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# Welcome

السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته

As we release this issue focused on the noble practice of Dawah, we pray that Allah guides you and your loved ones to engage deeply and meaningfully with others about our faith.

Thank you for your ongoing involvement and dedication to our community. Together, we hope to illuminate the path of Dawah for ourselves and for those around us, striving for excellence and unity in the year ahead.



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LANTERN  
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THEATER

PERFORMING OUR DEEN

# Hamza's Lighthouse

## a Drama

Alhuda Gym  
Friday August 16th,  
6:30pm



# Our Responsibility in Dawah

وَمَنْ أَحْسَنْ قَوْلًا مِّنْ دَعَا إِلَى اللَّهِ وَعَمِلَ صَالِحًا وَقَالَ إِنِّي مِنَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ

*Dawah*, the noble call to Islam, is a timeless duty bestowed upon us. It bridges hearts, inviting both Muslims and non-Muslims to the light of faith and understanding. Our role in dawah is not just a task but an honor, an opportunity to reflect the beauty of Islam through our actions and words.

As bearers of this message, our character is our strongest tool. Sometimes, we should listen and sometimes we should speak, and we must also know when to gracefully step back from a conversation.

## OMG-HI

A helpful method in dawah is the OMG-HI approach:

- O: *Oneness of God* - Emphasize the unity and uniqueness of Allah.
- M: *Messenger* - Share the life and teachings of Prophet Mohammad.
- G: *Guidance* - Highlight the wisdom found in the Quran and Sunnah.
- H: *Hereafter* - Discuss the importance of the life to come.
- I: *Invite* - Extend a sincere invitation to Islam.

The true essence of dawah lies not in the results but in the effort we put forth. Our duty is to convey the message, as Allah says in the Quran: “But if they turn away - then We have not sent you, [O Mohammad], over them as a guardian; upon you is only [the duty of] notification..”



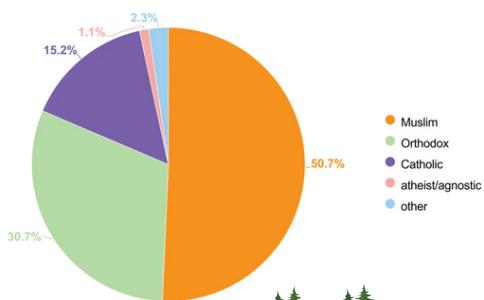
# Traveling the Muslim World



## Bosnia & Herzegovina

In the heart of the Balkans, there lies a resilient nation called Bosnia and Herzegovina. In 1995, the country faced unimaginable hardship during the genocide, a dark chapter in its history. Yet, Bosnia emerged stronger, a testament to the unwavering spirit of its people. Walking through Sarajevo's bustling bazaars, one can feel the pulse of a city that has rebuilt itself from ashes. In Mostar, the restored Stari Most bridge stands as a symbol of unity and hope. The tranquil village of Blagaj, with its serene Dervish monastery, reflects the enduring faith and beauty of our shared heritage.

### Religion ~51% Muslims



**3.2 Million (2022)**

### Capital City Sarajevo

### Official Languages Bosnian, Serbian, Croatian

### National Dish

**Mostarski čevapi:** a grilled dish made with minced beef and lamb

### Fun Facts

There are about 202 waterfalls in Bosnia and Herzegovina

They rank 10th in the world in terms of coffee consumption



## ● NEW EMAN SCHOOL BUILDING

By the will of Allah SWT then the generosity of the community we aquired the new Eman School building.

## ● AICI BOYS NIGHT

Fridays after Maghreb

## ● DAWAH BOOTH AT CARMEL FEST

We shared more about the truth and beauty of Islam with our neighbors on the July 3-4

## ● QIYAM NIGHT

July 27th | preceded with a halaqah on Muslims' role in building the Ummah.

## ● REVERT SISTERS QURAN CLASS

Tuesdays after Maghreb

## ● SHEIKH NASSER USOOL AL-FIQH

Thursdays after Maghreb

## ● SISTER'S QURAN CLUB

Wednesdays

# JULY

## *Past Events*

## ● ALHUDA SUMMER CAMP CLOSURE

After few weeks filled with learning, laughter, and spiritual growth the camp journey came to an end.

## ● FOOD PANTRY

July 13th & 27th

## ● KIDS QURAN PROGRAM

Every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday



## ISLAM IN THE HEART OF EUROPE

Historical overview of the Srebrenica massacre and its relevance to the current genocide in Gaza.



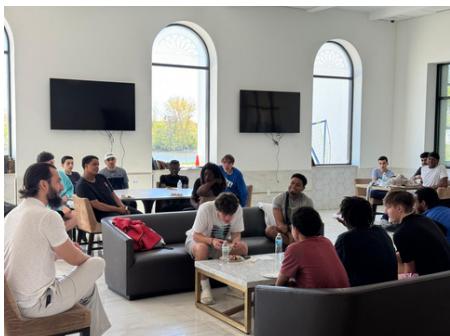
# Community Focus



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In a time where people tend to focus on divisions, the youth in Fishers, Indiana decided to chose unity and love for their neighbors. Alhuda Islamic Center of Indiana and Heartland Church decided to give back to their community. The youth of the two faith groups came together and voluntarily cleaned Holland park on a hot summer's day.

