

LEICESTER SAMACHER

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Hajj - Introduction

Three months after Ramadan comes the season of the great Pilgrimage to Makkah (Hajj), the birthplace of Islam, where an ever-increasing number of men and women converge each year, from every possible corner of the earth. The origin of the Hajj, the Fifth Pillar of Islam, dates back to the Prophet Ibrahim (AS) and brings together Muslims of all races and tongues to don two simple white cloths in an impressive display of Islam's disregard for racial or national divisions. Each year nearly several million people make the pilgrimage, making it the largest temporary gathering on the globe. It is an act of recollection and worship, but also a symbolic act representing the spirit's return to its homeland—one of the central elements of the Muslim life. Hajj is an imperative duty (fard) for all Muslims physically and financially able to perform it.

The rites begin and end at the Ka'ba the square 'House' built as Muslims believe, by Adam (AS) and restored by Ibrahim (AS) and his elder son Ismael (AS). However, the culminating moment unfolds eight miles away, where Muslims stand and pray near the Mount of Mercy, a desert place where the Prophet (pbuh) used to preach. The pilgrimage is regarded as worship of a lifetime, and in being the Final Pillar of Islam, the seal of consummation, the completion of surrender and the perfection of religion. down His revelation:

It was during the Pilgrimage that God sent down His revelation:

God has prescribed certain rites that a pilgrim should observe properly for his pilgrimage to be accepted.



To perform the pilgrimage means to leave all worldly activities aside and to proceed to meet the Lord. The primary condition is *purity of intention (niyyah)*.

For further information visit:

www.al-islam.com (click on step by step fo Hajj)

<http://www.religioustolerance.org/isla1.htm>

<http://islam.about.com/od/hajj/a/adha.htm>

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2007

Khass Baat

Thought of the Day

To your mind feed understanding,
to your heart, tolerance and compassion.
The simpler your life, the more meaningful.
The less you desire of the world,
the more room you will have in it
to fill with the Beloved.

Ladies Gathering

On Thursday 4th Jan 2007 @ 7pm (prompt), we would like to invite all the ladies to attend an informal meeting to gather views & discuss the organising of religious events through out the year. This will give us the opportunity to plan forthcoming events ahead. Further information will be outlined on the day.
PLEASE ATTEND. DINNER WILL BE PROVIDED

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Leicester Committee News:

Moharrum Program

Unfortunately on this occasion brother Qureshbhai will not be able to join us & recite majles during these sadest days. We all pray for his beloved mother as she makes a slow recovery to good health. We hope to use the services of Janab Mohammedbhai for the 9 days.

Please inform Mohsinbhai Sulemanji, which days you wish to sponsor niyaz Tel 0116 2330025 (9-5pm)

Details of programs & timing will be sent out on email & put up on the notice board in due course.

FREE OF CHARGE

If you would like to use the hall to recite Sipara (yasin) ONLY, the Committee has decided NOT TO CHARGE, current charges would apply if niyaz is included.

Website Launch

LEICESTER JAMAAT HAS LUNCHEDED ITS WEBSITE

<http://www.dawoodi-bohras.org.uk>

CLICK ON LINK FOR LEICESTER

Parts of the site are still under construction, all the information will be available soon - inshallah



Lessons in Logic

If it's true that we are here to help others, then what exactly are the others here for?

Since light travels faster than sound, people appear bright until you hear them speak.

Every man should marry. After all, happiness is not the only thing in life.

The wise never marry & when they marry they become otherwise.

There should be a better way to start a day, Than waking up every morning

Bush & Intelligent People

While visiting India, George Bush is invited to tea with Abdul Kalam. He asks Kalam what his leadership philosophy is. He says that, it is to be surrounded by intelligent people. Bush asks how he knows if they're intelligent.

" I do by asking them the right questions" says Kalam

" Allow me to demonstrate"

bush watches as Kalam phones Manmohan Singh & says "Mr Prime Minister, please answer this question: your mother has a child, your father has a child & this child is not your brother or sister. Who is it?"

Manmohan immediately replies, " its me Sir!"

"correct. Thank you & good-bye sir" says kalam. he hangs up & says, "did you get that Mr Bush?"

Bush nods "Yes Mr President" Thanks a lot, I'll be definitely be using that!"

Bush upon his return to Washington, decides he'd better put Condoleza Rice to the test. He summons her to the white house & says, "Condoleza, I wonder if you can answer a question for me" "why of course, sir, whats on your mind?"

Bush poses the question " Uhh, your mother has a child, your father has a child & this child is not your brother or sister, who is it?"

Rice was puzzled & asks, "can I think about it & get back to you!" Bush agrees & rice leaves. She immediately calls a meeting of senior senators & they puzzle over the question for several hours, but not body can come up with an answer. Finally, in desperation Rice calls Colin Powell & explains the problem. Your father has a child & your mother has a child neither are your brother or sister, who is it? Powell answers "its me of course"

Much relieved Rice rushes back to the whit house, finds George Bush & exclaims" I know the answer, Sir" I know who it is! Its our Colin Powell!!!"...

And bush replies in disgust "WRONG its Manmohan Singh!!!!!"