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## CALENDAR

### MONTHLY GATHERINGS

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## INNER DIMENSIONS HAJJ

By: Imam Muhammad Zaid Maik

Allah the Almighty says: "Perform properly the Hajj and Umrah for Allah."<sup>1</sup>

Allah also says: "Verily the first House of Worship appointed for mankind was that at Bakkah (Makkah), full of blessings, and a guidance for the whole world. In it are manifest signs, for example the place of Ibrahim. Whoever enters it, attains peace and security. And Hajj to the House of Allah is a duty that mankind owes to Allah, those who can afford the expenses, must perform Hajj, And whoever denies Hajj then he/she is a disbeliever and Allah stands not in need of any of His creatures."<sup>2</sup>

Prophet Muhammad peace be upon him said: "Hajj is obligatory for you once, but if a person performs Hajj more than once then he/she is rewarded."<sup>3</sup>

There are two kinds of journeys, to earn livelihood and for pleasure and sightseeing. We spend lot of money and time for these journeys. The journey to perform Hajj is quite different from other journeys. The purpose of this journey is not for any personal gain or pleasure. This journey is made only for the sake and pleasure of Allah. No one undertakes this journey unless he/she has the love of Allah and the fear of Allah in his/her heart as these two qualities produce in us the force and will to leave our homes, businesses, children and comforts behind and spend enormous amounts of money on the journey to the Hajj. The literal meaning of Hajj is to make intention to visit the House of Allah, i.e. the holy Ka'bah. As soon as a person makes this intention the blessings of Allah start coming down on him/her. It is a tradition that before leaving for Hajj we contact our friends and relatives and ask them to forgive us if we might have done any wrong to them. This way we make the journey to Hajj, having no bad feeling towards anyone. Perhaps this is the first step in following the Hadith, "Whoever performs Hajj in a way that he/she is not involved in any immoral activity, and not committing a sin, then he/she will return to his/her home as born again."<sup>4</sup>

Hajj is a training camp for the Muslim. Muslims go through intensive training regarding the spiritual, social and belief systems. All men dressed in two white sheets of cloth give us the concept of human equality. No color, race, language or nationality makes us superior to others, as the Prophet peace be upon him said in his farewell address: "O people! Your Lord is One. Your father is also one. You are all children of Adam and Adam was created from dust. No Arab is superior to a non-Arab, nor a non-Arab is superior to an Arab. No white man is superior to a black man, nor a black man is superior to a white man, except with piety."<sup>5</sup> Also Allah says: "O mankind! We have created you from a male and a female, and made you into nations and tribes, that you may know one another. Verily the most honorable of you with Allah is the one who is more pious."<sup>6</sup>

After performing Hajj a believers sins are forgiven, provided his/her Hajj is accepted by Allah.

The Prophet peace be upon him said: "The sins committed after performing Umrah are forgiven by performing next Umrah, and an accepted Hajj has no reward other than Paradise."<sup>7</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Surah Al Baqarah, verse 196; <sup>2</sup>Surah Al Imran, verse 96,97; <sup>3</sup>Abu Dawood, Hadith 1721;

<sup>4</sup>Sahih Bukhari, Book of Hajj; <sup>5</sup>Maj'ma Az Zawa'id; <sup>6</sup>Surah Al Hujurat, verse 13

# AVOID A SIN

Compiled by Prof. Irfan

Inshallah, starting this month your newsletter will carry a series of approximately seventy short briefings, about the most extreme sins that can be committed by a person. We will review one each month. If we deliberately commit these sins, we are forfeiting the chance of entering Jannah (Paradise) and instead, the possibilities of ending up in Jahanum (Hell) may become a reality. For sure Allah is most forgiving and will accept any sincere apology, but most of us will agree that avoiding these sins in the first place is much better than repenting at a later time. Though Jannah has its own incentives and perks, the circumstances that will be prevalent in Jahanum scares even the most pious Muslim.

