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Message from Ṣādr Majlis

Dear Anṣār Brothers,
As-Salāmu ‘Alaikum Wa Raḥmatullāh

Low attendance. Small numbers. Meager efforts. You name it, there are a thousand reasons for a Za’im or a Nāśir to have doubts and feel bad. But the Holy Qur’ān gives us the reason to believe and feel good: “And remember the time when you were few and deemed weak in the land, and were in fear lest people should snatch you away, but He sheltered you and strengthened you with His help, and provided you with good things that you might be thankful.” (The Holy Qur’ān, 8 [Al-Anfal]:27)

This was Allāh’s promise with the Awwalān (the first ones) and now this promise is being fulfilled with the Ākharān (the last ones).

The following italicized email is a testament to this fact. My comments are sprinkled in between.

“Respected Dr. Faheem Younus Qureshi Ṣāḥīb, Ṣādr Anṣārullāh, USA Assalamu’alaikum Ṣādr Ṣāḥib, I wanted to give you an official report on our local Las Vegas Ijtimā’ held on Saturday, May 2nd.”

Las Vegas. The place is associated with sin in this country and that is where these Anṣār—deemed few and weak in the land—gathered for spirituality. In 2013, Las Vegas was not even among the top ten small Majālis. But in 2014, they won the third place.

“We had the honor of having our national team traveling from California for the occasion. The national team comprised of five members, Qā‘īd Tablīgh Muzaffar Siddiqi Ṣāḥīb, Murrābī Zafrārullah Ḥanjra Ṣāḥīb, Nāẓim Zafār Basith Ṣāḥīb, Nā‘īb Nāẓim Rashid Syed Šāhīb and Za’īm LA East Sirajee Šāhīb. Amongst our local Las Vegas Anṣār, we had a presence of seven Anṣār out of a maximum eight possible, which gives a percentage of 87.5%.”

See how Allāh sent these angels to strengthen the Majlis “with His help.” Whenever we believe, Allāh’s help arrives.

“The program started at approximately 11 AM. In the morning session we had Ṭilāwāt and impromptu speech competitions. Sometimes, I think, being in a small Jamā’at is like being in a private school, where everyone gets to participate and gets his private attention. There are definitely some advantages of being in a small Jamā’at.

Then we had Zuhr Prayer and lunch break. I am very thankful to the Lajnā who brought us delicious home cooked food.”

They had great activities, individual attention and delicious food. See how Allāh provided them “with good things.”

“After the break, our Nāẓīm Šāhīb gave us the PowerPoint presentation and gave us your message. We also had interactive session with Qā‘īd Ṣāḥīb, Nā‘īb Nāẓīm Šāhīb and our Murrābī Šāhīb. Through the Ijtimā’ our spirits were uplifted in Imān (faith) and spirituality. All the local Anṣār were encouraged to be the one in the upcoming National Anṣār Ijtimā’.

We also had a talk on a health topic and we held a small workshop on blood pressure.

At the end, we had Du‘ā, Anṣār pledge and tea to finish off the successful Ijtimā’.

All the guests and hosts had a wonderful time. I am sharing some pictures with you from the event and you can see from the smiles on our faces, not only the happiness but also the
spirituality.”

“That you might be thankful.” Even though the word “thank” was mentioned by Za’īm Šāhib in the previous paragraph, you continue to feel that sense of a palpable gratitude in his words. Wonderful time, pictures, smiles, happiness, and spirituality...there is so much to be thankful for.

“Please remember us in your prayers always for even more success, unity and piety, Āmīn.

Dr. Rehan Amir
Serving Las Vegas as Šadr and Za’īm”

My dear brothers, I have shared this unsolicited email with you to make a point: That if we believe and have conviction in our God, He will show us, the Ākharīn, the exact same miracles that He showed the Awwalin. If despite low attendance, small numbers, and meager efforts, Allāh’s promises are being fulfilled for Las Vegas, then His promises can and will be fulfilled for your Majlis too, provided you believe.

Was-Salām,

Faheem Younus Qureshi
Serving Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA

A special edition of Al-Naḥl, the quarterly magazine of Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA, will be published this year to commemorate the 75th anniversary of Majlis Ansarullah, Inshā’āllāh.

