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# ISSB Newsletter

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# Upcoming Events

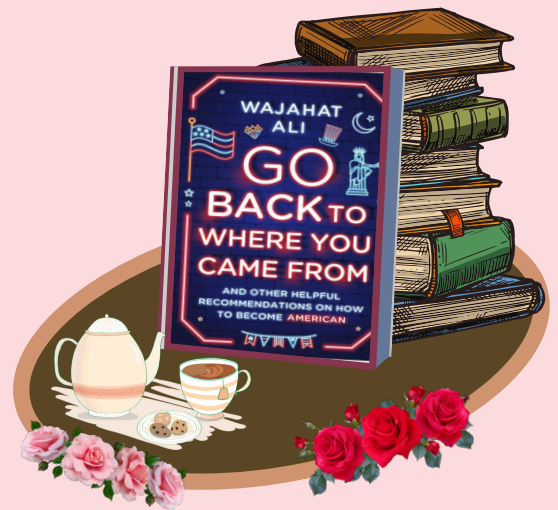
## One Time Event

- **Six Flags Trip (Youth Committee)**
  - 5/21/22 | All Day
- **Visiting Scholar: Imam Fode Drame**
  - *Attaining Shukr Through the Quran*
  - Saturday | 5/28/22 | 6:30 - 8 PM
  - Location: SBIC (302 N Los Carneros Rd, Goleta, CA)



## Recurrent Event

- **Book Club**
  - Sunday | 6/12/22 | 11AM-1PM
  - Location: Rose Garden at the Mission
  - Book: "Go Back to Where You Came From"
  - Author: Wajahat Ali
  - potluck refreshments requested
- **Iqra**
  - Every Sunday at 9:30 AM
  - Location: SBIC
- **Kids' Hifdh Classes with Shaykh Wael**
  - Every Wednesday & Friday from 5:30 PM
  - Location: Zoom



June Focus:  
Our Graduates





# Letter from the Editor



Assalamu 'alaikum dear ISSB Family and Friends,

I am proud to present this beautiful newsletter created with the collaboration amongst all the Communications Committee volunteers and guest contributors. We have worked hard on capturing the activities of this past month within our community.

Alhamdulillah we witnessed another Ramadan this year where we were able to congregate as a community and enjoyed it in our beautiful Islamic Center together.


The senses of community and camaraderie were palpable as everyone gathered in person. We dined outdoors in the beautiful and blessed Santa Barbara weather while observing COVID precautions led by the Healthcare Committee.

Each iftar, we hosted 120+ guests. Our Eid prayer drew 300+ guests from SB county and beyond.

At the management level, we saw an outpour of amazing talents of enthusiastic volunteers who made our Ramadan endeavors highly successful.

We enjoyed from an international cuisine at the end of our fasts thanks to our caterers and our sponsors. May Allah reward them from His infinite mercy.

May Allah (swt) accept our deeds, forgive our sins,



free us from the Fire. May He allow us to witness the next Ramadan, fortified by the good habits we have picked up this Ramadan and will continue to develop over the year.


I am excited to share feedbacks with our community that our newsletter reaches international audiences. Our Communications Committee is very active in trying to keep everyone updated on all the amazing thing we do.

This edition, we look back at the amazing events of this past month, focus on the advantages of Shawaal and continue to celebrate our community's blessings from Allah.

Next edition, we plan to focus on our graduates. So please send us information about your graduates of 2022.

Also to look out for this year, we also aim to focus on improving our communal environmental stewardship. We are planning to launch on TikTok, and are in process of releasing our first video called "Trash Talk" by ISSB805.

In the works is also the compilation of local Muslim businesses and halal meat resources.







# Message from the Board

*The ISSB Board of Trustees wants to thank all the donors, caterers and volunteers for making this Ramadan and Eid ul Fitr a memorable and wonderful series of events. The efforts and collaboration from everyone brought our hearts together as a community and elated our experiences.*

*May Allah bless and reward everyone and their families who participated to make this Ramadan a memorable and successful event.*



# Imam's Corner

## FROM SHAYKH WAEL HIJAZI



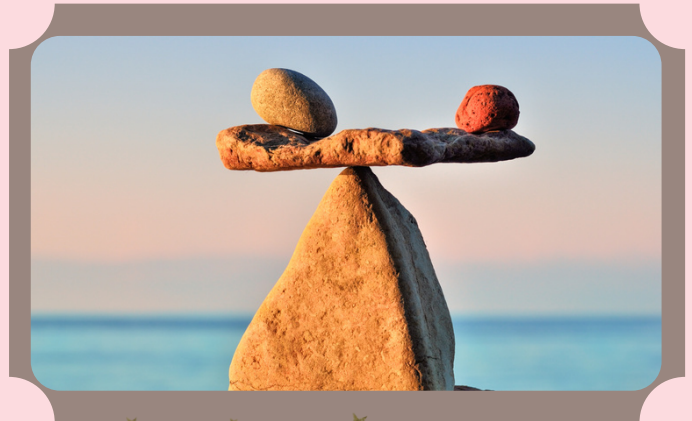
Shaykh Wael Hijazi has obtained BA & MA in Islamic Studies and Da'wah from Al-Azhar University in Egypt. He also holds license in Khatabah from the Egyptian Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs.

### Month Ayah

مَنْ جَاءَ بِالْحَسَنَةِ فَلَهُ عَشْرُ أَمْثَالِهَا، وَمَنْ جَاءَ بِالسَّيِّئَةِ فَلَا يُجْزَى إِلَّا مِثْلَهَا  
(وَهُمْ لَا يُظْلَمُونَ) (الأنعام: 160)

Whoever comes [on the Day of Judgement] with a good deed will have ten times the like thereof [to his credit], and whoever comes with an evil deed will not be recompensed except the like thereof; and they will not be wronged.

