

Facilitating Inclusion

By Nabeelah Hassan

We live in a world that is moving towards the inclusion of people with disabilities in different contexts, such as educational and socio-cultural contexts. The South African Integrated National Disability Strategy describes its aims as facilitating 'equal access, non-discrimination and redress.' As South African Muslims, the question that we should be asking ourselves is, "What are WE doing to facilitate the move towards inclusion for people with disabilities?"

Individuals with disabilities face many challenges and barriers within their own communities, including barriers to equal access to Islamic facilities. Often, parents of children who present with certain disorders/disabilities, opt to stay away from the masjid and Islamic programmes or decline invitations to community events due to the lack of facilities available for their children or anxiety pertaining to the responses that they might receive from the community.

Islam places emphasis on social responsibility. Therefore, it is our duty to be aware of the needs of our brothers and sisters and to make attempts to facilitate ease of access for these individuals. Lack of awareness often leads communities to overlook the special-needs-population within them, which may result in feelings of marginalisation and isolation.

The decision to shift attitudes towards embracing the 'different' abilities that members of our communities present with, will result in us placing greater value and emphasis on how buildings, places of learning and methods of interaction will be modified for access to be ensured.

Some examples of how special-needs-populations could be accommodated (within buildings) includes the following:

!* Members of the community with hearing impairments could be better accommodated in Masaajids, schools and community-halls if induction-loop-systems were to be installed or Sign-Language interpreters and live captioning were to be made use of.

!* When making decisions regarding the structure of buildings, members of the community with severe visual impairments should be taken into consideration, so that ease of navigation within the building can be facilitated for them. The use of colour contrasts, tactile markers and signage that includes Braille, can also be considered.

!* For individuals with wheelchairs or buggies, access at ground level, as well as ramps leading to other levels, should be provided.

Every community is made up of different individuals, who have different needs. In order to provide facilities that allow access to all members within a community, including those with special needs, it is vital to perform a needs analysis. This will lead to well-planned projects that will facilitate access and inclusion. The information obtained from the needs analysis can also be used to guide community leaders in providing awareness about various disabilities, and to provide the necessary support for caregivers and families.

In addition to providing facilities that are user-friendly for people with disabilities, it is vital to adapt teaching resources, techniques and methods for these individuals. It is commonly stated that inclusion is a mindset. It is our task to embrace the opportunity to broaden our minds and take action to work towards the facilitation of inclusion for ALL.

Chairman's Message

By Abdool Razzak Hassim

All praise belongs to Allah (SWT) who has favoured us with Iman and has enabled us to live the life of a Muslim and follow the Deen of Islam.

At the outset, we extend our sincere greetings to all members of our community and make special du'a that Allah (SWT) grants Jannatul-Firdose to all those in our community that have passed-on and may their families be granted sabr and contentment.

A special mention needs to be made for Br Rashid Malek who was one of the founder members of this Association and actively involved in setting up many of our facilities that we currently enjoy, and Br Yusuf Bux who was a member of the Board and was actively involved with Da'wah work. Their passing-on is a huge loss to our community.

GMA Accomplishments:

The Executive Committee can best be described as one of stability, progress, and dedicated service. Alhamdulillah, I state without a shadow of doubt that the board members have discharged their responsibilities with distinction. The various sub-committees in which the board members have served are as follows:

1. Finance: The Finances under the watchful eye of our treasurers, brothers Imraan Patel and Naeem Hadjee, assisted by Br. Ashrauf Moosa, have ensured that proper Corporate Governance in this field had been practiced, thus ensuring adequate accountability, transparency and reporting.

Alhamdulillah our Financial position looks strong but we must bear in mind that we are holding funds for two major projects namely the Roosevelt Park Musallah and to purchase the property opposite the Greenside Masjid. With funds allocated to these projects, there remains very little funds for maintaining and growing our Masjid, Madressah, School and other initiatives. We will require further funding.

2. Madressah: The Madressah, which is an important activity, has functioned extremely well. The year-end results of the Madressah conducted by the Jamiatul-Ulema of Gauteng had consistently produced excellent results and the committee under its convenor Dr Ebrahim Laher, together with the principal MI. Rawat, are functioning cohesively and efficiently.

3. Masjid: The Masjid Committee under the ameership of Aadiil Mia assisted by MI Iqbal Hathurani, MI Burhaan and MI Ravat have ensured the smooth running of the Masjid, offering various programmes, activities and arranged a variety of visiting Ulama to address us.

4. Building Maintenance: Our Masjid and Madressah complex is now over 10 years old and our Building and Maintenance Committee under the committed leadership of Br Ahmed Jassat and his team have had numerous challenges and requests to upgrade, chop and change. They have done a sterling job in ensuring that the Masjid, Madressah and adjoining buildings, including the newly acquired residential building across the road from our precinct, is always in good and functioning state.

5. Burial: The Burial and Cemetery responsibilities have been diligently executed by Br Farhad Adam and his team of volunteers. This is a difficult portfolio requiring them to be available 24/7. The Ghusl facility at our precinct has been truly a great asset and undoubtedly a facility of tremendous convenience for our community.

