

## Eid announcement (Continued)

The Eid Al Fitr prayers will be held at the ISEB mosque at 33330 Peace Terrace, Fremont, CA. The Eid prayers timings will be:

### First Jama't

Takbeer & Tahleel: 7:45 – 8:00 am  
English Talk: 8:00 am – 8:20 am  
Announcements: 8:20 – 8:25 am  
Tarteef of Salat: 8:25 am  
Salat will start at 8:30 am

### Second Jama't

English Talk: 9:00 am – 9:20 am  
Announcements: 9:20 – 9:25 am  
Tarteef of Salat: 9:25 am  
Salat will start at 9:30 am

## Zakat-Fitr is due before Eid Prayer

*Zakat-UL-FITR* is part of the fasting of Ramadan and is characterized by the following elements:

- It must be given on the day of Eid, which is known as Eid ul-Fitr and signifies the end of the month-long fast of Ramadan.
- It cannot be given after the Eid prayer, unless one has a valid reason for such a delay.
- It should be given on behalf of every Muslim, whether male or female, adult or minor.

**Fitra \$5.00 per person according to Hanafi Fiqh and \$7.00 Shafai Fiqh.**

## Sister Ghusul Training

By Rehana Markar

Funeral committee held Sister (Women) Ghusul Training on Wednesday September 9, 2009 at the mosque. The training went very well with 15 community sisters attending the work shop. Sister Maserath Hashmi and myself were able to sign up sisters who were interested in helping in the Ghusul. Insha-Allah we will have our next Ghusul Training in November on a Saturday--- the date and time will be posted in Al-Mashriq and our website.

## Please bring the books back

A senior member of the community had left more than 250 books in multiple boxes in the day school. These books are very valuable and many have sentimental value. These books are missing. If anyone has taken by mistake please bring them back and leave them in the day school.

For Iqama times at Masjid please visit our website: [www.iseb.org](http://www.iseb.org) or email Imam Siraj at [hafsa1899@yahoo.com](mailto:hafsa1899@yahoo.com). You may also call ISEB at 510-429-4732

## Community news

### Twins born

Br. Faraj Ezubeik, an active member at ISEB, is blessed with twin sons. The sons are named as Abraheem and Ali. The ISEB community welcomes the addition to the community and prays for their long and prosperous life.

### Dua-e-Maghfirat for our departed brothers

*Brother Mohammed Abdul Hussain passed away*

Brother Mohammed Abdul Hussain passed away due to stroke/hemorrhage at the age of 55 on August 22, 2009, 1st Ramadan 1430. ISEB offers condolences to the bereaved family and friends. Abdul Hassan is survived by his wife and three sons. Born in Hyderabad, India on September 21, 1953 (10<sup>th</sup> of Moharram), Late Abdul Hassan came to US in 1982. He started working as an engineer in the Silicon Valley. In 1990 he married and settled in Fremont, CA. The community will miss his pleasant personality.

*An active member of our community, Brother Mohammad Luqman resident of Danville, CA passed away.*

### Dua for health and fast recovery

Brothers Mohammad Khan and Razzak Adenwala have requested the community for prayers. Br. Mohammad Khan had surgery recently. Br. Razzak Adenwala had an open heart surgery in his family.

### ISEB to honor Community Members

The ISEB Social Committee and the Outreach Committee have announced to honor ISEB founders, past ISEB Presidents and community members who have voluntarily contributed their hard work for the prosperity and development of ISEB relating to Masjid construction of Phase I & II, and full time PTA School and Sunday Islamic School. A certificate of special recognition is to be presented to honor senior community members, including Nafis Ahmad, for their outstanding contribution and services to the Masjid, and PTA School.

## Appeal to support ISEB projects - Financial Statement for Aug 2009

By Waqar Khan

I appeal to all our community members to get involved in ISEB projects. You can become a volunteer or be part of a Committee but above all sign up for a Direct Deposits and encourage your friends and family members to do the same.

I am eager to sign up 5 Direct Deposits per month in the amount of \$30.00 each. Either you can do a \$15.00 every other Friday or every 15<sup>th</sup> and last day of the month.

You can always sign up with Paypal and you can use the bill payment feature from your own bank. Please pick-up or download a Direct Deposit from our office or from [www.iseb.org](http://www.iseb.org). Please contact me at [treasurer@iseb.org](mailto:treasurer@iseb.org) for any question or help.