The day started with the volunteers meeting in the parking lot and then walking around the park with trash bags and gloves to pick up trash throughout the park. It took the group about 75 minutes to walk through the entire park.



There were many conversations that took place through the event ranging from favorite basketball players to the weather in Indiana. The program then moved to Alhuda Islamic Center of Indiana. There, the young high school students toured the mosque. Before sitting in a circle and cordially engaging in an interfaith discussion

The discussion was centered around a discussion about the 2 faiths. They engaged in learning more about each other's religions. Subsequently the dialogue resulted in a deep discussion about the belief systems. Both groups asked very important questions about their core tenants. Finally, the day ended with some basketball followed by food.

The goal of the activity was to come together and benefit the wider community. Ultimately the goal was achieved by the group. This interfaith event proved to the broader Fishers community that when we come together we can achieve anything. The group also formed long standing friendships.

**UMAIR MINHAS**

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# Introducing YACUB ISRAEL LEVI



## About Yacub

Yacub, originally named Israel Levi, is a dedicated father of five and a proud grandfather of two. At 47, he balances a demanding career as a truck driver, working 65 to 70 hours a week, with his pursuit of a degree in computer science through online college. Despite his hectic schedule, Yacub's commitment to his faith and community is admirable.

## Q&A

### What sparked your interest in learning about Islam?

Meeting kind and respectful Muslims sparked my curiosity. I researched and found a community with profound respect for God (Allah) and each other.

### What advice would you give to people interested in Islam?

Put aside preconceived notions and read the Quran. Talk to Muslims with an open mind and ask hard questions—Islam has answers for everything.  
May Allah guide you.

### What did you know of Islam before conversion?

I knew very little—just negative portrayals from media and Christian acquaintances.

### How was your journey of learning about Islam?

Life-changing. I'm still learning, but every question has been answered.

### How has October 7th affected you?

My heart is broken. It's hard to discuss with my Christian family, so I often feel lonely and shed many tears.

### What else would you like to mention?

Don't be shy in approaching new revert or those new to the masjid. They need support as they often return to families who don't understand their decision. We must help each other grow together.

# AUGUST

## Upcoming Events



### ESTEEM (HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS)

Fridays starting Aug 16 |  
5:30PM - 7:00PM

### JIU JITSU

► Every Wednesday after Asr

### ESTEEM (MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS)

Sundays starting Aug 11 |  
12:00PM - 1:30PM

### TAJWEED HALAQAH

► Every Monday after Maghrib

### ESTEEM (BOYS)

► Tuesdays starting Aug 13 |  
6:30PM - 8:00PM

### AICI BOYS NIGHT

► Every Friday after Maghreb

### REVERT SISTERS QURAN CLASS

► Every Tuesday after Maghrib

### KIDS QURAN PROGRAM

► Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday:  
4-7pm | Saturday: 10AM - 1PM

### PRE-MARITAL CLASS

► Visit our social media for  
updates on timings.

### TAFSEER HALAQAH

► Every Tuesday after Maghrib

### USOOL ALFIQH HALAQAH

► Every Tuesday after Maghrib

### FOOD PANTRY

► August 10th & 24th | 10AM - 1PM

### QIYAM NIGHT

► August 31st, after Isha

### JUMMAA TIMES

► Friday at 1:30PM, 3PM & 4PM

# Member Recognition

## AMANDA ADHAMAI

### About Amanda

Amanda Adhami, a 46-year-old Palestinian-Canadian-American, is married to Dr. Amr Sabry, and they have a blended family of 8 children. With a Masters in Social Work, she specializes in Substance Use and Gambling addictions. Amanda works as a Mental Health and Addictions counselor, teaches at IU Bloomington, and runs Crescent Counseling. She enjoys self-growth activities, Islamic and neuroscience lectures, organizing, and interior design.

### Amanda's Efforts

At AlHuda, Amanda provides skills training based on Islamic principles and evidence-based practices. She mentors college students and organizes volunteers for large events. The community can support her by participating in programs, volunteering, offering moral support, and sharing expertise and needs.

### A Memorable Experience

During Ramadan, Amanda led a youth group in distributing snack packs to the homeless, teaching them compassion and kindness.



### Her Thoughts About the Youth

Inspired by a deep sense of community and faith, Amanda aims to empower youth as the future of the Ummah. She addresses challenges like cultural sensitivity, stigma, and balancing roles by fostering understanding, raising awareness, and maintaining professional boundaries.

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I hope to build a resilient and supportive environment for everyone, strengthening faith and community bonds

### Vision for the Future

Amanda's goals include creating a mental health support network, fostering inclusivity, and developing programs to promote Islamic identity. She looks forward to more ESTEEM groups, mental health initiatives, and outreach programs.

**Amanda, your efforts do not go unnoticed, and we are honored to have people like you in our community.**

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