## Monthly Hillside Islamic Center (HIC) Newsletter



# November 2022 Highlights

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إِنَّمَا يَعْمُرُ مَسِّجِدَ ٱللَّهِ مَنْ ءَامَنَ بِٱللَّهِ وَٱلْيَوْمِ الاخِرِ وَأَقَامَ ٱلصَّلَوٰةَ وَءَاتَى ٱلزَّكَوٰةَ وَلَمْ يَخْشَ إِلَّا ٱللَّهَ

Only those shall maintain Allah's mosques who believe in Allah and the Last Day and maintain the prayer and give the zakat and fear no one except Allah.

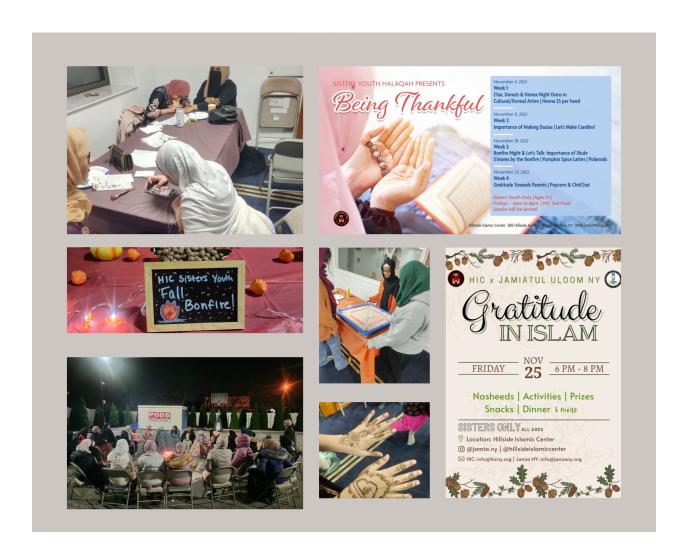
(Sūrat al-Tawbah, No 9, Āyat 18)

# Jumuah Timing and Weekly Lectures 🕌



### Sisters' Youth Halaqah 🤲

Alhumdulillah in the month of November, Sisters Youth Halaqah hosted a number of unique events. We began with a Hennah Night, where sisters from various cultural backgrounds came together to learn about each other's cultures. They also did Hennah on their hands. We discussed the significance of Dua'aa and learned how to make candles. We had Sisters Bonfire Night, where we made smores, drank lattes, and discussed the importance of gratitude. We ended the month by collaborating with a prestigious institution, Jamiatul Uloom New York. They invited Alimah speakers to speak about various ways to express gratitude in accordance with the Qura'n. The topics discussed in our halaqah are relevant to the youth. Alhumdulillah, the masjid's youth community is growing by the week. We pray Allah ta'ala allows HIC Youth to flourish and become the beacon of light for others.



## Brothers' Youth Halaqah 👨

Alhamdulillah, the Brothers Youth Program had a very successful month of November. We had two guest speakers who took their time to educate the youth about their religion. Dr. Salahuddin came in the first week of November and spoke about the Strong Believer. We also had brother Jami'i attend in the second week of November and talked about how to be a strong believer physically. Throughout the month we spoke about the extended families and their importance in Islam. This month, we took a trip to Calverton, NY for paintball! Alhamdulillah, the youth program and paintball trip was very successful, and it wouldn't have been possible without our dedicated deen loving youths. We want all the youths to keep their connections with Allah through the masjid, InshaAllah.



### Qur'anic Safeerul Arabic Course 📖

Alhamdulillah, we have completed the first milestone of the course, which is nearly 30% of the entire course is completed alhamdulillah. Students are showing their confidence in understanding the verses of Qura'n directly in Arabic.

