

# *Al-Huda Islamic Center Newsletter*

Issue 3

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Fundraising for Masjid

Several efforts are going on to raise funds for the Islamic Center. InshaAllah every Jummah, sisters plan on selling lunch after prayer for \$5 a plate. Also at that time, Heba Bacchus will be selling mugs with Bismillah written in Arabic calligraphy. If you have requests for any other items with Islamic calligraphy, please contact her at hebabacchus@gmail.com. All proceeds benefit the masjid, so please help out in any way you can!

### Congratulations:

#### Noor Doukma

For the second year in a row, Noor Doukma has made it to the top spots in the Georgia Mathematics League. The Math League is dedicated to bringing challenging math material to students in the form of math contests. Over 1 million students (from 4<sup>th</sup> graders to high school) participate in Math League contests each year. Noor's score of 39/40 in these contests has placed her as third in the state and second in the region. Our warmest congrats go out to her and her parents.

### Congratulations: Mr. and Mrs. Samer Hamwy!

MashaAllah, on April 29, 2005 our growing community was blessed with yet another birth: baby Sarah. We send out our best wishes to the proud parents.

### Upcoming Event!

This Sunday (5/22), inshaAllah the Islamic Center will be having a dinner to kick off the building of a habitat for humanity house. If you would like to attend, please contact either brother Yassin or Sher Ali for tickets. The price is \$7 per adult and the dinner will begin at 6 pm inshaAllah.

### Women's Role in Da'wah

By: Sefat Salama

From the early days of Islam, women have played prominent roles in the propagation of the fundamental truths of Islam. From the sacrifices of Sumayyah (RAA), to the collected Ahadeeth of Aisha (RAA), women have been instrumental in the flourishing and circulation of the deen. In present times, the Islamic revival suffers from weaknesses in properly qualified personnel, which limits its spreading and restricts the da'wah work to an elitist group of activists, with finite and limited efforts of da'wah and tarbiyah being focused on women.

Da'wah amongst women deserves, and should get, far more attention than it does. Given the fact that people all over the world are suffering either due to natural disasters or man-made disasters caused by wars, there is a tremendous need for Muslim women to participate in the field of da'wah. There are many verses in the Qur'an that obligate Muslim men and women to do da'wah, and enjoin good and forbid evil.

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For example, Allah (SWT) says “Let there arise out of you a group of people inviting to all that is good (Islam), enjoining good and forbidding evil. And it is they who are the successful.” [3:104} Let us have a glimpse at the wonderful example set by Umm Sulaym. She taught her son Anas Ibn Malik about Islam, even though her husband rejected Islam. When Abu Talha proposed to her (before accepting Islam) she told him that her dowry was Islam. He in-turn embraced Islam and she married him. She then made her son the servant of the Prophet (SAW). That, indeed, was a great role in sacrifice and service for the religion of Allah.

One of the ways Muslim women can promote da’wah is by supporting their husbands. Khadija’s (RAA) comfort, help, and support of the Prophet (SAW), offer the greatest proof of the importance of this role. The Prophet’s companions who left their homes to go to far away places and invite people to the religion also had the support and the backing of their wives.

In conclusion, the role of Muslim women in da’wah today should not end at the door of their house. Let me offer advice to my fellow sisters on ways they can get involved:

**The Educational field:** This area leads to the ennoblement of the spirit and the purification of the soul through teachings of faith. The minds and souls of people can be reached. These fields can be found in mosques, schools, associations, da’wah groups, and others.

**The Social field:** This field concerns the social development and interaction between people. The da’wah work can be conducted on an individual level with relatives, friends, and colleagues -

particularly those who are not Muslims. On a group level, you can be greatly effective simply by being a good example to others, by being kind-hearted, generous, and honest.

## HADITH

Narrated Abu Sa’id Al-Khudri and Abu Huraira: The Prophet said, "No fatigue, nor disease, nor sorrow, nor sadness, nor hurt, nor distress befalls a Muslim, even if it were the prick he receives from a thorn, but that Allah expiates some of his sins for that." (Sahih Bukhari, Book #70, Hadith #545)

### Beautifying the House of Allah swt

Thanks to all the brothers who helped neaten and arrange the landscaping around the masjid. May Allah reward you for all the good.



