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In the blessed month of Shabaan ul Karim 1445H, Aqa Maula TUS graciously bestowed his blessings on Mississauga by sending his son, Hafizul Quran Shehzada Husain Bhai Saheb Burhanuddin Saheb to visit the mumineen of Mississauga, Canada. This short but immensely meaningful visit brought immeasurable happiness and spiritual upliftment to the hearts of mumineen. Shehzada Saheb's presence was marked by a series of impactful engagements and interactions, leaving an indelible mark on the community.





## Day 1 - Warm Welcome and Commencement

The arrival of Shehzada Saheb was met with great anticipation and enthusiasm. Mumineen gathered at the airport to extend a warm and heartfelt welcome.

Shehzada Saheb commenced his itinerary by attending various programs in Toronto, including a joint Toronto and Mississauga event 'Hiwaar' for Mumineen Professionals where he encouraged them to be business minded, echoing the teachings of Aqa Maula TUS.



## Day 2 - Engaging with the Community





The second day of Shehzada Saheb's visit was filled with profound engagements. Commencing with a spiritually enriching Haqeeqat Sabak for mumineen 35+ yrs of age. Many experienced this unique opportunity for the first time, describing it as life-changing. Subsequently, Shehzada Saheb proceeded to Kitchener Markaz to meet with mumineen, including college and university

students, who warmly expressed their gratitude on his visit and the blessings of the new markaz bestowed by Aqa Maula TUS. The day continued with a grand reception at the Mississauga Masjid, which included an energetic band performance by talented youngsters.



Following a brief rest at Darul Imarat, Shehzada Saheb presided over the '12 umoor presentations' by khidmatguzars of Mississauga and Toronto Jamaat. He attentively listened to the presentations, posed insightful questions, and provided encouragement, emphasizing achievements, and suggesting further ways to assist mumineen. Later, Shehzada Saheb visited the Mississauga Madrasa, where he observed the facilities and received a brief presentation from the Madrasa team. He offered valuable encouragement and feedback to the team.

In the evening, Shehzada Saheb engaged in 'Hiwaar' sessions with children aged 8 to 15 years and university/college-going students. They openly asked him questions, and he graciously responded in a simple and understandable manner, satisfying their curiosity and fostering a deeper connection.





## Day 3 - A Day of Generosity and Inspiration

On the final day, Shezada Saheb met with various dignitaries. He graciously engaged with stakeholders from Vaughan Hospital and Mississauga Food bank, who were recipients of Aqa Maula TUS' generous donations.

Particularly noteworthy was a meeting with local dignitaries, including Mississauga MP Rechie Valdez, the Minister of Small Business

of Canada. Amidst these engagements, he enjoyed a short but serene visit to Niagara Falls.

Following this, Shezada Saheb delivered a spiritually enlightening Waaz Mubarak at the Mississauga Masjid, commemorating the urus Mubarak of Maulatona al Hurrat al Maleka. His guidance deeply impacted mumineen and children, leaving a permanent mark on their hearts.

## Reflections and Gratitude

The visit of Shehzada Husain Bhai Saheb Burhanuddin left an enduring impact on us. As we eagerly await the auspicious visit of Aqa Maula TUS, our hearts overflow with gratitude and hope. May Allah TA grant a long life to Aqa Maula TUS, and may we continue to thrive under his benevolent shadow.

By Zainab M. Yamani



# From Amil Saheb's Desk

قال رسول الله صلح

وَقَرُّوا مَسَاجِدَكُمْ وَنَظَّفُوهَا، وَجَمَّرُوهَا فِي كُلِّ سَبْعَةِ أَيَّامٍ، وَضَعُوا فِيهَا الْمَطَاهِرَ

Rasulullah SAW states:

“Venerate your masjids, keep them clean, ensure that they are made fragrant with incense at least once every seven days and provide means of attaining tahaarat therein.”

When a person from a noble family visits his friend or loved one's home, he is expected to show respect and act virtuously which is a reflection of his good character and education.

Masjid is Allah Ta'aala's home where we gather to pray to Him, seek our heart's desires from His infinite bounties, and attain knowledge and wisdom from the teachings of His holy book, Al-Quran-al-Kareem, and His Awliyah Kiraam AS. It is with this lofty niyat that we come to this revered space. And it is this niyat that guides us on how we ought to behave and conduct ourselves so that we return home wiser.

Rasulullah SAW taught his followers twelve etiquettes (adaab) that are instilled in children from a young age. These etiquettes guide one's conduct in the masjid and inspire discipline and noble characteristics in a Mumin. Rasulallah SAW has ensured that each time a mumin visits the masjid he will return with values and ideals that will help him prosper in all aspects of life.

