



Newsletter

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Muharram 9th, 1429

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Starting Sat 01/19/08

Prayer	MCA	An-Noor
Fajr	6:30 am	6:30 am
Dhuhr	12:40pm	12:40 pm
Asr	3:30 pm	4:00pm
Maghrib	Sunset	Sunset
Isha	8:00pm	7:30pm
Jumaah	12:20 & 1:20 pm	12:20 pm

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Weekly Reminder

Righteousness

Al-Nawwas bin Sam'an, *radiyallahu 'anhu*, reported that the Prophet, *sallallahu 'alayhi wasallam*, said:

"Righteousness is good character, and sin is that which wavers in your heart and which you do not want people to know about."

[Muslim]

Upcoming Events

The New EC Board met on 1-15-08. They discussed and approved the following assignment of EC.

- **Vice President:** Br. Mohammed Nadeem
 - **Treasure:** Br Azfar Qureshi
 - **Gen Secretary:** Br. Othman Asad
 - **Social Secretary:** Br. Yusuf Saib
- **Dawah Secretary:** Br. Munther Qtaish
- **Publication Secretary:** Br. Ejaz Anam

Default assignments are:

- **Women Representative:** Sr. Houda
- **President:** Br. Kamal

The New EC also said farewell to Sister Farah Rahbar and Br. Edgard Sammour. May Allah SWT reward them and accept their hard work ameen.

TONIGHT: The Ifk

MCA Dawah Committee Presents: The Ifk "Lessons from the Incident of the Slander of Mother of the Believers, Aisha, may Allah be pleased with her" **Speaker:** Br. Yusuf Al-Shehabi **When:** After ishaa, TONIGHT! **Where:** Men's Prayer Hall ALL are welcome **Questions?** [Maryam.ebrahimi@mcabayarea.org](mailto:Mariam.ebrahimi@mcabayarea.org)

Friday, Feb. 1st: Family Night

MCA Dawah Committee Presents: Family Night "with an All American Gourmet Meal" **Islam in the Fast Lane..."Getting out of the mindset of being a Minority in America" WITH Shaykh Sadullah Khan Dinner:** @ 7pm//Lecture after Ishaa **Info:** Babysitting available. Special program for kids 4-8. **Questions?** [Maryam.ebrahimi@mcabayarea.org](mailto:Mariam.ebrahimi@mcabayarea.org)

Friday, Feb. 8: Lecture; "Life in Occupied Palestine"

Lecture "Life in Occupied Palestine" **Speaker:** Anna Baltzer, a Jewish American Columbia graduate, Fulbright scholar, the grand daughter of Holocaust refugees, and volunteer for the Internation Women's Peace Service recount her experience of the conflict while living in the West Bank **When:** Friday, Feb 8th. **Time:** 8pm **Info:** Come see slides, hear stories recounting her first-hand experience with the conflict while living in the West Bank. **Contact:** michelle.lee@mcabayarea.org for more information.

Saturday, Feb. 9th: Family Hike

Family Hike to Castle Rock State Park in the Santa Cruz Mountains; We'll meet at MCA at **9am sharp**. This is an approximately 5 mile hike of low to medium difficulty. The whole family is invited to join the outdoor fun, and will be able to move at their own pace. Wear sturdy walking shoes, dress in layers to accommodate the weather, and bring your own water, snacks, and sack lunch. **Email** michelle.lee@mcabayarea.org for questions or **call** 408.727.7277 ext 415.

Friday, Feb. 15th: Blood Drive (For Brothers)

BLOOD DRIVE (Brothers)--Stanford Blood Center will be here to collect blood from all brothers **When:** Feb. 15th from 12pm to 3pm. Sponsored by MCA and MAS Youth Give.

Friday, Feb. 22nd: Blood Drive (For Sisters)

BLOOD DRIVE (Sisters)--Stanford Blood Center will be here to collect blood from all sisters. **When:** Feb. 22nd from 12pm to 3pm. Sponsored by MCA and MAS Youth Give.

What are your High School options for the 2008/09 school year?

All Parents of Eighth Graders are invited to Join in a **Parents Forum** to discuss and share the available 2008 High School Options.

