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## Upcoming Events

Sun, Oct. 5 - 'Īd-ul-Adhiyyah

Fri-Sun, Oct 10-12 - Anṣār National Ijtimā'

Fri-Sun, Dec 26-28 - West Coast Jalsah Sālānah

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## Message from Ṣadr Majlis

### Majlis Anṣārullāh—A Blessed Forum

I receive a lot of emails. Some go to my inbox, some to specific folders. But then there is an occasional email which goes straight into my heart. Today, I want to share an edited version of one such email that I received. So here we go:

*“Respected Ṣadr Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA, As-Salāmu 'Alaikum*

*Becoming a Nāṣir has been quite an experience and I am still adjusting to it in my late forties. It is a process in which we should encourage all Anṣār to keep moving forward in righteousness.*

*Aḥamdulillāh, some are fortunate to have reached a different level of righteousness based on their previous involvement in Aṭṭālul-Aḥmadiyya and Khuddāmul-Aḥmadiyya. But all of us are not same. We grew up in different environments with different opportunities to grow and establish ourselves in our lives. For some of us, it did not work out as perfectly.*

*I feel that it is important to convey the message to Anṣār that it is OK not to be perfect; that it is ok to be just be human. But we must reflect and keep that door inside our hearts open to change. We also need to realize and accept what is lacking within our personalities. And then we must be willing to correct our past mistakes.*

*It is normal to make mistakes; it is normal to develop some bad habits while*

*growing up; it is normal to be at different levels of righteousness; it is normal to be a weak human, always in need of Allāh's mercy.*

*And that's where this blessed forum of Majlis Anṣārullāh comes into the picture. We—the Anṣār—are fortunate to have an opportunity to move forward from whatever we have been through in the past. I believe that the message should go across—to all Majālis—that there is no discrimination at this forum and we are all brothers, united under the guidance of our blessed Khilāfat.*

*I want to convey that all members should promote love, tolerance, and brotherhood through this blessed forum of Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA. At time, I feel that some officeholders show an attitude (unknowingly) that they are superior to others. This discourages those who are less fortunate and are struggling and striving to improve their regularity in Ṣalāt and mosque attendance. Help us; don't judge us. It's a very fine line.*

*Let's tell everyone about this blessed forum where all of us are committed to improving our righteousness so we can fulfill our responsibilities towards our families and our faith. Jazākallāh.”*

Our Khalifah has been calling us towards this journey of self improvement for years. This struggle to excel in righteousness and helping others along the way is an important function of Majlis Anṣārullāh. Now is the time to jump into this blessed forum.

The fiscal year of Majlis Anṣārullāh ends on December 31. Members are urged to pay their Anṣār Chandah as soon as possible. Jazākallāh.

**Anṣār membership dues:** 1% of yearly (take home) income; or \$2/month for non-earning members

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## How to find time from our busy schedule to spend with our children?

*Tahir Soofi Ahmed, Zion, IL*

In Chapter Al-‘Asr of the Holy Qur’ān, Allāh reminds us that time is short and it surely flies by us. At the same time, this chapter gives us hope in the words: “Except those who believe and do good works, and exhort one another to accept truth, and exhort one another to be steadfast.” [103:4]

It was once said: “Children spell love T-I-M-E.” Our children were definitely onto something. Unfortunately, if you are like most parents, time is a precious commodity that often eludes us. Whether we have a new job, a new baby, or Jamā‘at work, or if we just need to make the coffee or clean the storage or make the beds, we always seem to be wishing for more time. We always need and want more time to spend with our children, but we feel we just don’t have enough of it.

Spending quality time with our children is extremely important for their development and happiness, and believe it or not, it is good for us, too. We must find ways to slow down and slip-in some memorable time which will let our children know that we love and care for them.

Many children will let you know in their own subtle ways if they feel you are not giving them the attention they need. Some will withdraw while others will “act out.” You might see them going back to doing those odd behaviors that once got your attention when they were young, like increased crying, throwing tantrums, or even bed-wetting. This is a way to get your attention, albeit in a negative way, so that they can enjoy “focused” time with you. Essentially, the thought process is: “If I can’t get their attention by doing something good, I’ll get their attention by doing something bad.” Nobody wants that!