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Community News

1. Roosevelt: The GMA would like to acknowledge the following brothers from Roosevelt Musallah for their outstanding achievements on Maintenance and the up keep of the Roosevelt Musallah: Mohammed Ismail, Abdullah Suliman, Mohammed Omar, Arshad Patel, Cassim Jooma, Bilal Kader, Inayet Kader, Moulana Motara, Moulana Irfhaan, Moaaz Suliman and Naweed Patel. May Allah (SWT) bless this community and accept the efforts from these brothers as the standing committee members for Roosevelt Musallah.

2. Elders Event: The Islamic Affairs committee will be conducting a regular Social for elders every 1st week of the month after Ramadhan inShaAllah. The Elders-Event venue and communication will be organised by Br Dawood Hassan (0731749797) and the event will be briefed by Br Ismail Akalwaya (0722425435) - Our 'Ulema will be allocated time to say a few words and most of the time will be for positive socialising with the wise elders. As the youth are as young and as youthful as they choose to be, likewise our elders are those who regard themselves as such (parents, grandparents & others).

3. Ramadhan: Respect, Ukhuwa and Parking-etiquette: Please listen to the GMA appointed Parking attendants - they are aware of the Traffic rules, bus movements and neighbourhood requirements, Your cooperation is required. (Cont. on page 8)

Madressah

By Moulana M Ameen Ravat

Assalamu-Alaykum respected Ullama, Elders, Brothers and sisters in Islam. Alhumdulillah, in South Africa, we have to make Shukr for the Ne'mat of the Makhtab system that we enjoy.

We thank our forefathers for their insight and laying the foundation for our current Madressah system. It is now up to us to maintain and grow the system. Our current teaching methodology, syllabus, and kitaabs are used all over the world (Australia, Canada and the United Kingdom are just some of the countries using our system). However, we have to be wary. It is stated that when people do not appreciate a Ne'mat of Allah Ta'Ala, then He can take away that bounty. In days gone by, all Muslim children attended Madressah until Class 10. Nowadays, the growing trend is for children to attend Madressah until Grade 4 or 5. We've got to ask ourselves, have they learnt enough about their Deen? Is this knowledge sufficient? What types of Muslims will they grow up to be and what calibre of Muslims will they foster? If one thinks about it, the Ne'mat is being taken away from us, one grade at a time. The time has come for parents to alter our thinking. If we do not, we will lose this Makhtab system, and of more concern, we will slowly lose our Muslim identity and Deen. May Allah guide us to do what is best for our Deen. Aameen.

The following gives insight to the Madressah that we are so fortunate to have:

Firstly, we have 13 teachers and cater for Classes R to 10. We follow the Jamiat syllabus, which is used both nationally and internationally. We have separate classes for boys and girls (from Class 3). Regular teacher development programs take place. We structure our exams on a continuous assessment basis. Twice a year, our learners have external exams and write the national papers. We have a dedicated staff complement who have many years of teaching experience Alhamdulillah. Regular meetings are held with parents and we encourage daily communication and updates regarding our learners' progress.

Alhamdulillah the growth of our Madressah is encouraging but the need of the hour is to reach out to every child. We urge our community to fully benefit from this bounty and continue to equip our future generations with sound Islamic knowledge and values.

Let us ensure that our learners fees are paid timeously. Those who wish to **contribute to the needs of those who cannot afford** the subsidised fees are kindly requested to contact the office or any of the Madressah committee members. This will serve as a great means of Sawaab-e-jaariyah, Insha-Allah. Please feel free to contact the Principal (MI Ravat) or a GMA Board member, if you have any queries with regard to our beautiful institute of teaching & learning. We urge you to remember us in your duaas and wish you and your family a spiritually uplifting month of Ramadhan.

Poem on Syria

By Nabeelah Hassan

Six years ago...

A group of courageous Syrian children painted anti-government graffiti on the walls of a school in Daraa; A tiny act of courageous resistance ignited a revolution A tiny act of courageous resistance exposed the Assad regime

Six years ago...

Hamza Ali al-Khateeb became known to the world; A gentle thirteen year old stripped of his childhood, Reduced to a mutilated body, Yet alive as a symbol of the revolution

Six years ago...

A peaceful revolution began; Justice was sought, Freedom was envisioned

Six years ago...

The world began to bear witness to brutality; Death became the order of the day, Grief and pain became inexplicable concepts

Six years ago...

Nobody would have imagined the hijacking of the revolution;

The proxy war began,

Major world powers were now experts regarding the situation,

While the voices of the people were silenced

Six years later...

Lives continue to be destroyed; Innocents continue to be killed, Children continue to be deprived of an education, And millions have fled the country in a state of desperation, Leaving loved ones, homes and possessions behind

Six years ago...

The revolution emerged from a school wall, With the hope of reconstructing walls of justice and freedom;

The walls of fear were broken down,

As people took to the streets with firm resolve, hope and optimism

Six years later...

The world continues to tear down the walls of hope and resilience,

And the Syrian people continue to bleed;

The media continues to desensitise us to their suffering,

And life continues,

Yet we find ourselves being the proof that we have failed humanity

Six years later...

