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New York City Mosques Open 'A Week of Dialogue'

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Mosques around the city are opening their doors to those interested in learning about the Muslim faith this week. More than 40 leaders from the five boroughs kicked off the "Week of Dialogue" at Brooklyn's Mosque At-Taqwa on Monday.

Imam Al-Amin Latif, president of the leadership council, says the goal of the program is to clear up misconceptions non-Muslims may have about the religion.

"We want to educate our fellow citizens, our neighbors, about what Islam is, and to help them understand who we are," Latif said. "We're citizens. We live here. We're your neighbors, you know. We're your coworkers."

He also hopes the "Week of Dialogue" will clear up misconceptions non-Muslims may have about the religion. "Let them come and let us dialogue. Let us talk. Any questions you have, get it straight from us," he said. "You don't have to get it from the negative people who want to spread hate and dissension and divisiveness," Latif said.

Mosques in other cities, including Philadelphia and Chicago, are also taking part in the week of discussions.

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Mosque Open House

SCHEDULE

Sunday, October 17, 2010

1) Islamic Cultural Center of NY: 1711 3rd Ave. (crossing 96th Street), Manhattan;
1 to 3:30 p.m.; Tel: 212-722-5234

2) Interfaith Open House Celebration: 263 West 86th Street, New York, N.Y. 10024;
Starting at 5 p.m.; Tel: 917-549-3707, 917-559-8480

The Mosque Islamic Brotherhood, Muslim Consultative Network & ASMA are taking part from the Muslim community.

Wednesday, October 20, 2010

1) Masjid Allahu Akbar: 133 22nd Street, Wyandanch, Long Island, NY 11798;
6 to 8 p.m.; Tel: 631-387-3789

2) Muslim Center of Long Island: 1514 E 3rd Ave., Bay Shore, Long Island, NY 11706
Anti-bias Task Force meeting: 12 to 3 p.m.; Tel: 516-443-9895

3) AlJaned Islamic Center: 984 Intervale Ave. Bronx, NY 10459; 5 to 7 p.m.;
Tel: 718-328-4511

Friday, October 22, 2010

1) Muslim Center of Long Island: 1514 E 3rd Ave., Bay Shore, Long Island, NY 11706;
1 to 3 p.m.; Tel: 631-665-9462

2) Masjid Omar bin Abdul Aziz along with Tauhid Center & Masjid Alhamdulillah:
88-29 161st Street, Jamaica, Queens, NY 11432; 3 to 5 p.m.; Tel: 718-541-8485

3) Masjid Al-Farooq: 554 Atlantic Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11217; Tel: 917-295-7808

Saturday, October 23, 2010

1) Masjid Allahu Akbar: 133 22nd Street, Wyandanch, Long Island, NY 11798; 1 to 5
p.m.; Tel: 631-387-3789

2) Muslim Center of New York: 137-58 Geranium Ave, Flushing, Queens, NY 11355;
Tel: 914-329-6260

3) Islamic Mission (Masjid Dawood): 143 State Street, Brooklyn, NY; 2 to 5 p.m.;
Tel: 917-559-8485

Sunday, October 24, 2010

1) Islamic Center of Long Island: 835 Brush Hollow Road, Westbury, Long Island,
NY 11590; 2 to 5 p.m.; Tel: 516-333-3495

2) Masiid Al-Hera: 125-05 Jamaica Ave. Richmond Hill. NY 11418: 4 to 6 p.m.: