

# Muslim Center of New York

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## Newsletter

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“Invite with wisdom and beautiful preaching to the way of your Lord and convince them the best way” (Al-Qur’an 15:125)

### The story of the Islamic Calendar

In 638 CE (17 AH), [Abu Musa Ashaari](#) (RA), one of the officials of the [Caliph Umar](#) Ibn Al-Kahttab (R.A) in [Basrah](#), complained about the absence of any years on the correspondence he received from Umar (R.A), making it difficult for him to determine which instructions were most recent. This report convinced the caliph of the need to introduce an era for Muslims. After debating the issue with his counselors, he decided that the first year should include the date of the Prophet's (SAW) arrival at Medina (known as Yathrib, before Hijrah). [Uthman ibn Affan](#) (R.A) then suggested that the months begin with Muharram, in line with the established custom of the Arabs at that time. The years of the Islamic calendar thus began with the month of Muharram in the year of the Prophet's (SAW) arrival at the city of Medina, even though the actual emigration took place in Safar and Rabi' Because of the Hijra, the calendar was named the Hijra calendar.

### Safar al-Muzaffar

Month of the year: Safar is the second month of the Islamic calendar.

Literal meaning: Empty. During this month the houses used to be empty and deserted because the ban on going to war in the month of Muharram came to an end and everyone proceeded towards the battlefield. Safar also means to be yellow. When the names of the months were being given it was the season of autumn and the leaves of the trees were yellow.

Many people have erroneous beliefs regarding this month i.e. it is a month of misfortune and calamities. The teachings of Allâh Ta'âla and His Most Beloved

Rasûl (Salla Allahu alayhi wa sallam) gives us clear guidelines on such incorrect beliefs.

Allâh (Subhanahu wa Ta'âla) says in the Qur'ân al-kareem : "No kind of calamity can occur, except by the will of Allâh". (Surah 64-Ayat 11).

These erroneous beliefs have also been condemned in the context of the following Ahâdith:

There is no evil omen, no superstitious owl, bird and no bad omen in the month of Safar (Bukhari).

The above hâdith clearly refutes all incorrect beliefs and superstitions regarding the month of Safar. These incorrect beliefs flow from the pre-Islamic period of Jâhiliyyah [Days of Ignorance].

### Welcome to All Hujjaj

*Alhamdulillah*, our Welcome Hujjaj Program held on Saturday Evening, December 10, 2011 at 6:00 P.M. was a success. Our Hujjaj brothers who performed Hajj this year and last year shared their experience with the community. It was very well attended.

### Three More Huffaz

*Alhamdulillah*, we have three more Huffaz: Hafiz Javid Saleh, Hafiz Adeen Shahzad Rehman & Hafiz Afzal Syed. They just completed the memorization of the entire Al-Qur'an. *MashaAllah!* Well done Hafiz Javid, Hafiz Adeen & Hafiz Afzal! Congratulations! Congratulations also to their families and their teachers! May Allah (SAT) make them excellent Da'ees ilallah! Ameen!

### The Islamic Calendar 1433 A.H.

*Alhamdulillah*, Islamic Calendar 1433 is printed and available at Muslim Center. Please mail your generous donation to cover the printing and mailing cost if you want us to mail you 1433 Hijrah Calendar.

### Speech Competition

will be held separately at Muslim Center of New York.

Boys: Saturday March 24, 2012

Girls: Saturday, March 31, 2012

All Islamic Schools and Centers in the Tri State Area are invited to participate. Please contact the Center for the topics & any other details.

### BULLETIN BOARD

#### Hadith Session

Everyday after Sala'tul Fajr

#### Tafseer Every Saturday After Fajr

**Tafseer Study Session**  
Sunday 1:15 pm — 2:00 pm

**Daily Qur'anic School**  
For Boys & Girls 5-18  
Weekdays 3:30 pm -7:15 pm

**Full Time Hifz Class**  
Weekdays 8:00 pm-5:00 pm

**Sunday Islamic School**  
10:00 A.M. to 1:15 P.M.  
For Boys & Girls 5-18

**Junior High School**  
KG to 8th Grade  
7th & 8th Grade only for Girls  
718-460-2127

**Adult Qur'anic Classes (Bothers)**  
Saturday & Sunday  
6:00 pm-8:00 pm

**Adults Qur'anic Classes (Sisters- Urdu)**  
Monday  
10:30 am-1:00 pm

**Weekly Qur'anic Classes (Sisters -English)**  
Saturday: 10:00 to 1:00 PM

**Muslim Center Book Service**  
718-460-6300

**Funeral Services**  
Islamic Burial 718-296-4089  
Paak Funeral 718-418-7225

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