Jannah will have about a hundred stages or levels whose distance between each, will be similar to the distance between the heaven and earth. The more pious you are, the higher level will be your residence! The People who attain the highest level will live in 60-mile long dwellings carved from pearls. Each person will have two gardens with gold and silver vessels. Trees will be so huge that even a hundred year travel will not take a person to the other side in their shade. Rivers like the Prophet's (SAW) River Kauser will have flowing water that is whiter than milk and sweeter than honey. People will be between 30-33 years old, and will never grow old. Every legitimate wish will be granted and every kind of food will be provided and every need will be taken care of. The person with the lowest status will live with his wives, servants and couches in his gardens extending to a thousand years journey while the most honored person will be able to see Allah - both in the morning and evening! Who will want to miss this great opportunity?

If this is not exciting enough, please do read about how Jahanum, the future abode of sinners looks like. First, the fire is seventy times hotter than what we have on earth. This fire was kindled for a thousand years, till it became red hot, and for another thousand years till it became white, and again for another thousand years till it became black. And it will be both black and dark when it is used. The unfortunate people facing the lightest punishment will have two sandals and straps made of fire -- and the heat from these will make their brains bubble. Depending on the sins, people will be ankle deep, knee deep, waist deep or up to their collarbones in this fire. Second, people will be made to climb a mountain in Jahanum for seventy years and will fall from there. Third, hot water will be poured over them, which will go through the body and come out at the feet and so also molten copper and other boiling liquids, which will cut their insides to pieces. Fourth, they will be forced to drink pus (the smell of which is so bad that if a bucket of it is brought down to earth, the whole world will have an offensive stench). Fifth, there will be animals like snakes and scorpions and their bites will hurt for forty years. May Allah save us all from this turmoil.

So, what are these major sins? These are acts which have been forbidden by Allah in the Quran, or by the Prophet (SAW) in his Sunnah or which the first righteous

generation of his companions has made clear based on their knowledge of the Quran and Hadith. Allah has guaranteed in the Quran (Al-Nisa 4:31 and Al-Najm 53:32) that if we avoid the heinous sins, He will forgive and permit us into Paradise.

To categorize the major sins we will follow the same sequence that was followed by the great scholar Shamsuddin Muhammad bin Usman popularly known as Ad'Dhahabi in his famous book Al'Kabair.

## ***The first major sin - Shirk***

Shirk as a sin refers to associating someone or something with Allah. You can rate the importance of this sin, which we may prefer to call the 'mother of all sins', by understanding how it is mentioned in the Quran and the Hadith. Allah mentions the word Shirk and its derivatives about 165 times in the holy Quran and there are many other verses, which have similar meanings. Similarly, there are numerous quotes in the Hadith specifically dealing with this. Shirk is of three types:

In the first instance, called Ash-Shirk-al-Akbar or the major Shirk, there are four subcategories. These are described as Shirk-ad-Dua (we are doing these if we are invoking, supplicating, prostrating or praying to other deities other than Allah), Shirk-al-Niyyah wal-Iradah wal-Qasd (we are doing this if we have intentions, purpose and determination in our acts of worship or religious deeds not for the sake of Allah but directed towards others), Shirk-at-Ta'a (we are doing this if we are rendering obedience to any authority against the order of Allah), and Shirk-al-Mahabbah (we are doing this if we are showing the love which is due to Allah alone to some others than Allah).

In the second instance, Ash-Shirk-al-Asghar, or the minor Shirk, is about acts performed to show off and deals with any act of worship or religious deed done to gain fame, praise, or worldly purpose.

The third, Ash-Shirk-al-Khafi, or the unobvious Shirk, implies to being inwardly dissatisfied with the inevitable condition that has been ordained for us by Allah. An example of this could be lamenting that had we done such a thing or approached such and such, we could have had a better status.