(Surah An 'Aam, verse 160)  
Sahih International translation.



### Activities with the Imam

#### Kids' Hifdh Classes

| 7-18 years old |  
| Wednesdays & Fridays |  
| from 5:30 pm |

#### Friday Khutbas

1:20 PM

Prayer Jama'ah

Isha @ 9:15 PM

Fajr @ 4:45 AM

### Month Hadith

Abi Ayyub (radī Llāhu 'anh) narrated that:  
The Messenger of Allah (صلى الله عليه وسلم) said,  
"Whoever fasts the month of Ramadan, and also fasts six days in the month of Shawwal, it is as if he has fast the whole year."

[book of Muslim].

### Month Assignment

Be Rabbani (connect to Allah all the time) not only Ramadani (connect just to Allah Ramadan).

### Month Advice

The sign of accepting the good deed is to follow it by another good deed and never stop.



# Virtues of Shawwal



## Virtues of fasting 6 days of Shawwal

Praise be to Allah.

Whoever fasts these six days will have recorded for him a reward as if he had fasted a whole year, as was reported in a sahih hadith from the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him).

Abu Ayyub (may Allah be pleased with him) reported that the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said:

*“Whoever fasts Ramadan and follows it with six days of Shawwal, it will be as if he fasted for a lifetime.”*

(Narrated by Muslim, Abu Dawud, al-Tirmidhi, al-Nasai and Ibn Majah).

The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) explained this when he said:

*“Whoever fasts for six days after (‘Eid) al-Fitr has completed the year: (whoever does a good deed (hasanah) will have ten hasanah like it).”*

According to another report:

*“Allah has made for each hasanah ten like it, so a month is like fasting ten months, and fasting six days completes the year.”*

(al-Nasai and Ibn Majah. See also Sahih al-Targhib wa'l-Tarhib, 1/421)

It was also narrated by Ibn Khuzaymah with the wording:

*“Fasting for the month of Ramadan brings the reward of ten like it, and fasting for six days brings the reward of two months, and that is the fasting of the whole year.”*

The Hanbali and Shafi'i fuqaha explained that fasting six days of Shawwal after fasting Ramadan makes it as if one has fasted for an entire year of obligatory fasts, because the multiplication of the reward applies even to nafl fasts, because each hasanah brings the reward of ten like it. Another of the important benefits of fasting six days of Shawwal is that it makes up for any shortfall in a person's obligatory Ramadan fasts, because no one is free of shortcomings or sins that have a negative effect on his fasting.

On the Day of Resurrection, some of his nafl deeds will be taken to make up the shortcomings in his obligatory deeds, as the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said:

*“The first thing for which people will be brought to account on the Day of Resurrection will be their salah (prayer). Our Lord, may He be glorified and exalted, will say to His angels – although He knows best – ‘Look at the salah of My slave, whether it is complete or incomplete.’ If it is perfect, it will be recorded as perfect, and if something is lacking, He will say, ‘Look and see whether My slave did any voluntary (nafl) prayers.’ If he did some voluntary prayers, [Allah] will say, ‘Complete the obligatory actions of My slave from his voluntary actions.’ Then all his actions will be dealt with in a similar manner.”*

(Narrated by Abu Dawud).

## Is Shawwal fasting obligatory?

Fasting six days of Shawwal after the obligatory fast of Ramadan is Sunnah Mustahabbah, not wajib. It is recommended for the Muslim to fast six days of Shawwal, and in this there is great virtue and an immense reward.

<https://islamqa.info/en/answers/7859/virtues-of-shawwal-fasting>

## Should the fasts be consecutive?

It is not a necessary condition that the six days of Shawwal should be fasted consecutively. If you fast them separately or consecutively, it is OK. The sooner you do them, the better, because Allah says (interpretation of the meanings):

*“...so compete in good deeds.”*  
[al-Maidah 5:48]

*“And march forth in the way (which leads to) forgiveness from your Lord.”*

[Al ‘Imran 3:133]

*“[Musa peace be upon him said:] and I hastened to You, O my Lord, that You might be pleased.”*

[Ta-Ha 20:84]

And (you should hasten to fast these six days) because delaying may cause problems. This is the view of the Shafi'i and some of the Hanbalis, but it is OK if you do not hasten it and you delay it until the middle or end of the month.

Al-Nawawi (may Allah have mercy on him) said:

*“Our companions said: it is mustahabb to fast six days of Shawwal. Because of this hadith they said: it is mustahabb to fast these days consecutively at the beginning of Shawwal, but if one separates them or delays them until later in Shawwal, this is permissible, because he will still be following the general guidelines of the hadith. We have no dispute regarding this matter, and this was also the view of Ahmad and Dawud.”*

(Al-Majmu' Sharh al-Muhadhdha)

<https://islamqa.info/en/answers/7858/should-fasting-six-days-of-shawwal-be-consecutive>

# Virtues of Shawwal



## Making up Ramadan fasts and doing Shawwal fasts

Fasting six days of Shawwal is dependent upon having completed the Ramadan fast, according to the correct view. This is indicated by the words of the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him):

*“Whoever fasts Ramadan then follows it with six days of Shawwal, it will be as if he fasted a lifetime.”*

(Narrated by Muslim, 1164)

The conjunction thumma (then) indicates that this must be done in this order. This indicates that the fast of Ramadan must be completed first (by observing the Ramadan fast and making up any missed fasts), then after that one may fast the six days of Shawwal, so as to attain the reward mentioned in the hadith.