#### **Student Testimonials**

Love this teaching method. Great discussion. Excellent course - Br. Nasir Sarker

By the grace of Allah this class has been a blessing to be able to start understanding the meaning of the Holy Quran as we are only in our 8th lesson - Br. Jahanger Alam

Alhamdulillah, I am progressing in learning Quranic Arabic and understand 40 to 50% - Br. Tanveer Rahim

After taking the class, I am more mindful of words when I read Quran Alhamdulilah Br. Mohammad Hye

Love the teaching method. Starting with vocabulary rather than grammar gave me a head start in picking up the meaning of the verses - Br. Salman

Very unique way of teaching. I'm making good progress in understanding Ayaat now Br. Zakaria

Alhamdulilah, this is an excellent course, specifically because the course does not overwhelm the students with grammar rules - Br. Masub

SubhanAllah! It's a different feeling when we understand the Quran, this class is helping us tremendously - Br. Mohammad Ali

Alhamdulilah, this class is awesome and I am really learning a lot from it and inshaAllah I will continue to learn more and more from it - Br. Kalam

Alhamdulilah, this is a beautiful program. After finishing my 7th lesson I am able to understand 80% of the Ayah. I hope and pray that after 30 lessons I will be able to understand 100% inshaAllah - Br. Kaleem Hussain

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Alhamdulillah we are blessed by Allah SWT to be part of this group at our masjid for understanding Quran ul Majid by transforming ourselves to find the baraqa with the 8th lesson and praying we all can continue to reap the benefits inshallah - Sr. Ayesha

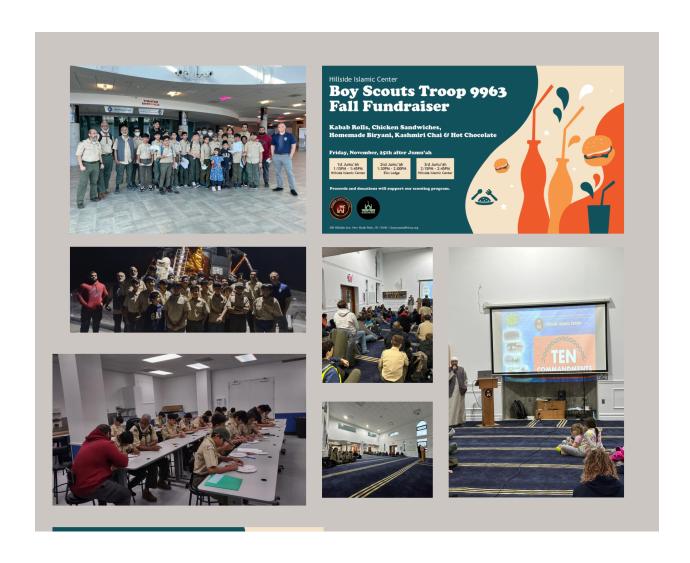
This class has changed the way I read the Quran. I feel that I get a lot more out of every sentence I read because I have a greater understanding of every word and the way Allah has decided to structure each verse alhamdulillah - Sr. Nazija Akter



## Boy Scouts of America Troop 9963 💰



Our Troop had a busy November, MashaAllah. Our scouts attended an aviation workshop and received their aviation patches. Our masjid participated in the Scout 10 Commandment Hike where our community was able to meet those of different faiths where Sh. Azad led a talk introducing our religion to about 75 participants. Our senior patrol leaders planned and executed our first fundraiser of the year on Friday November 25th. It was a success, Alhamdulillah targeting the 3 Jummah crowds at Hic and Elks lodge. Our scouts worked as a team selling hot beverages and delicious homemade foods. Our scouts learnt how to approach the public for social causes.



## Mommy & Me Playgroup 🧸

This month, our little Muslims covered the Arabic letter ث ن . We used our fine motor skills to fold our tha'bans (snakes) in a fun pattern, and made Jabals (mountains) and decorated them with colorful Pom poms. Our tots also had fun with tambourines, and learned how to work as a team with our parachute.



## **Upcoming December Events**

Please continue to follow us on Facebook and Instagram for all of our upcoming youth and community events.

#### Winter Art Camp Registration Link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScSSXyRKWf7SKJ94XtliHB5aJMrxvKGqopPAGd9ew0Cl2VcXA/viewform

#### Virtual Coding Workshop Registration Link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAlpQLSdxo4ZQRFGEhnpC-FGNOo1-v2NrCWBIWZ2t39lfd J6rW MmUA/viewform