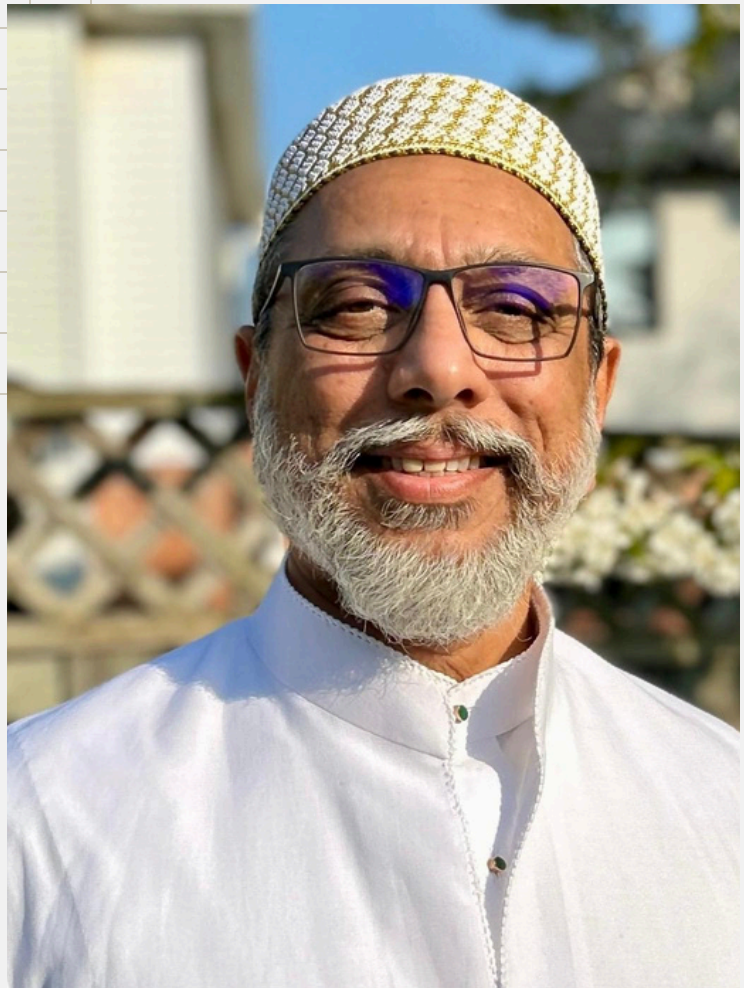
For a mumin, masjid is not merely a spot for obligatory prayer, but is a centre of learning and spiritual upbringing. By respecting and caring for its premises we are cleansing ourselves and ensuring that we and our generations to come can safeguard these values and morals and follow the path our forefathers have created throughout their lives.

May Allah Ta'aala grant us the wisdom and tawfeeq to respect the premises of our sacred masjid and may He reward us manifold by filling our homes with barakaat.



# SHOAIB BHAI SALIM

**The interview begins with a twist, as the interviewer becomes the interviewee for a brief moment as he starts his conversation with this witty gentleman.**



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## Shoeb bhai Salim: Why am I being Interviewed?

“The question you are asking is a standing proof of your humility and the selflessness with which you have, and continue to serve the community. Now it becomes all the way important to interview you”, - Mustafa Kubbawala

Our publication spotlights Umooor Amlak, and it is a fact that you were instrumental during the construction of the masjid.

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Tell us something about the challenges you faced and how you overcame those challenges.

It was an unimaginably mammoth task! It was an uncharted territory for all of us. From the outset, AEF Trustees decided to have a small committee in order to make quick and efficient decisions, the committee consisted of Amilsaheb (Janab Huzaifa BS Shujaee), M. Aziz bhai Rakla, and myself.





We had the decision making powers in terms of design, build awarding contracts, payments, color scheme, liasoning with Dawat Office in Mumbai, and everything else. However, we always kept the jamaat trustees updated. It was challenging in the beginning but ultimately we did it.

One of the major decisions we made was to do the construction on our own and not to make it a turn key project. We had to put our professional lives on the back burner, and throughout the day I was involved in the masjid project, without even thinking of the personal financial constraints it would cause. When I say everything, I literally mean everything - from architects to liasoning with the city to finances - everything.



Dealing with contractors was also a big challenge. It is a mafia. They are rough and aggressive professionals, and quite intimidating - now you can imagine how tough it would have been to make sure they fulfilled their commitments!

Another big challenge was that the city did not allow us to build the Darul Imarat within the masjid complex, due to zoning restrictions.

We appealed it, and the panel included the Councillors and Mayors, to whom we presented the reasoning as to why the Amilsaheb's residence is important, and has to be in the vicinity of the masjid. We also presented several existing masjid plans from the US, to validate our appeal. The Mayor supported us, and also quoted that Churches also have a Priest Residence. It was a victorious moment! The Zoning Law was amended.

If you look at the Masjid carefully, the material was sourced from all over the world. The ceremonial door was built in Pakistan, carpets were imported from Turkey and the chandeliers from China. The facade stones used on the exterior is from Jordan. However, contractors were sourced locally and the Calligraphy is also done locally.





