

Jaffari Snap Shot

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

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The Snap Shot Quiz Karbala

1. What is the name of the river of Karbala?
2. When did Imam Husayn leave Mecca?
3. Who was the commander of the right flank of Imam Husayn's army?
4. Name the officer of Yazid's army who joined imam on the day of Ashura?
5. When did Imam Husayn Reach Karbala?

Email your answers to
secretariat@jaffari.ca

From the Right Path, By
Maulana Sayyid Muhammad Rizvi

Message From the Secretariat



Hal min nasir yansurna"....

"Is there anyone who shall come to my assistance?"

On the day of Ashura, when all of Imam Hussain (a.s)'s companions had been martyred and the Imam stood alone in the plains of Karbala, he gave this call: " Hal min nasir yansurna"... "Is there anyone who shall come to my assistance?"

Why did he make this call? Did he think at the time that there was someone who was going to heed this call? Surely not! So why then make a call that is not going to be answered by anyone?

The undisputed reply to this question is that it was a call to one and all, to all of us, until the day of Qiyamat. No doubt it is important to remember the tragedy year after year, but more importantly, it is to answer the call.

The answer, simple enough, to assist justice, to reject the wrong, to ascertain the truth, to stay on the right path, to follow in the steps of the Ahlul Bayt (a.s.), everyday of our lives and not only for the 12 days of Muharram.

Have we, you and I, answered the call?

Please email us your views to secretariat@jaffari.ca, we look forward to hearing from you.

Raise the Canadian Flag - Ceremony



The Canadian-Muslim Vote's Flag Campaign Launch at the Jaffari Community Centre

The Jaffari Community Centre (JCC) is pleased to be the first mosque to raise a Canadian flag as part of the Canadian-Muslim Vote's flag campaign. This initiative is the first of its kind and aims to raise a Canadian flag in front of mosques across the country in celebration of Canada's 150th Birthday in July 2017.

More than 200 community members gathered in the afternoon at JCC on Friday, 9 September 2016, for the inaugural flag raising ceremony, which was also attended by several federal and local politicians, including Member of Parliament (MP) Leona Alleslev (Aurora — Oak Ridges — Richmond Hill), MP Majid Jowhari (Richmond Hill), MP Hon. Peter Kent (Thornhill), MP Deborah Schulte (King-Vaughan) and Councillor Sandra Yeung Racco (Ward 4, Vaughan). Members of the local police and community member Lieutenant Colonel Arif Hirji, CD, Canadian Armed Forces were also present.

To mark this patriotic occasion, As-Sadiq Islamic School's Grade 3 students sang the national anthem as Councillor Racco and Lieutenant Colonel Arif Hirji raised the flag, which proudly stands at the Ner Israel Drive entrance.

Shabbir Jaffer, Vice-President of ISIJ of Toronto, said "We are a community that believes not only in our faith and our principles but also in the need to contribute to the wider society through positive community outreach. We also take pride in our civic engagement, and raising our country's flag here demonstrates that we are proud Canadian Muslims."



Moving Forward - Jaffari Support Services/Jaffari Islamic Youth

The "Moving Forward: Creating and Sustaining Relationships" event organized by JSS and JIY and held at JCC on September 25th had a much higher turn out than expected. A number of important points were shared and discussed on the topics of obstacles in marriage and the spouse selection process by Sheikh Jaffer, brother Miqdad, sister Raihana and sister Zainab.

In the Holy Quran, there is an ayah which mentions, "With every difficulty, there will be ease." There will be hurdles in marriage but together we can overcome them; it is one's attitude that determines outcomes. When looking for a spouse, one must know oneself FIRST, then think about what one wants to find in a potential spouse.

Case studies were discussed in small groups, followed by a larger group discussion, sharing thoughts and insights. A lot of written and oral feedback was received from the event, with requests for similarly organized events targeted towards specific groups. Alhamdulillah we learned, shared and moved forward as a community.

Dental Screening for Syrian Refugees

Vaughan Muslim organizations offer Syrian refugees free dental screening, job workshops - by Yorkregion.com



Thousands of Syrian refugees are starting life from scratch in a new country with a new language here in Canada, but they're not alone.

Several Canadian organizations, families and individuals have given their time and effort to help new Canadian families adjust from a life of war to a life of peace.

The North American Shia Ithna Asheri Muslim Community Organization (NASIMCO) and the Jaffari Community Centre (JCC) in Vaughan are two organizations actively helping new government-sponsored Syrian families adjust to the massive change.

In a third collaborative effort this year to help Syrian refugees, NASIMCO and JCC hosted a free dental screening and informative workshop session for hundreds of Syrian refugees in the York Region and Toronto area Aug. 7.

"We have over 200 new Syrian-Canadians here today," said JCC assistant treasure Azim Panju. "We've got just under 100 volunteers including 15 dentists, dental hygienists and community members, English-speakers and Arabic translators as well."

Previous efforts from NASIMCO and JCC included organizing and delivering hygiene kits to families awaiting permanent housing, preparing backpacks for 300 children going to school and delivering donated household items to families upon settlement.

