



# The Bond

Keeping the Kingston Muslim Community Together

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*And [thus it is:] unto every community [that has ever believed in Us] have We appointed [sacrifice as] an act of worship, so that they might extol the name of God over whatever heads of cattle He may have provided for them [to this end]. And (always bear in mind:) your God is the One and Only God: hence, surrender yourselves unto Him. And give thou the glad tiding [of God's acceptance] unto all who are humble –(22:34)*

## President's Message

When I talk to other people about our community (and I do often), I tell them that we are a mini Canada. We have members who come from all over the world. Because of this we have the opportunity to provide background information about many countries and provide language interpreters for many different languages. I also tell them that when you do not know about people, you create images about them and those images are not necessarily correct, and mostly wrong. It is therefore necessary we get to know other people and other people know us. That is the only way we can build a society which is peaceful and free of suspicion of others. The presence of people with a variety of backgrounds also creates an opportunity for us to know about different countries and people. We can certainly make use of these resources to enrich ourselves.

Lately I came to realize that, amongst ourselves, we too do not know much about each other within our own community (Muslim Community of Kingston). It is true that we identify ourselves as Muslims and in that we are the same and we do not need to know more. But we also come from many parts of the world and we have knowledge we can share with each other. We can also enrich ourselves with the knowledge of the diversity within our community.

Many years back we started a program where a member of our community presents about their country of his/her origin, its cultures and whatever he/she feels like talking about. We have not done that kind of program for a long time. I suggest we start thinking about such program. It will give us opportunity to know more about each other, the diversity and the strength of our community. It will also allow our younger generation to know about the countries some of their parents came from. This will also give us an opportunity to socialize more often. If you are

interested in organizing such events, I would like to hear from you.

Our Education Committee now organizes educational programs once a month. We have the weekend and evening schools for the children. There is no doubt we can and need to do more. We need to organize some programs for the youth and the children, but the program I am suggesting does not have to be at the expense of other things we need to do.

I am looking forward to your comments, suggestions and advice to make everyone more active participants in the affairs of our community. May Allah help us and guide us in building a vibrant community of Muslims who care for each other and for others seeking the pleasure of Allah (SWT).

**By Hafizur Rahman, President ISK**

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## ISK Membership

Membership year for ISK is the same as the Calendar year. You may renew your membership for 2008 now. Please fill in the form available on the web site. It is also available at the ICK. The Annual General Meeting of ISK will be held before the end of March 2008. One must be a member 4 weeks before the meeting to qualify to vote in the meeting.

## Imam's Khutbah of the Month

### Virtues of the First 10 Days of Dhul-Hijjah

The first ten days of Dhul-Hijjah are the most sacred days of the year. They are mentioned as special days in Surah al-Fajr. These are the days of special blessings. Muslims are urged to do more Dhikr, charity and good deeds during this time.

Ibn 'Abbaas (RA) reported that the Prophet (SAS) said: "There are no days in which righteous deeds are more beloved to Allah than these ten days." The people asked, "Not even jihad for the sake of Allah?" He said, "Not even jihad for the sake of Allah, except in the case of a man who went out to fight giving himself and his wealth up for the cause, and came back with nothing." (Reported by al-Bukhaari, 2/457).

Among the good deeds which the Muslim should strive to do during the first ten days of Dhu'l-Hijjah are:

1. Fasting: Fasting in these days is prescribed as Nafil from first to the ninth day of Dhul Hijjah. It is Sunnah to fast on the ninth day of Dhu'l-Hijjah, because the Prophet (SAS) used to fast on the ninth of Dhul-Hijjah. (Reported by al-Nisaa'i, 4/205 and by Abu Dawud; classified by al-Albaani as saheeh in Saheeh Abi Dawud, 2/462).

2. Takbeer: It is Sunnah to say Takbeer ("Allaahu akbar"), Tahmeed ("Al-hamdu Lillaah"), Tahleel ("La ilaha ill-Allaah") and Tasbeeh ("Subhaan Allaah") during the first ten days of Dhu'l-Hijjah.

