



ISSB Newsletter

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March 2022

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Assalamu 'alaikum dear ISSB Family and Friends.

We are restarting the newsletter after a break due to technical difficulties, volunteer recruitment.

It is nice to bring you news of exciting updates and events this new year. We have had a busy few months since the year 2022 started.

One of the biggest kickoff events of the year thus far has been the Volunteer Meet & Greet. The ISSB Board of Directors met with the altruistic and enthusiastic volunteers who make it all happen behind the scenes.

We now have several excellent Committees that were created to address the different needs of nurturing and growing a healthy, thriving Muslim community in Santa Barbara.

Paraphrasing the inspirational speech from founding member, Jamal Hamdani - our goal is to make ISSB community a welcoming and safe space for Muslims from all walks of life and range of faith to come together and collaborate to give back to our community in general and pass on our beautiful deen to the generations to come.

So please consider contributing your time and talent to committees that interest you.

The Ladies Book Club has continued to meet monthly and discuss exciting works of fiction and nonfiction literature over homemade teas and delicacies.

The ISSB ladies have also been feeding their souls with spiritual activities like monthly mawlid, Quran khatm, classes with Shaykha Sajeda Adat. And to take care of their bodies, they participate in activities

like hiking and yoga.

It appears the ISSB gentlemen have some catching up to do in fostering more fraternity.

ISSB volunteers have also been nurturing the young minds through weekly hifdh classes with Shaykh Wael and Islamic classes like Iqra programs. Saturday story times are also starting up as COVID safety precautions are becoming relaxed.

Our enthusiastic volunteers are working behind the scenes to curate list of local Muslim businesses and halal meat and food options. We hope to publicize that in the near future inshAllah as it is completed.

Please send us any local finds for halal meats and businesses.

We also have several activities in the coming months while our Social Events Committee is working on organizing activities for the year.

But for the nearer future, we are passing the month of Sha'ban and trying to make the best of it to prepare for the month of good deeds marathon - Ramadan - the blessed sweet guest of the year.

We have exciting activities like Ramadan workshop with Shaykha Sajeda Adat.

And with the month of increased rewards coming, there will be opportunities to sponsor iftars, fundraise for the masjid.

We hope to start a Green Deen challenge to protect our environment and reduce waste as well inshAllah.

We'll bring you more details in the next newsletter bi idhnillah for our Ramadan plans.

May Allah bless us with the ability to witness and make the most of another Ramadan.



MESSAGES FROM THE BOARD

RAMADAN IFTAR SPONSORSHIP

Alhamdulillah we are able to break our fast and pray tarawih together as a community this year, after 2 years of pandemic.

Iftar will be held at the masjid every **Friday** and **Saturday** evening.

This Ramadhan we will showcase the many culinary talents of our community.

Iftar will be an international feast!

Food will be represented from the Egypt, Palestine, Turkey, Algeria, Indonesia and our local Mexican cuisine.

"Whoever help break the fast of a fasting person, he will have the same reward as him without decreasing anything from the reward if the fasting person" - Al Tirmidhi 807

Amplify your Ramadan rewards by feeding those who are fasting!

Expected cost is **\$1500 per evening** or \$15/person.

Multiple sponsors can contribute to each evening.

Sponsorship/donation can be made as follows:

- **Zelle** your donation to SBIC93117@gmail.com
- By **PayPal** at islamsb.org, tap donate button
- **Cash or check** made out to ISSB

Please write **"IFTAR"** in notes.



CELEBRATING OUR GRADUATES

The ISSB Board is requesting information on our high school and college graduates to share the success stories and celebrate our youth and future leaders!

If you or your family member graduated from **high school or higher in 2020 and 2021**, we would like to know about you!

Please send your success stories to us by **3/31/22** to share during Ramadan fundraiser dinner in April.

Please email contactissb@gmail.com with:

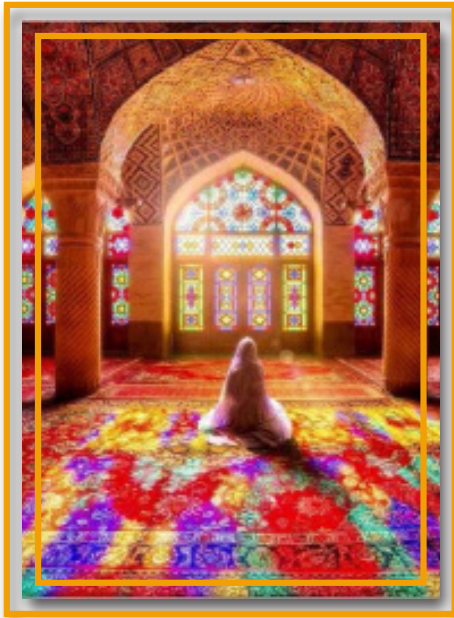
the graduate's name
parents' names (if they're SB community members)
school name
degree
major(s) completed (if applicable)
a photo (if comfortable)
future plans

