

LEICESTER SAMACHER



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In the name of Allah the most beneficial & most merciful

Hajj

Hajj or pilgrimage to Mecca is one of the five pillars of Islam. Hajj was made obligatory in the 9th year of Hijra. The Holy Prophet sent off 300 Muslims under the leadership of Hazrat Abubakr Siddique (may Allah be pleased with him) to Mecca so that they could perform Hajj. That was the year when it was banned for the Mushrikeen (those who associate partners with Allah) to enter Ka'ba. It was also made unlawful to perform Tawaaf (circling of Ka'ba) with naked body.

The following year, 10th Hijra, the Holy Prophet (peace be upon him) announced a head of time he himself would perform Hajj that year. He led tens of thousands of Muslims to Hajj that year and demonstrated to Muslims how to perform all the rites and rituals of the Hajj. This Hajj is known in history as Hajjatul Wida' or Farewell Pilgrimage because this proved to be the last Hajj the Holy Prophet (peace be upon him) performed. At the end of this farewell pilgrimage, the divine revelation that had started some 22 years ago came to an end with the following verse of Surah Al-Maidah:

“This day have I completed My commandments for you, and have brought to its fullness the favor that I have bestowed upon you, and have chosen Islam as your religion”

Hajj is an act of worship just like Salat (five daily prayers) and Sawm (fasting in the month of Ramadan). Muslims from all over the world gather in Mecca in the last month of Muslim calendar and worship Allah. Hajj is a special worship that lasts for several days. This is an occasion that brings Muslims of all countries, colors, and races to one place – the Ka'ba. This is a unique opportunity of worshipping Allah collectively in a large gathering at one place

On behalf of all our members of Leicester Jamaat we would like to congratulate HAJJI Saifuddin & HAJJI Abid Valiji on there recent pilgrimage. Mubarak.

World Wide Web (WWW)

Whilst on the topic of Hajj, I have come across this excellent website.

<http://www.channel4.com/life/microsites/H/hajj/>

Another site about 3 Bohra's recently killed in Iraq
http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/4482020.stm

New Shia website launched
<http://www.channel14online.tv/>



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Error

In my 1st issue I reported the passing away of Raziaben in London which should have read Kaderbhoy (Jivanjee) & not Kaderbhai.

Reminder

Every Thursday from 8pm we have Isha Namaaz & Yasin, followed by a Discussion by Qureshbhai. All are welcome to attend.

Sports

Badminton sessions have also started @ Maher Centre from 8pm, every Friday. All ages are welcome to attend.



Please insure that when you enter Hussein Manzil that your mobiles are switch off / silent.

Gents please make a habit of placing your shoes on the racks **OUTSIDE!!**

If you are invited to any Jamaat or private functions but are UNABLE to attend, please inform those concerned EARLY of your absence. This will aid in the cooking.

Waste Disposal

Excess wasting of plates, cups & spoons is not only harmful to our environment but causes problems when disposing. Please show some consideration & reuse as much as possible.

Ring System List

I have included the latest Ring System list. Please note THERE HAS BEEN SOME CHANGES to the list!!

Rubbish News

I am pleased to inform you that we have arranged a weekly collection of our rubbish from Hussein Manzil. Inshallah I hope that the bins will be in place before the start of Moharrum. You will still be required to take some rubbish home.

Joke of the Month

In the beginning, God created the earth and rested.
Then God created Man and rested.
Then God created Woman.
Since then, neither God nor Man has rested.

Thought of the Day

Your Questions – Answered.

Question: Do good intentions make haram acceptable?

Answer:

No. Islam never supports "the ends justify the means". For example, if one wants to build a mosque or a charitable foundation through a lottery (gambling) then his actions are still haram

"Sitting an hour in a learned gathering is better than a thousand nights spent in performance of (optional) salaah, and better than engaging in a battle for the sake of God on thousand occasions. If one leaves one's house with the intention of gaining knowledge, for every step that he takes God shall bestow upon him the reward reserved for a prophet.

Moharrum

Muharram is the name of a month that marks the beginning of the year according to the Islamic calendar. Muharram is one of the months that have been designated as holy according to the Islamic calendar.

The month of Muharram is also associated with many auspicious events in Islamic history. Allah is supposed to have created the heavens and the earth in this blessed month. In this month He gives His infinite blessings and bounties to many of His Prophets and delivered them from the clutches of their enemies.

Allah SWT created Molana Adam A.S. in this month and pardoned him of his mistake. Molana Nuh's (Noa's) Ark landed successfully on Mount Judi during this time centuries ago. Allah Almighty is also said to have saved Molana Ibrahim A.S. from fire and rescued Molana Musa A.S. from the Firauon (Pharaoh) during the month of Muharram.

