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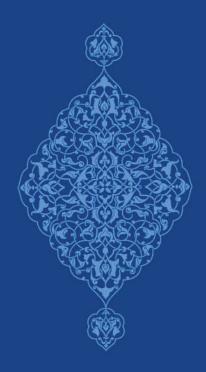




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O you who have believed, decreed upon you is fasting as it was decreed upon those before you that you may become righteous –

(Al-baqarah 183)



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A Letter from the President:

Assalamu Alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatu,

Ramadan Mubarak to my fellow community members! May Allah (SWT) accept all of your good deeds, fasting, salah, and Zakat during this Holy Month of purification.

This is the month that we gather together at the house of Allah (SWT) and collectively display our dedication to our Creator and our commitment to our deen. And this is the month of compassion and generosity when we share our wealth and our many blessings with our fellow human beings.

May this month bring you all what you need and, just like the joyous spring we find ourselves fasting in, usher in a renewal of the beautiful faith and belief in Allah (SWT) that binds us to one another.

I'm thrilled about this year's Ramadan program that the Religious Affairs Committee had put together, featuring a truly outstanding set of beautiful reciters and remarkable khatirahs that will spiritually inspire and uplift all of us and bring us closer to Allah (SWT) and to each other, inshAllah!

We are very excited to welcome Ramadan at The Mecca Center once again and we look forward to seeing you all there as we commemorate the arrival of this Holy Month, alhamdulilah!

Barak Allahu Fekum and Ramadan Mubarak,

Hani Atassi, MBA

President, The Mecca Center



Ramadan: A Time of Reform, Reward and Relief

by Sh. Tariq Musleh



Salaamu Alaikum, Dear Mecca Center Community,

I'd like to wish each one of you a Ramadan Mubarak! We pray this month brings you and your family moments of spiritual rejuvenation as well as countless memories with the ones you love doing what He (swt) loves.

Ramadan is a time of Reform, Reward and Relief. We reform through new norms. It becomes normal for us all to be at the masjid daily, to recite, reflect, and memorize the Quran daily. It becomes normal for us to not have the coffee and lunch breaks we've become accustomed to. It becomes normal to stand in the darkness of the night and pray extra worship and refrain from engaging in acts that displease Him (swt). Ramadan shows us what we're capable of and the potential each of us have to be upright servants of Allah and followers of the beloved (pbuh). That, my dear brother and sister, is what makes Ramadan as the Quran says, better than a thousand months.

Allah has enrolled us in the school of Ramadan, the shayateen chained for the entirety of the month, allowing us to be more in tune with and to recognize who we actually are, as the Hadith of the Prophet pbuh describes:

"When the first night of Ramadan comes, the satans and mischievous jinns are chained up, and the gates of the Fire are closed, and none of its gates are opened. The gates of Paradise are opened and none of its gates are closed. And a caller cries out: 'O seeker of good, proceed, O seeker of evil, stop.' And Allah has necks (people) whom He frees (from the Fire), and that happens every day."

Although the Ramadan curriculum is the same for everyone, it is also highly personalized, allowing us to be aware of what our potential is and what we are capable of and enabling us to reflect on what we need to improve and reform. It is an opportunity to learn about our true selves and

appreciate the blessings in our lives. Ramadan is a school, and the best of what it teaches us is that the greatest of Allah's favors upon us is Islam, and that we are factually nothing without it.

We are enrolled by Allah (swt) in this blessed school of Ramadan, and Allah has made it so easy to pass, so much so that you can only fail if you are going out of your way to fail. It is a test that's meant for all to pass, and a school that Allah swt established that's meant for all to graduate from. If it's not fasting it's charity, if it's not charity, it's standing in the night, if it's not standing in the night, it's abstaining from evil tendencies, so many avenues to pass and graduate from the school of Ramadan.

Of course such great actions don't go without great reward, therefore the multitude of deeds awarded to such a person seem immeasurable and one can feel nothing less than enveloped in the infinite mercy of Allah and having earned His divine forgiveness. The reward of the fasting is such that Allah simply says, "fasting is for me and I will reward you for it," meaning that the intimate act of worship of fasting is so powerful in nature, combining between the servitude of the heart, soul, and limbs in both internal and external matters, that the reward of it is something that Allah uniquely rewards each servant of His as He wishes based on our efforts.

Earning the reward of Jannah is not a battle for the impossible or the intangible, rather the reward of Jannah is in such easy reach that one needs يًا بَاغَى الْخُيْر أَقْبِلُ ". (Oh seeker of good, come forward and it is theirs. As the angels call as Ramadan starts, "Oh seeker of good, come forward ويَا بَاغَى الْخُيْر أَقْبِلُ

Ramadan is when we set aside everything else to come forward in seeking the reward of Allah (swt).

Over the past several months, we have witnessed first-hand for people of the world to cause such a level of destruction and harm. We have witnessed in our personal lives as well as in the global ummah of Prophet Muhammed (pbuh), the ability of harm to be done against the most vulnerable and most innocent of humans. We have witnessed our brothers and sisters being driven out of their homes, unable to find the basic human needs of food, water, and shelter. We have witnessed the world turn a blind eye to those who are oppressed and turn its back on them, all of which requires recovery from.