The future seems bleak,

Yet tiny sparks of hope still flicker inside many human beings,

Awaiting the day when justice, As promised by the Most Just, Shall reign supreme.

Du'a Recommended - Memorise

“Laa ilaaha illah - astagfirullah - Asalullahal Jannah - wa auzubillahi minan naar”

There's No God but Allah - seek forgiveness - plead for Jannah - seek protection from the fire.

The Holy Land: Al-Quds (P/I)

By Nabeelah Hassan

Here's a summary of a talk by Sister Aber Ahmed Zayyad In April 2017, Salaamedia hosted sister Sister Abeer for an informative and eye-opening talk at the Lal Qila Restaurant in Johannesburg. Sister Abeer is a Palestinian Archaeologist, who possesses a wealth of knowledge and an incredible amount of determination and strong will. She took the audience on a journey through her life, her struggles, the brutality faced by Palestinian men, women and children, and the positive effect that her career is having on delivering the truth about the history of Palestine and the illegal 'Israeli' Occupation. Sister Abeer uses archaeological evidence to reveal the facts about the history of Palestine and its sites. She emphasised the importance of developing our knowledge and understanding of the history of Palestine in order to combat the misinformation from Zionist narratives in media. Sister Abeer has also started Womens' Centres in Silwan and the Old City, which offers support to women and families.

The talk highlighted the need for us to equip ourselves with knowledge, spread the truth about Palestine, and support campaigns, movements and projects in order to contribute towards the liberation of Palestine. Sister Abeer gave us some words to reflect on: "Each Muslim owns 1mm of Masjid-al-Aqsa. What are you doing to save your 1mm?"

Newclare Masjid Open Day

By Mission of Mercy (MoM0)

In May 2017, Mission of Mercy hosted an Open Day for non-Muslims at the Newclare masjid. The event aimed at affording non-Muslims with an opportunity to visit the masjid, as well as gain insight into Islam. Men, women and children (approximately 200 adults and 200 children) were welcomed into the masjid and were provided with a talk on Islam. Thereafter, they were given an informal tour and participated in interactive question and answer sessions. The community members present expressed a keen interest in Islam and Alhamdulillah, seven individuals embraced Islam at the event. The reality of witnessing somebody enter the religion of Islam is inexplicably beautiful, bringing the words of the Quran of truly moving “from darkness into light” to life. We had no idea that some of the non-Muslims who had entered the masjid, would exit the masjid as Muslims. The 20th May not only marked the beginning of a new life for each revert to Islam, but it also ignited an intense desire within us as Muslims, to strive towards fulfilling our obligation of spreading the message of Islam. May Allah reward the Mission of Mercy team for this initiative and grant them success with their future projects.

Chairman's Message

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We express our gratitude and thanks to the following persons for their contributions to our Association. To our Auditors, Messrs Yunus Laher & Associates, for the audit services rendered to our Association on a voluntary and gratis basis; Talhaa Mia for tending meticulously to the upkeep of our beautiful gardens and plants; Muhammad Dadabhay, together with Yusuf (Joe) Kajee, Bhai Pelvan and his family for overseeing the parking sites at our Masjid complex; Shafik Jasat for securing additional parking space at the Masjid precinct and for generously sponsoring the supply and laying of paving at the parking lots; Uncle Moosa Bham for assisting in resolving billing issues with the Johannesburg City Council; Mohamed Docrat and his team of volunteers from Mission of Mercy for supplying soup and other food items on Friday mornings to the needy and hungry in our midst; Haji Ali for consistently ensuring that the Jumah Lillah contributions are intact recorded and timeously deposited; to all the Huffaaz who have performed Taraweeh salaah at the various venues during Ramadhan and lastly, to all our community members for making our suburb such a pleasure to live in.

Alhamdulillah, it is very evident that we have a vibrant and active community with members that sacrifice their time, energy and efforts for the sole objective of our deen.

WAY FORWARD

Presently we find ourselves in challenging times where we are experiencing Political and Economic instability in our country. We are witnessing an onslaught on Islam internationally, which is being fanned by the consequences of actions of groups, incorrectly referred to in the media as IS and ISIS. The actions portrayed are neither of Islam nor a recognised State. It is unfortunate that the Western world generally is adopting a stereotype view of Islam, often failing to show the beauty of our Deen and its sublime ways. Despite these occurrences, we should remain firm in our Islamic principles and hopeful that this world will become a better place.

As for our Association, we are still witnessing an increase in the number of Muslims moving into our area and we have to continue looking at the opportunities for expansions in terms of more Masajid's and expanding the Madressah facilities. Our efforts to secure the second house opposite the Masjid continue. It can facilitate a consolidation of our site for a larger Madressa and Islamic School or Islamic Centre, and thus remains high on the agenda for the incoming board of management. We pray that the Almighty Allah keep our Community united, safe and take us from strength to strength.

Special Collection Drive

by GMA Treasury Desk

Alhamdulillah, our Association has historically been in a very healthy financial position with the regular and continuous support from the community and for this we say -Jazakallah.

During the past year we have experienced an increase in our maintenance cost as the Masjid is now in its 12th year of existence and there has been the need to carry out some much needed major repairs. With our community continuously expanding and an increasing number of musalles moving into our area the running costs of the facilities have also increased.