Saturday JAN 26, 2008

1:30Pm - 3:00Pm

RSVP/Info: HighSchool2008@sbcglobal.net

Silicon Valley Academy
1095 Dunford Way, Bldg. 400
Sunnyvale, CA 94087
Ph: 408-243-9333

Open Position: MCA Dawah Program Coordinator (Part-Time)

Description

A part time position to execute Dawah programs, recruit and manage volunteers for activities organized by the Dawah Committee

Requirements:

- Seeking a dynamic, approachable, self-starter
- High school graduate with good management and organizational skills
- Must be flexible with evening and weekend hours
- Should be able to commit 10-15 hours/week
- Possess excellent written and communication skills
- Be committed to model good Muslim character
- Be able to multi-task and be able to handle and improvise with last-minute changes
- Work to keep dawah events consistent, and expand and revamp existing programs
- Be able to keep consistent documentation of events and event details

For further information or to apply email:
munther.qtaish@mcabayarea.org

From the MCA Cultural Nights Series...

Come experience a

Glimpse of China and Southeast Asia



Enjoy the Chinese New Year! Explore the ancient traditions, the rich history, and the modern life of Muslims in the land of **China and Southeast Asia!**

Saturday, Feb. 23 @ 8 pm
MCA Banquet Hall

The cultural night series is a family night program celebrating the diversity of the Muslim world, spotlighting different ethnic groups and cultures. Come discover the fascinating backgrounds of your brothers and sisters from China and Southeast Asia, learn about their history and traditions, and sample their food!!

*Brothers and sisters, especially those from **China, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam, Indonesia, and the Philippines**, who would like to participate in the planning and execution of this event should please contact michelle.lee@mcabayarea.org or call 408.727.7277 x415 as soon as possible!*

This event is sponsored by the MCA Social & Women's Committees.

Five Daily Prayers in Saratoga / Cupertino

West Valley Muslim Association
12370 Saratoga Sunnyvale Road
Saratoga, CA 95070

<http://www.wvmuslim.org>

Khutbah Committee Announcement

Send your feedbacks to khutbah@mcabayarea.org

Speakers/Khateeb for Friday, January 25th, 2008

MCA at 12:20pm: **Br. Sami Hilali**

MCA at 1:20pm: **Br. Yasir Qadha**

Masjid Annoor at 12:20pm: **Br. Rajab Ali**

Youth CORNER

MCA Youth Committee Contact: youth@mcabayarea.org ; 408-727-7277 ext 444. Halaqa Leaders Contact: youthhalaqa@mca-sfba.org

Do I Still Have Time? By Saad Rais

As the night settles in,
The body yearns for sleep.

I lay in my bed,
Gazing at the roof,
Letting my thoughts wonder endlessly

Will I wake up a believer, or a disbeliever?
Will I wake up?

Count my deeds! Count my deeds!
What deeds?

Count my sins! Count my sins!
O those sins!

I still have time.
Ask for forgiveness! Ask for forgiveness!
I whisper the shahadah over and over like
a madman.

The warmth of my blanket beckons me
to sleep,
My wondering thoughts become more
distant,
The eyes give in,
And I know not if I will wake up

WRITE...

For the Youth Corner.
Send us your articles, poems,
spoken word, feedback to
youthcorner@mcabayarea.org

Save the Date:

Annual MCA Ski Trip

The annual MCA Youth Ski Trip will
be on Saturday, February 23rd,
2008 Inshaallah!!!

*stay tuned for more details

Halaqas

Halaqas take place this Friday, January 12th, at their usual
locations Inshaallah.

MSA West Conference

Reclaiming Our Islamic Legacy
10th Annual MSA West Conference
Feb. 15-17, 2008 @ San Jose State
REGISTER NOW: www.msa-west.net

Please note that this is
an non-MCA sponsored event

**The Day of Ashurah is Muharram 10th, which
corresponds to this Saturday, January 19th.**

The Prophet Muhammad [S] said "Fasting the day of
Ashurah is an expiation [of sins] for the year preceding it."
[upon Abu Qatadah, related by the group, except for al-
Bukhari and at-Tirmidhi]
Abu Huraira (R) reports that the Holy Prophet (S) said that
after Ramadan, the fasts of Muharram have the greatest
excellence. [Sahih Muslim]
It is also reported that the Prophet (peace and blessings be
upon him) intended to fast on the ninth and tenth.