Allah says in surah al-Nisa (4-48): '*Surely Allah does not forgive Shirk, and may forgive sins other than that if He so pleases. This is because one who commits Shirk with Allah, does indeed invent a great sinful lie*'. In surah al-Maidah (5:72) He says: '*Whoever commits Shirk, Allah will deny him the Paradise, and Jahanum will be his home.*' Also, in surah Luqman (31:13) He says: '*...surely committing Shirk is the worst inequity*'. Mu'adh bin Jabal narrates the Prophet (SAW) said, "*O Mu'adh! Do you know what Allah's right upon His slaves is?*" I said, "*Allah and His Apostle know best.*" The Prophet said, "*To worship Him (Allah) alone and to join none in worship with Him (Allah). Do you know what their right upon Him is?*" I replied, "*Allah and His Apostle know best.*" The Prophet said, "*Not to punish them (if they do so).*"

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The Bottom-line: Let us not associate anyone or anything as partners with Allah, don't show off when we do any good deed, always remember what we do is for the sake of Allah, avoid the other forms of Shirk mentioned above, pray for forgiveness about sins committed unknowingly -- and Inshallah all of us will meet again in Jannah once we depart from this temporary earthly abode.

(All quotes from the Quran are from Farooq-e-Azam's translation, Hadiths are from Bukhari, Muslim, and other references. If you see any mistakes please let the author know at [irfankhalilullah@hotmail.com](mailto:irfankhalilullah@hotmail.com). If you have a question about this topic, write to: **Ask Imam, ICNEFNews@yahoo.com**)

## ESTABLISHING A MOSQUE IN THE ORANGE PARK AREA

By: Aslam Khan

Salaam alaikum Brothers and Sisters of Greater Jacksonville,  
*Bismillah Ar Rahman Ar Rahim*

**Main Objective :** A few of us brothers have started to work on a project to establish a mosque in the Orange Park area. The kick off meeting was held on November 25, 2005 at Brother Khawar Quraishi's house.

**Some additional details are as follows:**

1. Several board members of ICNEF including Rahim Shah, Sheikh Ashraf, Tahir Shareef, Mobeen Rathore, Atif Zahra, Moinul Islam and others were present in that meeting.
2. We formed a small steering committee to work on this project.
3. ICNEF Board created an account (ICCC - fund) to collect the money (which will be tax deductible) or this cause.
4. We are in the process of creating a database of all muslim families living west of the river and

our next meeting will be held on December 11, 2005 at brother Ali Osman's house.

If any one of you is interested in participating and getting the reward of setting up the House of Allah, please contact any of the persons below - preferably via email.

Thank you for your time and InshaAllah we will succeed in this endeavor. Jazakallah Khair.

- **Ali Osman:** osman40@bellsouth.net (904)771-8870
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## FACES OF JACKSONVILLE

By: Alicia Shah

As-Salaamu-Alaikum Jacksonville Muslim Community:

Last summer, a delegation of two boys and two girls from the Muslim community participated in Faces of Jacksonville, a two-week summer camp whose goal is to teach kids from different backgrounds to learn from, understand and respect one another. Ultimately, it is expected that the participants will grow up with an open mind toward others and be better equipped to solve some of society's problems. My daughter was one of the participants last summer, and my husband and I were very glad we got her involved.

There are so many good things to say about the camp. Here are just a few:

- The kids learn valuable social skills which will help them and our society as they grow into adults and community leaders.
- There are a wide variety of activities ranging from recreational to educational.
- The only cost is \$10 for mandatory accident insurance
- It's a positive and meaningful way to spend two weeks of summer vacation.

- The kids make friends from other groups from all over Jacksonville and they often keep in touch with those friends after camp has ended (their first experience with networking).

I believe that it is very important that our community send a delegation to this camp every summer. The opportunity for dawah is extraordinary, so we should not pass it up.

I encourage parents of kids who are currently in 5th grade to call and request an application form for this camp.

In Addition: Every delegation attending the camp must have an adult counselor, aged 21 or over, who can dedicate 2 weeks, 24/7, to supervising and looking after the campers' needs. This is a great dawah/service opportunity for anyone, especially college students on summer break, who can make arrangements to be away from his/her normal routine for two weeks. According to Saman Qureshi, who was last year's counselor, it's a very rewarding experience. If you or someone you know might be the special kind of person who can volunteer to act in this capacity, please contact me at (904) 538-9989 and I will give you more details.

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## Looking for full time qualified teachers:

We are tapping into the Muslim community for certified teachers. If you are that person or you know someone please do not hesitate to come forward. Dedicated and hardworking team players who love Allah and children are prerequisites to any teaching position at AFA.