Members of Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA are requested to share any material such as old pictures, articles, and programs of historical nature that they would like to contribute towards this historical publication. The deadline to submit materials for this special commemorative edition of Al-Naḥl is June 30, 2015.

For submission of this material and questions or comments, please contact Qā’id Ta’lim, Monas Ahmad Chaudry, at Qaid.Talim@ansarusa.org or at 714-488-7407.

A Commemorative Edition of Al-Naḥl

Monas Ahmad Chaudry, Qa’id Ta’lim
Filing an Amended Tax Return

Dawood Munir, Houston

Do you know that you can file an amended tax return if you have made a mistake on your original return? Here are the top ten things to know about filing an amended tax return.

An amended return must be filed on paper; it cannot be e-filed. Use Form 1040X, Amended U.S. Individual Income Tax Return, to correct errors on your tax return. See Form 1040X instructions for detail and the address where you should mail your form.

You should file an amended tax return to correct errors or make changes to your original tax return. For example, you should amend to change your filing status, or to correct your income, deductions or credits.

Normally, an amended return is not needed to correct any mathematical errors or if you forgot to attach tax forms such as a W-2 or a schedule. The IRS will automatically make corrections and send you a request to provide any missing forms.

Most taxpayers don’t need to amend to correct Form 1095-A, Health Insurance Marketplace Statement, errors. Eligible taxpayers who filed a 2014 tax return and claimed a premium tax credit using incorrect information from either the federally-facilitated or a state-based Health Insurance Marketplace, generally do not have to file an amended return regardless of the nature of the error, even if additional taxes would be owed. The IRS may contact you to ask for a copy of your corrected Form 1095-A to verify the information.

Form 1040X can usually be filed within three years from the date of the original tax return filing to claim a refund or within two years from the date you paid the tax. See the 1040X instructions for special rules that apply to certain claims.

Form 1040X for each year should be mailed in separate envelopes. Note the tax year for the amended return at the top of Form 1040X. Check the form’s instructions for where to mail the amended return.

Any other IRS forms or schedules used to make changes should be attached to the Form 1040X.

Wait to receive any refund due from original return before filing Form 1040X to claim an additional refund. Amended returns take up to 16 weeks to process. Original refund can be spent while waiting for any additional refund.

If more tax is owed, file Form 1040X and pay the tax as soon as possible in order to reduce any interest and penalties. Use IRS Direct Pay to pay your tax directly from your checking or savings account.

You can track the status of your amended tax return three weeks after you file using the online tool at ‘Where’s My Amended Return?’ or by phone at 866-464-2050. To check the status of the amended tax return, taxpayer identification number—which is usually the Social Security number—date of birth, and zip code are required.

Source: www.irs.gov

Expenditure on Children by Families

Zahid Mian, Los Angeles

Here are a few quick facts about expenditure on children by families in the U.S. Study uses interpolated data that includes household expenditure such as housing, food, transportation, health care, and child-specific expenditure like clothing, child care, and education.

• Average range of expenses on children is $9,130 to $25,700 (varies by income level and family types).
• Expenditure is inversely proportional to income (the higher the income, the lower the expenditure percentage); 25% by lowest income group; 16% by middle income group; 12% by highest income group.
• Largest expenditure is on Housing (30%), Education (18%), Food (16%).
• Urban Northeast has the highest expenditure per child (Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Vermont).
• Total expenditure per child from birth to 18: $164,160 (single parent), $175,550 (husband-wife).

The graphs on the next page offer pictorial insight into expenditure on children incurred by American families.

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Haḍrat Khalifatul Masih V (may Allah be his helper) has urged us to listen to his Friday sermons. It is imperative that we listen to Ḥudūr's sermons regularly in order to benefit from the advice of the divinely guided Khalifatul Masih. The translation/summary of Ḥudūr’s Friday sermon is distributed to Anšār weekly via email. Anšār who are not able to listen to Ḥudūr’s Friday sermon are urged to read these summaries on a regular basis. If you are not getting these summaries, you can subscribe to the mailing list of Majlis Anšārullāh, USA at http://ansarusa.org/mailinglist/dada/mail.cgi to receive the Friday sermon summary and other Anšār communication via email.