Ramadan is a time of relief and healing. Ramadan is when we relieve our hearts from the trials and tribulations of the world. It's when we pour out the vessels of our hearts to Allah, most confident in His divine wisdom and guidance. It is when we relieve ourselves from the expectations of society and remind ourselves of the expectations we have in Allah and the expectations He has for us. It is when we relieve ourselves of our sins, and learn to love ourselves enough to abandon the sins, the habits, and the company that takes us away from the Divine.

Ramadan is an opportunity for us to rejuvenate our relationship with the houses of Allah (swt). As community members gather for the Taraweeh and Qiyam prayers, Quran recitations, and iftars, this heightened engagement allows us all to experience the masjid's spiritual ambiance, thereby fostering a deeper connection and a healing effect on the hearts and souls of worshippers. It is no wonder that Al-Ghazali likens the masjid to a hospital for the hearts because, just as a hospital is a place where physical ailments are treated and cured, the masjid is a place where spiritual ailments and diseases of the heart are addressed and healed. Indeed, the masjid is a spiritual sanctuary and place of healing for our' hearts and souls.

Furthermore, hospitals provide not only medical treatment but also a supportive environment where patients can connect with others who may be going through similar experiences. Likewise, masajid offer a sense of community and support, serving as "medicine" for one another, by providing emotional support, guidance, and comfort during times of difficulty or hardship. Moreover, our masajid become hubs of communal activities during Ramadan, hosting iftar gatherings, charity drives, and educational programs, fostering a sense of belonging and strengthening the bonds within the community.

May Allah (swt) allow this blessed month to be a door to Jannah for us. May He, the infinitely loving and merciful, accept our humble attempts at seeking His pleasure and allow our center to be one of worship, unity, and service for years and generations to come.

Your brother.

Sh. Tariq Musleh

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Fasting and the Journey towards Self



In the 1960s, scientists at Stanford tested hundreds of four-year-old children. This is known as the marshmallow experiment. "The kids were brought into a room and presented with a selection of treats, including marshmallows. They were offered a deal: they could eat one marshmallow right away, or, if they waited a few minutes, they could have two marshmallows. Some kids gave in to temptations and ate the marshmallow as soon as the adult left. About 30 percent managed to ignore their urges, and doubled their treats when the researcher came back fifteen minutes later... Years later they [researchers] discovered that the four-year-olds who could delay gratification the longest ended up with the best grades and with SAT scores 210 points higher, on average, than everyone else. They were more popular and did fewer drugs." I

The results of the experiment indicate that success comes down to choosing the pain of discipline over the ease of immediate satisfaction that could hurt us later. In this vein, we can understand fasting as a great discipline for mastering the art of delayed gratification, restraining our egotism, and thereby developing more self-mastery. During your fast, your body cries out for food or water, and you respond: "wait till sunset!" Here your desires become the servants of reason, not the other way around.

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In our daily activities, we regularly face the challenge to resolve the conflict between lust and reason. Lust allures us to the immediate gratification we find in eating unhealthy food, taking destructive drugs, falling into gambling, lashing out in anger, or using our credit cards for our wants, not needs. However, our divine gift of reason can see the harmful consequences we will eventually face, and thereby alert us to choose the effort of discipline over the ease of immediate gratification. When we follow our impulses without the good counsel of reason we ease our discomfort for the moment but we pay a bigger price later.



Fasting creates that conflict between impulses and reason and trains us to let reason lead impulses. It is through self-striving (mujahadah) that we can change bad habits and develop good traits. For instance, the prophet teaches, "When any one of you gets up in the morning in the state of fasting, he should neither use obscene language nor do any act of ignorance. And if anyone slanders him or quarrels with him, he should say: "I am fasting, I am fasting" [Reported by Muslim]. In his commentary on this hadith, Imam al-Nawawi suggests that a person should say "I am fasting" openly to the offender and silently to the self as a reminder of the moral commitment to self-regulate. This reminder, "I am fasting," trains us to handle frustration without an outburst and managing our disruptive emotions. In other words, saying "I am fasting" turns our focus from feelings of revenge and resentment to the great values of peace and forgiveness that are associated with the discipline of fasting.

In reference to the relationship between fasting and self-mastery and building good personal traits, Prophet Muhammad said, "Many people fast and they receive nothing but hunger and thirst, and many people would stand up in prayer at night and receive nothing but loss of sleep" [Reported by al-Nasa'i, Ibn Majah, Ahmed, and others]. He also said, "Those who do not leave off indecent speech or acting indecently, Allah has no need for their abstinence from food and drinks." More clearly, al-Hakim reports that the prophet specifically repeats: "Fasting is not [abstinence] from eating and drinking; fasting is [abstinence] from frivolous talk and indecency."