Alhamdulillah, there have been no objections to the building of a Masjid on the Roosevelt-Park Mussallah site and InShaAllah construction will start this year. This is a great opportunity for community members to contribute generously towards the building of a Masjid in our area. This is a most pleasing act in the eyes of Allah (SWT) and one which carries with it innumerable rewards. We kindly request that all contributions towards this most noble project be clearly indicated as such so that it may be correctly allocated.

InShaAllah it is the GMA's plan to start a special project for a Girl's Muslim School, as soon all the necessary approvals have been obtained. We are still in negotiations to purchase the property on the corner opposite the Masjid and on securing this acquisition our plans for future expansion will be on track. This will include further development of the other property across the Masjid which was successfully acquired.

MaShAllah our Community is growing - with it, our cost base continuously keeps increasing. We would like to ensure that we are in a viable financial position to meet the expected level of service to ensure the smooth functioning of the GMA activities.

Total Running cost for the Masjid (2016): R1 .3m

The following are some of the key costs:

- * Maintenance Cost: R140k (Up From R70k in 2015)
- * Security: R115k
- * Municipal Payments (mainly water): R385k
- * Salaries: R570k

Annual Maintenance Projects of the Masjid

- * Servicing of Water Coolers, Washing Machines, Vacuum Cleaners, Fire Extinguishers, the Boiler, etc.
- * Carpet and Drain Cleaning
- * Pest Control
- * Borehole repairs and Maintenance.

Alhumdulillah our Madressahs are self funded from fees charged to learners and statements are sent out regularly. We would like to urge parents to settle amounts timeously. We do experience a backlog of outstanding amounts at the end of the year which results in an unnecessary burden on the association.

Total running cost for the Madressah in 2016: >R1.2m (Madressah Income from Fees is R20k less than this).

The following are some of the key costs:

- * Salaries: R960 000
- * Municipal Costs: R82 000
- * Bad Debts: R105 000
- * Other expenses include: Printing, Stationery, Jalsah, Telephone/Internet, etc.

Historically we have received regular contributions from our community in the following manner:

- a) Monthly EFT transfers and Debit Orders (kindly request forms from Board members)
- b) Friday Masjid collection
- c) Ramadhan Contribution

In the past we have made regular appeals to the community to increase their monthly contribution. There has been good progress on this front, Alhamdulillah with many contributors increasing their amounts yearly and new people joining the list. We urge you to increase contributions this year too.

Alhamdulillah, we have also seen an increase in our Jumu'ah collection. Unfortunately, this collection process does not enable us to ascertain which of our residents are contributing in this manner. We would rather prefer contributions made directly into our bank account, thus enabling us to plan better and budget accordingly.

We appreciate that times are hard and inflation is rife. All we ask is let's make a regular monthly contribution to the House of Allah, more than what we spend on other pleasures. InShaAllah this will also bring Barakah into our lives.

This Ramadhan we will not be visiting every family in the area as we have done in the past for collections, instead Board members will be available to meet you and receive any contribution you may want to make at the Masjid and Mussallah on Sunday's after Zuhr and on Wednesdays after Taraweeh, during the month of Ramadhan.

Our Banking details are as follows:

Name of Account: Greenside Muslim Association

Ref: Masjid Account

First National Bank

Bank Acc No: 503 100 904 99

Branch: Fordsburg

Branch Code: 25 25 05

Name of Account: Greenside Muslim Association

Ref: Roosevelt-Park-Mussallah Acc. (Building Project)

Bank: Standard Bank

Account No. 22 071 615 3

Branch: Sandton

Branch Code: 019205

Please advise us when you make your contribution to help us reconcile funds coming in. Regrettably GMA does not collect Zakah. There are many other organizations in the locality that specialize in the distribution of Zakah; we would urge you to contact them directly.

If your contribution is for a specific niyyah (intention) please indicate that to the members of the Board and they will ensure that an appropriate allocation is marked on the receipt.

We thank you for your support and commitment to this request. We trust that you realise the need for our Association to be financially sound. If we all make regular payments, InShallah the task becomes easier for everybody. Jazakallah.

Taraweeh at Multiple Venues

By GMA and Hufaz

Note: The bracketed numbers below indicate the number of nights intended for completing the recitation of the full Qur'an, at the venues listed (subject to change) followed by the names of the Hufaz who will participate, InShaAllah.