A picture of the brothers who volunteered that day.

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## Masjid Al-Momineen Fundraising Dinner

**Shaykh Sirraj Wahaj** will be speaking at this dinner to help raise funds for the construction of Masjid Al-Momineen located in Clarkston, Georgia. This masjid has been in the area for quite some time but is desperately in need of funds to build a new masjid for the highly Muslim-populated Clarkston/Stone Mountain area. Please try to support them through your attendance and spread the word!

**When:** June 11, 2005 at 7 pm

**Where:** Clarkston High School Cafeteria

**Address:** 618 N Indian Creek Dr. Clarkston, GA

**Tickets:** \$20

For tickets, please email  
naano83@yahoo.com

## Sunday Seminars at Alhuda

Every other Sunday, between maghrib and isha'a prayers, the Public Relations' office organizes lectures and seminars at the masjid. In the past they have had a former ambassador of Uzbekistan give a presentation on "Islam in Central Asia." Last Sunday's seminar was on "Relations with non-Muslims: Guidance from the Qur'an and Sunnah", a presentation by Br. Bashir Mundi. After the lecture, there are light refreshments provided.

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These lectures have been announced in the past through flyers and announcements after Jummah and via email on a listserv. If you are interested in becoming a part of this listserv, drop if your email address into the Suggestion Box. The next scheduled lecture is inshaAllah on Sunday May 22, 2005. We strongly encourage you to attend these informative and interesting sessions!

*Surah An-Nisa, Ayah 124*

*And whoever does righteous good deeds, male or female, and is a true believer in the Oneness of Allah (Muslim), such will enter Paradise and not the least injustice, even to the size of a Naqeera (speck on the back of a datestone), will be done to them.*

## Respect for Humanity

**By: Maulana Wahiduddin Khan**

*God tells us in the Qur'an: "We have indeed honored the Children of Adam, and provided for them means of transportation on land and sea, and given them wholesome food and exalted them high above the greater part of Our creation" (17:70).*

This shows that man by his very creation deserves regard and respect. This respect is man's natural birthright,

regardless of which community he belongs to.

According to a Hadith: *"That person is not one of us who is not merciful to our juniors and respectful to our elders."* According to another hadith the Prophet Muhammad said, *"One who believes in Allah and the Last Day must honor his neighbors; one who believes in God and the Last Day must honor his guests."*

There are a number of such commands to the believers in the Qur'an and the Hadith which lay great stress on showing due respect to the servants of God. For this is an important area in which we are actually being tested on our faith in God. Our love and devotion for God finds expression in this world in the form of our relations with other human beings. One who is a true lover of God has an inner urge to love God's servants.

Respect for humankind is one of the basic teachings of Islam. Anyone, be he of one's own religion or of any other religious tradition, whether he belongs to one community or another; whether he belongs to friendly group or enemy group, in all cases is worthy of respect. According to the teachings of Islam human beings are to be respected, despite their differences. Even where antagonism is displayed, we have to adopt the way of avoidance of conflict and continue to show respectful behavior. In the eyes of Islam all human beings are equal and deserve our respect.

The fifth pillar of Islam, Hajj, is one of the most important annual events of the Islamic Year. Let's test your general knowledge about Hajj! Fill in the blanks below!

1. Hajj is performed in the month of \_\_\_\_\_.
2. A pilgrim enters the a state of \_\_\_\_\_, when he sets out for Hajj.
3. He then reads the \_\_\_\_\_, the first word of which is \_\_\_\_\_.
4. On the ninth of the month he goes to the plain of \_\_\_\_\_, which is the most important part of Hajj.
5. Next morning he goes to \_\_\_\_\_, where he stones the \_\_\_\_\_.
6. He also does the \_\_\_\_\_ around the Kabah and laps between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
7. The reward for a sincerely performed Hajj is nothing lesser than \_\_\_\_\_.

#### Answers

- 1)** Dhulhajj **2)** Ihram **3)** Talbeyah, Labbaik  
**4)** Arafat **5)** Mina, Jamarah **6)** Tawaf, Safa, Marwah **7)** Jannah/Heaven

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 Jazakum Allahu Khayrun.

# Children's Corner

## Hajj Quiz

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