The one who still owes missed Ramadan fasts is said to have fasted part of Ramadan; we cannot say that he has fasted Ramadan.

But if a person has an excuse that kept him from fasting the six days of Shawwal in Shawwal because he had to make up missed fasts – such as a woman who was bleeding following childbirth and spent all of Shawwal making up for Ramadan – then she may fast six days of Shawwal in Dhul-Qa'dah, because she was excused.

Similarly for anyone who has an excuse, it is prescribed to make up the six days of Shawwal in Dhul-Qa'dah, after making up the missed Ramadan fasts. But the one who lets the month of Shawwal go by without fasting these days and with no excuse, will not attain this reward.

Shaykh Ibn ‘Uthaymin was asked: What if a woman owes days from Ramadan – is it permissible for her to give precedence to fasting the six days of Shawwal over making up the days she owes, or should she give priority to the days she owes over fasting the six days of Shawwal?

He replied:

“If a woman still owes days from Ramadan, then she should not fast the six days of Shawwal until after she has made up what she owes, because the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said: *“Whoever fasts Ramadan then follows it with six days of Shawwal...”* Whoever still has days to make up from Ramadan has not fasted Ramadan, so she will not attain the reward of fasting the six days of Shawwal until after she has finished making up the days she owes. If we assume that this making up missed fasts lasts throughout Shawwal, such as if a woman was bleeding following childbirth and did not fast at all in Ramadan, then she started to make up her missed fasts in Shawwal and did not finish that until Dhul-Qa'dah began, then she may fast the six days, and she will have the reward of one who fasted them in Shawwal, because she delayed it for a necessary reason, so she will have the reward.”

(Majmu’ al-Fatawa, 20/19)

In addition to that, it is obligatory to make up missed fasts for the one who had an excuse, indeed that is part of this pillar of Islam. Based on this, hastening to do it and to discharge this duty takes priority over doing actions that are mustahabb.

And Allah knows best.

<https://islamqa.info/en/answers/40389/fasting-six-days-of-shawwal-before-making-up-missed-fasts>

## When to start fasting in Shawwal?

The first of Shawwal is Eid ul Fitr and it is haram to fast on the day of Eid. Thus one can start fasting from the 2nd of Shawwal.

The six days of sunnah fasts during Shawwal can be started at any time after Eid is done.

<https://islamqa.info/en/answers/7860/when-to-start-shawwal-fasting>







# The Hands that Fed Us

## *Caterer Profiles*

Get to know some of our iftar caterers! We are blessed to have a diverse community with chefs and bakers from all over the world. These following individuals and more treated us with delicious food when we broke our fasts this Ramadan. May Allah accept their hard work and reward them for feeding our fasting community. Here are a few of them, in their own words:





# Caterer Profile



## *Pueblo Pollo*

*Contact: Tayyeba Malik*

Specialty: Mexican - IndoPak

Iftar date: 1st & 4th weeks

Contact Information

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Pueblo Pollo: 805 563 8099

### **How long have you lived in Santa Barbara?**

20 years

### **What do you do?**

I own the halal Mexican-Asian restaurant Pueblo Pollo with my husband.

### **What is your favorite way to spend time during Ramadan?**

I love to read Quran. My favorite surah is Surat Yaseen. I also love to come to iftar parties!

### **What is your favorite food during Ramadan?**

I'm a mood eater, so nothing specific. I love to have dates because they're nourishing. Fruits and dates for suhoor, chapati and curry, omelet, and eggs for iftar.

### **What did you prepare for ISSB's iftar?**

For the iftar on April 2nd, Mexican food from our restaurant, Pueblo Pollo. For the iftar on April 30th, Pueblo Pollo's Asian Pakistani food: chicken curry, rice, mixed veg curry, seek kebab, and crunchy beef or chicken tacos.

### **Why did you choose this food to prepare for iftar?**

In our culture, food is a big part and we wanted to share that with our very large and diverse community (mashallah). We also incorporated Mexican food into our iftari because it's a big part of us. Since the very beginning of our USA journey we had a Mexican food restaurant which to this day is Alhamdulillah still standing. We wanted to share that part of us with the community as well.

### **What would you like ISSB to know about you?**

We are trying to offer a halal meat shop here with the restaurant so that it will be easier to get a halal meat supply in Santa Barbara. On the request of a number of people, we have changed our food to Mexican-Asian food. We recently added chicken biryani on Fridays, and we are trying to introduce more dishes. You can always contact us for Mexican or Pakistani catering.





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# Caterer Profile



*Rini Dawn*

Specialty: Indonesian Cuisine

Iftar date: April 8, 2022

Contact Information:

Phone: (805) 453-4440

Email: qo2m19@gmail.com

## **How long have you lived in Santa Barbara?**

I arrived in fall 2021. So about 13 months.

## **What do you do?**

I am a GED student and am learning English with Sr. Afaf. I have also a degree in chemical engineering and a certificate in elementary school teaching.

## **What is your favorite way to spend time during Ramadan?**

Reading Holy Quran.

## **What is your favorite food during Ramadan?**

Food that is not so heavy, but is still spicy. So soup or curry without coconut. Gulai is my family's favorite. The tradition in my family for Eid al-Fitr, my mom always cooks a gulai.

## **What did you prepare for ISSB's iftar?**

Nasi campur. Campur is mixed. I made a spicy egg, curry fried noodle, mixed ground beef vegetable. I made chocolate pudding and corn pudding with a sauce.

