Mark Your Calendar

May 24
Brother's Qiyam
Isha To Fajr

May 25
Itikaf Begins

June 4
Eid-Al-Fitr
First Prayer 7:00 AM
Second Prayer 10:00 AM

Quran Ayah Of The Month
The month of Ramadhan [is that] in which was revealed the Qur'an, a guidance for the people and clear proofs of guidance and criterion.
(Surah Al-Baqarah 2:185)

Hadith Of The Month
Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) said, "Whoever observes fasts during the month of Ramadan out of sincere faith, and hoping to attain Allah's rewards, then all his past sins will be forgiven." (Sahih Bukhari)
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“You can feel it in the air.” We have all heard this phrase used many times to describe the feeling of anticipation and excitement that is experienced when waiting for a momentous occasion. As the month of Ramadan nears, we can “feel it in the air.” We find ourselves busy in planning and preparation for the blessed month. This is, in fact, the practice of Rasulullah ﷺ, the Sahaba (RA). Ma‘alla ibn al-Fadl said: They used to pray to Allah for six months, may He be exalted, asking Him to cause them to reach Ramadan, and they used to call upon Him for six months asking Him to accept it from them. Yahya ibn Abi Katheer said: One of their du‘aa’s was: “O Allah, keep me safe until Ramadan, keep Ramadan safe for me, and accept it from me.” Another one of the pious predecessors, Abu Bakr al-Balkhi said, “Rajab is the month to sow the seeds; Shaban is the month to irrigate the crop; and Ramadan is the month to reap the harvest.” Keeping these things in mind, an excellent way of preparing for Ramadan would be for us to reflect on how the Ramadan of Rasulullah ﷺ.

Rasulullah ﷺ would begin his days with suhoor (the pre-dawn meal). Rasulullah ﷺ encouraged others to partake in it as well. “Take the morning meal. Verily, there is blessing in the morning meal.” (Bukhari). In another hadith, we are urged to eat suhoor, even if it is just a sip of water (Ahmad). Many of us skip suhoor because we are too tired, but we must strive our utmost to wake up and eat suhoor—not for the sake of eating, but because this it is the command of Rasulullah ﷺ. Every Muslim should keep in mind the fact that the only way to achieve success in this world and the next is through following the commands of Allah and his Messenger ﷺ. The worldly benefit of suhoor is evident—a person will gain energy throughout the day. As for the spiritual benefit, Rasulullah ﷺ informs us that “The morning meal is a blessed meal, so do not abandon it even if you take only a sip of water.”
Verily, Allah and His angels send blessings upon those who take the morning meal." (Musnad Ahmad). SubhanAllah! The Mercy of Allah ﷻ is so great that He rewards us for eating.

At the end of the day, Rasulullah ﷺ would hasten to have iftar. At the end of the day, we are tired and low on energy. Rasulullah ﷺ understood this and did not want us to extend our fast any longer than necessary. On the other hand, Rasulullah ﷺ and the Sahaba (RA)’s focus was the Hereafter. They would not fill their tablecloth with a variety of (sometimes unhealthy) food. Instead, they would eat a few dates and proceed to the salah. In our cultures, sometimes iftaar becomes the focus of the month instead of fasting. The majority of the day is spent in planning for iftaar. Allah accepts dua for a person at the time of iftar (Ibn Majah), but unfortunately, at this valuable time, many are preparing the meal. With proper planning, food can be prepared earlier in the day so that the entire family can spend the last half hour or so of the fast engaged in dhikr and dua.

We must eat foods that are healthy and will give us the energy to worship Allah ﷻ rather than very heavy foods that will make us tired. Rasulullah ﷺ used to increase his worship in Ramadan. Aisha (ra) says that she never saw Rasulullah ﷺ exert himself in worship as she did in the month of Ramadan (Ibn Majah). The Beloved of Allah ﷺ used to stand solong in salah that his feet would swell—outside of Ramadan. We can only imagine the level of his ﷺ mujahada (striving to gain nearness to Allah) during the month of Ramadan. We should also try to set goals for our ibaadah in the month of Ramadan and begin working towards those goals now so that when the month of Ramadan arrives, we will be running on all cylinders.

Then, inshaAllah we will gain the momentum to act upon the great Sunnah of I’tikaaf for the last ten days of the month. Abu Huraira (ra) reports that Rasulullah ﷺ would seek seclusion for ten days every Ramadan, and in the last year of his blessed life, he did I’tikaaf for twenty days (Bukhari). Sisters can also act upon this Sunnah by appointing an area of the house as their musalla and doing their I’tikaaf there. If there are household chores that need to be performed, woman are allowed to perform these in their I’tikaaf area, and it will not affect the validity of their I’tikaaf. Our lives are getting busier by the day, and this is causing us to become distant from Allah ﷻ. We need to set aside some time to cut ourselves off from the dunya and spend time in solitude, reconnecting with Allah ﷻ. In fact, prior to receiving prophethood, Allah ﷻ put the love of seclusion in the heart of Rasulullah ﷺ (Tirmidhi). In order gain the spiritual strength to receive the message and then convey it, he ﷺ had to spend some time in seclusion. Even after this, despite being the Messenger of Allah ﷺ, he would make I’ tikaaf every year.

Our success in this world and the next can only be achieved through following the example of Rasulullah ﷺ. Ramadan is a time of year in which Allah ﷻ has invited us to turn back to Him. How unfortunate would it be if we were not able to benefit from this opportunity? Just as we leave no stone unturned in trying to succeed in the dunya, our enthusiasm for the everlasting success of the aakhirah should be even greater. May Allah ﷻ give us all the ability to become His beloved in the beloved month.
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Reminders For Ramadan

By Mawlana Ehsan Abdulquayoum

Mawlana Ehsan Abdulquayoum is the imam at Tawheed Center Of Farmington Hills. He is the long-time instructor of the Maktab Program for youth and offers counseling to the community on a variety of issues.