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| MASJIDUR RAHMAH (29) ➢ ML ABDULLAH LAKHI ➢ HF MUHAMMAD VARACHIA ➢ ML BURHAAN MIA | ROOSEVELT MUSALLAH (29) ➢ ML M. A. RAVAT ➢ ML SAJJAD HATHURANI ➢ HF MUHAMMAD HABEEB | 14 MALOPO RD (29) ➢ ML IQBAL HATHURANI ➢ HF RIDWAAN LAHER ➢ UZAIR KHAN |
| MADRASAH BASEMENT (15) ➢ HF YUSUF DOCRAT ➢ HF SHAHEED BHABHA | 7 DALEBROOK CRES, VICTORY PARK (26) ➢ ML MOHSIN VARACHIA ➢ ML A.H. VARACHIA ➢ HF ZUBAIR WADEE | EMMARENIA PRIMARY SCHOOL (10) ➢ HF BASHIER MUHAMMAD ➢ HF MUHAMMAD CHAVOOS ➢ HF AHMAD KARODIA ➢ HF MUHAMMAD CHOONARA |
| 106 KOMATIE RD (15) ➢ HF SHUAIB JOOMAN ➢ HF MUHAMMAD DOCRAT ➢ HF ZAHEER DOODAT ➢ HF RAHAAN ESSOP ➢ HF ASLAM WADEE ➢ ZAID MUHAMMAD | 7 PAFURI RD ➢ HF HAROON WAJA ➢ HF NABEEL DESAI ➢ HF BASHIER ESSAY ➢ HF ZUBAIR COOVADIA ➢ HF ABDULLAH MOOLLA | 14 KOMATIE RD (29) ➢ HF MASUD BODHANIA ➢ HF ISHFAAQ HASWARAY ➢ FAEQ BOOMGARD ➢ DR MUHAMMAD QASSIM |
| 18 LINDEN RD (29) ➢ HF HAMMAAD MIA ➢ HF JUNAID ➢ ANAS MIA | 53 MAX MICHAELIS RD (27) ➢ HF MUHAMMAD PARAK ➢ HF BILAL DINATH ➢ HF YUSUF KOLA ➢ HF FARHAAN BHAM | 85 10TH STREET, LINDEN (29) ➢ HF YUSUF BISMILLAH ➢ HF AQEEL HAJI ➢ ISMAIL DESAI |
| CORRONATION MUSALLAH (29) ➢ HF QAASIM COOVADIA | RANDPARK RIDGE (29) ➢ HF NO'MAN GANCHI ➢ HF ZAAKIR GANCHI | RANDBURG MUSALLAH (29) ➢ HF ZAIN MOOSA ➢ HF Junaid & HF Ahmed |
| PARKTOWN MUSALLAH (29) ➢ HF ZAKARIYYA ABRAHAMS ➢ HF YUSHA JASSAT | 159 BARRY HERTZOG AVE (20) ➢ HF Zaid BHAMIEE ➢ HF WASEEM AYARRDEEN ➢ HF JUNAID CHOTIA ➢ HF JAREER ➢ ILYAAS DOCRAT | 32 BUFFALO RD, EMMARENIA (20) ➢ HF MUHAMMAD CAJEE ➢ HF FAHEEM PATEL ➢ HF MUHAMMAD ESSAY |
| 34 SUSMAN AVE, BLAIRGOWRIE (29) ➢ HF TAAHIR KHAN ➢ HF IMRAAN PATEL ➢ HF AHMAD PATEL | 198 MOWBRAY RD, GREENSIDE (29) ➢ HF ZIYAAD PATEL ➢ HF MUHAMMAD PEER ➢ HF MUBEEN | 58 BEYERS NAUDE DRIVE, ROOSEVELT PARK ➢ ML M.H. MOTARA ➢ UWAIIS PARAK |
| 15 CALEDON ROAD (29) ➢ HF SHAAHID NANABHAI ➢ HF MUHAMMAD NANABHAI | 1 11TH STREET, LINDEN (29) ➢ HF MUHAMMAD HANSA ➢ HF MUHAMMAD HASAN ➢ MLUKHTAAR OSMAN | 37 DALEBROOK CRES, VICTORY PARK (29) ➢ HF ZAAKIR KHAN ➢ HF AADIL KHAN ➢ WASEEM CHOTIA |
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Chairman's Message

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6. Islamic Activities and Youth: This committee under the leadership of Mohammed Salojee and his team assisted by brother Faizel Katkodia is successfully producing the GMA News, while brothers Mohamed Zayd Essa along with their team members have persisted in arranging appropriate activities for our Youth. The GMA website continues gaining hits and updates with audio streaming of programs, talks, lectures. Visits to the Masjid by personalities from other religious denominations have been a regular feature. For these essential activities in our Masjid, we are truly grateful to the many individuals involved.

7. Roosevelt Musallah: The Roosevelt-Park Musallah under the leadership of Mohammed Ismail and his team are making good progress. There were no objections to the rezoning, they are now in the process of finalising all the paper work, Plans are near completion and InShaAllah a Masjid will be built on this site shortly. We acknowledge the efforts of the families from our locality for being instrumental in supporting this project. We ask the Almighty Allah to accept their efforts and noble intentions and reward them abundantly.

There has been an increase in the number of Mussalees at this facility, a clear indication that with the growth of new people moving into surrounding areas, similar initiatives are required. The Musallees who are frequenting this Mussalah have organised themselves into various Committees to overlook the activities at the Musallah and to oversee the upkeep and maintenance. We believe that this is the way forward in growing the needs of the Muslim Community in

the greater area. A similar effort is currently underway in neighbouring areas: Westcliff, Albertsville and Linden, GMA will support such efforts but we urge members of the community in the respective areas to take the initiative to organise themselves as done in Roosevelt.

