



بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Ramadan, 1430 AH

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Assalamu Alaykum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakatuh,

With the blessings of Allah<sup>SWT</sup>, Ramadan is upon us once again giving us an opportunity to reflect, strengthen our faith and connect with Allah<sup>SWT</sup>. This is the time when we all come together and the activities at each of the SBIA centers increase. It's also an opportunity to share the beauty of Ramadan with people of other faiths.

As we observe Ramadan we recommend that you consider doing the following:

- \* Regularly attend Taraweeh prayers at our centers or other Islamic centers
- \* Invite people of other faiths to the interfaith Iftar on Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at the Downtown Masjid
- \* Fulfill your Zakat payment of 2.5% of your yearly savings including cash in all accounts, CDs, stocks, 401K, gold and silver based on religious rulings
- \* Contribute your Fitra of \$5 Hanafi and \$7 Shafi'i per person before Eid prayers
- \* Support SBIA with your contribution of \$1,000 per family or \$500 per individual so that we can continue our services and maintain our facilities

We have just launched a new SBIA website at [www.sbia.info](http://www.sbia.info). This website has a fresh new design that makes it easier to find information. This website is your connection to SBIA and has the following features:

- \* View announcements and upcoming SBIA and community events
- \* See the prayer time schedule and find out who the Jumu'ah Khateeb is at each location
- \* Stay in touch with SBIA: sign up for emails, ask the Imam, and follow SBIA on Twitter and Facebook
- \* Make secure online donations using your credit or debit cards

### **Beginning of Ramadan**

Based on moon-sighting Ramadan will begin Insha-Allah either on August 22<sup>nd</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please check the SBIA website for updated information and to sign up for email notification.

### **Iftars**

Daily Iftars for singles and Community Iftars for all will be held throughout Ramadan. Community Iftars are held on Saturdays at Downtown and on Sundays at Evergreen. Sponsorships for daily iftars are \$800 (divided into two slots at \$400 each) and community Iftars are \$3,000 (six slots at \$500 each). Sign-up sheets are posted at downtown and Napredak Hall.

### **Taraweeh Prayers**

Taraweeh Prayers will be held at the Downtown San Jose and Evergreen locations immediately after Isha prayers every night. Please check the SBIA website for detailed prayer schedules.

### **Eid-ul-Fitr**

Based on moonsighting, Eid-ul-Fitr will be on September 20<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup> at the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds. As a convenience to the community, parking will be paid in advance by SBIA. Please check the SBIA website for more info or to sign up for email notification.

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## Completion of the Holy Qur'an and Taraweeh

The entire Qur'an is recited by the Huffaz at our centers during the course of Taraweeh prayers. Insha-Allah the completion of the Qur'an and Taraweeh will be on the 25<sup>th</sup> night at Evergreen and 27<sup>th</sup> night at Downtown.

Ramadan is the time when SBIA raises the majority of its yearly operating funds so we ask that you contribute generously today so that we can continue to provide service to the community. Allah states in the Holy Qur'an:

*"(As for) those who spent their wealth in the way of Allah, then do not follow up what they have spent with reproach or injury, they shall have their reward from their Lord, and they shall have no fear nor shall they grieve."* – Surah al-Baqarah, Ayat 262

As stated above, we request families contribute \$1,000 per year and individuals contribute \$500 per year to support SBIA. Zakat is given to the needy and cannot be used for Masjid operations. Please mail your checks to SBIA using the enclosed envelope or donate online at [www.sbia.info](http://www.sbia.info). Credit card payments will be accepted at Jumu'ah and daily Taraweeh prayers by a SBIA representative.

May Allah (SWT) accept your fasting and duas. May Allah<sup>SWT</sup> grant you and your family success and happiness in this world and, more importantly, in the Hereafter. Ameen. Jazakum Allahu Khayran.

Sincerely yours,



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