Please do not forget, your contribution mends souls and some promotes economic recovery. Let's make ISEB a *Community of One*. May Allah (SWT) guide us on a right path... (Ameen)

### Ending balance in August 2009 in various accounts of the ISEB:

Salsabeel - \$ 2,715.61  
Mortuary Funds - \$ 5,686.88  
Phase III - \$ 98,972.54  
Construction - \$ 37,506.37  
Operation - \$ 20,540.05  
Paypal - \$ 524.27  
School - \$ 53,279.17  
Sunday School - \$ 1,454.82  
Zakat Funds - \$ 2,979.17

Waqar Khan  
ISEB Treasurer



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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- ISEB open house draws multi-faith crowd
- Gala times at our courtyard
- Invest into the future of our children
- Community news
- ISEB Committee Reports

### Eid Al Fitr announcement

Religious committee has announced that the ISEB moon sighting policy will be observed to celebrate Eid Al Fitr. If the crescent of Shawwal is sighted on the evening of Saturday September 19, 2009 the Eid will be celebrated on Sunday September 20, 2009; if not then it will be on Monday September 21, 2009.

Please call for the moon sighting at (510) 429-4732. (Continued on page 4)

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RAMADAN / SHAWWAL, 1430, SEPT 2009

## ISEB open house draws large multi-faith crowd

By Ahsan Baig/ Mushtaq Ahmed

It was September 5, 2009 when more than 100 multi-faith guests visited our courtyard. The weather was enjoyable and excellent for a patio party. ISEB community thoroughly enjoyed their presence. Our multi-faith guests broke fast with us, observed Maghrib prayers and had dinner with us on the patio.

Among the officials and organizations attending the event included: Ellen Corbett - CA State Senate, Alberto Torrico - CA State Assembly, Bill Lockyer - CA treasurer, Representative from Senator Pete Stark's office, SF Bay area FBI chief (Special Agent in charge) - Stephanie Douglas, Multiple Current and past members from Fremont City council, Union City Mayor - Mark Green, Many representatives from various different churches in Fremont, representatives from the Jewish community and Dalai Lama Foundation.

Mohammad Baseer, president of the ISEB, welcomed the guests and emphasized that love, affection and care for all human beings are an important part of Islam. He highlighted the fact that the Muslim community is willing to work at a human level with all the citizens of the country we live in.

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## Gala times at our courtyard

By Shahid Khan/Suhail Refai

Where were you Sunday August 16, 2009? Our courtyard was buzzing with the sounds As salam alaikum and Was salam alaikum. There were around 700 Muslim brothers and sisters greeting each other with this peaceful message and having great outdoor fun. The children were running around many excited with their faces painted. They were thrilled to see so many families and friends in our courtyard. It was nice to see brothers and sisters who came from all over the Bay area. We also had a few vendors selling their services.

The Children activities were arranged in the adjacent park and it was a great day to be outside in the park. There was Jumper for kids, face painting, balloons, magic show and many other activities keeping both the parents and the children occupied. Sr. Rehana, our board member was busy arranging interesting games for our sisters.

The social committee and many volunteers helping them sold more than 400 tickets. The people kept coming and the social committee had to arrange more Halal chicken to meet the demand. One of the high points of excitement was at the time of Raffle Drawing. Emirates Airlines sponsored two free tickets to any destinations they fly and this also kept everybody interested this afternoon.

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## Eid Mubarak

The ISEB offers best wishes on the happy occasion of Eid. May Allah bless us all as we celebrate Eid Al Fitr and may the lessons we have learnt in the month of Ramadan permeate our hearts and spread to the wider community.

### (Gala times at our courtyard ..... continued)

We had a special guest Sr. Sameena Shah from Alameda County social services who had a special booth dispensing valuable information to our community members about different social programs available depending on their specific needs. More than 60 members went and talked to Sr. Sameena and received useful information.

Our special thanks to Sr. Sameena for volunteering and enlightening the community. ISEB board and the social committee would like to recognize and thank all the sponsors of the Family picnic at ISEB for making it a great success. Besides Emirate Airlines the other sponsors were as follows. Pakwan Restaurant - United Tours and Travels - Maiwand Market - Tri city Travels - UPS at Fremont Hub, Fazale Sharif - Adams Travels and Farmers Insurance, Kashf Uppal.



