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## WILADAT OF HAZRAT ZAINAB (S.A)



On the auspicious occasion of the Wiladat (birth) of Hazrat Zaynab (S.A), we extend our felicitations to our 12th Imam, Imam Muhammad al-Mahdi, Sahibul-Asr (aj) and to all the followers of Ahlul-bayt (as).

### Angelic Appellation

Section from the book *The Victory of Truth: The Life of Zaynab bint 'Ali*

It was five years after the Muslims had accompanied the Prophet (PBUH&HF) and his family in the migration (Hijrah) to Medina, when the Holy Prophet's daughter, Hadrat Fatima (SA), gave birth to a little girl.' When her father, Imam Ali (AS), saw his daughter for the first time Imam Husayn (AS), who was then almost three years old, was with him. The boy exclaimed in delight,

*"O father, Allah has given me a sister."*

At those words Imam Ali (AS) began to weep, and when Husayn (AS) asked why he was crying so, his father answered that he would soon come to know.

Fatima (SA) and Ali (AS) did not name their child until a few days after her birth, for they awaited the Prophet's return from a journey so that he could propose the name.

When finally the baby girl was brought before him he held her in his lap and kissed her. The Angel Jibra'il came to him and conveyed the name that was to be hers, and then he began to weep. The Prophet (PBUH&HF) asked why Jibra'il wept and he answered,

*"O Prophet of Allah. From early on in life this girl will remain entangled in tribulations and ...Continue Page 3*

## SHAHADAT OF HAZRAT FATIMA (S.A)

### FATIMA (S.A), THE MAGNIFICENT, THE MOST TRUE

Fatima SA was the beloved daughter of the Most Noble Messenger (peace and blessings upon him and his family). She gained her father's deepest affection through her profound knowledge, faith, piety, virtues, and fine qualities.

Because of her knowledge, asceticism, and worship, her father gave her the title of the 'Foremost among Women' (Sayyidatan-Nisa). The Most Noble Messenger (peace and blessings upon him and his family) said, 'Fatima's pleasure is my pleasure, and my pleasure is God's pleasure. Fatima's anger is my anger, and my anger is God's anger'.

Fatima SA was born of Khadija in the sixth year of prophetic mission. She married the Commander of the Faithful 'Ali in the second year of the Hijra and died three months and some days after the death of her father.

In her life, she always placed God's pleasure above her own. She brought up her children and apportioned the household chores between herself and her servant, assigning them one day to herself and the next to the servant. She addressed problems affecting Muslim women and spent her free time in worship. She retained only what was absolutely necessary of her private means, particularly the bountiful income from Fadak (a village near Khaybar), spending the rest in God's way, and sometimes giving her days provisions to the poor and leaving herself hungry. The extended discourse she gave to the Companions and other Muslims at the Prophet's Mosque, her remonstrations to the first caliph when he had ordered her Fadak properties confiscated, and her other recorded discourses and remarks bespeak a great courageous and constant spirit.

Fatima SA was the beloved daughter of the Most Noble Messenger (peace and blessings upon him and his family), the wife of the Commander of the Faithful 'Ali (upon whom be peace), and the mother to eleven Imams of Islam. All the descendants of the Most Noble Messenger (peace and blessings upon him and his family)

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## NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The new IEC Board of Directors for the term 2008-2010 elected by the community includes:

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## YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL – TIME FOR ACTION

By Qamber Jafri - Director of Youth

*Indeed Allah likes that young man or woman spends his/her youth in Allah's obedience. Prophet Mohammad PBUH*

Success of any community organization is primarily dependent on its volunteers – someone who is willing to provide his/ her free services to make positive contribution for the improvement of the organization. Alhamdulillah, IEC has been blessed to have had devoted community members who have tirelessly worked for years.

The future of our community is dependent on youth development, empowerment and leadership. Mashallah we have an active youth council led by capable youth that are responsible for youth-led activities.