## **Why did you choose this food to prepare for iftar?**

In fact, I want to introduce many Indonesian foods. For people, they can try my food and think it's different, it's amazing. It interests curiosity, makes them want to try something else.

It's a big present to me.

## **What would you like ISSB to know about you?**

Iftar is a good moment, to make me close with the others. When we are in the world, we must know each other. This is our mission.





# Support our Local Businesses



*Rini Dawn*

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# Caterer Profile



*Elif Elsici*

Specialty: Turkish Cuisine

Iftar date: April 9th, 2022

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## **How long have you lived in Santa Barbara?**

This September, it's going to be 5 years.

## **What do you do?**

I have two kids, I've been taking care of them. Besides that, I've been studying English.

## **What is your favorite way to spend time during Ramadan?**

I like to spend time together with other people. Especially for our kids, we can show them how we celebrate Ramadan.

## **What is your favorite food during Ramadan?**

In Turkey, we always bake a special bread for Ramadan, it's flat and circular with sesame and black seeds on top. We call it ramadan pide, Ramadan flatbread.

## **What did you prepare for ISSB's iftar?**

I prepared beef saute, rice, garbanzo beans, chicken, veggies, and salad.

## **Why did you choose this food to prepare for iftar?**

Turkish salad is different than American salad. Here, people usually don't cut the ingredients in such small pieces. We wanted to show a Turkish salad that we eat every day. Beef saute is also really common in our country. When we invite someone into our home, we like to give them meat.

## **What would you like ISSB to know about you?**

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to do this. When I decided to do the iftar, I talked to my father and he said, it is something so special. He told me that you are not going to do this again for your whole life. When you go back to Turkey, you might not have the chance to cook for the community, for people who are all around the world. I look forward to next year, Inshallah. I would also like to say special thanks to my husband, who encouraged me in the very beginning and helped me out all my iftar day long.







# Caterer Profile



## Deasy Rahayu

Specialty: Indonesian Cuisine  
Iftar date: April 15, 2022

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Instagram: @DeasyKitchenSB

### **How long have you lived in Santa Barbara?**

The end of last year, 2021. 8 months.

### **What do you do?**

At this moment, I enjoy being a housewife and running a catering business.

### **What is your favorite way to spend time during Ramadan?**

In addition to eating dates, I love to cook starting from Tajil--an appetizer before the main dinner.

Also getting together with family to discuss Ramadan as a "holy month."

### **What is your favorite food during Ramadan?**

Something sweet and cold, and savory. I like kolak pisang and gorengan (fried food). In Indonesia we say a joke: eating kurma (dates) is a Sunnah, but eating gorengan is mandatory.

### **What did you prepare for ISSB's iftar?**

I prepared yellow rice, we call it "nasi kuning komplit" consisting of fried chicken, fried noodles, pickles, vegetable noodles, shrimp crackers, and gorengan--shrimp fritters. And for Tajil, fruits with lemon and honey dressing and beef martabak.

### **Why did you choose this food to prepare for iftar?**

We have many types of food in Indonesia. I chose food from Java Island, where my mom is from. Yellow rice is a special food that people eat for birthdays or a celebration. It's special for a special occasion, because to me, mosque people, they are special, and Ramadan is a special month.

### **What would you like ISSB to know about you?**

I want to be seen as the real me: a housewife, with a focus on the family that runs a small business catering business, and is part of the community.





# Caterer Profile



## *Hayam El Mohtady*

Specialty: Middle Eastern Cuisine

Iftar date: April 16, 2022

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Email: hayamalmohtady5@gmail.com

### **How long have you lived in Santa Barbara?**

2.5 years

### **What do you do?**

I am studying English with Sr. Afaf, and I have part time work at IV School in after school programs.

### **What is your favorite way to spend time during Ramadan?**

I love cooking during the day, and reading Quran. My favorite surah is Surat Yusuf.

### **What did you prepare for ISSB's iftar?**

I made herb-roasted chicken, kofta, and bread. In Egypt we eat kofta with bread and pickles. I also made yellow rice, white beans, fruit, and mahalabia: a sweet dessert in Egypt from milk, sugar, cornstarch, and nuts.

### **Why did you choose this food to prepare for iftar?**

I wanted people to enjoy my food.

### **What would you like ISSB to know about you?**

I am so happy to do this iftar. It is the first time to do iftar for masjid, for 150 people, and I wanted to do anything for our community.







# Caterer Profile



*Sophia Halima*

*Fadila*

Specialty: Palestinian Cuisine

Iftar date: April 22, 2022

Contact Information:

Phone: (805)971-9141

## **How long have you lived in Santa Barbara?**

29 years

## **What do you do?**

I have my own business selling activewear, Bakrchtia. I also have a psychology degree.

## **What is your favorite way to spend time during Ramadan?**

Ramadan is a time to get your act together: what I can improve, what I can work on. The majority of the day is reading Quran, doing charity outreach, spending time with my kids.

## **What is your favorite food during Ramadan?**

I love to have soup, like my vegan lentil soup. After the soup, it's any stuffed bread, stuffed with anything: bread with cheese, with lamb. Salads are good. And I have to have coffee!

## **What did you prepare for ISSB's iftar?**

I made makluba: Palestinian rice with kebab, with pomegranate molasses--that was my sister-in-law's suggestion. I also prepared babaganoush, side salads, grape leaves, potato salad, stuffed bread with spinach, and lentil and squash soup. For dessert, baklava and cookies.

## **Why did you choose this food to prepare for iftar?**

I think everybody wanted to bring something to iftar, to not eat the same thing every day. This food reflected my background, and where I grew up. And I chose food that people enjoyed before.

Adding to that, my kids enjoy it, and so do I!