What is communicated here is that we truly misunderstand fasting when we limit it to abstinence from food and drinks. Fasting is meant to empower us and keep our impulses under check and thereby secure our personal freedom and success. If we can delay the gratification of screaming out of anger, we can have better relations. If we delay the gratification of buying unhealthy food at the store, we can eat healthier at home. If we delay the gratification of developing illicit relations, we can have better marriages and serve as better role models with moral integrity. We pray that this Ramadan would be an opportunity to grow in wisdom and draw closer to Allah. O Allah, bring Your peace into our hearts, into our families, into our communities and into the world. O Allah kindle in our hearts Your love, the love of those who love You and the love of all that You love. Ameen.

A Letter from Dr. Syed Ajaz Hussain, Ph.D:

Assalamu Alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa barakatuhu,

Dear Esteemed Members of the Mecca Community,

As we embark upon the blessed month of Ramadan, I extend my warmest greetings and heartfelt wishes to each and every one of you. May this sacred month be filled with abundant blessings, forgiveness, and spiritual growth for all of us.



For the past 22 years, it has been both an honor and a privilege to serve as the Chair of the Mecca Center Education Committee, overseeing the Sunday school, the Mecca Quran Institute, the Quran Blossom program, and the English Literacy and Citizenship exam preparation. Throughout these years, our community has witnessed remarkable progress and success in nurturing our children and enhancing their understanding of Islam, the Quran, and the English language.

I am immensely proud of the dedication and hard work demonstrated by our esteemed Directors Dr. Linda Hamadeh, Sheikh Ahmed Al Shaiky, Sister Diana Khankan, Mai Jawich and Sister Ghada Awwad. I am so very proud of our delectated and nurturing teachers who have been instrumental in shaping the minds and hearts of our students. Their unwavering commitment to excellence has been a source of inspiration for all of us, and I am deeply grateful for their invaluable contributions.

As we observe Ramadan, let us seize this opportunity to deepen our connection with our faith, to reflect on our actions, and to strive for self-improvement. Let us also remember those who are less fortunate and extend our hands in charity and kindness, embodying the spirit of compassion and generosity that defines this sacred month.

May Allah SWT shower His blessings upon our community, strengthen our bonds of brotherhood and sisterhood, and grant us the strength and perseverance to make the most of this blessed month. May our efforts in seeking knowledge and spiritual growth be rewarded abundantly, and may our actions be pleasing to Him.

Once again, Ramadan Mubarak to you and your families. May this Ramadan be a source of peace, joy, and spiritual fulfillment for all of us.

With warm regards and prayers,

Dr. Syed Ajaz Hussain, Ph.D.

Chair, The Mecca Center Education Committee

A Letter from Dr. Talal Sunbulli, M.D:

أهلاً وسهلاً يا رمضان

The seven members of the family gathered around the food. Nadia, seven years old, accepted the fact that she is not ready to fast yet, but she will abstain from eating for a few hours in the morning. The plates were placed over the floor, on a nylon sheet before the Iftar time. Although Nadia was not fasting at that time, she opted not to eat the food and instead helped her brothers and sisters in delivering the food and water to the room. A few minutes before iftar, Nadia and her brother Omar



stood over the couch to watch the cannon of Ramadan fire its first soft bump, announcing to the small city that it is time to break the fast. Just watching the steps of preparation of the cannon to fire made the set of siblings excited for when they would be able to raise their hands and say:

My lord, for you I fasted, and from your bounty I ate, thirst has gone, my arteries are been filled, and I pray that my reward is secured.

Ali Mazrui, a Muslim American Professor, once noted that Islam is like water; it is the source of life, flowing in rivers and streams across Muslim countries. It has the same taste and it is colorless, but reflects the colorful environment it runs through. It could reflect the green gardens of Kashmir, the sandy desert of Saudi Arabia, or the mountains of Morocco, but the flowing water is the same.

Waves of Muslims have been coming to the United States for over a century from almost every Muslim country, bringing with them their unique customs and traditions. Customs and food traditions differ across the Muslim countries, but the warm spirit of Ramadan, its generosity, devotion, forgiveness, and submission to the Merciful, is the same all over the world.

We are witnessing a flourishing of Muslim communities with mosques, schools, and colleges across the United States, netting together what we call a Muslim American community. Ramadan is being recognized all over the United States, and our children are getting that recognition in schools, and our students across the universities are arranging for almost daily Iftars. They no longer have to hide that they are fasting.

I am sure some of us will be counting down the days of Ramadan for the arrival of Eid, but many more cannot wait to see Ramadan come, again and again, when our mosques will be filled to capacity for Taraweeh, when Zakat/charity will be collected daily to serve the needy and other good causes, when community Iftars are done regularly, and when we can happily debate over 8 or 20 rakaat of Taraweeh.

اللهم أعنا على الصيام والقيام وغض البصر وحفظ اللسان، وأعدنا لأمثاله مرات ومرات

Barak Allahu Feekum,

Dr. Talal Sunbulli, M.D

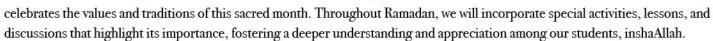
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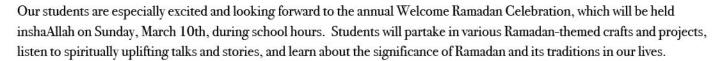
Chair, The Mecca Center Religious Affairs Committee

A Letter from the Sunday School:

As the blessed month of Ramadan approaches, The Mecca Center Sunday School is delighted to extend warm greetings and best wishes to our students, their families, and the wider community. Ramadan is a time of spiritual reflection, self-discipline, and heightened devotion, and we are honored to share this journey with you all. At The Mecca Center Sunday School, we are committed to fostering an environment where students can learn, grow, and appreciate the significance of this blessed month.