Please send your resume to: [alfurqan1@yahoo.com](mailto:alfurqan1@yahoo.com)

Or contact the principal, **Sr. Khulud**, at (904) 645-0810

## Registration:

Early registrations for current students.

February 21, 22, & 23

\*New students can register beginning April 1, 2006

## Changes at Al-Furqan Academy:

- Bus service
- Computer lab
- Extracurricular activities:  
P.E., Reading Clubs, Computer Club, Math Club
- Breakfast and Lunch Programs
- Free PreK (state funded)
- Monthly / Quarterly Fieldtrips

## New Computer Lab:

The new computer lab is installed with printers for Al-Furqan students. The lab is located next to the principal's office in the trailer.

## Al-Furqan is launching a school bus service:

Insha'Allah, we are planning to start the school bus services in January 2006. Parents who are interested in the bus service please contact the following brothers/sisters to enroll your kids.

**Zinnur Choudhury (Tel: 807-7793)**

**Khulud Abdelfattah (Tel: 645-0810)**

**Ossama Elmelige (Tel: 223-8866)**

Brothers and Sisters: The AFA bus only seats 12 students. We are in need of extra bus service for our planned monthly/quarterly fieldtrips. We are asking for generous donations to help us pay for bus service that costs \$45/ hour per bus.

## 4th, 5th and 6th grades are separated:

At the beginning of this year the 4th, 5th and 6th grades were together because of minimum resources. Alhamdulillah, we have overcome this and we were able to separate them. Three dedicated teachers are now involved to teach these grades.

## Looking for volunteers for the library:

Any interested brother or sister that can help us a few hours per week will be a great help to run the library.



## Supplies

- Copy Paper (white & colored)
- Sticky Note Pads
- #2 Pencils/Erasers
- Dry Erase Markers
- Globes (5)
- Scotch Tape Refills
- Loose Leaf Paper
- Crayons (Crayola/Rose Art)
- Fat Pencils (PreK & K)
- Staples
- Laminating Machine
- P.E. Equipment
- Percussion Instruments

## Volunteers

- Playground Personnel
- School Breakfast/Lunch Program
- Lunch Duty 11am-1pm
- Morning Duty 8am-8:20am
- Field Trip Coordinators
- Computer Lab Assistant
- To Help Get Business Partners
- Mentoring Program
- UNF Swim Coordinator
- Summer Camp Coordinators
- To Place Shelves For PreK & K Classes
- To Make ID's For Student/Staff
- Box Top Coordinator
- Junior Achievement ([www.ja.org](http://www.ja.org))
- Parent Workshop Coordinator
- To Contact School Board About Services (speech, child study, gifted, etc)

## HIFZ Program Announcement

In the next few weeks changes and progress will be made to the Hifz classes and to be more competitive with the challenges ahead, a minimal increase in the tuitions will be effective FEBRUARY 2006. A \$5.00 increase will impact all tuitions (e.g. \$35 will be \$40, and \$45 will be \$50 and \$55 will be \$60 and so forth).

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation and kindly implement the changes for the tuitions as of checks delivered February 1st.



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## TIME LINE OF THINGS TO DO PRIOR TO THE TRANSITION TO THE NEW BOARDS ON 05-01-2006