"The Prophet (PBUH) mentioned that it is obligatory upon each and every single one of us to obtain enough religious knowledge which will allow us to perform our [daily] rituals." - Imam Ehsan Abdulquayoum
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The Day Of Rejoice

By Iftikhar Shahzad

The night preceding Eid-ul-Fitr is referred to as Lailatul Jaaeza meaning the night of reward or prize distribution. To get the blessings of this night we should engage in as much worship and dua as possible.

The day of Eid-ul-Fitr is one of the only two annual festivals of Islam. “Holy Prophet came to Madinah, the people had two days in which they used to entertain and amuse themselves. He asked: “What are these two days?” They said: “We used to amuse ourselves and take pleasure in these two days during the Days of Ignorance (jahiliyyah). The Messenger of Allah said, “Allah has substituted for you something better than these two; the Eid of Adha (sacrifice) and the Eid of Fitr.”” [Sunan Abi Dawood]
Mobile Food Pantry
by Rizwan Mahmood

To serve people in need and especially feeding the hungry is part of our religion. It is narrated from Prophet Muhammad (Peace and blessing be upon Him) “He who eats to satisfaction while his neighbor is hungry is not a mumin.” In the United States 40 Million people struggle with hunger including 12 Million children. As a Muslims it is incumbent upon to us to reach out to our neighbors who are facing food insecurity and thus fulfilling the commandment of our beloved prophet (peace and blessings be upon him), “Feed the hungry.”

Tawheed Center Farmington Hills in collaboration with Muslim Family Services a division ICNA-Relief USA as a part of the Hunger Prevention project started the Mobile Food Pantry with the goal to help our local community and neighbors who are in need.

The Tawheed Center Mobile Food Pantry started in October 2017 and has continued every 3rd Saturday of the month since then. The service caters to people of different religions, colors and backgrounds; and it has earned the appreciation of the local community. Alhamdulillah, many people are entering our masjid for the first time and having a very positive experience. Every month 20 to 30 families benefit from this food pantry. Additionally, our Tawheed Center youth have taken an active role in volunteering for this project and have gained tremendously from this experience.

Inshallah, we look forward to the Food Pantry continuing to be successful in the future with the help of the community and blessing of Allah subhanahu wa ta’ala.

It is narrated from Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), "He who eats to satisfaction while his neighbor is hungry is not a mumin."
Tawheed Center Basketball Association (TCBA)

Tawheed Center Basketball Association (TCBA) was introduced in 2014, and ever since has been a great program for youth ages 8-13. This year the champions were the Thunder. We thank every single parent and player who has supported and participated in TCBA as it was a great pleasure to serve the youth and the community!

The 2019 TCBA season was organized by Zeeshan Tariq, Dr. Arafat Khan, Ayyoob Khan, Mohammad Malik and Daanyaal Khan.

The Thunder (above) were the champions of the 2019 TCBA playoffs.

Ismael Rathur was the MVP for the 2019 TCBA season.

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ALICE (Active Shooter) Training

Farmington Hills Police held a workshop at Tawheed Center to inform the community about what to do in the case of an armed attack. In a society where acts of violence have become commonplace, it is unfortunate but important that we learn how to protect ourselves and others in these dangerous situations. ALICE, which stands for Alert-Lockdown-Inform-Counter-Evacuate, is one of the new standards for threat-response training which focuses on running, hiding, and fighting. Thanks to the Farmington Hills Police Department, those at Tawheed Center learned about this drill and how to respond in a critical situation.
Badminton Tournament

Tawheed Center annual Men Double Badminton tournament was held on February 9th and 10th Tawheed Center. 30 teams from all around Metro Detroit participated in the tournament. Tawheed Center's Badminton Tournament has become an annual activity where players and audience from all major communities like Try/Rochester Hills, Canton, Hamtramck and Brownstown get together and spend the two days together and enjoy the either playing or watching the wonderful game of badminton. The 2019 Tournament organizers were Abid Khan, Muhammad Usama Tauseef, Nizarullah Khan, Sajid Munir, Syed Abdul Haq and Waheed Iqbal.

The organizers of the 2019 tournament

The winners and runners up of the 2019 tournament

Participants of the 2019 tournament
YMTC

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Girls All Night Qiyam Program
Isha to Fajr - May 11th & May 18th
Ages 14+

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SUNDAYS
Boys Halaqah & Potluck Iftar
7:30PM - Every Sunday
Ages 13+
Eid-Ul-Fitr Information

June 4
First Prayer: 7:00 AM
Second Prayer: 10:00 AM

Refreshments and Carnival are provided after the second prayer for all families!
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**FAIZ**
- ADHAN/QAAMA
- SUNRISE: 6:16
- DHUHR: 1:31
- ASR: 5:28
- MAGHRIB: 8:45
- ISHA: 10:21

**EID PRAYERS WILL BE AT 7:00AM & 10:00AM**

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**Tahajjud Prayer at the Masjid will be at 3:00 AM during the last 10 days In-shaa' Allah**

**DUA TO BEGIN FAST:**
(MAKE BEFORE SLEEPING THE NIGHT BEFORE)

I intend to keep the fast for tomorrow in the month of Ramadan

**DUA TO END FAST:**
(JUST BEFORE BREAKING FAST)

O Allah! I fasted for You and I believe in You and I put my trust in You and I break my fast with Your sustenance

**DUA AFTER BREAKING THE FAST:**

THE THIRST IS GONE AND THE VEINS ARE REPLENISHED AND THE REWARD IS IMMENENT, ALLAH WILLING

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