We understand the significance of Ramadan in the lives of our students and their families. As such, The Mecca Center Sunday School aims to create an inclusive and supportive environment that





Here are some ways The Mecca Center Sunday School will embrace the Ramadan spirit

- Spiritual Guidance: We understand the importance of spiritual nourishment during Ramadan, and teachers will be
 organizing special activities throughout to help students deepen their appreciation and understanding of this sacred
 month.
- Fasting Support: For students who are fasting, we will provide support and understanding throughout the school day. During Ramadan, school timings will be adjusted. Please refer to the updated schedule provided by the school administration.
- 3. Community Service: Ramadan is a time for giving back to the community and helping those in need. Teachers will be organizing community service and sadaqah collecting activities that students can participate in to experience the joy of giving and make a positive impact on society.

We believe that family plays a crucial role in nurturing a child's spiritual development, and encourage families to also spend quality time during Ramadan, engaging in activities such as reading Quran together, attending taraweeh prayers, and sharing iftar meals.

The Mecca Center Sunday School is committed to making this beautiful month a meaningful and enriching experience for our students, and will continue to serve our community to the fullest potential as a cornerstone in our children's lives, preparing them to become actively involved community members and positive contributors to the society as a whole. We wish you all a blessed Ramadan filled with peace, joy, and spiritual fulfillment, and pray to Allah SWT to make us of those who are able to reap the benefits and rewards of this blessed month (Ameen).

BarakAllahu Feekum,

Dr. Linda Hamadeh Ed.D.

Principal, The Mecca Center Sunday School

A Letter from the Quran Blossoms

During Ramadan, we immerse ourselves in the sacred ambiance, striving to sow the seeds of prayer's love within our children, nurturing it into a cherished routine. Every moment becomes an opportunity to infuse joy into the journey to the mosque, transforming prayer into a delightful experience for our young ones. We not only encourage our children to pray but also to share in the communal spirit, joining relatives, friends, and neighbors in collective prayers, especially during this blessed month. Fasting, even for a few hours, is not just a tradition but a chance to understand the rejuvenating benefits of self-discipline and restraint.



We remind them that Ramadan is a time when prayers are answered with swiftness and mercy. At Blossoms, we breathe life into these teachings through vibrant projects, engaging discussions, uplifting melodies, communal iftars, Quranic recitations, and the joy of sharing in the spiritual journey together.

Our primary goal is to imbue children with a deep understanding of the profound significance of Ramadan within our faith. We emphasize that Ramadan presents us with the most significant opportunity to seek forgiveness from Allah and to strengthen our connection with Him. By fostering this understanding, we aim to instill in them a sense of purpose and motivation, driving them to strive for excellence and to aspire towards attaining the highest rewards in Jannah, the ultimate destination promised by Allah for the righteous.

Ramadan Mubarak,

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Principal, The Quran Blossoms











Letters from The Endowment Fund:

Asssalamu Alaikum,

As we embark on the most blessed and generous month of Ramadan, there is no better time to try and earn good deeds and create a lasting legacy at The Mecca Center. The Mecca Center Endowment Fund is excited to report that we are growing and expanding because of our generous and committed donors that share the vision of growing and improving the services at the Mecca Center for today, tomorrow, and beyond.



The Mecca Center Endowment Fund's strategy is to build an endowment fund investment portfolio that targets sustained financial growth to maximize the returns for donors and nonprofit organizations. The power of an endowment is that it supplies both the donors and the recipients a vehicle dedicated to providing a steady stream of income each and every year in perpetuity. It is the gift that keeps on giving. Endowment funds grow wealth over time and help you to positively impact the community in perpetuity in a tax saving way and exercise our Islamic tradition of a waqf and create a saadiqa jaariya of your own.

Endowment funds like the one The Mecca Center has created have been used by other religious communities for generations as a powerful tool to supercharge the generosity of their members, and build a sizable endowment that will start having an impact on their community quickly.

While the initial focus of the Endowment Fund will be to support The Mecca Center directly, the long-term goal is to grow the endowment to provide continuous support to the entire Muslim community, both locally and globally.

By the grace of Allah (SWT) and the dedication of like-minded individuals who have the vision for generations to come, The Mecca Center Endowment Fund has acquired an investment property. This project will allow for a more sophisticated vehicle to supply steady income for the Mecca Center. This income will continue to help provide meaningful programs for all to enjoy.