8. School Task Team: At the Board's Strategic Planning Session held a few years ago, we identified the need to utilise the Association's facility more effectively and generate continuous Income. One way was to evaluate running a school through the Association. A School Task Team was set up to pursue this opportunity. The team has been working for over a year and their recommendation was to set up a Girls High School with an Islamic ethos InShaAllah in 2018, provided all relevant registration is fulfilled. The Board has approved their proposal and the school will be called GMA ACADEMY OF LEARNING and will run as a separate PBO under the GMA umbrella.

9. Greenside Muslim Women's Group: The ladies in our community under the banner of the Greenside Muslim Woman's Group (GMWG), have been active in Deeni matters and notably, in facilitating the Gusal and burial arrangements for deceased females. They have also been very active in various social and charitable activities. May the Almighty Allah grant them success in their endeavours and reward them abundantly.

As is customary, we have always allowed community initiatives the use of the facilities of the GMA, provided their activities do not impinge on the care, cleanliness and state of the facilities. In this regard, the GMWG meetings, conducting Huffaz classes in both the basement and in the Masjid and the use of the yard area behind the Madressah building for serving as a soup kitchen for Mission of Mercy and other activities must comply.

Acknowledgements:

It is befitting at this juncture to sincerely thank every board member for their selfless sacrifice of time, energy and effort in their dedication to the smooth functioning of the GMA. I will not mention each of them by name, but we pray that the Almighty Allah reward them all abundantly, Insha-Allah.

We would be failing in our duty if we do not place on record the community's appreciation and thanks to our Imams, both MI Burhaan Mia and MI Muhammad Ameen Ravat, who have played a pivotal role in counselling and guiding us in an impeccable manner. MI Ravat had taken over the critical task of fulfilling the role of Principal of our Madressah, in addition to being one of our Imaams at Masjid-Ur-Rahmah, whilst MI Burhaan Mia remained steadfast as our senior Imaam. Besides being engaged in numerous community-benefiting activities, MI Burhaan also runs the Hifz classes on a voluntary basis, along with the assistance from Hafez Hamaad Mia, MI Motara and more recently MI Iqbal Hathurani. These classes have grown in numbers over the years. A **second Hifz class** is run by MI Dadabhai and MI Sajaad Hathurani in our basement premises on a voluntary and gratis basis.

Our heartfelt appreciation and thanks to Muazzin Ahmed Chembe and the cleaning staff, comprising of brother Ismail Juma, David Musi and Maria Dibane for fulfilling their relevant tasks.

Our sincere thanks and appreciation goes to all our Madressa teachers for discharging the difficult task of teaching our children in such a dedicated manner.