FEATURE ARTICLE

March 2022

MERITS OF THE MONTH OF SHA'BAN

By Ustadh Amin Buxton, originally published on muwasala.org



if the believer is not aware of Allah's constant vigilance then he should at least strive to do good actions at times when his actions are displayed to Allah. If he is able to gain Allah's pleasure at these times then he hopes that Allah will overlook his shortcomings at other times. There is a daily display after Fajr and 'Asr, and a weekly display on Monday and Thursday, and a yearly display which takes place in the month of Sha'ban. The Messenger of Allah (may Allah bless him and grant him peace) was keen to do good works at all these times and was keen for his Ummah to do the same.

One of the greatest works we can do in Sha'ban is fasting, and this is what the Prophet (may Allah bless him and grant him peace) loved to be doing when his actions were raised, on Monday and Thursday and also during Sha'ban. Sayyida A'isha said of the Prophet (may Allah bless him and grant him peace): "I did not see him fasting in any month more than Sha'ban." [2] She also said: "The month which he loved to fast the most was Sha'ban." [3] Both hadith of course refer to voluntary fasting outside of Ramadan. Some hadith suggest that he would fast the whole of Sha'ban, although there is perhaps more evidence to suggest that he would fast most of the month and leave a few days.

Other than fasting, it is recommended to send abundant blessings and peace upon the Beloved of Allah (may Allah bless him and grant him peace). It was in this month that Allah revealed:

إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا

Allah and His angels send their blessings upon the Prophet. O you who believe send blessings and peace upon him in abundance! [4]

Perhaps this is why the Prophet called Sha'ban "my month," when he said in the hadith: "Rajab is the month of Allah, Sha'ban is my month, and Ramadan is the month of my Ummah." [5] Sending blessings upon him is one of the greatest means of strengthening our connection to him in this life and also the next, as he informed us (may Allah bless him and grant him peace): "The closest people to me on the Day of Rising will be those who send the most blessings upon me." [6] It was also the habit of some of the early Muslims to recite the Qur'an in abundance during Sha'ban. This along with fasting gives us the best preparation for Ramadan, as it takes time for the self (nafs) to become accustomed to doing these things in abundance. If we are already accustomed to doing them before Ramadan it will enable us to do more when the month begins. Perhaps this is why Imam Abu Bakr al-Warraq said: "in Rajab you sow the seeds, in Sha'ban you irrigate them and in Ramadan you reap the harvest."

Two momentous events occurred in Sha'ban. The scholars of Sira say that it was the month in which the moon

The scholars say that the linguistic root of the word Sha'ban is a branch, because the month of Sha'ban "branches off" and leads on to many good things. It acts as a bridge between the two blessed months of Rajab and Ramadan. In spite of this, it is often neglected. The Messenger of Allah (may Allah bless him and grant him peace) alerted us to this fact when he was asked why he was fasting so much in Sha'ban. He replied: "It is a month that people neglect, between Rajab and Ramadan. It is a month in which actions are raised to the Lord of the Worlds and I love for my actions to be raised while I am fasting." [1]. What is meant by actions being raised? The scholars say it is a symbolic displaying of our actions to Allah. Of course Allah is All-Seeing, All-Knowing and does not need for our actions to be displayed to him as He is constantly aware of them. However

*“In the month of Rajab
you sow the seeds, in
Sha‘ban you irrigate
them and in Ramadan
you reap the harvest.”*



رجب

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was split in half for the Messenger of Allah (may Allah bless him and grant him peace). It was also the month in which the Qibla (direction of prayer) was changed from Bayt al-Maqdis in Jerusalem to the Ka‘ba in Mecca. While these events have now passed there is one momentous event which comes around every year, and that is the Fifteenth Night of Sha‘ban, one of the greatest nights of the year. We intend to deal with it in detail closer to the time.