The Takbeer may include the words "Allaahu akbar, Allaahu akbar, la ilaaha ill-Allaah; wa Allaahu akbar wa Lillaahi'l-hamd as well as other phrases.

3. Performing Hajj and 'Umrah : One of the best deeds that one can do during these ten days is to perform Hajj to the Sacred House of Allah.

4. Doing more good deeds in general: because good deeds are beloved by Allah and will bring a great reward from Him. Whoever is not able to go to Hajj should occupy himself at this blessed time by worshipping Allah, praying (salat), reading Qur'an, remembering Allah, making supplication (du'aa), giving charity, honouring his parents, upholding the ties of kinship, enjoining what is good and forbidding what is evil, and other good deeds and acts of worship.

5. Sacrifice: One of the good deeds that will bring a person closer to Allah during these ten days is offering a sacrifice, by choosing a high-quality animal and fattening it, spending money for the sake of Allah.

6. Sincere repentance: One of the most important things to do during these ten days is to repent

sincerely to Allah and to give up all kinds of disobedience and sin. Repentance means coming back to Allah and foregoing all the deeds, open and secret, that He dislikes, out of regret for what has passed, giving it up immediately and being determined never to return to it, but to adhere firmly to the Truth by doing what Allah loves

Submitted By Imam Tarek

## Community News

Br. Kashif Riaz and Sr. Sadia are pleased to announce the birth of their daughters Maheen and Rameen. Please pray that the girls grow up to be exemplary Muslimas. The parents used to live in Kingston and now live in Brockville.

Br. Nasser and Sr. Sahiza would like to share the good news of the birth of their daughter Aishaa. "Allah, in His Might, Mercy and utmost Generosity, has bestowed upon us, a baby girl."

Br Jamil Rashid's younger brother passed away recently in Pakistan. Inna lillahe wa inna elaihe rajeun. Please pray for him and his family.

## Eid Ul-Adha Zabiha

The ISK has Zabiha arrangements in place for 30 lambs and 3 Beefs and will be provided on a first come first served basis. Approximate cost for a lamb is \$200 and 1/7 beef share would be approximately \$150. It should be noted that 1/3 of the meat will be donated. Orders can be placed by via e-message or telephone.

Br. Salahuddin (613) 531-8340 or jalals@kos.net

## Other Eid Ul-Adha Zabiha Options

Just a few other ideas for your Zabiha this year (both are registered charities and you will receive tax receipts for your donations)....

Donations to organizations such as Human Concern International are always a great choice. They have specific Zabiha Programs. Check out [humanconcern.org](http://humanconcern.org) for more details

Muslimserv is an organization that sends Zabiha meat to local food banks. It is processed in kilogram sized portions and will be packaged in bags inscribed with "A

gift from Canadian Muslims” and the Crescent moon symbol. Check out muslimserv.com for more details.

and I am praying for God to bless each one of you. Who built this Masjid, God bless you all.

(brought to The Bond by Sr. Raafia)

## I Learned Something Cool at School...

Classes continue as the Evening School. Some kids were asked what they've been learning and here are some responses:

- I learned that when you pray in Jammah that you should stand beside each other without spots in between
- I learned that when there are only two brothers praying in Jammah then they stand together. But if another brother comes during the prayer, that person taps the person not leading prayer and so that person comes back to a row behind the Imam.
- I am doing the double fathas now!
- I read 2 pages today!
- I am on page 200!

If you would like your children to share in these successes, contact Imam Tarek.

\*\*\*Make sure that you come into the Masjid when you drop off and pick up your children for class. It is for their safety and you can get daily feedback from the Imam on your child's progress.\*\*\*

## Support your Children

The Weekend School initiated a new program to promote good deeds and regular prayer with the children. The children came home with a "Salat Tree". They colour in a leaf when they pray at home and a fruit on the tree for a good deed. Please support them in this endeavour.

## A Lovely Note...

The following is a summary of a note left at the Masjid...