## **What would you like ISSB to know about you?**

As a community, it's good to remember that everything we do, we do for the sake of Allah. That's the purpose. And when you put this in mind, your contribution to the community goes to a different perspective. It's never done for the purpose of showing off, it's all for the sake of your relationship with Allah. And your relationship with Allah will trickle down to your relationship with the community! But it starts within us to care for us, to have mercy for each other.





# Caterer Profile



## Zahia Mani

Specialty: Algerian Cuisine and  
Sweets

Iftar date: April 23, 2022

Contact Information:

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### **How long have you lived in Santa Barbara?**

This coming November will be 18 years, since 2004.

### **What do you do?**

I am building my catering business.

### **What is your favorite way to spend time during Ramadan?**

To read more Quran, and pray. This is what Ramadan is about.

### **What is your favorite food during Ramadan?**

I like anything, but I am trying to keep the Algerian tradition at home. As an Algerian, we like soup first thing, like shorba, then another traditional dish, like chicken.

### **What did you prepare for ISSB's iftar?**

I prepared an Algerian traditional dish, mthawem. I like to cook it with chicken, but for this Ramadan, I made it with beef. I made egg rolls, salad, and rice. And I made a dessert called kalb el-louz. It means heart of almond, so it's a square where at the center, you put an almond. I also made tiramisu and French pastry tarts.

### **Why did you choose this food to prepare for iftar?**

I want to show Algerian food for people. Algeria is a very nice country, with a strong and wealthy culture in everything especially in variety of cuisine. But unfortunately, people don't know about it.

That's why I wanted to show our traditions during Ramadan with our food.

### **What would you like ISSB to know about you?**

I want to tell ISSB I'm blessed to be part of this wonderful community InchaAllah. We will be united all the time and I'm ready to cook for you every Ramadan. May Allah bless ISSB ameen!





# Support our Local Businesses



## Zarou's Pastry

HOMEMADE ALGERIAN SWEETS  
AND FRENCH PASTRY

Contact:  
Zahia Mani  
805-403-1858







# Caterer Profile



## *Saman & Maleeha Mustafa*

Specialty: Desserts

Iftar date: April 2022

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### **How long have you lived in Santa Barbara?**

*Saman:* 14 years.

### **What do you do?**

*Maleeha:* I am an office assistant at Architectural Millwork of Santa Barbara. I'm also a second year student at SBCC.

*Saman:* I'm currently a senior at Dos Pueblos High School. I also have an internship at Van Sande Structural Consultants.

### **What is your favorite way to spend time during Ramadan?**

*Maleeha:* I like to keep myself busy. That's why I'm trying to get involved in everything that's happening at the masjid. But I don't have that much free time.

*Saman:* Same. I'm super busy with work and school, and free time typically ends up volunteering for the masjid.

### **What is your favorite food during Ramadan?**

*Maleeha:* I love spring rolls. My mom makes them, she does the filling and I do the wrapping.

*Saman:* Dessert! I discovered this thing on TikTok, it's a date stuffed with peanut butter and covered with chocolate. It's so good.

### **What did you prepare for ISSB's iftar?**

*Maleeha:* We will be making tres leches mini-cakes.

### **Why did you choose this food to prepare for iftar?**

*Maleeha:* It's our signature dessert. We love making it.

*Saman:* It's so fresh! After iftar, you want a fresh dessert, and it doesn't feel like it's unhealthy.

### **What would you like ISSB to know about you?**

*Saman:* Follow me on Instagram! But our first priority is school.

*Maleeha:* You can always ask us if we have time. If we do, we can prepare something for you.



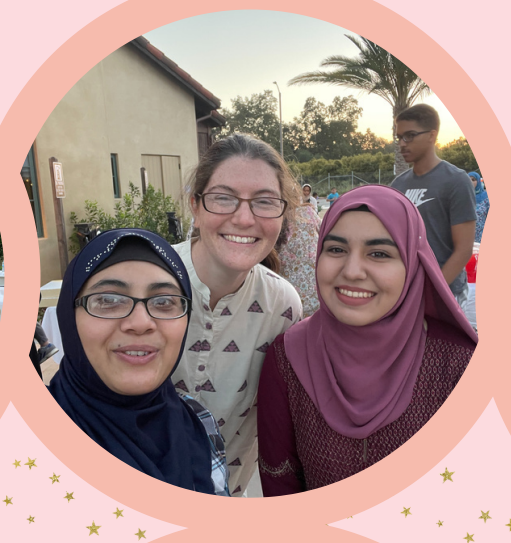




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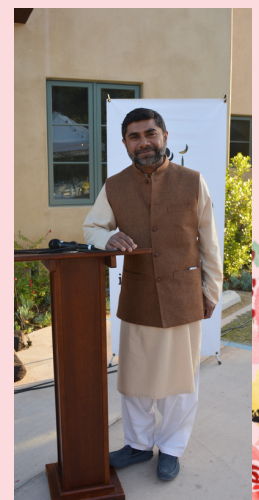
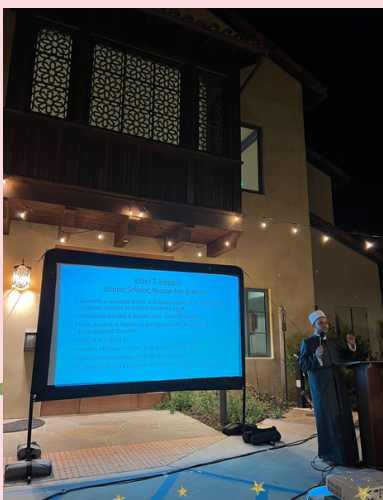




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# Ramadan Events 2022

Eid Prayer - May 2, 2022 - Setup & Outdoors





# Ramadan Events 2022

Eid Prayer - May 2, 2022 - Togetherness





# Ramadan Events 2022

Eid Prayer - May 2, 2022 - The Golden Arch





# Ramadan Events 2022

Eid Picnic - May 7, 2022





# An Abrahamic April

This April was a special month when all three Abrahamic faiths participated in sacred events.

