Monthly Hillside Islamic Center (HIC) Newsletter



October 2022 Highlights

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

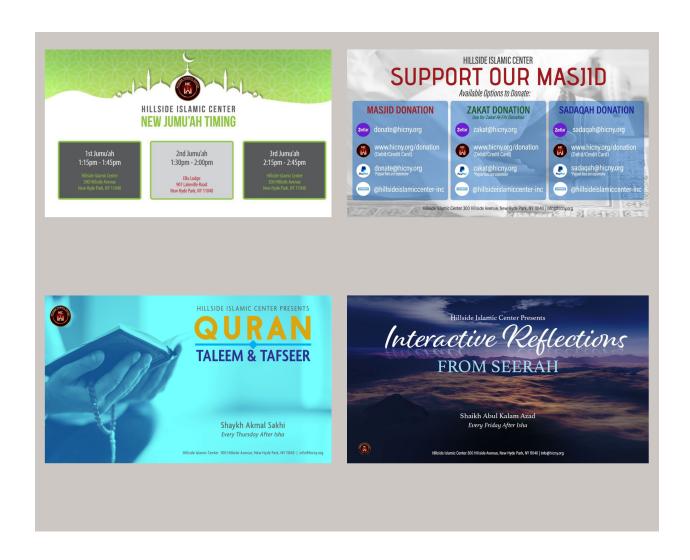
Only those shall maintain Allah's mosques who believe in Allah and the Last Day and maintain the prayer and give the zakat and fear no one except Allah.

(Sūrat al-Tawbah, No 9, Āyat 18)

Announcements, Jumuah Timing, and Weekly Lectures

Alhamdullilah, we are pleased to announce that in November, Shaykh Akmal Sakhi joined Hillside Islamic Center as our Imaam and Khateeb.

Shaykh Akmal, completed his Hifdh in 2009 from Muslim Center of NY and completed his Alim course in 2016 from Darul Uloom NY.



Sisters' Youth Halagah

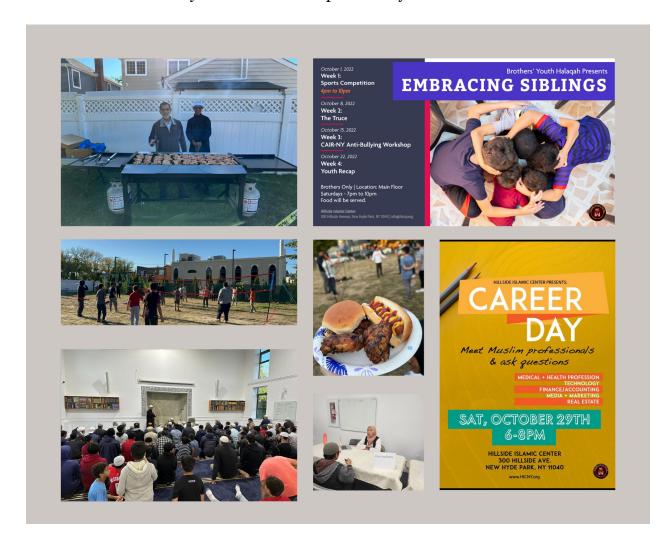


The HIC Sisters' Youth Halagah is a weekly event; which meets every Friday from 6-8PM. Alhumdulillah, the Sisters Youth Halagah had a number of successful events in October, with lots of activities. We held some informative discussions about topics including the importance of telling the truth and staying away from lies, as well as feminine hygiene. CAIR-NY also held a workshop on anti-bullying. We make every effort to keep the halagahs from Islamic points of view, enjoyable, and enlightening. The sisters successfully created delicious apple pies after learning how to bake them. Alhumdulillah, the masjid's young community is expanding every week. The sisters frequently came to the masjid and participated in various events. We ask Allah Ta'ala to provide us with the ability to keep the Masjid active with all of the community's members.



Brothers' Youth Halaqah 🏐

The HIC Brothers' Youth Halaqah is a weekly event; which meets every Saturday from 7-10PM. Alhamdulillah, the Brother's Youth Program had a very eventful month of October. They had a cookout with the youth of the community and tournaments which the boys competed in. They had an Anti Bullying Workshop hosted by CAIR-NY and a 'Career Day'. Many people from different professions joined them and talked about their experience with their jobs. Inshallah, the Brothers' Youth Program is going to host even more events in the coming months, and that is all for the benefits of the youth and the guardians of the community. They enjoy sports, Islamic lectures, prayers, and then a catered meal. All of the youth events are supervised by trained adults.



CAIR-NY Anti-Bullying Workshop 🧖

This month, CAIR-NY did an educational workshop on anti-bullying for our Sunday school, Quran Academy, and youth groups. Alhamdulilah, we had a very successful turn out and children were engaged.



Qur'anic Safeerul Arabic Course 📖

This month, our Resident Scholar, Shaykh Azad led our Safeerul Qura'n class. He found students in this cohort very sincere, dedicated and hardworking, MashaAllah.

Every Sunday after dhuhr, they dive down to the deepest meanings of Quranic verses through these lessons.

Safeerul Qura'n Mini course comes with 30 lessons covering 300 most common Qur'anic words, which will make learners understand 70% of the entire Qur'an, InshaAllah.



Fall Arts and Crafts 🍂

The theme of 'Fall Arts and Crafts' was being grateful and saying, Alhamdullilah. We discussed a story from the Seerah about being grateful then children did arts and crafts related to the story. Children ages 8 and up made an 'Alhumdulillah wreath', where they wrote what they were grateful for in each leaf and pasted it to their wreath. Children ages 6 and 7 did an 'Alhumdulillah apple' where they wrote what they were grateful for on each slice of the apple and ages 4 and 5 did an 'Alhumdulillah tree' there they wrote what they were grateful for in each leaf and pasted on the tree.



Boy Scouts of America Troop 9963 💰



October was a busy month for our scouts, MashaAllah. We kicked off on October 1st with community service aiding the South Ozone Park Food Pantry. Our boys volunteered their time and efforts helping to distribute items to those in need. This was followed by our first camping trip of the season at Schiff Reservation where our boys enlisted in outdoor skill training. Alhamdulilah, this was a great learning experience for them all.

Lastly, we have incorporated a new fitness regimen into our weekly meetings for our scouts, not only to help keep them physically fit, but with accountability towards their fitness badge, so it's ongoing, InshaAllah.



Mommy & Me Playgroup 🧸

Our Mommy & Me Playgroup launched in September and continued throughout October. The group meets twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10-11AM. This October in our Mommy and Me Playgroup, our little Muslims learned all about the Arabic alphabet. Along with learning new Arabic words we made a craft to go with it. Alhamdulillah we have covered letters Alif to Thaa. We've also used our fine motor skills and learned sorting with colored blocks and animals. During our sessions, we have some movement time where we do small exercises, such as "Head Shoulders Knees and Toes," as well as the motions of Wudu.



Family Fun Night 🧪

Our last event of the month ended with our Family Fun Night. Alhamdulilah, we had a full house, we welcomed over 100 children! Our activities included an art contest, talk led by Shaykh Azad, and dinner. Children were awarded prizes for their art work and candy was handed out at the end of the event.