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Al-Hadi School Science Fair Exhibition

# SCIENCE FAIR CHAMPIONS!

Thanks to the efforts of the students, teachers, organizers, and judges, the Al-Hadi School Science Fair Exhibition was a fun and learning activity for all parties involved. All students who participated and learned about the scientific method are winners. Congratulations to the top three scientists in sections below!

## Elementary (Gr. 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>)

| Position | Name           | Grade | Title                      |
|----------|----------------|-------|----------------------------|
| 1        | Asad R.        | 4th   | Mystery of Black and White |
| 2        | Imaan M        | 4th   | Coke: How harmful Is it?   |
| 3        | Mohd. Mehdi K. | 5th   | Do Spices Kill?            |

## Middle School (Gr. 6th-8th)

| Position | Name          | Grade | Title                           |
|----------|---------------|-------|---------------------------------|
| 1        | Amir Pooya D. | 9th   | Vitamin C                       |
| 2        | Samira M      | 8th   | How clean is our World?         |
| 3        | Reza S.       | 7th   | The Effect of Talking to Plants |

## High School (Gr. 9th-11th)

| Position | Name       | Grade | Title                           |
|----------|------------|-------|---------------------------------|
| 1        | Sara H.    | 9th   | H2O Electrolysis                |
| 2        | Ghadeer A. | 10th  | The Effect of Quran on Homework |
| 3        | Ailia A.   | 11th  | Practice: Beneficial or Not?    |

# Zainabia Carnival

Please join us on **Sunday May 11th** after Zohar prayers at IEC  
Organized by AL-HADJ PTO.



## ANNUAL COMMUNITY GRADUATE RECOGNITION PROGRAM

Saturday, May 31, 2008

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| Tilawat Quran/Translation  | 6:30 P.M. |
| Al-Hadi School Valedictorian speech  | 6:45 P.M. |
| College Graduate Speech  | 7:00 P.M. |
| Key Note Address : Maulana Shamshad Haider   | 7:15 P.M. |
| Distribution of special Prizes and gifts to graduates of high school, college, university  | 8:00 P.M. |
| Salat -E- Magrabain  | 8:35 P.M. |
| Snacks   | 9:00 P.M. |
| Any graduate who wants to be recognized, please email <a href="mailto:director.youth@iec-houston.org">director.youth@iec-houston.org</a> |           |

## HAZRAT ZAINAB (S.A).

*trials in this world. First she will weep over your separation (from this world); thereafter she will bemoan the loss of her mother, then her father, and then her brother Hasan. After all this she will be confronted with the trials of the land of Karbala and the tribulations of that lonely desert, as a result of which her hair will turn grey and her back will be bent."*

When the members of the family heard this prophecy they all broke down in tears. Imam Husayn (AS) now understood why earlier his father had also wept. Then the Prophet (PBUH&HF) named her Zaynab (SA).

When the news of Zaynab's birth reached Salman al-Farsi, he went to Ali (AS) to congratulate him. But instead of seeing him happy and rejoicing he saw Ali (AS) shed tears, and he too was apprised of the events of Karbala and the hardships that were to befall Zaynab (SA).

One day, when Zaynab (SA) was about five years old, she had a strange and terrible dream. A violent wind arose in the city and darkened the earth and the sky. The little girl was tossed hither and thither, and suddenly she found herself stuck in the branches- of a huge tree. But the wind was so strong that it uprooted the tree. Zaynab (SA) caught hold of a branch but that broke. In a panic she grabbed two twigs but these top gave way and she was left falling with no support. Then she woke up. When she told her grand father, the Prophet (PBUH&HF), about this dream he wept bitterly and said,

*"O my daughter. that tree is me who is shortly going to leave this world. The branches are your father Ali and your mother Fatima Zahra, and the twigs are your brothers Hasan and Husayn. They will all depart this world before you do, and you will suffer their separation and loss."*

### Growing up in Medina

Zaynab (SA) shared with-her brothers and sister the extraordinary position of having such examples to look up to, emulate and learn from, as her grand father, the Prophet of Allah (PBUH&HF) her mother Fatima (SA), daughter of the Prophet, and he'r father Imam Ali (AS), cousin-brother of the Prophet. In the pure environment that enveloped her she absorbed the teachings of Islam that her grandfather imparted and after him her father. Here too she learnt to master all household skills with great proficiency.