The Jews observed Passover,  
the Christians celebrated Easter,  
and the Muslims fasted Ramadan.

We want to shed some light on these events celebrated this edition.



**Passover** (Pesach) is a **Jewish** holiday to celebrate the story of **Exodus** - how God led the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt, guided by the Prophet Moses. It is a celebration of freedom and redemption.

It is celebrated over **eight days** during the month of **Nissan**. This year, it occurred from **April 16th to 22nd**.



**Seder**, a ritual meal, occurs on the **first two nights** of Passover. Jewish families and friends gather together and engage in recounting the story of Exodus in a specific order.

The centerfold  **seder plate**  holds foods symbolizing different parts of the story. For example, **maror** or bitter herbs like horseradish represent the bitterness of the Israelites enslavement.

The **matzah**, an unleavened bread, is eaten during Passover, to remember that the Israelites did not have time for their bread to rise when they hurriedly left Egypt.

It is also traditional that the youngest child asks the **Four Questions**, which highlights why this meal is different from all other meals during the year.

It is a **mitzvah** (commandment) for Jews to tell the story of Exodus, as declared in the **Torah**:

*"And you shall explain to your child, 'It is because of what the Lord your God did for me that I went free from Egypt.'" (Exodus 13:8)*



**Easter** is one of the holiest **Christian** holidays celebrating the **resurrection of Jesus**, whom Christians believe to be the Messiah. It took place on **April 17th** this year.

Easter is celebrated after observing the **40-day fasting** of **Lent** to commemorate Jesus' fasting to resist Satan's temptations in the desert. Christians traditionally abstain from a pleasure during Lent such as meat or social media.

**Carnival**, before Lent, arose is a Catholic tradition to indulge in the pleasures that will be forsaken during Lent.

According to the Christian belief, Jesus was crucified and died on **Good Friday**. He was resurrected on the third day - Easter Sunday. This fulfills the prophecy that Jesus is the Savior and that there is life after death with God in Heaven.

Christians commemorate Easter by going to **mass** at their churches on Easter morning, and having a **celebratory meal** with friends and family afterwards.

An American Easter tradition is the **Easter egg hunt** - where multicolored hard-boiled eggs, or plastic eggs filled with goodies, are hidden around the house for children to find. The eggs symbolize rebirth and new life.

**Ramadan** is the 9th month of **Islamic** calendar and is observed by **Muslims** when they engage in many spiritually enriching rituals for **29 to 30 days**.



Muslims **fast** from **dawn to dusk** daily during this month, followed by the big **celebration** of **Eid ul Fitr** at the beginning of the next month. It is an exciting time for Muslims.



Muslims eat an early breakfast, **suhoor**, before dawn, to sustain themselves throughout the day. They break fast at **iftar** with delicious food with all family and friends at dusk.

In Ramadan, Muslims shift focus inward to **feed their souls** via copious **remembrance** of **God** in forms of increased praying like **taraweeh** (extra special night prayers) and spending time reading **Quran**, which was revealed this month.



**Fasting** from physical pleasures like permissible eating, drinking, intercourse helps train the **mind and spirit**. **Abstaining** from impermissible harmful habits like cursing, fighting, backbiting only **polishes** the person's **character** further.

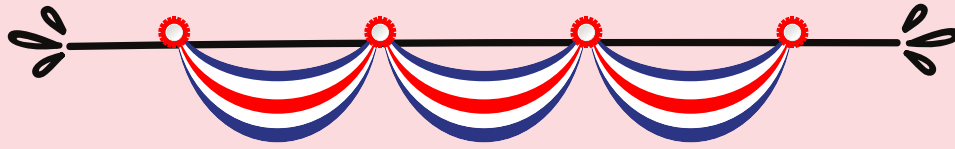
The point of Ramadan is to increase **taqwa**, mindfulness of God, and to improve as an individual - which Muslims strive for.







# Eid at the White House



By Ghada Khan



Assalamu Alaikum and Eid Mubarak!

In marking the end of Ramadan, a month of reflection and spiritual nourishment, American Muslim Health Professionals (AMHP) is honored to have celebrated the Eid Ul-Fitr holiday at the White House at the special invitation from the President of the United States and First Lady Dr. Jill Biden, and in the company of inspirational Muslim leaders from around the country.

With this long anticipated in-person gathering, it is only fitting that President Biden's remarks centered on acknowledging the courage, commitment and significant contributions of American Muslims in fighting the pandemic, which made such an event possible. Equity and inclusion was another common thread echoed within official statements and candid conversations.

With a core commitment to advocating for accessible, affordable, and equitable healthcare for all, AMHP is no stranger to either these sentiments nor the White House grounds:

- Between 2014 and 2016, AMHP was invited to the White House under the Obama administration on multiple occasions due to its active participation in raising awareness about the Affordable Care Act and connecting individuals to health insurance.



- Since the onset of the COVID19 pandemic, AMHP is proud to have been at the forefront of vaccine outreach efforts through working with the White House, the US Department of Health and Human Services, and various Vaccine Advocacy and Education Coalitions.
- AMHP was invited by the White House in 2021 to attend the signing of the historic Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.
- Witnessing an emerging mental health crisis, especially among our youth, AMHP participated in White House state events to amplify President Biden's strategy to address the National Mental Health Crisis. As part of the unity agenda, AMHP continues to raise awareness and expand the Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) certification training program.