What can you do to manage your time in order to maximize your experiences with children? Here are some tips:

1. **One-on-one Time:** Time with your child is best spent when you are doing something you both enjoy. With one family it may be the time when dad takes the child so mom can spend time alone. This could mean going to a movie, going to the playground, watching trains go by, watching a live sporting event, or just sitting at the park on a bench and talking or kicking or throwing a ball around. The frequency of one-on-one time is up to you, but I did this once a week every Saturday for a few hours, but I think twice a week is better.

Suggestion: Marking your dates down on a calendar is a great idea and shows your children you make this time for them a priority in your life. For those with smart phones, enter it in the calendar as an appointment.

2. **Integrate Together Time into your Daily / Weekly Schedule:** Children love to help. Do you have a mailing to do? Have them put the stamps on the envelopes. Need to go shopping? Make grocery shopping “fun time” with your children. Need to make dinner? Let them help you by contributing to the preparation process. While it might be messier and it may take more time in the beginning, you will see that your children will become your greatest helpers and they will look back and remember that “before dinner” time was always special time with you. Even incorporating clean-up time is a great idea. Trust me; I know how difficult clean-up time can be.

Suggestion: Create a list of responsibilities and distribute the tasks, empowering your children so they are all included in activities with you.

3. **Phantom Time:** Don’t have a moment to spare until about 3 A.M.? You can still let your children know that you care. Write notes and drop them into their lunch boxes. This was one of the things my children appreciated the most—it made them feel loved and cared about by their parent. Other ideas would be to record a short video for them using a camera and leaving it for them at the breakfast table. Be creative here!
4. **Break time:** Everyone is busy. Some parents are busier than others. Slide in a “break time” so that you and your children can spend 15 minutes or a half-hour together. Set a timer if you need to so that everyone knows when “break time” starts and ends. Give warnings to your children when 2 minutes are left so that it does not come as a surprise. You might not think that 15 minutes is any significant time at all, but to a child, it is 15 extra minutes with you. Don’t

we do this at work? Let's start this with our children.

5. Serving humanity together: We should teach our children to respect and serve mankind from the very beginning. I will often take my children to a soup kitchen every other month to serve others. This teaches them that we should give preference to others before ourselves. At the same time, we should bring some gifts, paper notes, flowers, cards or chocolate for the mothers and other siblings.

Spending time with your children provides them with opportunities to learn and to be heard. Most of all, it provides you and your children an opportunity to connect. It is these connections that make your children feel loved. So leave the beds unstripped for another few minutes and put the coffee on an automatic timer. Take those extra moments to spend with your children. When you look back, you will be thankful for the memories. I know I am and I would not trade them for anything at all!

Reference: lifehack.org

## Ta'lim Test I Results

*Monas Chaudry, Qā'id Ta'lim*

I would like to share with Anṣār brothers the results of Ta'lim Test 1. Alḥamdulillāh! We met some of the targets. May Allāh forgive our shortcomings and help us to do better next time. Jazākumullāh to all of you for doing your part. Allāh is the true reward.

Alḥamdulillāh, every Majlis participated and the national target of 1000 tests was achieved. Participation and ranking of Majālis and regions in terms of participation percentage are as follows.

2014 Ta'lim Test 1 Participants (Goal)	1,000	<b>Majlis Ranking</b>		
Total Ta'lim Test 1 Participants (Actual)	1,107		1 <sup>st</sup> - Willingboro and York	100%
Total Adjusted Tajnīd	2,598		2 <sup>nd</sup> - Charlotte	93%
Number of tests submitted online	552		3 <sup>rd</sup> - Lehigh Valley	90%
Number of tests submitted via email/fax/mail	545	<b>Region Ranking</b>		
National participation percentage	43%		1 <sup>st</sup> - Southwest	64%
Number of Majālis with over 50% participation (each gets 35 points)	26		2 <sup>nd</sup> - Central East	56%
Number of Majālis with over 30% participation	18		3 <sup>rd</sup> - Gulf States	53%
Number of Majālis with less than 30% participation	15			

## A Successful Anṣār General Meeting

*Muzaffar Siddiqi, Za'im LA East Majlis*

One of the most important tasks of a Za'im is to keep the Anṣār of his Majlis engaged in the activities of the local Majlis. The success of this effort can be gauged by the attendance and participation of Anṣār in the monthly general meeting.