She had barely attained the tender age of seven when her beloved mother passed away. Her mother's death had closely followed her cherished grand father's passing away. Some time later Imam Ali (AS) married Umm ul-Banin, whose devotion and piety encouraged Zaynab (SA) in her learning.

Whilst still a young girl she was fully able to care for and be responsible for the running of her father's household. As much as she cared for the comforts and ease of her brothers and sisters, in her own wants she was frugal and unstintingly generous to the poor, homeless and parentless. After her marriage her husband is reported as having said,

*"Zaynab is the best housewife."*

From very early on she developed an unbreakable bond of attachment to her brother Imam Husayn

(AS). At times when as a baby in her mother's arms she could not be pacified and made to stop crying, she would quieten down upon being held by her brother, and there she would sit quietly gazing at his face. Before she would pray she used to first cast a glance at the face of her beloved brother.

One day Fatima (SA) mentioned the intensity of her daughter's love for Imam Husayn (AS) to the Prophet (PBUH&HF). He breathed a deep sigh and said with moistened eyes, "My dear child. This child of mine Zaynab would be confronted with a thousand and one calamities and face serious hardships in Karbala."

Visit [www.al-islam.org/Victory](http://www.al-islam.org/Victory) to read more about Hazrat Zainab (S.A):

- Womanhood
- Assassination
- Rendezvous with Fate
- Sacrifice - Karbala
- Eloquent Defiance - Kufa
- The Victory of Truth - Damascus
- Return to Medina

Source: *The Victory of Truth: The Life of Zaynab bint 'Ali*



## YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

Please continue to support its activities.

To further improve youth activities we need to design youth/adult partnerships where the adults are as enthusiastic as the youth in their activities and there is an informal mentorship development. With that in mind and based on the Prophet's famous hadith of a child's development ,we would like to form **youth advisory councils** focused on three age groups – 0-7, 7-14 and 14-21.

Volunteers are needed from the community that will include **parents, teachers and youth**. These teams will be co-led by an adult and youth council representative. The Youth Advisory Council will help the Director of Youth who will be ultimately responsible and coordinate with the IEC Board.

For those who would like to join in this sawab-e-jariya, please e-mail me at [qaj313@gmail.com](mailto:qaj313@gmail.com)



## HAZRAT FATIMA (S.A)

are her descendants. She is accorded the station of infallibility according to the text of the Noble Qur'an.

### Fatima's Status in the Qur'an & the Sunnah

Our Lady Fatimatu-z-Zahra (SA) stands on the highest pedestal of spiritual ranks; she is an integral part of many verses In the Qur'an. The most important of those verses are the following:

1. The verse of purity: This is the verse in which Allah says: *"Verily Allah intends to keep off from you, O Ahlu-l-bayt, all kinds of abomination, and to purify you (spiritually) a thorough purification."* (33:33). In spite of all the differences among the Muslims

about those on whom this verse can be applied, no one has ever disputed the fact that Fatimatu-z-Zahra' is part of it. She has been kept away from all abomination and impurities, thus rendering her an infallible and sinless person by the will of Allah, subhanahu wa ta'ala.

2. Fatimatu-z-Zahra, 'Ali, Hasan, Husayn and, their servant, Fizza, fasted for three days. At sunset on the first day, a beggar came to the door, next day, an orphan came to the door, and on the third day, a captive came to the door all asking for food. On all three days Ali gave away his food—which consisted of one loaf of bread only—and others also followed his example even though they had nothing left for themselves. Allah was so much pleased with the selflessness and sincerity of Fatima and her family that He revealed Chapter 76 of the Qur'an highly praising them. *"And they give away food, out of love for Him, to the poor, the orphan and the captive; saying 'We feed you only for God's sake, we do not expect from you any recompense nor gratitude'"* (76:8-9). After describing their reward in the paradise, Allah says: *"Verily, this is unto you a recompense, and your Endeavour is appreciated."* (76:22)

This verse, in reality, is Allah's good tiding that Fatima and her family will surely have an honourable place in Paradise.