We are excited to work with our fellow Americans to uplift each other in our shared humanity and collectively build back together towards a more equitable nation for all.

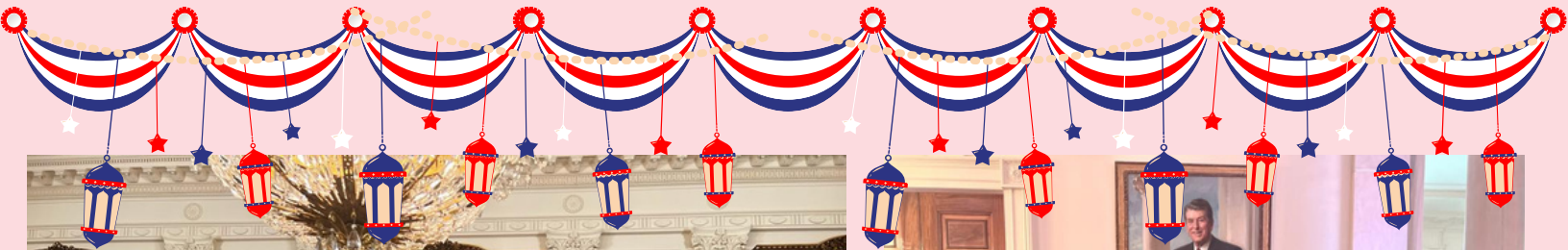
We wish you and your loved ones Eid Mubarak!

With much gratitude,  
Dr. Ghada Khan  
AMHP Executive Director





# Eid at the White House



The President of the United States & Dr. Jill Biden, the Second Gentleman, Mr. Douglas Emhoff. In a significant nod to the enduring legacy of African Muslims who first came to these shores over 400 years ago, we sincerely welcome the selection of Imam Dr. Talib Shareef, a leading African American imam, veteran, and local DC community leader to offer the invocation.



Imam Mohammad Magid along with representatives from 3 of the five Community Collaborative Initiative Public Policy and Advocacy Sector organizations: Emgage Action, AMHP, IL Muslim Civic Coalition (Not pictured: MPAC & ISPU).



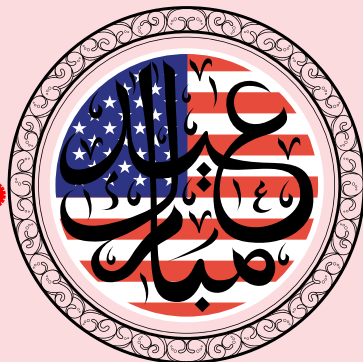
Second Gentleman of the United States, Mr. Douglas Emhoff with AMHP Executive Director Dr. Ghada Khan & Maggie M. Siddiqi, Senior Director of Religion and Faith at The Center for American Progress



Arshia Wajid & Dr. Ghada Khan, Rep. Andre Carson (IN-7), Rep. Rashida Tlaib (MI-13), Dr. Uzma Syed, Hurunnessa Fariad & Humaira Khan



Josh Dickson, Senior Advisor to the White House Office of Public Engagement with AMHP Founder and Board Member, Arshia Wajid & AMHP Executive Director, Dr. Ghada Khan







# Community Service Opportunities

Help fulfill the paramount hard earned American duty of voting in upcoming elections.



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## POLL WORKERS WANTED!

The Elections Office is seeking volunteers to serve on Election Day June 7th, 2022. Volunteers are paid a stipend for their service.

### REQUIREMENTS:

- Must be available to work on Election day, June 7th, 2022 from 6am to 9pm.
- Registered to Vote in the State of California or lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United States
- Must be at least 16 years old.
- Bilingual Spanish speakers needed throughout the county. Chinese, Tagalog, and Korean speakers needed in certain areas.

Apply Here:



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DON'T SPILL THE TEA



# Lady Masjid's SOCIETY PAPERS

Saturday May 14th 2022

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EXTRAORDINARY PEOPLE, EXTRAORDINARY NEWS

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Dearest Readers,

Ramadan and Eid have come to an end, but that's not where our festivities ended this year.

The youngest and newest committee of ISSB planned the classiest woman's event of the season...

Brunch, Tea, Dresses, and Chocolate Fountains, what else did the women want?

Our beautiful ladies of the season pulled out their formal dresses and joined the Health Committee and the Youth Group to celebrate womanhood and health.

Oh, the happiness I get seeing the smiling faces of our sisters in the ISSB community. Stay tuned for all the delightful pictures, making all the ladies who didn't attend, want to attend next year.

Rumor has it we make this an annual event...

Yours Truly,  
Lady Masjid



# Women's Brunch Tea Talk

Celebrating Womanhood

The Edibles





# Women's Brunch Tea Talk

Celebrating Womanhood

Waiting to start





# Women's Brunch Tea Talk

Celebrating Womanhood

High Tea Fashion





# Women's Brunch Tea Talk

Celebrating Womanhood

Sisterhood





# Women's Brunch Tea Talk

Celebrating Womanhood  
Health Talk







# Celebration

ISSB is proud to celebrate its member - Chernor A Diallo -  
the new SBCC student body president

Chernor is originally from Guinea, raised in Liberia, the youngest of 7 children.

Coming from a working class community with a high rate of high school dropouts, Chernor was able to gain a full academic scholarship for high school through his academic engagement and speciality in language arts.