Los Angeles East Majlis held its monthly general meeting on Sunday, September 14. Anṣār were reached out and requested to make every effort to attend the meeting. Alḥamdulillāh, 52 Anṣār attended the meeting which is 55% of the Majlis' Tajnīd. The topic of the meeting "Let us get real about our financial obligations" was discussed very actively. Anṣār took part in the interactive discussion sharing their real life stories how Almighty Allāh has blessed them more than 700 times for their small efforts.

After the meeting, Anṣār brothers enjoyed refreshments. May Almighty Allāh bless all the Anṣār of the Majlis and enable them to continue to participate in and benefit from the activities of the Majlis. Amīn.



## Salim Nasir Malik Passes Away

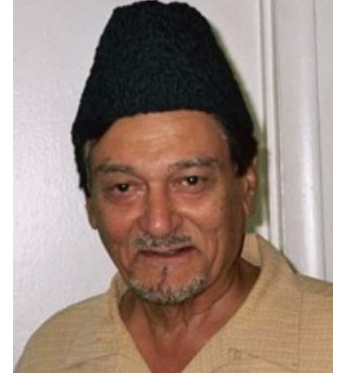
Salim Nasir Malik of Central Jersey Majlis passed away on August 20, 2014, Innā lillāhi wa innā ilaihi rāji'ūn. He was born in 1936 in Qādiān, India to Maulānā Zahoor Hussain (Mujāhid Bukhārā—the first Aḥmadī missionary to the then Soviet Union). After completing his M.A. and LL.B. degrees from University of the Punjab, Lahore, Pakistan, in 1963, he worked as an attorney for eight years.

He arrived in the U.S. in 1971. Initially, he settled in New York and then moved to New Jersey. During his career of 22 years at The Prudential Insurance Company of America, he held progressive positions of Sales Representative, Sales Manager, and General Manager. He retired as a marketing executive in 1994.

Salim Nasir Malik was a dedicated Nāṣir who served Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA and the Jamā'at in many capacities over the years. He served as Qā'id Ta'līm from 2000 to 2005 and then as Qā'id Ta'līmul Qur'ān in 2006. He also served as the Za'im of the Central Jersey Majlis in 2002-2003. In 2008, he received the Lifetime Achievement Award of Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA.

For several years, he served as Qā'dī in Dārul-Qaḍā', Ṣadr Anjuman Aḥmadiyya, Pakistan. In the U.S., he served the community as Secretary Tabligh and General Secretary of the New York Jamā'at, as Secretary Tabligh, Secretary Umūr 'Āmma (General Affairs), and Secretary Umūr Khārijah (External Affairs) of the Central Jersey Jamā'at.

He was married with four children and four grandchildren. May Allāh elevate his station in paradise. Āmīn.



## Request for Prayers

- Abdul Hamid of New York Majlis passed away on September 4, 2014, Innā lillāhi wa innā ilaihi rāji'ūn. He owned the famous sweet shop, Shaheen Sweets, in New York. He was one of the early Pakistani Aḥmadīs in the U.S. and introduced Pakistani sweets in the U.S. He was a very devoted member of the Jamā'at.
- Sister Naima Latif, wife of Jalaluddin Abdul Latif, Nā'ib Ṣadr Awwal, and mother of Rahim Latif, Regional Nāẓim of Central East region, passed away on September 23, 2014, Innā lillāhi wa innā ilaihi rāji'ūn.

May Allāh grant peace to the souls of the deceased and grant patience and steadfastness to their families, Āmīn. Anṣār are requested to remember the deceased and their families in their prayers.

- Syed Fazal Ahmad of Philadelphia Majlis, Qā'id Ta'līmul Qur'ān, is unwell. Members are requested to pray for his complete health.

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