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## Invest in the future of your children

More than 30 years ago a few Muslim families convened and realized the need to build a Masjid and other community facilities. They called the new group Islamic Society of East Bay. More than one generation has passed and we have new set of young people on the stage. An important aspect of the Master plan and its vision is to build the Main Prayer Hall, which is also known as Phase III. The building that we are currently using for prayers was intended to be a Day Care Center down stairs and office complex upstairs, which will some day help us in meeting the recurring expenses of the Masjid, inshallah.

Last year we realized the need for hiring professionals who will help us in looking at different plans for the Main Prayer Hall. Our goal this year is to raise \$200,000 for this purpose. At the present time we have around \$90,000 in our Phase III account. The past and present Board of Directors and all volunteers are extremely thankful to each and every member who has donated hard-earned money towards this cause. Indeed, we have a long list of people to thank for their vision, generosity and sacrifices.

Three decades have passed since these ideas were initially conceived; our community has grown by leaps and bounds. Though the players have changed the same vision is at the forefront of their efforts. We have a clientele of about 500-700 Muslims who attend Jum'a prayers weekly. **Just imagine, if each of us make a commitment of \$365, which amounts to only dollar a day, we can take the next step forward.** As somebody has noted well, "Life is a process and not an event." This applies to our community as well. We hope that with final completion of this project, our Masjid with all of its components will be established and we can continue to focus on the community-building, which ultimately gives life to the Masjid.

A most relevant Ayat (2:185) to remember is that, "Ramadhan is the month during which the Quran was revealed, providing guidance for the people." Another name for Quran is al Furqan, which means The Criterion by which we may separate truth from falsehood. What better way is there to celebrate giving spirit of Ramadhan and revelation of Quran? I invite you all to open your hearts and participate in this rare opportunity in building our Main Prayer Hall. Once we get started and take the next step more people will join us inshallah.

Contribute towards building the Main Prayer hall and Inshallah this will give you pleasure, ease, sukoon, and be a means by which we can take this long ride to the Akhirah. Please join me in taking this ride and making an investment for our children and community. We need your help now, in going forward. We accept check, cash and Pay Pal for your convenience. Please open your heart and give generously. Let us remind ourselves "**A candle loses nothing of its light by lighting up another candle**". JZK.

(Mushtaq Ahmed. Fund-raising chair ISEB)

### ISEB Sunday School

### 12+ years of service

Dear Sunday School Parents and community members Assalamu-Alaikum and Eid Mubarak.

Welcome to our 2009-2010 school year. Sunday School staff is excited and looking forward to a year filled with lots of learning, interesting programs, activities and fun. We wish you all had a very spiritual, peaceful and a rewarding Ramadan. May Allah (swt) accept our fasting and dua's and help us to be good Muslims. Ameen. Eid holiday will be on Sept 20<sup>th</sup> and the students will enjoy their Eid lunch and Eid gifts from the Sunday school on Sept 27<sup>th</sup>. Alhamdulillah, 1<sup>st</sup> day of school was successful with approx. 130 students. Inshallah we are expecting 250+ students in the next few weeks. Please register your children for Sunday school and give them an eternal gift of Islamic knowledge and strengthen their Imaan and secure their akhirah. You are requested to attend Parent – Teacher conferences and help us in making our program better. Our 2009-2010 program also includes fun trips, quiz competition, sports events apart from the regular sunday school classes. Please sign up for FREE Karate sessions offered by a black belt instructor to our students after Duhr salah. Also sign up with your child's teacher to volunteer in the class or for the yard duty. We need all parents to help us in making this program a success, inshallah.

We urge you to be regular and punctual to school and benefit from our assembly program conducted by Br. Mohammed Baseer . Sincerely, Sunday School Staff

## On the 8th anniversary of 9/11

The Seven-million-strong Muslim American community joined the fellow Americans across the country in marking the eighth anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks and mourning the thousands of innocent victims. The Muslims feel the pain of the families of victims of these terrible attacks must be feeling this day. The victims of 9-11 came from every creed, race and religion, including scores of Arabs and Muslims who lost their lives as a result of this heinous crime.

For the first time in eight years, American Muslims gathered at Lafayette Park, outside the White House, to pay homage to the 9/11 terrorist attack victims. The event, organized by the American Muslim Voice Foundation along with Multifaith groups and community organizations included an Iftar (breaking of the Ramadan fast) and a candle vigil. Executive Director of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) Nihad Awad led the evening prayer at the "Light the Night for Peace and Friendship" event.