<u>Original Target Date</u>	<u>Revised Target Date</u>	<u>Task</u>
1. 12-10-2005	Done	Prepare a summary of the reorganized ICNEF structure and highlights, and get it ready for mailing to the community along with a List of Nominees suggested by the Board. Inform the Members that additional Nominations may be submitted by the following groups, but must reach ICNEF by 12-31-2005: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ICNEF Members: For ICNEF Board of Trustees</li> <li>• ICNEF Members: For ICJAX Board of Directors</li> <li>• ICNEF Members: For IJAX Board of Directors</li> </ul> Weekend School Parents: For IJAX Board of Directors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Al-Furqan Parents: For IJAX Board of Directors</li> <li>• Qur'an School Parents: For IJAX Board of Directors</li> </ul>
2. 12-11-2005	Done	Package the above materials for mailing.
3. 12-12-2005	Done	Mail the above materials.
4. 12-18-2005	Done	Draft the following Appendices to the By-Laws and E-mail to the By-Laws Committee for review: APPENDIX-2: Corporate & Unit – Assets & Resources APPENDIX-3: Corporate & Unit Responsibilities APPENDIX-4: ICNEF Membership & Its Privileges APPENDIX-5: ICNEF Rules of Conduct
5. 12-31-2005	Done	Receive additional Nominations for election to the Boards.
5a 01-03-06	Done	ICNEF By-Laws Committee Meeting
6. 01-01-2006	01-04-2006 Done	E-mail final Drafts of Appendices 2 thru 5 of the By-Laws to the ICNEF Board members for review and approval on 01-08-2006.
7. 01-08-2006	01-29-2006	ICNEF Board to approve Appendices 2 thru 5 of the By-Laws.
8.	02-06-2006 (Mon.)	Mail ICNEF Membership Dues Reminder Notice for 2005.
9.	02-19-2006 (Sun.)	Deadline to Receive ICNEF Membership Dues for 2005.
10. 01-08-2006	02-26-2006 (Sun.)	Post all Membership Dues received for 2005 and print a List of ICNEF Member Voters as of 12-31-2005.
11. 01-08-2006	02-26-2006	Print a List of Weekend School Parents for mailing of Ballots.
12. 01-08-2006	02-26-2006	Print a List of Al-Furqan Parents for mailing of Ballots.
13. 01-08-2006	02-26-2006	Print a List of Qur'an School Parents for mailing of Ballots.
14. 01-12-2006	03-13-2006 (Mon.)	Prepare and mail all Ballots.
15. 01-28-2006	03-25-2006 (Sat.)	Joint Annual Meeting of the ICNEF Members and of all Parents. Open all Ballots received.
16. 01-29-2006	03-26-2006 (Sun.)	Joint Annual Meeting of the ICNEF (Sitting) Board of Directors, and the newly elected Boards. New Boards to elect their Officers for 2006. Discuss items to be reviewed during the Transition Period.
17. 02-26-2006	04-30-2006	Joint Meeting of the ICNEF (Sitting) Board of Directors and the newly elected Boards. Discuss any un-resolved issues, and prepare to transfer all responsibilities of the ICNEF (Sitting) Board to the new Boards effective 5-1-2006.
18. 03-01-2006	05-01-2006 (Mon.)	New Boards take charge. ICNEF (Sitting) Board of Directors is dissolved.

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\* also members of Managing Committee

## NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

By: Sania Shuja

The current Board is asking for nominations from the community members for the upcoming elections for the following:

**The Board of Trustee of ICNEF** (11 trustees)

**The Religious Unit** (11 Directors)

**The Educational Unit** (11 Directors)

There is no limit on the number of individuals to be nominated for the Board of Trustee or the Board of Directors of the two subunits. You may nominate one or multiple people for the Board of Trustee, and one or more members for the two subunits each.

**Before you nominate someone or yourself, please remember:**

1. A nominee has to be a member in good-standing for two years (a nominee must have submitted a duly signed Islamic Center Membership application at the time of seeking membership, and the membership should have been approved by the Board of ICNEF).
2. A nominee must have paid membership fee (membership fee for year 2004 should have been paid in full, and membership fee for 2005 should be paid in).
3. You may also nominate members from the current Board of ICNEF.

**Nominee's name**  
(Please Print)

**Please write A, B or C**

*A = Corporate unit  
B = Religious subunit  
C = Educational subunit*

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**Some of the nominations that have been received are as follows:**

Ali Osman	B
Ahmed Soliman	B
Ahmed Soliman	B
Munzer Jowher	C
Marwan Abusawwa	C
Samir Itani	C

Please send in your nominations by February 25, 2006. Please either drop the nominations by hand in the donation box at Islamic Center, or mail it to Islamic Center address given in this newsletter.

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- Inner Dimensions Hajj
- Avoid a Sin
- AFA Activities
- Mosque in the Orange Park Area and much more.

On behalf of the ICNEF Board, we would like to extend to the ISLAMIC COMMUNITY of NORTHEAST FLORIDA our best wishes for

*A Happy*  
**EID ALADHA &  
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