As we approach Moharrum, we should remember that it's a time to reflect on the sacrifice Imam Hussein & his followers made for us. Would it be nice, if we showed our respect by dressing in a way that would please him.

So let's get our Kurta's OUT & wear them throughout these holiest days.

Arif Sadikot

Editorial

The man behind these Samacher newsletters is Kalim Vanat. Forward your articles & comments to kalimvanat@hotmail.com

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You must be wondering what there is to mourn about then.

In the month of Muharram, fifteen centuries ago, in the year 60 A.H. (approximately October 20th 680 A.D.), an event took place in Iraq at a place known as Kerbala on the bank of the river Euphrates. A large army, which had been mobilised by the Umayyad regime, besieged a group of persons numbering less than a hundred and put them under pressure to pay allegiance to the Caliph of the time (Yazeed bin Moawiya) and submit to his authority. The Caliph was a man much taken with earthly pleasures that deviated from the Islamic way of life. The small group resisted and a severe battle took place in which they were all killed with no water and food for three days. The leader of the small band of men who were martyred in Kerbala was none other than Imam Hussein A.S., the grandson of the Holy Prophet (Peace Be upon Him). His body was trampled by horses. His face was raised up on the lance, his son Imam Ali Zainul-Abedeem A.S was chained and shackled.

Imam Husain's martyrdom and sacrifice at Kerbala represents a conscious confrontation with anti-Islamic forces and a courageous resistance for a sacred cause. The tragedy was that the one who stood up to defend Islam was cut down in such a brutal manner. It is for this reason that the death of Imam Hussein A.S. is mourned annually in the Muslim world.

The Holy Quran says: *Think not of those who are slain in Allah's way as dead. Nay, they live, finding their sustenance in the presence of their Lord*

Dates for the Diary

At the time of going to press, these are the dates & times for Moharrum Majlies & Niyaz.

English Dates	Moharrum Date	Moharrum Night	Program
Mon 30th Jan 2006	1	2nd Night	Majlies @ 8pm
Tues 31st Jan	2	3rd Night	Niyaz @ 7pm followed by Majlies
Wed 1st February 2006	3	4th Night	Available
Thurs 2nd Feb 06	4	5th Night	Niyaz @ 7pm followed by Majlies
Fri 3rd Feb	5	6th Night	Niyaz @ 7pm followed by Majlies
Sat 4th Feb	6	7th Night	Niyaz @ 7pm followed by Majlies
Sun 5th Feb	7	8th Night	Available
Mon 6th Feb	8	9th Night	Available
Tues 7th Feb	9	10th Night	Niyaz @ 7pm followed by Majlies
WED 8th Feb *	10 (ASHURA)	11th Night	Program to be Announced
Thurs 9th Feb	11 (Zirate)	12th Night	Niyaz @ 7pm followed by Majlies

VOTING

- The program for Ashura day will be published & announced

If you would like to sponsor any of the Moharrum Nights available, please contact Moshin Sulemanji

On Tel 0116 2330025 (office hours) ASAP

You're VOTE

The Ashura auction has been part of our Ashura Day for many years. However, an issue has arisen, whether having an auction is in line with what Ashura Day represents.

The Committee would like to take on board the views of the Jamaat & therefore a VOTE will take place on SATURDAY 4th Feb (7th Night of Ashura), regarding this matter. You will have the opportunity to vote on whether we should continue the tradition of having the auction on Ashura Day. Slips will be handed out with a simple option of YES / NO.

Booking of Husseini Manzil

Please contact Moshinbhai Sulemanji for the booking of Husseini Manzil.

Contact Tel: (0116) 2330025 / 2333437.

Current charges:	Hall & cooking:	£55.00
	Hall use only:	£35.00
	Cooking Only:	£30.00
	Majlis only:	£10.00

Hire of cleaners can be arranged for an additional fee. Contact Fizzaben 0116 2740960

Thank You...

The Jamaat would like to thank Mr & Mrs Idris Babrika from South end on Sea for their kind donation of six Namaaz chairs for the sawaab of Marhum Shabbir Alibhai Kamruddin. Please recite Suratul Fateh.

Car Parking

Efforts are being made to contact the factory owner next door or arrange for a security guard for patrol. We also have a piece of land that cars can park on further down Martin St. Avoid parking cars where the road bends, or mount cars on footpath, obstructing walkers.

PLEASE DO NOT OVER FILL our car park.

.....and Finally

Let me take this opportunity on behalf of the Management Committee & their families to WISH YOU ALL a Peli Raat Mubarak.

Kalim Vanat (El Presidente of Leicester Branch)

That's all folks. If you have a short article or information that would benefit our community or its members, please forward it to Kalim Vanat for it to be included in the next issue towards the beginning of **March 2006**. Your feedback is also much appreciated.