We end by asking, as the Prophet (may Allah bless him and grant him peace) asked:

اللَّهُمَّ بَارِكْ لَنَا فِي رَجَبٍ وَشَعْبَانَ وَبَلِّغْنَا
رَمَضَانَ

*“O Allah bless us in Rajab and
Sha‘bān and enable us to reach
Ramadan.”* [7]

[1] Narrated by Ahmad and al-Nasa‘i

[2] Narrated by al-Bukhari and Muslim

[3] Narrated by al-Nasa‘i

[4] Al-Ahzab 33.56

[5] Narrated by al-Suyuti

[6] Narrated by al-Tirmidhi and Ibn Hibban

[7] Narrated by Ahmad

On the Fifteenth night of Sha‘ban, it is recommended to say the du‘ā‘:

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّكَ عَفُوٌّ كَرِيمٌ تُحِبُّ الْعَفْوَ فَاعْفُ عَنِّي
اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ الْعَفْوَ وَالْعَافِيَةَ وَالْمُعَافَاةَ
الدَّائِمَةَ فِي الدِّينِ وَالدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ

Allahumma innaka Afūwun Karīmun tuhib ul afwa fa afu anni, Allahumma inni as aluka al-afū, wa al-ā‘fiyah wa al-muā‘fāt ad-da imah fi ad-dini wa ad-dunyā wa al-ākhirah.

O Allah, You are Pardoning and Generous and You love to pardon, so pardon me. O Allah, I ask You for pardoning, good health [in body], and to be [spiritually] health always in my religion, and in this life, and in the hereafter.

THE 15TH NIGHT OF SHA‘BAN,

Laylat-ul-Bara‘ah

Adapted from “the Sha‘ban Letter “ by Ustadh Amjad Tarsin

Related by Ibn ‘Umar, may Allah be well pleased with him and his father, that the Prophet, peace and mercy of Allah be upon him, said, “There are five nights on which du‘a’ is not turned back: Friday eve, on the eve of Rajab, the 15th night of Sha‘ban, Laylat Al-Qadr, and on the eve of the two ‘Eids.”

Other hadiths also describe the 15th night as being the night in which Allah decrees everyone’s provisions, even after-worldly provisions (Paradise, Hell), therefore it is important to bring that night to life through Prayer, reading Qur‘an, and repentance.

It is also highly recommended to read Surah Ya-Seen 3 times that night, each time with a specific intention:

1 The first time with the intention of Allah increasing the length of your life in worship and good deeds.

2 The second time with the intention of Allah protecting you from tribulations.

3 Lastly, with the intention of Allah not making you reliant on other people.

May Allah bless us all and the whole Ummah throughout this month and bless us even more in Ramadan.

UPCOMING EVENTS



السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكُمْ

◆ **ISSB WELCOME RAMDAN WORKSHOP** ◆

BY SHEIKHA SAJEDA ADAT

Saturday March 19th, 2022
2:00 pm – 3:30 pm
(For Women and Youth Girls)

RSVP @ <http://evite.me/>

Light Refreshments Provided

Time Sunday, Mar 20	Location Islamic Center Santa Barbara
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FREE ESL CLASSES
via SBCC


Spring (March 14 - Ma 14)
Contact: Afaf Turjoman
aturjoman@pipeline.sbcc.edu

ESL 3A (CRN 66689):
Mon-Thu 7:00- 9:15 pm
<https://sbcc.zoom.us/j/96939679029?pwd=K2hpMnF-2NUptZnArN2lxMGQyZ1QzUT09>
Meeting ID: 969 3967 9029
Passcode: afaf

ESL Student Success-ServeSafe (CRN 68389):
Sat 9:00 am- 2:00 pm
Eastside Library

Vocabulary (CRN 66730):
Tue, Thu 12:00 -2:30 pm
<https://sbcc.zoom.us/j/249023577?pwd=aUhdMDx-QUE1DTHF6RjZwOXBmL3JSdz09>
Meeting ID: 249 023 577
Password: afaf

Idioms (CRN 66752):
Tue, Thu 12:00 -2:30 pm
<https://sbcc.zoom.us/j/249023577?pwd=aUhdMDx-QUE1DTHF6RjZwOXBmL3JSdz09>
Meeting ID: 249 023 577
Password: afaf



WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB
Join the ladies of ISSB monthly to read, meet and discuss a book picked by the members. It's a potluck.

April Pick
"Al-Shama'il Al Nabawiyah The Sublime Qualities of the Prophet Muhammad" by Imam Al Tirmidhi
TIME: TBD
LOCATION: TBD

Email contactissb@gmail.com to join the WhatsApp group




MARIYAM
A WOMAN OF BETHLEHEM

MAR. 23-25
HAMMER THEATRE
SAN JOSE CALIFORNIA

LIVE-STREAM
MAR. 24-25

SJSU
HAMMER

"MARIYAM A Woman of Bethlehem" - Livestream play - Mar 23-24 from 7 PM. 75 min duration. Written by Victoria Rue, Professor Emerita of Comparative Religious Studies at San Jose State University and a Fulbright Scholar to Occupied Palestine '18-'19. The play came about as a way to address Islamophobia in the US. It is inspired by the perception of who Mary/Maryam is to several Palestinian Christian and Muslim women in 21st century Bethlehem. The play is enacted by two Palestinian actresses. Tickets are free but need to be reserved.