Youth Advice & Counseling

With Br. Kamal Shaarawy

MCA is providing **confidential, safe, and professional** advice
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proach is holistic, youth friendly and utilizes modern psy-
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99 Names of Allah



Pronunciation:

at-Tawwaabu jalla jalaaluh

Meaning:

THE ACCEPTER OF REPENTANCE

He who is ever eagerly ready to accept repentance and to forgive sins.

Related Verse From The Holy Quran:

Except those who repent and make amends and openly declare (the Truth): TO THEM I TURN; FOR I AM OFT-RETURNING, Most Merciful. (2:160)

Know they not that ALLAH DOTH ACCEPT REPENTANCE FROM HIS VOTARIES and receives their gifts of charity, and that ALLAH IS VERILY HE, THE OFT-RETURNING, Most Merciful? (9:104)

Nasheed Club for Kids!

Have your child express his creativity and love for Islam through rhythmic beat and learning an assortment of wonderful nasheeds. Both English and Arabic nasheeds will be learned.



The class will be taught by Sr. Hifa Fayad, who has taught and lead various nasheed clubs for the past ten years in both Canada and the US. She has a passion for sparking the interest of children through the "rhythms of Allah's creation."

Who? All children aged 5 years - 8 years are welcome.

Where? Muslim Community Center (MCA)

When? Every Tuesday at 4:00 PM for 8 weeks— Beginning January 29

Fee? \$20 per chld

Interested? Contact Michelle Lee TODAY at michelle.lee@mcabayarea.org or call 408.727.7277 x415.

Masajid Around the World

The Dublin Mosque

The Dublin Mosque is located on South Circular Road in Dublin, Ireland. It is currently the headquarters of the Islamic Foundation of Ireland.

In the early 1970s, there was no mosque in Dublin, Ireland. The Muslim students began to contact their relatives, Islamic organizations in the U.K. and some Muslim countries with the purpose of raising funds to establish a mosque in Dublin. In 1974, a four storey house was bought. Then, in 1976, the first mosque and Islamic center was opened. A few years after its establishment, the mosque became too small to accommodate the increasing numbers of worshippers. Thus, in 1983 the building of the current Islamic Cultural Centre of Ireland on South Circular Road was bought and converted into a mosque.

The mosque grounds include a prayer hall, library, guest room, and restaurant. The guest room provides temporary accommodation (for a maximum of 1 week) for travelers and people who are new arrivals in Dublin. The guest room can accommodate up to 3 people at any one time, and should be booked prior to arrival. Study circles (halaqas) take place on Saturday and Sunday, including a Nigerian halaqa that is conducted in Yoruba and English.

The first trickle of Muslims arrived in Ireland in the early 1950s. Initially, they came for education, especially to study medicine at the famous Royal College of Surgeons in Dublin. Perhaps the

Muslim students from the Republic of South Africa were the first to arrive in Ireland for this purpose. Students then followed from India, Malaysia and the Gulf states. In the 1970's a number of trainees in aircraft engineering came to Ireland from Algeria, Libya, Saudi Arabia and Malaysia. When a number of students decided to reside in this country for work, and with the arrival of a number of Muslim businessmen and traders from the U.K., the first resident Muslim community in Ireland was formed. According to the 2006 Irish census, there are 32,539 Muslims living in the Republic of Ireland, representing a 69% increase over the figures for the 2002 census. Currently, there is no dominant ethnicity within the Muslim community in Ireland. The country's Muslims come from South Asia, East Asia, China, Oceania, and Indonesia. There are also Muslims from Arab countries, a growing number from Sub-Saharan Africa, as well as converts from Catholicism.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dublin_Mosque



4 Things You Can Do For Islam in 2008

(www.soundvision.com)

(continued from last week)

Invest time and money in politics

The only course of action a citizen has is to translate her anger into energy for change. We are living at a time when it is fashionable for presidential candidates to make Islamophobic statements about bombing Makkah, this country and that country; one candidate has chosen a well-known Islam-hater as his foreign policy advisor, and another's wife recently reassured an audience that, "he is not a Muslim. He is not a terrorist." We cannot and must not sit silently and allow Islamophobia to become a point of pride for those running to become leader of the planet's most powerful nation.

Muslim Independents, Muslim Republicans and Muslim Democrats have enough friends around them to internally and externally advise these candidates to move forward from the politics of fear towards rebuilding America.

Politics will remain a dirty word unless good people stop shying away from it, especially Muslims. America needs its Muslims to restore its moral position in the world. That can only be done if America is living up to its ideals. That will happen only if we make an effort.