The Mecca Center Endowment Fund has also closed on a property at 9200 Kingery Highway. This new property is over 5 acres and already has a committee of professionals actively exploring ideas on the best way to utilize this investment for the benefit of the Mecca Center

As we all know and witnessed that none of us are guaranteed tomorrow. I am a reminder of that. My beloved father, Dr. Bashar Kashlan, Allah Yerhamo, had so much energy and love for the Mecca Center and did his best to help set up the Endowment Fund four years ago by introducing the concept of Planned Giving. I know if he was here, he would be smiling and encouraging us all to continue to give. By supporting The Mecca Center Endowment Fund during this holy month of Ramadan, your gift will benefit future generations and serve as a sadaqa jaariya, inshAllah.

The Mecca Center Endowment Fund has its sight set to generate a target income of \$1 million dollars by 2030. But we can not accomplish these ambitious goals without the help of generous donors from our community who have the sophistication and long-term vision to plan their giving in a maximally sustainable way. We pray that you will take advantage of this illuminating and rewarding opportunity during this Ramadan by growing the Mecca Center Endowment Fund and that your rewards will be both in this life and in the hereafter.

Jazak Allahu Khairan and Ramadan Kareem,

Dr. Belsam Kashlan, DDS

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Vice President, The Mecca Center Endowment Fund

Assalam Alaikum wa Rahmatu Allah wa Barakatu.

My dear fellow members, Allah SWT has blessed our community with health, wealth, and education. Moreover, due to your unwavering support, The Mecca Center was able to accomplish remarkable and notable success in a relatively short period of time. We need to preserve and sustain not only what we have accomplished together but also the goals we set out to achieve together for many years to come.

Our goals are to enhance the ability to receive and recognize the gift of our revelation, engender personal development tracks, institute leadership programs, emphasize family values, and promote altruism while maintaining the spiritual, moral, and physical well-being of each and every member of our community.

Together, we can accomplish these ambitious goals by embracing our endowment and sustainability plan, The Mecca Center's Endowment Fund, and The Mecca Center's Planned Giving Program. One of the most impactful messages that we can leave behind for our children is that giving goes far beyond accumulating wealth. Let's help each other strive for moral excellence by following the steps of our beloved Prophet (PBUH).

Jazak Allahu Khairan,

Hani Atassi, MBA President, The Mecca Center Endowment Fund





WAYS TO GIVE

Your tax-deductible planned gifts will be directed to The Mecca Center Endowment Fund. Through investments of this fund you will be able to help sustain several objectives and goals of The Mecca Center including:

- OPERATIONS
- SOCIAL SERVICES
- EDUCATION

- CAUSE CHOSEN BY DONOR
- DAWAH



CASH

Giving cash is the most basic way to give to The Mecca Center.



STOCKS & SECURITIES

Donate appreciated stocks and securities held for more than a year.



TRUST & WILLS

Designate The Mecca Center as a beneficiary in your will and trusts



RETIREMENT PLANS & LIFE INSURANCE

Give part of your retirement assets such as IRAs, 401k, 403b and pension.



REAL ESTATE & LAND

Donate your home, vacation property, commercial property or even vacant land.



May Allah shower His blessings upon you and your family and accept your fasting, prayers, and duaa. We pray that this Ramadan brings you immense spiritual growth, peace, and fulfillment.

To ensure a great experience for everyone during this holy month, we have established a few guidelines, and we kindly ask the community to follow them:

Main Men's Musallah:

- Children under the age of 3 are not allowed at the main area of the musallah Fathers with children under 3 are kindly asked to sit in the back area of the musallah, located between the two main doors
- If your child, regardless of age, becomes loud and disturbing to others at the Musallah, we kindly ask you to take them out until they calm down and are ready to join the prayer. Please expect to be approached by a staff member to assist in this matter if necessary.

Downstairs Musallah for Women:

No children are allowed in this space.

Upstairs Musallah for Women:

- Children under the age of 3 are not allowed.
- Mothers with children under 3 are kindly asked to use the designated "Mommy and Me" rooms 215, 216, 217, which have been arranged for your convenience. These rooms will be equipped with a selection of toys for the children and Qurans for the adults, allowing them to engage in quiet activities while being able to hear the prayer and follow along.
- If your child, regardless of age, becomes loud and disturbing to others at the Musallah, we kindly ask you to take them out until they calm down and are ready to join the prayer. Please expect to be approached by a staff member to assist in this matter if necessary.

Special Children's Programs:

We are thrilled to announce a special children's program during Ramadan, running from Isha time until after Taraweeh prayers every night. This program is tailored for children ages 3-10 and will feature engaging activities and crafts to enhance their Ramadan experience. Monthly enrollment is priced at \$250, while walk-ins are welcome at \$15 per night upon availability

We hope these guidelines will contribute to a peaceful and focused atmosphere for our community during this holy month. Your cooperation and understanding are sincerely appreciated as we strive to meet everyone's needs.