Imam Al-Tirmidhi

Al-Shama'il Al-Nabawiyah

The Sublime Qualities of the Prophet Muhammad

UPCOMING EVENTS

السلام عليكم



Children Iqra Class

Every Sunday
9:30am - 11:00am
At the Islamic center

This class is best suited for children ageing 4-6 years old, but all are welcome.
This class will focus on learning the basic Arabic alphabets and basic Islamic morals and values.

ISSB YOUTH
GAME Night



SATURDAY, MARCH 26TH
6:00 PM - @ Islamic Center of Santa Barbara

For Ages 12 and Older
(Junior high, High School, and College Students)

**PIZZA & ICE CREAM
WILL BE PROVIDED**

Please bring board games, card games, or any other games you enjoy!
Bring chips and snacks!



WEEKLY STORYTIME



SATURDAYS

10-11:30 AM

**LOCATION:
TBD**

CONTACT:
SHAYKH WAEL HEGAZY
wael_hegazy@ucsb.edu



HIFDH FOR KIDS

TIME: WEDNESDAYS & FRIDAYS (FROM 5:30 PM)

LOCATION: ZOOM

ISLAMIC SUNDAY SCHOOL

EVERY SUNDAY

TIME: STARTS AT 11 AM

LOCATION: ZOOM

CONTACT: SR RANA
(RANASALEM16.3@GMAIL.COM)



VOLUNTEER COMMITTEES

Send e-mail to contactissb@gmail.com if you're interested in connecting or serving any of these committees

ID	Committee Name	Description	Committee Head
1	Welcoming	Help newcomers to our community connect with resources	Mansoor Hossain
2	Community Support	Provide community members support during challenging times in life	Hussain Shakour
3	Communications General	General oversight of all the communications subcommittees	Mansoor Hossain
3a	Website	Maintain community website	Hendra Chendana
3b	Social Media, Graphic Design, Email	Communicate to community through different social media platforms	Sarah Nasir
3c	Photography	Capturing moments of our community	Gina Chendana
4	Social Events	Organize activities and events for SBCC community	Afshan Khan
5	ICSB Management	General masjid care and reservation management	Mansoor Hossain Martini Tahir
6	Healthcare	Provide guidance for community health issues	Ghada Khan
7	Higher Education (Undergrad-Grad)	Provide guidance & support for UCSB, SBCC students	Venus Nasri
8	K-12 Education	Provide guidance for K-12 education	Souheila Elkurjie
9	Islamic Education	Organize Islamic education and events for community	Wael Hijazi
10	Interfaith	Act as liasion between ISSB and other SB faith groups	Afaf Turjoman
11	Youth	Organize activities for our young members	Afshan Khan Maleeha Mustafa
12	Community Service	Represent ISSB through service to general SB community	Afaf Turjoman
13	Feeding Homeless	Feed the less fortunate members of society	Jamal & Saida Hamdani
14	Silver	Organize social engagement and integration activities for our elder members	Sarah Nasir