In the ninth year of the hijrah when the Christian scholars and leaders from Yemen came to see the Prophet, they refused to agree with his logical arguments against Jesus being the "Son of God". Then Allah ordered (3:54) the Prophet to challenge the Christians for malediction and to bring themselves, their women and their children as partners In this event.

The Prophet of Islam, on his side, took 'Ali (as representing "yourselves"), Hasan and Husayn (as representing your children'), and Fatimatu-z-Zahra' (as representing "your women"), not that there were no other women in Medina; no, there were many: his wives, relatives and women of his companions. But he just selected Fatimatu-z-Zahra' because she alone was sufficient to stand by the Messenger of Allah In praying against the Christians.

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There are many sayings from the Prophet about Fatimatu-z-Zahra For instance, he said, *"The best women of Paradise are Khadija bint KhuwaylId, Fatima bint Muhammad, Maryam bint Imran and Aasiya bint Muzahim the wife of Fir'awn."* (Al-Hakim in Mustadrak 'ala's-Sahihayn.) 'Aisha, the wife of the Prophet, narrates another hadith that once the Prophet welcomed Fatima and told her a secret which she disclosed only after the Prophet's death. In that statement, the Prophet said to Fatima:

*... "Do not you like to be the mistress of all the ladies of Paradise or the mistress of all the lady believers?"* (Al-Bukhari in his Sahih.) There a third very famous saying of the Prophet about Fatima which has also been quoted by Al-Bukhari in his Sahih. *"Verily Fatima is a part of me; whosoever makes her angry, makes me angry."*

These remarks cannot be seen just in the Context of "father-daughter" relationship, it throws light on the spiritual status of Fatima. After all, the Prophet "does not talk from his own accord; (whatever he says is) nothing except a revelation which is revealed to him." (53:3-4)

## ***IEC PROGRAMS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY***

**Please contact the program director to sponsor any programs listed below. May Allah bless you.**

\* Date subject to change based on moon-sighting

### **WILADAT OF HAZRAT ZAINAB (S.A) SATURDAY MAY 10, 2008**

(Actual date: 5<sup>th</sup> Jumadi-al-Awwal)

|                                     |          |
|-------------------------------------|----------|
| Recitation of Holy Quran            | 7.30 P.M |
| Youth Quiz and Presentation         | 7:40 P.M |
| Namaze Maghribaen                   | 8.20 P.M |
| Qaseedas (Arabic, Farsi, Urdu)      | 8:50 P.M |
| English Speech by Moulana Shabbirri | 9:10 P.M |
| Dinner                              | 9:50 P.M |

*Estimated cost of Tabbarruk is \$1000.00. For donations, please contact [director.program@iec-houston.org](mailto:director.program@iec-houston.org)*

### **SHAHADAT OF HAZRAT FATIMA (S.A) SATURDAY MAY 17, 2008**

(Actual date: 13<sup>th</sup> Jumadi Al Awwal - according to rivayat)

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|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| Namaze Maghribaen                   | 8.26 P.M  |
| Recitation of Holy Quran            | 8:55 P.M  |
| Salam / Mersiya                     | 9:00 P.M  |
| English Speech by Moulana Shabbirri | 9:20 P.M  |
| Noha / Matam                        | 10:00 P.M |
| Tabarruk                            | 10:15 P.M |

*Estimated cost of Tabbarruk is \$1000.00. For donations, please contact [director.program@iec-houston.org](mailto:director.program@iec-houston.org)*

### **IEC PICNIC SUNDAY MAY 25, 2008**

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|---|---------------------|
| Zohr Prayers @ Kitty Hollow Park (By Sienna Plantation) | 1.16 P.M            |
| Picnic Time   | 1:20 P.M - 7.00 P.M |

IEC will provide Drinks and Snacks.

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