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| Fast | Date | Day | Sehri Ends | Sunrise | Zawwal | Fajr | Zohr/Jumua | Asr | Magrib | Esha | | | | | |
|------|--------|-----|------------|---------|--------|--------|------------|--------|--------|--------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|
| | | | Start Fast | | | Athaan | Jamah | Athaan | Jamah | Athaan | Jamah | Athaan | Jamah | | |
| 1 | May 27 | Sat | 5:24 | 6:45 | 12:05 | 5:30 | 5:45 | 13:00 | 13:15 | 16:15 | 16:30 | 17:28 | 17:35 | 19:00 | 19:15 |
| 2 | May 28 | Sun | 5:24 | 6:46 | 12:05 | 5:30 | 5:45 | 12:30 | 12:45 | 16:15 | 16:30 | 17:28 | 17:35 | 19:00 | 19:15 |
| 3 | May 29 | Mon | 5:25 | 6:46 | 12:05 | 5:30 | 5:45 | 13:00 | 13:15 | 16:15 | 16:30 | 17:27 | 17:34 | 19:00 | 19:15 |
| 4 | May 30 | Tue | 5:25 | 6:47 | 12:05 | 5:30 | 5:45 | 13:00 | 13:15 | 16:15 | 16:30 | 17:27 | 17:34 | 19:00 | 19:15 |
| 5 | May 31 | Wed | 5:25 | 6:47 | 12:05 | 5:30 | 5:45 | 13:00 | 13:15 | 16:15 | 16:30 | 17:27 | 17:34 | 19:00 | 19:15 |
| 6 | Jun 01 | Thu | 5:26 | 6:47 | 12:06 | 5:30 | 5:45 | 13:00 | 13:15 | 16:15 | 16:30 | 17:27 | 17:34 | 19:00 | 19:15 |
| 7 | Jun 02 | Fri | 5:26 | 6:48 | 12:06 | 5:30 | 5:45 | 12:20 | 13:00 | 16:15 | 16:30 | 17:27 | 17:34 | 19:00 | 19:15 |
| 8 | Jun 03 | Sat | 5:27 | 6:48 | 12:06 | 5:30 | 5:45 | 13:00 | 13:15 | 16:15 | 16:30 | 17:27 | 17:33 | 19:00 | 19:15 |
| 9 | Jun 04 | Sun | 5:27 | 6:49 | 12:06 | 5:30 | 5:45 | 12:30 | 12:45 | 16:15 | 16:30 | 17:26 | 17:33 | 19:00 | 19:15 |
| 10 | Jun 05 | Mon | 5:27 | 6:49 | 12:06 | 5:30 | 5:45 | 13:00 | 13:15 | 16:15 | 16:30 | 17:26 | 17:33 | 19:00 | 19:15 |
| 11 | Jun 06 | Tue | 5:28 | 6:50 | 12:06 | 5:30 | 5:45 | 13:00 | 13:15 | 16:15 | 16:30 | 17:26 | 17:33 | 19:00 | 19:15 |
| 12 | Jun 07 | Wed | 5:28 | 6:50 | 12:07 | 5:30 | 5:45 | 13:00 | 13:15 | 16:15 | 16:30 | 17:26 | 17:33 | 19:00 | 19:15 |
| 13 | Jun 08 | Thu | 5:28 | 6:50 | 12:07 | 5:30 | 5:45 | 13:00 | 13:15 | 16:15 | 16:30 | 17:26 | 17:33 | 19:00 | 19:15 |
| 14 | Jun 09 | Fri | 5:29 | 6:51 | 12:07 | 5:30 | 5:45 | 12:20 | 13:00 | 16:15 | 16:30 | 17:26 | 17:33 | 19:00 | 19:15 |
| 15 | Jun 10 | Sat | 5:29 | 6:51 | 12:07 | 5:30 | 5:45 | 13:00 | 13:15 | 16:15 | 16:30 | 17:26 | 17:33 | 19:00 | 19:15 |
| 16 | Jun 11 | Sun | 5:29 | 6:52 | 12:07 | 5:30 | 5:45 | 12:30 | 12:45 | 16:15 | 16:30 | 17:26 | 17:33 | 19:00 | 19:15 |
| 17 | Jun 12 | Mon | 5:30 | 6:52 | 12:08 | 5:30 | 5:45 | 13:00 | 13:15 | 16:15 | 16:30 | 17:26 | 17:33 | 19:00 | 19:15 |
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| 19 | Jun 14 | Wed | 5:30 | 6:53 | 12:08 | 5:30 | 5:45 | 13:00 | 13:15 | 16:15 | 16:30 | 17:26 | 17:33 | 19:00 | 19:15 |
| 20 | Jun 15 | Thu | 5:31 | 6:53 | 12:08 | 5:35 | 5:50 | 13:00 | 13:15 | 16:15 | 16:30 | 17:26 | 17:33 | 19:00 | 19:15 |
| 21 | Jun 16 | Fri | 5:31 | 6:53 | 12:08 | 5:35 | 5:50 | 12:20 | 13:00 | 16:15 | 16:30 | 17:27 | 17:34 | 19:00 | 19:15 |
| 22 | Jun 17 | Sat | 5:31 | 6:54 | 12:09 | 5:35 | 5:50 | 13:00 | 13:15 | 16:15 | 16:30 | 17:27 | 17:34 | 19:00 | 19:15 |
| 23 | Jun 18 | Sun | 5:31 | 6:54 | 12:09 | 5:35 | 5:50 | 12:30 | 12:45 | 16:15 | 16:30 | 17:27 | 17:34 | 19:00 | 19:15 |
| 24 | Jun 19 | Mon | 5:32 | 6:54 | 12:09 | 5:35 | 5:50 | 13:00 | 13:15 | 16:15 | 16:30 | 17:27 | 17:34 | 19:00 | 19:15 |
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| 26 | Jun 21 | Wed | 5:32 | 6:55 | 12:10 | 5:35 | 5:50 | 13:00 | 13:15 | 16:15 | 16:30 | 17:27 | 17:34 | 19:00 | 19:15 |
| 27 | Jun 22 | Thu | 5:32 | 6:55 | 12:10 | 5:35 | 5:50 | 13:00 | 13:15 | 16:15 | 16:30 | 17:28 | 17:35 | 19:00 | 19:15 |
| 28 | Jun 23 | Fri | 5:33 | 6:55 | 12:10 | 5:35 | 5:50 | 12:20 | 13:00 | 16:15 | 16:30 | 17:28 | 17:35 | 19:00 | 19:15 |
| 29 | Jun 24 | Sat | 5:33 | 6:55 | 12:10 | 5:35 | 5:50 | 13:00 | 13:15 | 16:15 | 16:30 | 17:28 | 17:35 | 19:00 | 19:15 |
| 30 | Jun 25 | Sun | 5:33 | 6:55 | 12:10 | 5:35 | 5:50 | 12:30 | 12:45 | 16:15 | 16:30 | 17:29 | 17:36 | 19:00 | 19:15 |

- As a precaution Sehri must be completed at least 5 minutes before the Sehri End time above.
- Sehri End times reflected above are the absolute last time to eat (i.e. the fast starts).
- Fajr Athaan does not denote the end of Sehri - see the times above.
- Niyat & Du'a when starting & ending the Fast are recommended.
- Ramadhan is a special month for Quran Reading, Understanding and PRACTICING Self-Restraint

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- Lillah:** Continuous usage of the Masjid requires maintenance and your contributions are essential. The benefits of assisting and contributing are priceless (and mentioned in the Quran too). Alhamdulillah.
- Fees overdue:** Several families have not been paying their Madressah fees – they are being subsidised by others (perhaps due to financial difficulties). Such persons are requested to discuss their non-payment with the Madressah or GMA asap – so that the shortfall is appropriately catered for. JazakAllah.
- Events and Arabic lessons,** secular Religious studies on Islamic subject matter, Da'wah Open-Days and other events take place at the University of Johannesburg and surrounding areas regularly. For details contact faizel@mmiv.co.za (or call 083 263 7862) to be added onto a shared group for such announcements.
- Blanket Distribution:** We are presently facilitating the distribution of approximately 1500 blankets to communities in need, with the assistance of SANCO and other organisations. In addition to this, we are distributing school clothing and other items to disadvantaged learners in conjunction with SAPS Parkview in ShaAllah.