MONTHLY PRAYER SCHEDULE



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March 2022

DAY	Rajab	FAJR	SUNRISE	DHUHR	ASR (S) / (H)	MAGHRI	ISHA	MASJID IQAMA TIMES	
1 Tue	28	5:04 AM	6:27 AM	12:12 PM	4:15/3:27 PM	6:01 PM	7:05 PM	FAJR	5:30 am
2 Wed	29	5:03 AM	6:26 AM	12:11 PM	4:16/3:28 PM	6:02 PM	7:06 PM	DHUHR	1:15 pm
3 Thu	30	5:01 AM	6:25 AM	12:11 PM	4:17/3:28 PM	6:02 PM	7:06 PM	ASR	4:30 pm
4 Fri	Shaban	5:00 AM	6:23 AM	12:11 PM	4:17/3:28 PM	6:03 PM	7:07 PM	MAGHRIB	5 minutes after Adhan
5 Sat	2	4:59 AM	6:22 AM	12:11 PM	4:18/3:29 PM	6:04 PM	7:08 PM	ISHA	8:00 pm
6 Sun	3	4:57 AM	6:21 AM	12:11 PM	4:19/3:29 PM	6:05 PM	7:09 PM	FRIDAY (JUMMAH) PRAYERS Friday (Jumma) prayers held at the Santa Barbara Islamic Center (SBIC). Timings are from 1:20 pm to 1:50 pm. SBIC address is 302 N Los Carneros, Goleta, CA 93117	
7 Mon	4	4:56 AM	6:19 AM	12:10 PM	4:19/3:30 PM	6:06 PM	7:10 PM		
8 Tue	4	4:55 AM	6:18 AM	12:10 PM	4:20/3:30 PM	6:07 PM	7:11 PM		
9 Wed	5	4:53 AM	6:17 AM	12:10 PM	4:21/3:31 PM	6:07 PM	7:11 PM		
10 Thu	7	4:52 AM	6:15 AM	12:10 PM	4:21/3:31 PM	6:08 PM	7:12 PM		
11 Fri	8	4:51 AM	6:14 AM	12:09 PM	4:22/3:31 PM	6:09 PM	7:13 PM		
12 Sat	9	4:49 AM	6:13 AM	12:09 PM	4:23/3:32 PM	6:10 PM	7:14 PM		
13 Sun	10	5:49 AM	7:13 AM	1:09 PM	5:23/4:32 PM	7:10 PM	8:14 PM		
14 Mon	11	5:48 AM	7:11 AM	1:09 PM	5:23/4:32 PM	7:11 PM	8:15 PM		
15 Tue	12	5:47 AM	7:10 AM	1:08 PM	5:24/4:32 PM	7:11 PM	8:16 PM		
16 Wed	13	5:45 AM	7:09 AM	1:08 PM	5:24/4:33 PM	7:12 PM	8:16 PM	FAJR	6:00 am
17 Thu	14	5:44 AM	7:07 AM	1:08 PM	5:25/4:33 PM	7:13 PM	8:17 PM	DHUHR	1:15 pm
18 Fri	15	5:42 AM	7:06 AM	1:08 PM	5:25/4:33 PM	7:14 PM	8:18 PM	ASR	5:45 pm
19 Sat	16	5:41 AM	7:05 AM	1:07 PM	5:26/4:34 PM	7:15 PM	8:19 PM	MAGHRIB	5 minutes after Adhan
20 Sun	17	5:39 AM	7:03 AM	1:07 PM	5:27/4:34 PM	7:15 PM	8:20 PM	ISHA	8:45pm
21 Mon	18	5:38 AM	7:02 AM	1:07 PM	5:27/4:34 PM	7:16 PM	8:21 PM	Timetable gives prayer times for Santa Barbara. 5 minutes have been added to the sunset time. Prayer Times in Goleta or Carpinteria may vary by 2 or 3 minutes. Local Qibla is 8 degrees & 21 minutes towards East from Magnetic North Timetable is based on sun's depression angle at Fajr to be 18 degrees and 'Isha to be 15 degrees.	
22 Tue	19	5:36 AM	7:00 AM	1:06 PM	5:28/4:34 PM	7:17 PM	8:21 PM		
23 Wed	20	5:35 AM	6:59 AM	1:06 PM	5:28/4:35 PM	7:18 PM	8:22 PM		
24 Thu	21	5:33 AM	6:58 AM	1:06 PM	5:29/4:35 PM	7:19 PM	8:23 PM		
25 Fri	22	5:32 AM	6:56 AM	1:06 PM	5:29/4:35 PM	7:19 PM	8:24 PM		
26 Sat	23	5:31 AM	6:55 AM	1:05 PM	5:30/4:35 PM	7:20 PM	8:25 PM		
27 Sun	24	5:29 AM	6:54 AM	1:05 PM	5:30/4:36 PM	7:21 PM	8:26 PM		
28 Mon	25	5:27 AM	6:52 AM	1:05 PM	5:31/4:36 PM	7:22 PM	8:27 PM		
29 Tue	26	5:26 AM	6:51 AM	1:04 PM	5:31/4:36 PM	7:22 PM	8:27 PM		
30 Wed	27	5:24 AM	6:49 AM	1:04 PM	5:32/4:36 PM	7:23 PM	8:28 PM		
31 Thu	28	5:23 AM	6:48 AM	1:04 PM	5:32/4:36 PM	7:24 PM	8:29 PM		

Check for events and updates: www.islamsb.org

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

OBITUARY

1. Leticia Miramontes' (Leyla) mother passed away in February in Mexico. May Allah make ease this time of grief on her and her family.

CELEBRATIONS

Tariq Alam and Sarah Nasir welcomed their second child, Fayan Liam Alam, in February. They request everyone's duas for the baby and his older sister - Fiona Moonam Alam.



CLASSIFIED

HOUSING:

1. Female international student from Germany at UCSB is looking for housing & female housemates for mid-Mar to mid-Oct. Please contact gharimci@gmail.com .



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