Chenor was able to secure a spot in the very competitive International Baccalaureate Diploma program allowing him to complete high school at the Givat Haviva International School in Israel. Upon returning to Liberia Chernor established the first Model United Nations in his country, engaging 120 students in his role as Executive Director of the project.

Chernor began at Santa Barbara City College in 2021 as a first generation college student. Chernor lives with a host family and has been very active on campus. His high GPA earned him a spot in the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society.

Chernor serves as a computer tutor at the Learning Resource Center and a peer advisor for the Internal Student Support Program. Last week the SBCC community voted for Chernor President of the Associated Student Government. And most recently Chernor was awarded the Outstanding Volunteer Service Award by the SBCC Foundation.

ISBB is blessed to have a young energetic leader as part of our community.

authored by Ala' Khan  
edited to fit ISSB Newsletter

An article was also written about Chernor on Montecito Journal  
[https://issuu.com/santabarbarasentinel/docs/mj\\_issue\\_28\\_17\\_full](https://issuu.com/santabarbarasentinel/docs/mj_issue_28_17_full)



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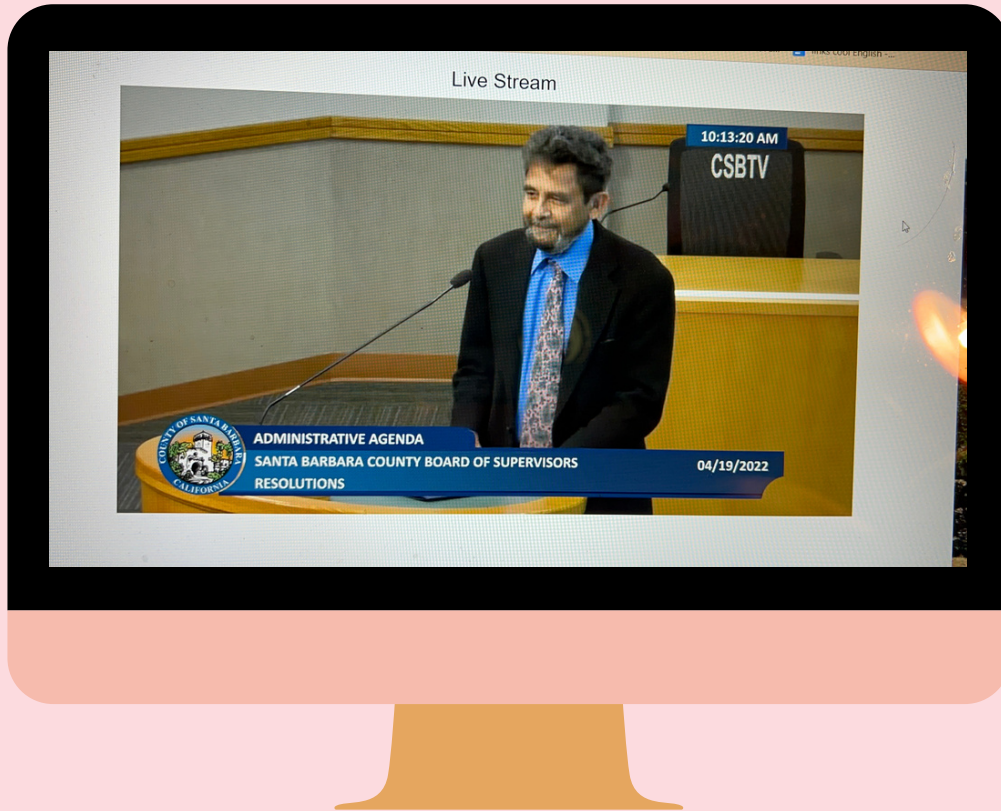
"I have been blessed with unimaginable love, support, and achievements from kind people who I cannot imagine my life without. My amazing and caring hosts family, the kind and supportive Muslim and Jewish communities, and the welcoming and inclusive SBCC community" - Chernor

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# Celebration



Santa Barbara County officially recognized **April** as **National Arab American Heritage Month** in Santa Barbara County!

Mukhtar Khan, cofounder of the Islamic Society of Santa Barbara accepted the resolution recognizing the contributions of Arab Americans to American society on behalf of the community in April 2022.

Mr. Khan, a former Gaucho, founded the Muslim Student Association at UCSB and worked for decades to establish the Islamic Society of Santa Barbara in Goleta, one of the oldest Muslim communities in all of California.

This is a momentous step towards acknowledging and celebrating the diversity of the American landscape.

“SBC encourages all residents to celebrate the rich culture and many achievements that the Arab American Community contributes to American Society.”

authored by Ala' Khan  
[ edited to fit ISSB Newsletter]







# *Celebration of Allah's Blessing*

**By Jamal Hamdani**

Blessings from the Divine Creator ; The One with infinite dimensions

Honored us as the best of his Creations

Gifted us with a natural inclination towards goodness

Illuminated our heart with compassion

Embraced us with his Mercy

Gave us intellect to pursue knowledge, ponder, reflect and reason

Guided us with Divine Guidance and Revelations.

Purified us with truthfulness

Fortified us with patience

Made us innately just

Taught us to ask for His forgiveness and to graciously forgive others

Expanded our chest and with every breath nourished our soul and body

Gave us the ultimate gift of Iman.

Directed us to seek virtuous beauty and beautiful virtue.

Taught us love for Him and all of His Creations

Showed us the path of moderation and the true meaning of Balance.

Prepared our body, mind and soul for His service

Made us agents of goodness with belief and good deeds

Blessed us with the consciousness of Allah in all our thoughts and actions.

**Which of the favors of our Lord will we deny?**







After an iftar is done.