



## Sahih Muslim, Hadith

On the authority of Tamim Al-Dari that the Prophet, sallallahu 'alayhi wasallam, said: Religion is *nasihah*." We said: "To whom?" The Prophet, sallallahu 'alayhi wasallam, said: "To Allah and His Book, and His messenger, and to the leaders of the Muslims and their common folk."

## Salah Times

FAJR	5:52
ZHUR	12:48
ASR	4:07
MAGHRIB	6:37
ISHA	8:00

Salah times may come in minutes earlier than the times prayed in the Masjid

## Holy Qur'an 3:200

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اصْبِرُوا وَصَابِرُوا وَرَابِطُوا  
وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ لَعَلَّكُمْ تُفْلِحُونَ

*O you who believe! Persevere in patience and constancy. Vie in such perseverance, strengthen each other and be regardful of Allah that ye may prosper.*

Jumuah is Friday, 1 p.m. – Ta'leem is Sunday, 2 p.m.

Friday, February 26, 2010



## Supporting Believers, Strengthening Families, and Building Islamic Community Life

Submitted by Jeanette Nu'Man, Community Worker

As part of the Atlanta Masjid's spotlight on family, community members participated in a two day workshop and dialogue on Saturday, February 20th and Sunday, February 21st, African and African American Muslim Families. The focus of the event was to enhance community members' understanding of the historical context of social forces that drive family behavior patterns and to apply that information to solutions. We sought to understand the factors that underlie some of the challenges that we face as families and as a community and what do we need to do to achieve the Islamic community and family life that we all desire.

The event began with information sharing on the social structure, norms, and traditions of African families before and after Islam, after colonization; the impact of slavery on African families on both sides of the Atlantic; and American political, cultural, and social systems that have had an effect on African American families. This portion of the event was led by Dr. Bilal King, Sociology Professor of Morehouse College and Muhammad Mendes, an Islamic and African Family History scholar. The program was moderated by Imam Mansoor Sabree. Highlights of their presentations included the importance of family lineage as the basic social unit in pre and post Islamic family life in Africa – "Africa had practices and beliefs that were in harmony with Islam". They also discussed the

disruptive influence of European colonization, European slave trade and American slavery, and American political, cultural, and economic structures and policies.

A dialogue between community members generated three major problems facing families in our community, some of the reasons for these problems, and possible solution. Highlights of those discussions are listed below:

### We lack economic control of our communities

*Why is this a problem?*

- Youth move away from their birth families removing financial support. Parents withdraw support as their youth grow up. Both actions serve to fragment the family economically.
- We don't really know how to keep money.
- We do not patronize each other enough – spending is outside of the community.
- Too many of our business owners do not recognize the importance of integrity in business practices.

*What are possible solutions?*

- Establish lending institutions such as a credit union.
- Provide opportunities to increase knowledge, such as economic development forums.
- Conduct business with other Muslims, domestic and international. Establish business relationships in Africa. Make a commitment to support businesses.
- Create jobs within the community both services and sales.
- Build trust around business matters and provide quality services and products.
- Train girls to be women and boys to be men
- Our community, our families, and as individuals we are out of balance regarding our responsibilities to each other/ Disintegration of Families

*Why is this a problem?*

- Disconnect between parent and child. The parent is not respected as the authority and there is too little social exchange.
- We have given ourselves over to the media that establishes standards that are inconsistent with the precepts of Islam.
- Our children are influenced by socialization that occurs outside of the home (television, schools, etc.).
- Insufficient community support for parents and families, especially single parents. Parental absence leaves the children to be educated by the media.
- In sufficient use of the wisdom and experiences of the elders in the community.
- Insufficient preparation for family life (marriage, child rearing).
- Living beyond our means, fragmenting the family further to maintain that lifestyle.

*What are possible solutions?*

- Reduce control of the media in the home by reducing access
- Connect with Qur'an and Sunnah.
- Work in unity with other Masajid.
- Reach out to Muslim children who attend non-Muslim schools
- Build a cultural life for community and families.
- Make a commitment to the success of the Masjid with a focus on family – a solid institution to support families.
- Access Islamic media as an alternative to western media.
- Spend time as a family – parents with children, spouses with each other.

The event last weekend is only the start as we move toward strengthening families and building Islamic Community Life.

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**2010 R.O.U.P. Announcement**

Sisters United In Human Service, Inc. proudly sponsors the 11th Annual Rites of Unthaa (Virtuous Womanhood) Program. –An eight week, intensive program for young Muslimahs ages 13-17, beginning Saturday, February 27th Masjid Al Mu'minin. Register your daughters, relatives and mentees.

Call 770-465-2995 or visit [www.sistersunited.org](http://www.sistersunited.org)

Registration forms/details available in the Masjid lobby.

