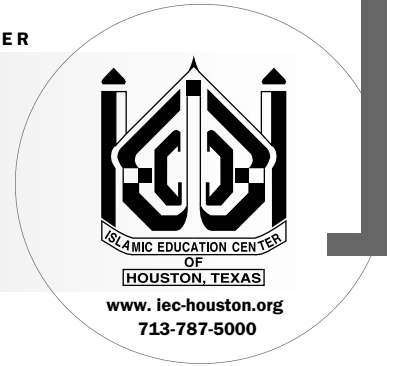


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WORDS FROM MOLANA GHULAM HURR SHABBIRI

In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful

A'azzamallahho ujurana wa ujurakom fee musabil Hussain (as)

Condolences to the Imam of the Age (as) and the Leader of the Muslim Ummah and all mo'mineen and mo'minaat for the commencement of the month of mourning for the Chief of the Martyrs, and grandson of the Holy Prophet, Imam Hussain (as). This is the month of Islamic solidarity, a month of love and affection with the path of Imamah and Wilayat. This is the month to take a stand against the falsehood and to strive for righteousness and truth. It is the month to gain proximity to and sacrifice for the sake of Almighty (swt). In this month we must remind ourselves of the reality of Islam and to commit to it; the month to grasp the essence of Karbala with our tears and demonstrate our support with the mission of Karabala.

Today Karbala is alive and the Yazeed of the time is challenging the Hussain of the time. It is our responsibility to join the camp of the Imam of the time (as) and be part of the movement. The voice of Imam Hussain (as) can still be heard calling "Is there anyone who can come to my aid"? Let us heed this call and respond to it by joining the Imam (as) for the completion of the mission.

Dear *azadaraan* (mourners), it is our responsibility to deliver the message of Imam Hussain (as) to all communities where this message has not reached. Let us submit to the call of the Imam and ask ourselves what our role is. Can I be the flag bearer? Can I fill the thirst of the children? How can I protect the prayer? Am I ready to give Islam a priority even over my own family? Or can I be simply a guard of the leader? Or do I have the capacity to deliver the message to others? It is essential to define our role as individuals in order to complement the greater mission and to implement it. Without specifically defining that role for our self we will be unable to take the necessary next-steps.

-Imam Hussain

(Biharol Anwar ,
Vol . 78 , P . 12)

May Allah give us an opportunity to fulfill our responsibilities in regards to Karbala and Ashura. May Allah protect all mo'mineen across the world from the hands of evil and may Allah reward every mourner for their role during this month.

Wasslam wa rahmatullah

HADITH OF THE MONTH

Beware that the need of people to you is among the blessings of God to you. So do not scare away the needy people when they come to you, as the God's blessings will return and go elsewhere.

GET TO KNOW YOUR IMAM

We have all heard of the well-known hadith of our Holy Prophet (SAW):

“He who dies without knowing the Imam of his time will die the death of ignorance”.

How are we preparing? Do we want to die ignorant? Is it even one of our top priorities to prepare for our Imam (AS)? Just as we are told that every day we need to live as our last, we also need to spend our time, thoughts, and actions, preparing for the arrival of our Imam (ATFS). It is highly recommended to pray constantly for the arrival of our Imam. There are many hadith which tell us how to prepare and what we can do...

Imam Ja'far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (AS) said: “Each one of you must prepare (your weapons) for the advent of al-Qa'im (peace be upon him), even if it be (as little as) an arrow, because when Allah the High, knows that a person has this intention, then He will give him a longer life.” –Biharul Anwar

Imam Ja'far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (AS) said: “Surely the possessor of this command (Imam al-Mahdi) will go into an occultation. So the servant should have consciousness (Taqwa) of Allah during the period of the occultation and should hold firm to his religion.” –Biharul Anwar

Imam Ja'far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (AS) said: “Know your Imam because indeed if you have a deep cognizance of him and this command (his advent) is brought close or delayed, then it will have no effect upon you [and your faith].”

–Biharul Anwar

COMMENT ON CHRON.COM

Maulana Ghulam Hurr Shabbiri has published a new entry in the Faith Leaders blog section on the online version of the Houston Chronicle (chron.com). The new entry is entitled, "Marriage - Where we have gone wrong".

Community members are sincerely requested to participate in the blog by:

1. Writing comments in response to the blog. One will need to register on chron.com to do this.
2. Give some of the comments a "thumbs up". One does NOT need to register on chron.com to do this.

Active participation in the blog will help to promote the blog and provide vital information about Islam to the general public.



CEMETERY UPDATE

Islamic Education Center has only 33 burial spaces left for purchase at the Forest Park Cemetery. The cost of each burial plot is \$2,250. The cost is going to increase by 10% effective January 2010. Please contact Br. Hadi Elmi at esdm@esdminc.com if you have any questions.