Sunday's workshops and screenings continued that helpful momentum in which the whole community is involved. New residents expressed their gratitude with English they've quickly learned.

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In The News

Working behind the Scenes - Let's Get to Know Our Volunteers



Masuma Bai Najarali

Masuma Bai Najarali has been a longstanding volunteer of our community.

Many will remember her from the Bayview Centre when she first started Ramadhan children's class which has today become a much loved program for mothers with young children.

Her expertise of teaching kids is evident in her various roles of over 30 years as a teacher with;

- Al- Qaayim Madressah
- Al-Haadi Madressa
- Al Asr Program

Other duties include managing Namaz chaddars, and also being an integral part of the Niyaz and alam Tabut teams.



Iqbal Bhai Hasham

Br Iqbal Hasham has been a longstanding volunteer of ISIJ of Toronto.

He and his wife, Sr. Rubab Hasham are proud parents of two children three grandchildren, originally from Tanzania.

He has been assisting Mayyit committee with Ghul and Kaffan, has been in charge of A/V and been a volunteer from the Bayview Center. When we moved to JCC in Ramadhan of 2009, he was one of the coordinator in the kitchen Serving Iftaar and Tea without a full kitchen.

He was Niyaz Captain and now His expertise making best tea for the last few years. He is ever ready to assist with anything needed at the Center as a handyman.



Jaffari Education Board - Update

The Jaffari Education Board (JEB) is the committee that works on enhancing the education of our community through various events and initiatives.

JEB just finished the second year of their scholarship program, where we were able to give another 11 thousand dollars in funds. We are currently focusing on starting a Youth Leadership Program, which will use the Toastmasters curriculum to help young students in our community develop their public speaking skills.

HUSSAIN...
THE LIGHT OF MUHAMMAD (PBUH)



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Moving Forward - One Step at a Time...

The Islamic Shia Ithna Asheri Jamaat of Toronto has always taken pride in moving forward with time and technology.

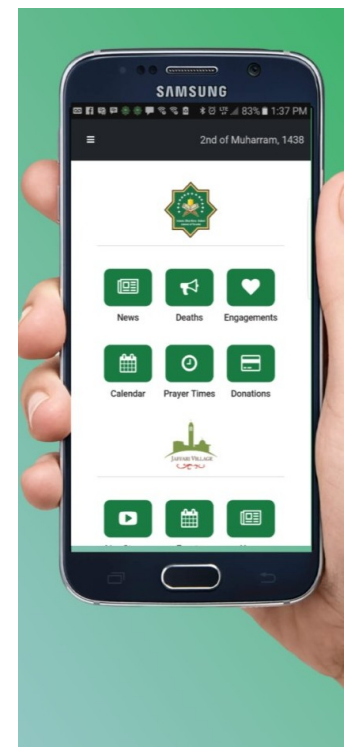
From our online broadcasts to email messages, from eco awareness to green initiatives, the Jamaat has always been keen to keep one foot forward. Keeping the green initiative in mind, we are now releasing our very first ISIJ application for Apple and Google phones.

Be it a wiladat or a shahadat, be it an engagement announcement, news of bereavement, or the latest news from any of our Centres, as well as all current Jamaat related information is now available to you at your fingertips. You can now donate at any time with easy one click access on the app, renew your membership, watch online lectures and programs, all in the comfort of your own space, be it at home or while you are on the go.

Why green? One of the key features is the ability to access not only your tax receipts but also access the online member's directory through the ISIJ portal. This will Inshallah allow us to reduce the printing of the directories. Members can now access important documents, current events, news as well as update their personal profiles.

Our new Islamic app not only focuses on the requirements of this era but also incorporates our Islamic values. Every day three times a day depending on your preference, a beautiful Adhaan reminder is played in the background alerting you of the call to prayer as well as indicating of the next prayer time.


Inshallah we hope that you download the app and enjoy the services available to you at your fingertips. As always we look forward to your feedback and suggestions.



"Do not raise your children the way (your) parents raised you, they were born for a different time."

**Imam
Ali (a.s)**


Upcoming Events - Jaffari Islamic Youth




AN EVENING WITH
Sh. Mohammed al-Hilli

AN INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP STYLE Q&A WHICH WILL COVER
FOUR TOPICS BASED ON QUESTIONS SUBMITTED

Saturday, October 8th 2016
Ages 13-35
10:30 PM - 12:00 AM
Zainabiyya Hall - JCC



SUBMIT QUESTIONS AT WWW.JAFFARI.ORG/JIY
THURSDAY OCTOBER 6TH/2016



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Describe the Picture - Events of Karbala

KARBALA
The Chain of Events



Last Issue Quiz Answers
1. Al-Waqea 2. 4 3. The opening 4. Aal-e-Imran 5. Al-Naml

Last Issue Brain Teasers Answers
1. Wrong 2. Telephone 3. Half Way 4. One Word 5. Still Alive

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