**Taqwa Productions, Inc.**

presents *MUSLIMS FOR HAITI FUNDRAISING EVENT*, Friday after Jumah Feb. 26, 2010, Ummat Cafe and Restaurant, Doors Open at 7PM Entertainment provided by JAZZ FLOW Featuring Imam Nashid.

Guest Speaker, Imam Plemon T. El-Amin. Explanation of use of funds described by Muslimah Haitian Sakinah Dadoo as told to her by the Imam in Haiti. Donation at Door \$10 per person Meals not included

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**Hands On Mohammed Schools Day**  
Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup>  
9am-1pm

The IPTSCA is calling on you to volunteer and help get the school up to par for the accreditation happening on March 3rd and March 4th. Please do your part in helping the school and volunteer and if you are not able to volunteer please try and send someone in your place. We need you and the school needs you. As always, we value your hard work, your efforts and your continued dedication. Insha-Allah we will see you there!!!

**Announcements**

**Birth Months Social Tea** Friday, February 26, Atlanta Masjid Dinning Room, 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Purpose: For all Monthly Support Groups to Socialize, Cost: Free

**The Tribute Ad Book** Honoring Imam Plemon El-Amin **closes today**. Tribute ads are \$10 and up. Place a memory ad for your entire family. See Sis. Amira Wazeer or Sis. Nafeesah Madyun at the ad table in the lobby near the library.

**Sisters' Bathroom Renovations** have begun. We are asking all Sisters to please use the bathroom next door at Ummat's Cafe. Renovations will last until Monday, March 1.

**Seeking Technical Community Workers** Interested persons with experience in writing, graphic design, or web development should contact the secretary Naimah at 404-378-1600. **Free training will be provided.**

**The 24th Annual Celebration of the Sunnah Fashion Show** will be held Saturday May 8th at the Shareef Abdur-Raheem facility, at 2:00 pm. We are calling

all models, designers, those born in May and those wishing to work on the planning committee. Please call Amira at 770 686 4421 or email [celebration.atl@comcast.net](mailto:celebration.atl@comcast.net)

**Celebration Fashion Show** rehearsal will be sunday 11:00 am March 14th at Mohammed Schools. We need young and mature adult models all sizes. email [celebration.atl@comcast.net](mailto:celebration.atl@comcast.net) for more info Come turn up the volume.

**National Islamic Educational Conference 2010 - Celebrating 30 Years of Islamic Independent Education** on May 20-23 hosted by Mohammed Schools of Atlanta. Contact Crystal Shahid at 404-378-4219

**The Muslim Janazah Agency** is offering life insurance burial policies. Contact Ortez Wells 404-228-6970

**Masjid Beautification, Getting Ready for Spring.** Sign-up list in lobby, need contributions in the form of pledge, cash or labor. Contact person is Taqiyy Saleem 404-391-4188

**Congratulations to Elijah Shahid and Inshirah Jihad** on their nikkah, on February 22, 2010. Their walimah TBA at the Atlanta Masjid.

**Sick & Shut-In**

**Sister Halimah El-Amin** is at Golden Living Centers - 2787 North Decatur Rd. Decatur, GA 30033 Ph: (404) 292-0626. Make dua for her and her family.

**Sister Mamie Muhammad** is in Atlanta Medical Hospital. 315 Boulevard NE Ste 200, Atlanta, GA 30312, (404) 265-4680. Room 463.

**Sister Wajeehah Sabir** is in Traditions Health & Rehab Home. 770-482-2961.

**REGULAR COMMITTEES**

<i>The Majlis Ash Shura</i> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday 10 am Masjid Secretary 404-378-1600	<i>Hospitality Team</i> 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday 6 pm Melinda Pruitt 770-892-4796
<i>Ansari Committee</i> 1 <sup>st</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday 11 am Sabreen Mateen 770-593-1350	<i>M.O.R.E. For Youth</i> Fridays, 4 pm Aliyah A. 678-260-8126
<i>Consultative Board</i> 2 <sup>nd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> Mon. 6:30 pm Rahmah Abdulaleem 678-596-3793	<i>Cub Scouts</i> Saturdays, 12 pm Linda Abdul-Azeez 404-317-5575
<i>Matured Youth</i> Last Sunday 12 pm Jamillah Sadiq 404-607-0206	<i>Boy Scouts</i> Saturdays, 2 pm Edward Qadir 404-241-1995
<i>Health Committee</i> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday 11 am Mary Salaam 404-284-3757	<i>Mohammed Schools</i> Mo-Fr 8 am - 4:30 pm PreK-8 404-378-4219 HS 404-378-1042

**REMINDERS**

*ALL YOUNG CHILDREN must be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult when on the Masjid premises.*

*PLEASE TURN OFF PHONES & PAGERS prior to entering the musallah. Thank you for your cooperation.*

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