I was coming from Ottawa to Toronto. I really liked this Masjid. Whoever made this Masjid, God is with him

## Reviving the Islamic Spirit Convention

The Reviving the Islamic Spirit Convention will be held from December 28 to 30 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. For more details, go to the convention website [www.revivingtheislamicspirit.com/convention](http://www.revivingtheislamicspirit.com/convention)

## Grave Mistakes

- Neglecting the collective duties of concern to the whole Ummah (community) such as scientific, industrial, and military advancement and excellence, without which Muslims cannot attain strength or power.
- Neglecting ijtehad, i.e. inference of ahkam (rules), dawah, and the opposition to unjust rulers.
- Neglecting individual obligations (Fard Ayn), or at least underrating their value, such as the obligation on every Muslim to command the common good and to prohibit evil and the undesirable.
- Giving more attention to some of the fundamental pillars of faith at the expense of others. For example, paying more attention to Siyam (fasting) during Ramadan than Salah (prayers); giving more attention to salah than zakah, although Allah combined the both in twenty eight places in the Qur'an, which made some of the Companions (may Allah be pleased with them) to say that "The salah of a person who does not give zakah is invalid." And it is for this reason that Abu Bakr as-Siddiq (may Allah be pleased with him) swore to declare war on those who failed to equate between salah with zakah.
- Attaching more importance to some nawafil (voluntary actions) than to furud or wajibat (i.e. the obligations). This can be observed in the practice of those who concentrate on rituals, dhikr, and tasbeeh and neglect collective duties such as condemnation of corruption and resistance to social and political injustice.
- Paying more attention to individual ibadah (worship), such as salah and dhikr, and neglecting the collective ibadah such as jihad (struggle in Allah's path), fiqh (Islamic jurisprudence), reconciliation

between people, and cooperation in the dissemination of righteousness, piety, compassion, and tolerance.

- Attaching a great deal of importance to subsidiary matters at the expense of fundamental issues such as belief, Iman, and tawhid (Oneness of Allah), as well as the goal of moral and spiritual efforts, i.e., the seeking of Allah's pleasure.

Source: "Islamic Awakening Between Rejection and Extremism" - Yusuf Al-Qaradawi - Submitted by Sr. Ulfat

## Another Successful Bazaar!

Thanks to Allah (SWT) for a very successful day. Over \$5000 was raised for the Kingston University Hospital Foundation. Many dedicated members, Brothers and Sisters, worked very hard that day and their reward was the feeling of pride for the positive image they gave to the visitors about Islam and Muslims.

Submitted by Sr. Raafia

## Food Bank Donations

The Sisters group is looking for people to commit to a \$20/month donation to the food bank. All the donations will go through the ISK so the food bank will be aware of the donations from the Muslim community. Donations will be forwarded twice a year to the food bank (June and December). If anyone is interested, please contact Sr. Raafia – [womensrep@kingstonmuslims.net](mailto:womensrep@kingstonmuslims.net)

## Save a Penny, Save a Life

Imam's Tarek's classes have started a new program called "Save a Penny, Save a Life". They studied a Hadith about how the Prophet Muhammad (SAS) liked those who take care of orphans. To follow the teachings of the Prophet (SAS), the children and adults have been asked to save their spare change to contribute to the sponsorship of a child in need. Insha Allah they will be able to raise enough monthly and then correspond with the child sponsored.

Anyone wishing to sponsor a child themselves, is asked to check out the Human Concern International Website ([humanconcern.org](http://humanconcern.org))!

## Parents and Tots Playgroup

The Parents and Tots Playgroup is a means by which children under the age of 5 and their parents can get together at the Masjid. The main purpose is to make friends and play but also to get the children familiar with the Masjid environment and how to behave during Prayer. If you are interested, please contact Sr. Mona Rahman (613-634-0149 or [MNRahman@tricolour.queensu.ca](mailto:MNRahman@tricolour.queensu.ca))

## Ask the Imam...

Do you have any questions for the Imam that you feel would benefit the whole community? Email [thebond@kingstonmuslims.net](mailto:thebond@kingstonmuslims.net) or [imam@kingstonmuslims.net](mailto:imam@kingstonmuslims.net) and the question and answers can be printed in the Bond!