WEEKEND MAJALIS & SPECIAL PROGRAMS

MOHARRAM/SAFAR/RABIUL AWWAL, 1431

JAN - MAR, 2010



DAY	DATE	ISLAMIC DATE	TIME	SPEAKERS
FRI	Jan. 1	Moharram 15	Maghrib: 6:00 pm Isha: 7:15 pm Majlis: 7:30 pm	GAZA DOCUMENTARY. (Friday combined Program) Urdu: Moulana Mahir Husain (Burbank) Farsi: Maulana Shabbiri
SAT	Jan. 2	Moharram 16		
SUN	Jan. 3	Moharram 17		
THUR	Jan. 7	Moharram 21	Maghrib/Isha: 6:06 pm	Speaker: Maulana Muhammad Baig
FRI	Jan. 8	Moharram 22	Maghrib: 6:05 pm Isha: 7:00 pm Majlis: 7:15 pm	English: Maulana Muhammad Baig
SAT	Jan. 9	Moharram 23		
SUN	Jan. 10	Moharram 24		
FRI	Jan. 15	Moharram 29	Maghrib: 6:10 pm Isha: 7:15 pm Majlis: 7:30 pm	Urdu: Maulana Syed Adeeb Raza Farsi: Maulana Islami English: Maulana Shamshad Haider
SAT	Jan. 16	Safar 1		
SUN	Jan. 17	Safar 2		
FRI	Jan. 22	Safar 7	Maghrib: 6:15 pm Isha: 7:15 pm Majlis: 7:30 pm	English: Moulana Syed Abbas Ayleya (Seattle)
SAT	Jan. 23	Safar 8		
SUN	Jan. 24	Safar 9		
ASHRA-E-ARBAEEN (SHAHADAT OF HAZRAT SAKINA (AS) & SHAHADAT OF IMAM REZA (AS))				
Jan 25 - Feb 4		Safar 10 - 20	After Maghrib/Isha	Please see back side of this flyer
SHAHADAT OF HAZRAT ZAINAB (AS), 24TH SAFAR				
FRI	Feb. 5	Safar 21	Maghrib: 6:30 pm Isha: 7:15 pm Majlis: 7:30 pm	Urdu: Moulana Mohammad Askari (India) Farsi: Dr. Soleimanpanah English: Sheikh Abdul Jalil Isaa
SAT	Feb. 6	Safar 22		
SUN	Feb. 7	Safar 23		
WAFAT OF PROPHET MOHAMMAD (SAW) & SHAHADAT OF IMAM HASAN (AS), 28TH SAFAR				
FRI	Feb. 12	Safar 28	Maghrib: 6:30 pm Isha: 7:15 pm Majlis: 7:30 pm	Urdu: Moulana Mohammad Askari (India) Farsi: TBD English: Sheikh Hussain Makki
SAT	Feb. 13	Safar 29		
SUN	Feb. 14	Safar 30		
SHAHADAT OF IMAM HASAN ASKARI (AS)				
FRI	Feb. 19	Rabi-I 5th	Maghrib: 6:37 pm Isha: 7:15 pm Majlis: 7:40 pm	Urdu: Moulana Shamshad Haider (India) Farsi: TBD English: Sheikh Hussain Makki
SAT	Feb. 20	Rabi-I 6th		
SUN	FEB. 21	Rabi-I 7th		
CELEBRATION FOR THE BEGINNING OF IMAMAT OF HAZRAT IMAM MAHDI (AS)				
MON	FEB. 22	Rabiul Awwal 8	Maghrib/Isha: 6:40 pm	Speaker (English): Maulana Abbas Ayleya
			Qaseeda: 7:30 pm	
			Speech: 8:00 pm	



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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

1431 / 2010 ASHRA-E-ARBA MAJALIS

10th thru 20th Safar / January 25th thru Feb 4th

*Ladies Urdu Majlis (Main Hall)..... 10:30 am
Speaker: (Sr. Nayyer Hassan / Sr. Batool Najafi)
Maghrib..... on time
Isha Prayers.....7:15 pm
Simultaneous Sessions:
Urdu Majlis (Main Hall)..... 7:30 pm
Speaker: Maulana Sertaj Zaidi
Farsi Majlis (Men's Dining Hall) 7:30 pm
Speaker: Moulana Muvahedi
Eng. Majlis (Ladies' Dining Hall).....7:30 pm

* Ladies Majaalis will be held all 10 days of Ashra-e-Arbaeen.
Jan. 31st (juloos day) will be exception.

* Annual Arbaeen juloos (procession) will be held at Market
Square Park downtown Houston Sunday, Jan. 31st.