Keith Ellison was not elected as a Muslim. Most of his constituents are not African-Americans. But he has already had an impact. Gov. Howard Dean, chair of the Democratic National Committee told me that if someone has a problem on the floor of the United States Congress, they can approach him directly about it.

Politics is not just about voting. It is a commitment and relationship that requires time and money. This year, please spend these resources on those who are trying to empower Muslims.

Strengthen Our Families

Nothing hurts more than the shrinking dollar. However, for Muslims the economic difficulties have doubled since the wages of US Muslims decreased by 10% as a result of 9/11. That has added pressure to our families where more than 76% of young Arab Americans are reporting being personally discriminated against. It is therefore, important to pay more attention to our families.

In your immediate family, sit down with your spouse and run a "marriage inventory" of the past year; do a "family inventory" with your kids. Reconnect with the family. Prayer brings love. Pray for a parent, sibling or relative you've been neglecting for the last few months or years; seek forgiveness and forgive. Strong individuals and strong families are what strengthen the Muslim community and empower us to face our ongoing challenges and difficulties.

If our homes have become hotels with spouses, parents and children rarely spending time talking, praying, discussing and eating together, this has to stop. Make this the year all of you truly connect as part of your higher commitment to Allah and the Muslim community.



Women's Tea and Social

Sunday, January 20

10:30 AM-12:30 PM

MCA Boardroom

Topic: Forgiveness
With Sr. Nujood

For more info, email Sr. Nuzhath at Nuzhathq@yahoo.com

Muslim Mommy & Me

Join other Muslim Moms and Kids ages 0-5 for
Free-play, circle time, art and movement activities.

Every Friday Feb 1- May 9

10:30 A.M.-12:00 P.M.

(No Class 3/14 or 4/18) in MCA Mother's Room
Space is Limited, Sign Up at first class
\$10 materials fee per child for the session



MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

2nd Annual Women's Conference

My Sister, My Strength

Date: TBD

Theme Contest

Jazakum Allahu Khairan for all of you entries. After a tough decision, our winner is **Rabi'a Mir Hadian** with the theme **"My Sister, My Strength"** CONGRATULATIONS!!

Volunteers Needed

Email mcawomensconference@gmail.com to inquire about volunteer opportunities.

If you love your family, you must invest in that relationship, especially with your time.

Conclusion:

It all boils down to relationships: our relationship with God the All-Knowing, the All-Forgiving Creator; with the family; with neighbors, as well as with the elected leaders who control our tax funds. This idea is hardly unique. But that is the point. If we take these relationships seriously; evaluate the current status and plan and budget to invest in strengthening them in 2008, with God's blessings we will be better Muslims, better citizens and better neighbors.

MCA Services

- **Al-Arqam School** arqam@mcabayarea.org 408.727.7277 ext 401 Hours: 3pm to 7pm
Al-Arqam school's vision is to educate and inspire all students to develop an Islamic character. Fri., Sat., Sunday
- **Ask the Shaikh** asktheshaiikh@mcabayarea.org 408.247.7570 Hours: 10am to 9pm
You can ask questions to the Shaikh in English or Arabic via e-mail or in an arranged meeting.
- **Bookstore** bookstore@mcabayarea.org 408.727.7277 ext 408 Hours: 5pm to 9pm W-F
Serves the intellectual, spiritual, and cultural needs of all. Fri., Sat., Sun. 11a-3pm
- **Caring Friends:** caringfriends@mcabayarea.org 408.727.7277 ext 460 Hours: 11am to 7pm
A free volunteering service for patient and elderly visitation.
- **Financial Assistance, Zakah** azfar.queshi@mcabayarea.org 408.727.7277 ext 406 Hours: 10am to 6pm
Find out where and how to donate to families and MCA.
- **Counseling** (youth/adults) counseling@mcabayarea.org 408.727.7277 ext 451 Hours: 9am to 7pm
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- **Facility Rentals** abdul.aziz@mcabayarea.org 408.727.7277 ext 407 Hours: 9am to 9pm
MCA provides full service to suit your needs for meetings of 10 to 500 people.
- **Funeral Services** jamal.naas@mcabayarea.org 408.794.9440, 408.984.6273
- **Granada Islamic School** lindaz@granadaschool.org 408.980.1161 Hours: 8am to 3:15pm
A great way to meet your child's needs as a student and a Muslim.
- **Library** library@mcabayarea.org 408.727.7277 ext 542 Hours: 5pm to 9pm
MCA aims to educate and enlighten its Muslim and non-Muslim members.
- **Legal Clinic** legalclinic@mcabayarea.org 408.727.7277 ext 470 Hours: 10am to 12pm
The clinic seeks to provide free legal consultation services and referrals to the local community. Every other weekend
- **Marriage Contracts** abdul.aziz@mcabayarea.org 408.727.7277 ext 407 Hours: 10am to 5pm
MCA provides the services to perform "Nikkah" according to Islamic practices.
- **Medical Clinic** medicalclinic@mcabayarea.org 408-727-7277 ext 411 Hours: 10am to 12pm
This clinic seeks to provide free basic health services. Every other weekend
- **Mentoring Program** mentors@mcabayarea.org 408.727.7277 ext 777 Hours: 12pm to 8pm
This is a program to connect Muslim brothers and sisters for support.
- **Outreach Service** dian.alyan@mcabayarea.org 408.727.7277 ext 402 Hours: 9am to 6pm
Reaching out to new and non-Muslims helping them to understand Islam
- **Weekend Islamic School** weekendschool@mcabayarea.org 408.727.7277 ext 413 Hours: 10am to 1pm
Providing basic Islamic and Arabic education to Muslim youths and adults. Sundays