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Multiple Commands in Practice

Editorial

What is Salaah? The root *ṣād lām hā* (ص ل ه) occurs 180 times in the Quran in 8 derived forms. Its derivations are used in translation as: Righteous, Reconcile, Self-correct, Reform, Cure, Improve, Make-Peace and Goodness. The other trilateral root: *ṣād lām wāw* (ص ل و) occurs 99 times in 4 derived forms, including: Pray and Bless. It is in these references that the command to 'establish Salaah' (2:43) and 'Angels send blessings to you (believers)' (33:43) is found. Corpus.Quran.com (and Tafaseer by Scholars) provide powerful references for Quran-studies with Arabic to English root-word references.

The Quran further commands the believer to 'perform zikr' (remember Allah SWT) 'standing, sitting or lying down', do 'ghusal'/'wuzu', to read/reflect/meditate on Ayaat (signs), to 'bow', to 'Prostrate' to ask Allah (SWT) and make Du'a. These multiple commands in the Quran have been implemented by our Nabi (SAW) and evolved by the early generations in an amazing practice of daily Salaah. Today millions learn and practice this through our Madressah and perform Salaah in Jamaah (and individually) at our Masajeed and homes. How fortunate are those that 'understand' the meaning of each practice of Salaah and how it relates to the Commands in the Quran. The practice includes reading of Surah Al-Fateha, connecting with Allah, Bowing and Soojud (with 8 points harmonised with mother Earth) and a reminder that Nabi Mohamed ﷺ is (only) a Messenger and Allah is Greater.

Dates and Activities (Subject to Moon-Sighting)

Fri 26 May: First Taraweeh after Esha (19:15) ~25 Venues

Sat 27 May: First-Fast (05:24 to 17:28)

Thu 15 Jun: Prep for I'tikaaf: Commence after 20th fast.

Sun 25 Jun: Prep for Eid-ul-Fitr. Shukar with Family/Ummah

Daily Community Programs

After Fajr : Tafseer of Quran

After Zuhr: Hadith

After Asr : Hadith of Fadhaal

Asr-Magrib : Listen to the recitation of the Quran (upstairs)

Few Minutes pre Esha: Quran key points covering Taraweeh

Last 10 Nights

After Taraweeh: Zikr and Durood Shareef

I'tikaaf: Daily additional programs

** Partake in I'tikaaf - Contact MI Burhaan (079 211 1111) for details, or note your details at the Masjid (notice board)

Ramadan - The Month of Patience

By MI Burhaan Mia

All praises be to Allah for making us Muslims, adhering to the teachings of the Ahlus Sunnah wal Jama'ah. Allah Ta'Ala has blessed the Ummah of Rasulallah ﷺ in numerous ways. We have been granted places and times of sanctity in which we can accumulate an abundance of goodness into our books of deeds in a short space of time and with slight effort. Annually, the blessed month of Ramadhan is the perfect opportunity to obtain Allah's mercy and forgiveness. In Hadeeth, Ramadhan has been termed as the month of sabr (patience). Sabr literally means subduing one's desires. By refraining from food, drink, etc., which are normally permissible, we train our bodies to subdue our temptations when they contradict Allah's pure commands. The Holy Quraan contains more than ninety verses in which Sabr is mentioned.

Sabr is of three types:

- Subduing desires to implement the command of Allah, such as waking up for Fajr Salaah and performing it in the masjid.
- Restraining ourselves in staying away from the prohibitions. The very objective of fasting has been mentioned in the Quran as inculcating taqwa, which essentially means staying away from haraam.
- Exercising patience in the face of difficulties.

May our community and the Ummah have a blessed Ramadhan. We make du'a for all our marhoomeen (deceased). Specifically, we acknowledge and appreciate the sterling services rendered by Marhoom Rashid Malik in the formative years to the Masjid and the masdrassah, and the Marhoom Yusuf Bux in the field of Da'wah. Very recently, we also lost Marhoom Uncle Zaid (formally Shedrick) Modise, who took Shahaadah at our Masjid, and rendered services in security and gardening on and around our Masjid property. May ALLAH have mercy on them and on all the Marhoomeen.

Mission of Mercy (MoM)

By Suleman Badaat

The Open Days, Da'wa activities and Soup kitchen work warranted MoM to purchase a property. Help MoM raise funds for the property. Deposit your R1500 per square meter as sadaqa-jaariya to: Standard Bank, Rosebank, Acc: 202283666 Ref: (Name) Property. (Call: 082 859 0253)

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