Jazakum Allahu Khairan & Ramadan Mubarak



إمساكية شهر رمضان المدارك



Based on the location of The Mecca Center in Willowbrook, IL $\frac{MARCH-APRIL}{APRIL} \ 2024 - \frac{RAMADAN}{APRIL} \ 1445$



MARCH آذار	DAY اليوم	RAMADAN رمضان	FAJR & IMSAAK الإمساك/الفجر	SUNRISE الشروق	DHUHR الظهر	ASR العصر	MAGHRIB المغرب/الافطار	ISHA العشاء	ISHAA IQAMA
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2	23	Tue	5:11	6:30	12:54	5:26	7:18	8:38	9:00
3	24	Wed	5:09	6:28	12:54	5:27	7:19	8:39	9:00
4	25	Thu	5:07	6:27	12:54	5:27	7:21	8:40	9:00
* 5	26	Fri	5:05	6:25	12:53	5:28	7:22	8:42	9:00
6	27	Sat	5:04	6:23	12:53	5:29	7:23	8:43	9:00
7	28	Sun	5:02	6:22	12:53	5:29	7:24	8:44	9:00
8	29	Mon	5:00	6:20	12:53	5:30	7:25	8:46	9:00
9	30	Tue	4:58	6:18	12:52	5:31	7:26	8:47	9:00
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20 Minutes after	1:15pm	1st-29th: 5:30pm &	5 Minutes after	15th-25th: 8:30pm &	1st Prayer 1:00pm
Adhan		30th: 5:45pm	Adhan	26th-8th: 9:00pm	2nd Prayer 2:30pm

MEET THE RECITERS



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Sh. MOUSTAFA ISMAIL is a Quran teacher with over 20 years experience of teaching Quran and leading prayers. He holds Ijazah in the rendition of Shu'bah and Hafs. He has led Taraweeh at The Mecca Center for over 8 years. He has been involved with MQI college Quran program since 2022. He enjoys helping people learn Quran and understand it



Sh. SABRI ELMANSOURI born and raised in Libya, is an accomplished individual with a Bachelor's in Medicine and surgery, a Master of Public Health, and a resident physician at Insight Hospital, Chicago. Alongside his medical career, he is a Munshid and Qari, having memorized the Quran with two Rewayat(Hafs and Kallon) in 1999. He served as Imam Taraweeh in Germany and Italy, and currently at the Mecca Center since 2016. Sabri is a judge for the Annual USA National Quran Competition and secured 6th place globally in the Nasheed competition in 2018.



Sh. SENAN HAFEZ born and raised in Ras Al Khaimah, UAE, developed a strong passion for the Quran from a young age, guided by his parents. He obtained his bachelor's degree in business and information engineering from the UAE and Japan, followed by a master's degree in the US. Currently, he works as a Senior Clinical IT Manager in the biopharmaceutical industry. Senan remains dedicated to his passion for the Quran, volunteering as a Tarawih Qari at the Mecca Center in Chicago during Ramadan since 2018, where he serves his community with humility and gratitude. Inspired by multiple reciters, he honed his audio engineering and tech skills to found SoulsFX.com, a platform to spread content infused with spiritual enlightenment drawn from the Quran and Dhikr.