Commenting on the event, FOX News said: "Eight years ago, many Americans lashed out at those who followed the Muslim faith, blaming them all for the attacks on September 11, 2001. Since the attacks, much has been done by many Muslims to distance themselves from the radicals responsible for the attacks. Friday night's vigil was one more way to show their Muslim faith is one of kindness and love."

Tellingly, eight years after 9/11 Muslims in America perception of Islam and Muslims among the mainstream America

remains negative which foments discrimination, hate crime and profiling. According a PEW survey released on September 9, 2009, eight years after the terrorist attacks of 9/11, Americans see Muslims as facing more discrimination inside the U.S. than other major religious groups.

Not surprisingly, in his September 2nd speech at the White House Iftar dinner, President Obama while noting the contributions of American Muslims, president also alluded to their problems when he shared the story of the Muslim sixth-grader Nashala Hearn from Oklahoma, who was suspended twice last fall because the school officials claimed her hijab violated their dress code policy. The President said: "When her school district told her that she couldn't wear the hijab, she protested that it was a part of her religion. The Department of Justice stood behind her, and she won her right to practice her faith."

American Muslims have responded to the anti-Islam and anti-Muslim euphoria and the assault on their civil liberties with a massive outreach to the fellow Americans to remove doubts about Islam. **With this objective, the Islamic Society of East Bay (ISEB) held an open house on September 5 which received a wide response from the mainstream community.** Similarly, the September 11 Muslim event in Washington, DC, was supported by more than two dozen mainstream civil rights groups.

(By Abdus Sattar Ghazali)

### ISEB Open House draws large multi-faith crowd *(Continued from page one)*

Sr.Ameena Jindali gave an informative and thought provoking power point presentation introducing Islam to our non-Muslim friends. She presented the core values as well as emphasized life of Muslims in the holy month of Ramadan extending a peaceful message.

Afterwards there was a 40 minutes questions and answer session with our multi-faith guests. The panel answered all questions in the best possible way. The environment was very friendly and amicable. The outreach program started around 5: 00 p.m. and we had guests till 9:00 p.m. The outreach committee dispensed a lot of information in the form of a brochure and received many positive comments from our guests. We plan to do this next year again,

### Your Donation at work

By Shakeel Ahmed

In the last month we

- \* Repaired all A/C units
  - \* Installed ceiling fans in Men/women Prayer halls
  - \* Painted and carpeted down stairs ladies area.
  - \* Painted the external of Building A
  - \* Cleaned and washed Building B
- External painting of the Building B is being done.

This will be completed by Eid, inshallah.

Please send your donations and mark it for construction. If you are licensed, bonded and insured contractor Please get in touch with us. JZK.

## Peace Terrace Academy

By Zarbarf Shah/Farooq Hussaini

Peace Terrace Academy is back in session. The staff worked extremely hard to get the school year started and everyone's efforts really paid off. Our students arrived for their first day of classes on August 24th and were greeted by their teachers in well-decorated and welcoming classrooms. The year started off without a hitch and things continue to run smoothly, Alhamdulillah.

Every morning, our children arrive bright-eyed at school and attend an assembly where they recite their duas and are given practical advice they can use in their lives. Next, they sit with our Quran teachers where they learn to recite and memorize Surahs. After that, they learn Islamic Studies, Mathematics, Science, Language Arts, and Social Studies using their brand new textbooks.

PTA strives to give the children of our community the tools they need to achieve success while maintaining high moral values that are a basic part of our religion. We are asking our community to support our efforts by getting involved with the school. This involvement can range from volunteering your time at the school to financially supporting us to enrolling your children.

As members of the community, your feedback is very important to improving our school. We appreciate you telling us what we are doing right and where we can improve. Please send us your comments and suggestions to [schoolcomm@peaceterrace.org](mailto:schoolcomm@peaceterrace.org).

### ISEB needs Funeral Director

The ISEB is in need of Funeral Director since the present Funeral Director contract expires in December. If we can have one of our community members get a license and give free service to our community. California Funeral Directors Association is holding a seminar at Sacramento on October 7, 2009. The seminar charge is \$200.00 that includes cost of reading material and preparing the candidates for passing the exam for their license. Interested persons can visit <http://members.cafda.org/cgi-shl/TWServer.exe?FREG:OrderEvent:LAWARC> For requirements and qualification to apply for a license of Funeral Director please visit [www.cfb.ca.gov](http://www.cfb.ca.gov) or contact phone number 916-574-7870.