For more information please check the MCA Website at www.mcabayarea.org

Muslim Youth Soccer Club

Join the MYSC today and get an early bird discount, ***Coaches needed*** .

Cost: \$45.00 till Jan 31st
After Jan 31st Cost: \$55.00
\$5 discount for each additional child in the same family (Uniform & end of season trophy included)



Boys & Girls U6 and U8.
Boys U10, U12&U15

Soccer Fun

Games Start March
8th – through the
end of May

Sign Up: Fridays after Jum'a
Where: MCA Banquet Hall
Registration Forms will be available at
the MCA Facility Manager's office

Contact info:
Moaid Laymoun

Email:
mlaymoun@hotmail.com

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Saturday
January 19, 2008

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at PO Box 1112, Santa Clara CA 95052

Abraham's Day is a national day of community service celebrated by ICNA Relief throughout the US, through its local chapters. It is a day to commemorate and honor the tradition of patriarch Prophet Abraham – may God's peace and blessings be upon him. It brings together an array of religious groups who join hands to provide needy families with warm food, new winter clothing, food baskets and toys for the little ones.

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ICNA Relief USA (Bay Area Chapter)

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Muslim Community Association, Santa Clara
South Bay Islamic Association, San Jose
Masjid Noor al-Islam, San Francisco
Hidaya Foundation



PRINCIPAL/ VICE PRINCIPAL POSITION AVAILABLE

School Information:

Granada Islamic School (GIS), located in the heart of Silicon Valley, California was established in 1988. GIS currently offers Pre-K thru 8th grade education with over 400 students taught by 54 dedicated and highly qualified faculty members. GIS is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). GIS serves a unique, ethnically diverse community and is part of the Muslim Community Association of the San Francisco Bay Area (www.mcabayarea.org).

Description of Position:

The principal shall assume primary and direct responsibility for the operation and administration of all functions of the school, including employee performance and evaluation, curriculum implementation, scheduling, student welfare, community relations, and facility maintenance. The vice principal shall assist the Principal in the operation and administration of all school functions.

Qualifications and Education:

- Appropriate educational and/or administrative university degrees and credentials. (Masters degree preferred)
- Minimum of 5 years of successful teaching experience
- Demonstrated leadership and organizational skills.
- Demonstrated written and oral communication skills.
- Ability to relate well to students, parents, staff, and the Board of Directors.

GIS offers a competitive salary and benefits package commensurate with qualification and experience.

Contact Information:

If you are interested in the position and you meet the qualifications, please mail, fax or email a cover letter, resume, and 3 references to:
Isa Shaw, GISB Secretary Granada Islamic School 3003 Scott Blvd. Santa Clara, CA. 95054
EMAIL: gisboard@mcabayarea.org FAX: (408) 980-1120

Additional information is available at our website, www.granadaschool.org.

Please discard this newsletter in a respectful manner as it includes the name of our Lord and our beloved.