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	40		Sh. Yousef Wahb	Ishaa & 1-8	2-10	البقرة / 1	البقرة / 66
	10	SUN	Sh. Sabri Elmansouri	9-14	10-17	البقرة / 67	البقرة / 108
			Sh. Moustafa Ismail	15-20 & Witer	17-25	البقرة / 109	الْبقرة / 167
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-	11	MON	Sh. Moustafa Ismail	Ishaa & 1-8	25-33	البقرة / 168	البقرة / 214
1		MON	Sh. Yousef Wahb	9-14	33-41	البقرة / 215	البقرة / 252
			Sh. Senan Hafez	15-20 & Witer	42-49	البقرة / 253	البقرة / 286
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	40		Sh. Senan Hafez	Ishaa & 1-8	50-57	آل عمران / 1	آل عمران / 58
2	12	TUE	Sh. Moustafa Ismail	9-14	57-65	آل عمران / 59	آل عمران / 117
			Sh. Yousef Wahb	15-20 & Witer	65-73	آل عمران / 118	آل عمران / 175
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_			Sh. Sabri Elmansouri	Ishaa & 1-8	73-80	آل عمران / 176	النساء / 18
3	13	WED	Sh. Senan Hafez	9-14	80-88	النساء / 19	النساء / 63
			Sh. Yousef Wahb	15-20 & Witer	88-96	النساء / 64	النساء/ 109
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	14	THU	Sh. Moustafa Ismail	Ishaa & 1-8	96-103	النساء / 110	النساء / 162
4			Sh. Yousef Wahb	9-14	104-112	النساء / 163	المائدة / 26
			Sh. Senan Hafez	15-20 & Witer	112-119	المائدة / 27	المائدة / 69
	15	FRI	Sh. Senan Hafez	Ishaa & 1-8	119-127	المائدة / 70	المائدة / 120
5			Sh. Yousef Wahb	9-14	128-135	الأنعام / 1	الأنعام / 67
			Sh. Moustafa Ismail	15-20 & Witer	135-143	الأنعام / 68	الأنعام / 121
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	16		Sh. Yousef Wahb	Ishaa & 1-8	143-150	الأنعام / 122	الأنعام / 165
6		SAT	Sh. Sabri Elmansouri	9-14	151-158	الأعراف / 1	الأعراف / 64
			Sh. Moustafa Ismail	15-20 & Witer	158-166	الأعراف / 65	الأعراف / 137
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			Sh. Moustafa Ismail	Ishaa & 1-8	167-174	الأعراف / 138	الأعراف / 186
7	17	SUN	Sh. Yousef Wahb	9-14	174-181	الأعراف / 187	الأنفال / 35
			Sh. Senan Hafez	15-20 & Witer	181-190	الأنفال / 36	التوبة / 22
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	18		Sh. Yousef Wahb	Ishaa & 1-8	190-197	التوبة / 23	التوبة / 66
8		MON	Sh. Senan Hafez	9-14	197-204	التوبة / 67	التوبة / 110
			Sh. Moustafa Ismail	15-20 & Witer	204-211	التوبة / 111	يونس / 25
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	19	TUE	Sh. Sabri Elmansouri	Ishaa & 1-8	212-219	يونس / 26	يونس / 92
9			Sh. Senan Hafez	9-14	219-226	يونس / 93	پردان 40 / 40 مود / 40 ا
			Sh. Yousef Wahb	15-20 & Witer	226-234	پردان 357 هود / 41	هود / 109
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			Sh. Hassan Saleh	Ishaa & 1-8	234-241	هود / 110	يوسف / 44
10	20	20 WED	Sh. Hassan Saleh	9-14	241-247	يوسف/ 45	يوسف / 98
			Sh. Hassan Saleh	15-20 & Witer	247-253	يوسف / 99	الرعد / 34
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11	1000	2223	Guest Imam	Ishaa & 1-8	254-261	الرعد / 35	إبراهيم / 52
	21	THU	Sh. Sabri Elmansouri	9-14	262-267	الحجر / 1	الحجر / 99
			Sh. Yousef Wahb	15-20 & Witer	267-274	النحل / 1	النحل / 72
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12	22	FRI	Sh. Yousef Wahb	Ishaa & 1-8	275-283	النحل / 73	الإسراء / 8
			Sh. Moustafa Ismail	9-14	283-288	الإسراء / 9	الإسراء / 65
			Sh. Senan Hafez	15-20 & Witer	288-296	الإسراء / 66	الكهف / 26
			Sh. Yousef Wahb	Ishaa & 1-8	296-304	الكهف / 27	الكهف / 110
13	23	SAT	Sh. Sabri Elmansouri	9-14	305-312	مريم / 1	مريم / 98
			Sh. Moustafa Ismail	15-20 & Witer	312-320	المجارة طه / 1	طه / 114
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			Sh. Senan Hafez	Ishaa & 1-8	320-326	طه / 115	الأنبياء / 50
14	24	SUN	Sh. Moustafa Ismail	9-14	326-333	الأنبياء / 51	الحج / 7
			Sh. Yousef Wahb	15-20 & Witer	333-339	الحج / 8	الحج / 64
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	25	MON	Sh. Senan Hafez	Ishaa & 1-8	340-347	الحج / 65	المؤمنون / 77
15			Sh. Yousef Wahb	9-14	347-352	المؤمنون / 78	النور / 26
			Sh. Moustafa Ismail	15-20 & Witer	352-359	النور / 27	النور / 64
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16	26	TUE	Sh. Yousef Wahb	Ishaa & 1-8	359-366	الفرقان / 1	الفرقان / 77
			Sh. Senan Hafez	9-14	367-373	الشعراء / 1	الشعراء / 140
			Sh. Sabri Elmansouri	15-20 & Witer	373-380	الشعراء / 141	النمل / 44
4=	27		Sh. Senan Hafez	Ishaa & 1-8	381-387	النمل / 45	القصص / 14
17		WED	Sh. Moustafa Ismail	9-14	387-392	القصص / 15	القصص / 59
			Sh. Yousef Wahb	15-20 & Witer	393-399	القصص / 60	العنكبوت / 30
40	28	200 TUU	Sh. Moustafa Ismail	Ishaa & 1-8	400-407	العنكبوت / 31	الروم / 26
18		THU	Sh. Senan Hafez	9-14	407-412	الروم / 27	لقمان / 19
			Sh. Yousef Wahb	15-20 & Witer	413-420	لقمان / 20	الأحزاب / 20
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19	29	29 FRI	Sh. Dardasawi	Ishaa & 1-8	420-426	الأحزاب / 21	الأحزاب / 62
			Sh. Yousef Wahb	9-14	427-432	الأحزاب / 63	سبأ / 39
			Sh. Sabri Elmansouri	15-20 & Witer	433-440	سبأ / 40	فاطر / 45
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20	30	SAT	Sh. Senan Hafez Sh. Moustafa Ismail	9-14	440-445 446-452	يس / 1	يس / 83 الصافات / 182
			Sh. Yousef Wahb	15-20 & Witer	453-459	م / 1	الزمر 7 7
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21	31	SUN	Sh. Sabri Elmansouri Sh. Yousef Wahb	Ishaa & 1-8	459-467	الزمر / 8 غافر / 1	الزمر / 75 غافر / 52
				9-14	467-473	75 Tables	
			Sh. Senan Hafez	15-20 & Witer	473-478	غافر / 53	فصلت / 18