## Did You Know...

The Education Committee Family Halaqas and Mini Conference as well as the talks during Islamic History Month are available on DVD in the ISK Library

There are still copies of Brother Nasr's (speaker during Islamic History Month) book for sale – See Sr. Raafia if you would like a copy.

## Youth Meeting

I am writing this to seek your assistance for organizing a meeting with the young people (Grades 7-12) within our community.

Although we have an organized Youth Group, many of them do not participate in it. Also, there does not seem to be much going on within the Youth Group. I want to organize a meeting with the youth to hear from them

the kind of activities they want to do and how we as a Society can help them accomplish their goal.

The plan is to have a meeting for one evening or afternoon (whatever suits them) and have a free discussion about their aspirations, goals and needs. The idea is to listen to them and not lecture them.

If you have children within the age group, would you please ask them to contact me directly so that we can plan a meeting. I am hoping that we can meet sometime before the end of the year. Considering Eid and other holidays, it may be worthwhile to plan for something before December 18, but I am open to suggestions.

Looking forward to your support and cooperation,

Hafizur Rahman

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## Prayer Times at the ICK

Dates	Fajr	Zuhr	Asr	Maghrib	Isha
Dec. 3 - 9	6:05	12:30	2:45	4:28	7:30
Dec. 10 - 16	6:10	12:30	2:45	4:28	7:30
Dec. 17 - 23	6:15	12:30	2:50	4:31	7:30
Dec. 24 - 30	6:15	12:30	2:55	4:36	7:30

### Notes:

- Dates shown are Monday- Sunday for that week.
- Times are for the *Adhan* (call) - Prayer will be about 10 minutes later.
- *Maghrib* will be prayed at prayer time - times shown are the latest possible for that week.
- Jumu'ah will start at 12:30 (Khutbah will start 10 minutes later)

### Important Dates

The Bond's next submission deadline:

**Friday, December 21, 2007**

The Bond's next publication date (Insha Allah):

**Friday, December 28, 2007**

Please send any submissions to:

**thebond@kingstonmuslims.net**

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## Ongoing Education at the Islamic Society of Kingston

Event	Date and Time	For More Info:
Evening School	Mon. – Wed. & Fri. 4:30-5:30, 5:30-6:30, 6:30-7:30	Imam Tarek <a href="mailto:imam@kingstonmuslims.net">imam@kingstonmuslims.net</a>
Parents and Tots Group	Tuesdays at 6:30 pm	Sr. Mona Rahman <a href="mailto:MNRahman@tricolour.queensu.ca">MNRahman@tricolour.queensu.ca</a>
Women's Tafseer Halaqa	Wednesdays (alter- nate weeks) at 7 pm	Sr. Hoda Bayoumi 389-7613
Sisters Study Circle (Qur'an Recita- tion, Hadith and Qur'an Study)	Thursdays 10 – 11:30 am	Imam Tarek <a href="mailto:imam@kingstonmuslims.net">imam@kingstonmuslims.net</a> <b><i>This class is now full – if sisters would like to start a second class, please contact Imam Tarek</i></b>
Sisters Qur'an Translation and Tafseer Halaqa in Urdu	Thursdays After Isha (once time changes)	Sr. Chand Saleem 530-3655 Sr. Amina Ilias 384-7547
Brothers Qur'an Halaqa	Thursdays After Isha	Br. Hafizur Rahman 634-0149 Br. Moustafa Fahmy 546-5018
Weekend Arabic School	Saturdays 10:30 am – 1:00 pm Until the end of May	Sr. Deena Salem, Principal <a href="mailto:deenasalem3@yahoo.com">deenasalem3@yahoo.com</a>

## Groups and Committees

If you are interested in getting involved in the various groups and committees at the Islamic Centre, please do not hesitate to contact the co-ordinators listed below:

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