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"There is a gate in Paradise called Ar-Rayyaan, and those who observe fasting will enter from it on the Day of Judgment and none except them will enter from it. It will be said, 'Where are those who used to observe fasting?' They will get up, and none except them will enter from it. After their entry, this gate will be closed and nobody will enter from it (after that)." [Al-Bukhaari]

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Ramadan in Winnipeg: Then & Now

Until the early 90s Taraweeh prayers were held in only one location in Winnipeg: the mosque on Hazelwood. The attendants would hardly fill the mosque. In the late 90s things began changing with the influx of new Muslim immigrants. Today Taraweeh prayers are held in three main mosques in the city, as well as three other secondary locations, sometimes all full to capacity.



Standing (from left): Yusuf Abdulrahman (Halal Meat Centre Owner), Helmi Al-Shareef (ex-MIA president), Kazim Al-Roubae (ex-MIA VP); sitting: a Ramadan Qari

Winnipeg Taraweeh Locations

South:

- Grand Mosque
2445 Waverley
- Hazelwood Mosque
247 Hazelwood

Downtown:

- Winnipeg Central Mosque
715 Ellice Avenue
- Dawa Centre
386 Edmonton Street
- Pakistani Association Centre

Maximizing Rewards in Ramadan

- Greet everybody; those you know and those you don't.
- Smile, be gentle, say nice words and be accommodative.
- Don't raise your voice, interrupt, or cause inconvenience to others.
- Don't park in handi-Parking, put your shoes in the shoe racks, put back the Qur'ans on the shelves; keep the masjid tidy and clean
- Control your children; teach them the manners and etiquettes of the mosque.
- If you have a point of view, express it respectfully and with regard for others.



*“The seeker finds
and mercy does
shower
On lail-a-tul Qadr
- the night of
Power
The Quran came
down on this
blessed night
A guidance for
mankind an
illuminating light”*

Zahid Ghulam

Zakat Al-Fitr

Ruling: *Waajib*

(obligatory) on every single Muslim, including children. It can be paid in kind, or cash. The estimated cash amount for this year is \$10 per person.

Steps to calculate Zakah:

- Count the number of people in your household.
- Multiply the number of people by \$10. Example: if a family is made up of 3 children, a father, and a mother, their total number of people in their household would be 5. Accordingly, the zakat al-fitr due would be \$50 (5X\$10).

When is Zakat Al-Fitr due?

Zakat Al-Fitr can be given out at any time during Ramadan, but it should be given before Eid prayer at the latest.

Paying Fitra Online

You can pay Zakat Al-Fitr by one of the following methods:

Putting it in the designated boxes at any of the main mosques.

OR

Writing a cheque payable to MIA (Note: “Takaful fund: Fitra”).

OR

Going to the MIA website, click “donate now” and pay online.

Where does my zakah & fitra money go?

Zakah and fitra money are kept separate from MIA operational donations. They are managed by the Takaful committee which takes charge of distributing them to the needy in Winnipeg. For all payments made in cheques or online tax deductible receipts will be sent.



Ramadan Quran Recitation Programs



Ramadan is the month of the Quran. It is recommended to read and review the Quran more than usual in this blessed month. The best way to

review your Quranic recitation is to recite it under the direction of a well-versed reciter. This year in shaa’ Allah, you will have an opportunity to do so. There are group recitation and review halaqas scheduled

to be held every Sunday during Ramadan 12:45 – 1:45 pm. Please see the schedule (bottom of next page) to find the group that fits your needs and send an e-mail to the coordinator to register.

Ramadan Lectures (2:15pm—2:30pm at the Grand Mosque)



During Ramadan, there will be 15 minute lectures, after Dhuhr prayer every Sunday. The focus of these lectures will be on self-development and self-purification.

The following topics will be covered:

- Repentance
 - Story of Fudail
- Seeking Knowledge
 - Story of Al-Tabari
- Humility
 - Story of Ibn Abdulaziz
- Wisdom & Insight
 - Story of Al-Bassri



“When My servants ask you about Me, I am always near. I answer their prayers when they pray to Me”. (Quran, Surah 2, verse 186)

Quranic Ayaat (Verses)

“O you who believe, fasting is decreed for you, as it was decreed for those before you, that you may attain salvation” (Quran, Surah 2, verse 183)

“Ramadan is the month during which the Quran was

revealed, providing guidance for the people, clear teachings, and the statute book. Those of you who witness this month shall fast therein. Those who are ill or traveling may substitute the same number of other days. GOD wishes for you convenience,

not hardship, that you may fulfill your obligations, and to glorify GOD for guiding you, and to express your appreciation” (Quran, Surah 2, verse 185)

Quranic Recitation Review Schedule (Grand Mosque)		Group A	Group B
Sunday 12:45 - 1: 45 pm Ages: 12 & up			
Sisters	Level 1: Basic Recitation	Fatimah	
	Level 2: Recitation with Tajweed	Maryam & Manar	
	Level 3: Advanced recitation	Magda	
Brothers	Level 1: Basic recitation	Elmahdi	Abdel-Ilah Sousi
	Level 2: Recitation with Tajweed	Atef Ibrahim	Ala Ibrahim
	Level 3: Advanced recitation	Eid El-Kaylani (Guest)	Hosni Azzabi

To register, please send an email to: aboutislam@miaonline.org



Important dates (subject to moon sighting)	
Beginning of Ramadan:	Friday, July 20th
First night of Taraweeh	Thursday, July 19th
The night of the 27th	Tuesday, August 14th
Last night of Taraweeh	Friday, August 17th
Eid day	Sunday, August 19th

The prophet (PBUH) said: "Allah said, 'All the deeds of Adam's sons (people) are for them, except fasting which is for Me, and I will give the reward for it.' Fasting is a shield or protection from the fire and from committing sins. If one of you is fasting, he should avoid sexual relation with his wife and quarreling, and if somebody should fight or quarrel with him, he should say, 'I am fasting.' By Him in Whose Hands my soul is' The unpleasant smell coming out from the mouth of a fasting person is better in the sight of Allah than the smell of musk. There are two pleasures for the fasting person, one at the time of breaking his fast, and the other at the time when he will meet his Lord; then he will be pleased because of his fasting."

“Verily, We have sent it (this Qur’ān) down in the night of Al-Qadr (Decree) (1) And what will make you know what the night of Al-Qadr (Decree) is? (2) The night of Al-Qadr (Decree) is better than a thousand months (i.e. worshipping Allāh in that night is better than worshipping Him a thousand months, i.e. 83 years and 4 months) (3) Therein descend the angels and the Rûh [Jibril (Gabriel)] by Allāh's Permission with all Decrees, (4) (All that night), there is Peace (and Goodness from Allāh to His believing slaves) until the appearance of dawn. (5)”

Weekend Taraweeh Lectures

Short reminders will be given on Fridays and Saturdays at the Grand Mosque and the Hazelwood Mosque.



For more information on Ramadan, please visit:
www.miaonline.org
www.winnipegmosque.org