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22	120		Sh. Yousef Wahb	Ishaa & 1-8	478-485	فصلت / 19	الشورى / 19				
	1	MON	Sh. Senan Hafez	9-14	485-490	الشورى / 20	الزخرف / 22				
			Sh. Moustafa Ismail	15-20 & Witer	491-497	الزخرف / 23	الدخان / 29				
00	2	TUE	Sh. Moustafa Ismail	Ishaa & 1-8	497-504	الدخان / 30	الأحقاف / 20				
23			Sh. Yousef Wahb	9-14	505-510	الأحقاف / 21	محمد / 38				
			Sh. Sabri Elmansouri	15-20 & Witer	511-517	الفتح / 1	الحجرات / 18				
			Sh. Yousef Wahb	Ishaa & 1-8	518-525	ق / 1	الطور / 49				
24	3	WED	Sh. Moustafa Ismail	9-14	526-532	النجم / 1	الرحمن / 28				
			Sh. Senan Hafez	15-20 & Witer	532-537	الرحمن / 29	الواقعة / 96				
22	4		Sh. Moustafa Ismail	Ishaa & 1-8	537-545	الحديد / 1	المجادلة / 22				
25		THU	Sh. Sabri Elmansouri	9-14	545-551	الحشر / 1	الممتحنة / 13				
			Sh. Yousef Wahb	15-20 & Witer	551-557	الصف / 1	التغابن / 18				
26	5	FRI	Sh. Yousef Wahb	Ishaa & 1-4	558-561	الطلاق / 1	التحريم / 12				
<u> </u>			Sh. Senan Hafez	5-10	562-566	الملك / 1	القلم / 52				
- 1 H			Sh. Moustafa Ismail	11-16	566-570	الحاقة / 1	المعارج / 44				
***			Sh. Sabri Elmansouri	17-20 & Witer	570-573	نوح / 1	الجن / 28				
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		SAT	Sh. Yousef Wahb	Ishaa & 1-8	574-580	المزمل / 1	الإنسان / 31				
27	6		Sh. Moustafa Ismail	45549	580-585	المرسلات / 1	عبس 42 ا				
			Sh. Senan Hafez	15-20 & Witer	586-590	التكوير / 1	البروج / 22				
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20	7	7 SUN	Sh. Moustafa Ismail	Ishaa & 1-4	591-594	الطارق	الفجر				
28			Sh. Sabri Elmansouri	5-10	594-596	اليلد	الشرح				
			Sh. Senan Hafez	11-16	597-600	التين	التكاثر				
			Sh. Yousef Wahb	17-20 & Witer	601-604	العصر	الناس				
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29	8	MON	Sh. Senan Hafez	Ishaa & 1-8	2-5	البقرة / 1	البقرة / 29				
23			Sh. Yousef Wahb	9-14	6-9	البقرة / 30	البقرة / 61				
			Sh. Moustafa Ismail	15-20 & Witer	10-13	البقرة / 62	البقرة / 86				
30	9	TUE	No Taraweeh								



















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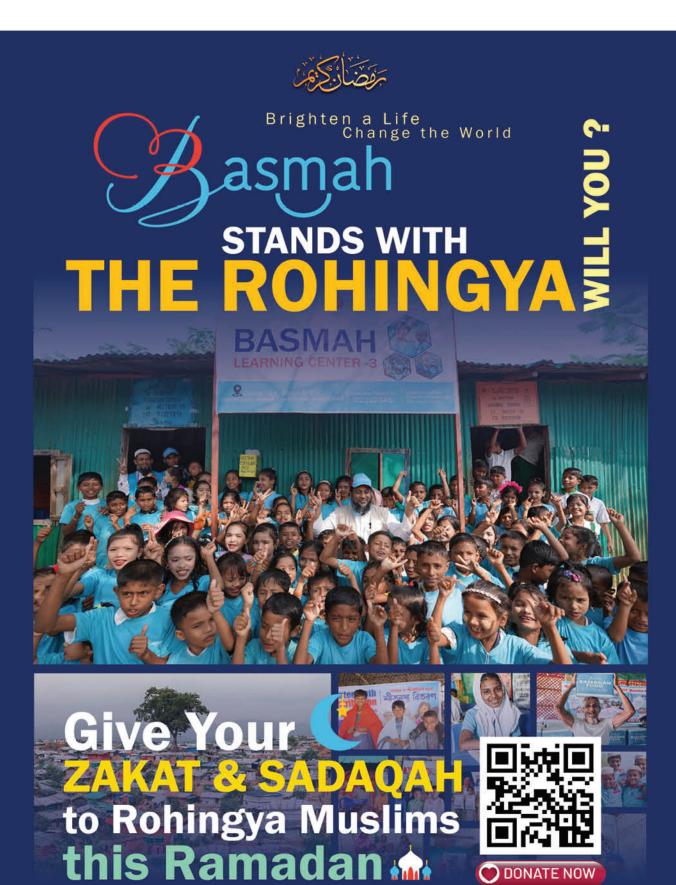
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