islam is a religion whose fundamental tenets exist within the context of community. They are intended to be practiced collectively and most actions are meant to reflect our character as we do good to and for the people around us.

Fasting in Ramadan develops in a person the real spirit of social belonging of unity and brotherhood, and of equality. It is to discipline our soul and behavior and to develop sympathy for the less fortunate, it is a multi-functional and a comprehensive tool for change in various spheres of our lives, including: social and economic, intellectual and humanitarian, spiritual and physical, private and public, personal and common, inner as well as outer.

Inshallah, we pray that the Almighty accept all our amaals in this holy month and He may bring us closer to each other and to Him as well. Ameen.

Your views, comments, articles, and suggestions are most welcome. Please email us at secretariat@jaffari.ca

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.

NASIMCO Conference 2016

On the 28th of May 2016, The ISIJ of Toronto proudly hosted the 36th Annual Nasimco Conference, which attracted the largest attendance of delegates from all across North America.

The Executive Committee of The Islamic Shia Ithna Asheri Jamaat of Toronto would like to take this opportunity to thank the outgoing team under the able leadership of Br. Gulamabbas Najafi for their hard work, dedication and ever lasting support to all member Jamaats and especially to the Toronto Jamaat. We would also like to congratulate and welcome the newly elected NASIMCO Executive Committee for the Term 2016-2019

We sincerely extend our gratitude to all delegates, invitees, guests and volunteers who were able to attend and make the event a huge success.



World Federation - Project North Star

The World Federation has appointed a team of independent consultants to undertake a strategic review of the global KSI community and its direction over the coming decade.

Under this strategic review, a survey is being launched to capture the pulse of our 150,000 global grassroots. This data is vital to help make sure leaders at all levels of our global body have the right information to plan effectively for our collective success.



The entire trip was organised by our NASIMCO Rep (Mazahir Ali) and the ISIJ EC; their support and hospitality was fantastic and is the principal reason for the success of our data-gathering trip. They organised over 14 meetings, interviews and workshops for us as well as responding to our every need and providing regular supplies of Tim Horton's coffee and Timbits to keep us energised!

I am truly humbled by the community spirit I saw in ISIJ as well as the vibrancy of its leadership. I offer that if they are the rule rather than the exception, then our global body has a very bright future.

Shuayb Ismail

In The News

Mackenzie Health Foundation - BBQ Fundraiser



On Sunday June 5th, 2016, The Jaffari Community Centre held a BBQ fundraiser and helped raise and contribute \$50,000 towards the new Mackenzie Vaughan hospital. With your generosity we hope to raise \$50,000 every year for the next four years for the Hospital.

The open-house BBQ fundraiser was attended by an estimated 750 guests including our neighbors, community members and well wishers such as Members of Parliament Deb Schulte, Peter Kent, Majid Jowhari and Reza Moridi. Mayor Maurizio Bevilacqua (Vaughan) was also present along with Regional Councilor Gino Rosati.

Our President, Shabbir Jeraj, along with the members of the Executive Committee welcomed all guests who were treated to a day of friendship, food, and fun.

The President in his welcome address stated, "Today we give back to the community that has nurtured us, nourished us and allowed us to flourish together. The Jaffari Community and Mackenzie Health share a vision for the city of Vaughan: one where our healthcare needs are transformed, where more jobs are created and where our citizens can thrive physically, economically and socially."



Imam Hussain Foundation Youths Visit JCC



A group of youths (aged 12- 18 years old) that have been attending a special program delivered at Imam Hussain Foundation paid an overnight visit to our Centre

About the Program

This program teaches students the basic Islamic sciences, such as jurisprudence, beliefs, Arabic, morals as well as Koran enabling them to have a very strong background in religious sciences.

About the Visit

About 50 students, male and female visited our Centre on June 4th/5th. They participated in various activities organized in partnership with our Maulana and Mukhi as well as a trip to the Toronto Zoo. We were fortunate be able to help out in the overnight sleeping arrangements for the youths as well as all their meals while they were our guests.

Strategic Planning Continues...

Remaining two sessions are as follows.

Facilitate Social Interaction
Sunday, June 19th, 2016
 6.30pm to 8.00pm (Senior's Lounge)

Plan for the Future
 to accommodate growth
Sunday, July 3rd, 2016
 6.30pm to 8.00pm (Senior's Lounge)

Members are encouraged to attend the sessions based on their interest to ensure the output represents the ideas and needs of the entire community. Please RSVP to secretariat@jaffari.ca in advance so we can organize accordingly.

The ECO Green Team

The Jaffari Community is once again taking steps to minimize our carbon footprint this Ramadhan.

The ECO Ramadhan initiative is to ensure that waste is diverted away from landfill site to protect our planet Earth. This Ramadhan at JCC iftaar is being served on stainless steel plates with stainless steel cutlery. The plates and spoons are washed in an industrial dishwasher every night by groups of dedicated volunteers. Tea and water is served in biodegradable cups made with sugar cane fibers which are then collected at Eco-cleanup stations along with food scrapes.

These are then sent to a commercial composting facility for composting. This initiative has led to a dramatic decrease in the amount of garbage being sent to landfill site every night during this holy month.



Ramadhan
 Kareem

Monthly Event Calendar

Thursday, June 16th - 10th Ramadhan Wafat of Sayyida Khadija (SA)	Sunday, June 26th, - 21st Ramadhan Shahadat Imam Ali (AS)
Strategic Planning - Facilitate Social Interaction Sun, June 19th - 6.30pm to 8.00pm (Senior's Lounge)	Tuesday, June 28th - 23rd Ramadhan Night of Lailatul Qadr
Tuesday, June 21st, - 15th Ramadhan Wiladat of Imam Hassan (AS)	Strategic Planning - Plan for the Future.... Sun, July 3rd 6.30pm to 8.00pm (Senior's Lounge)
Friday June 24th, - 19th Ramadhan Shab-e-Zarbat Imam Ali (AS) - Lailatul Qadr	Wed/Thurs, July 6th/7th - 1st Shawwal Eid-ul-Fitr

Brain Teasers

What room can no one enter?

What is it that's always coming but never arrives?

What is at the end of a rainbow?

What can travel around the world while staying in a corner?

Feed me and I live, yet give me a drink and I die.

Email your answers to secretariat@jaffari.ca

Last months Quiz Answers

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|---------------------------|--|----------------------------|
| 1. AL-MAHDI - The Guided, | AL QAIM - The established, | AL MUNTAZAR - The awaited, |
| AL HUJJAT -The Proof, | KHALAF e SALIH -The best and the righteous Successor | |
| 2. Samarra | 3. Narjis Khatoon | 4. Friday |
| | | 5. Aridha |

Last months Brain Teasers Answers

1. 12 seconds, 2nd January etc. 2. Short 3. Drop of water 4. Seven

Upcoming Events

Eid Picnic

JCC invites you to a Fun Canada Day Eid Picnic!

Venue: Island Lake Conservation Area

**Address: 673067 Hurontario St. South, Orangeville,
ON L9W 2Y9**

Date: Saturday July 9th 2016

Theme: Connect with Nature!

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

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