## ***DO YOU THINK THERE ARE BIGGER CHALLENGES AFTER THE CONSTRUCTION?***

For sure, because of the weather and extensive use, the maintenance is high. The usage is three times more than what we had initially expected. There is something happening in the masjid almost everyday. It is very difficult to maintain it professionally so that it looks crisp and new all the time. And in doing that, a lot of finance is needed. We did not foresee this extensive use initially. FMB uses it everyday, and now we are struggling with storage - we literally have no space! Recently there were three events in one day, managing the kitchen - one can only imagine!

The deliveries are coming in everyday plus the unpredictable weather is challenging. We are planning to procure a building exclusively for the use of FMB.

It would not only help us maintain the masjid, but also facilitate people who pick up thalis.

Paint touch ups, HVAC equipment, maintenance of elevators, landscaping, parking lot maintenance, plumbing, electricals, faucets, and then over a thousand people come in, and they are expected to come in again the next day. And each time the premises have to be all clean and nice to welcome them. So much is done - mopping, vacuuming, garbage disposal, utensils, fridges, exhausts. I wish we all were a little more responsible on our part.



## ***WOULD YOU LIKE TO SHARE ANYTHING WITH OUR READERS THROUGH THIS PLATFORM?***

Yes, our masjid belongs to all of us. We should respect it, and avoid abusing it. I would humbly request everyone to not litter, open and shut the doors carefully, use the windows cautiously, and take care of it just the way you do your own home.

Alhamdulillah, we are doing good, the masjid looks as good as new even after five years. The quality of materials used and sophisticated engineering shows. Hopefully, with everyone's support we will always be able to keep it the way it is!

Interviewed by:  
Mustafa bhai Kubbawala







# The Transcendent Masjid Nazafat Project

Written by:  
Kumail bhai Tayebi



Masjid is a place for people to gather not only to nurture their spiritual well-being but also to foster a sense of unity and service. As part of Ohbat for Sherullah a major cleaning project, led by dedicated volunteers exemplifying the power of collective action and the spirit of giving back, was carried out during the Family-day long weekend.

With brooms and mops in hand and a shared commitment to maintaining a clean and welcoming environment, these volunteers embarked on a cleaning endeavor that went beyond just tidying up the complex. From scrubbing floors to dusting ledges, washing chandelier crystals to shampooing carpets, cleaning windows to removing stains on the walls.... every corner of the complex received the meticulous attention of these volunteers, who approached their task with enthusiasm and dedication.

The impact of this initiative extended far beyond the physical act of cleaning. It was a testament to the values of stewardship and service ingrained in our community. By giving their time and effort to beautify their Masjid, volunteers demonstrated their commitment to honoring and preserving the sacred space they hold so dear.

As the cleaning project concluded and the Masjid gleamed with renewed radiance, the volunteers stood back, their hearts full and spirits lifted.

In the end, the cleaning project was not merely a task to be completed but a testament to the transformative power of collective action and the enduring spirit of community.

Through their actions, the volunteers exemplified the timeless truth that when we come together in service, we are capable of creating profound and lasting change, both within our walls and beyond.







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# CURRENT EVENTS

## AQA MOULA TUS BETHAK



When it comes to Moula's TUS deedar and graceful nazar, there is never a time too late or too early to wake up.



Mumineen perform deedar and prayers in anticipation of Moula's TUS impending arrival to Mississauga.

## Iftaari







# Quran Haflat & Daur for Children

Following in the path of our Moula's decree to have one haafiz in each house, young farzando exhibit their love for our Moula TUS by reciting memorized surats in front of a large crowd.





Farzando gather in a circle to consolidate their hifz and be pillars of support for each other in preparation for the upcoming Quran Haflat.

A testament of our Moula's unconditional love for us is seeing boys and girls of all ages confidently reciting surats in front of AbdulQadir B.S.



The solemn face of Bhaisaab is enough to waiver one's confidence. But not for these farzando who are guided by the Quran's powerful and loving light.



# SEZ Mississauga Ijtemai Darees

## A successful experiment



The year 1445 has been a na'emat for **Shababul Eidiz Zahabi Mississauga**. We saw Shabab build and grow over the years and this year come up with various initiatives, activities and khidmats, thanks to our members, their enthusiasm and the initiatives they bring along.

One such initiative, was the *Ijtemai Darees* organized with the *niyat* of tashreef aawri of Aqa Maula Syedna Aali Qadr Mufaddal Saifuddin TUS and the *iftitah* of the Mississauga masjid. The darees was held on 9th February 2024 / 30mi rajab with the theme: **Maulana Ali ni Tasbeeh**.

The concept wasn't new, but the execution, target population and the fear of failure was. And to be honest, we weren't even sure how everything would pan out. But with each passing day, things kept falling into place. And that's when we realized; when the *niyat* of doing something is so pure, things will just end up finding a way.

Mumineen mardo wholeheartedly participated in this darees and we saw a resounding participation of 300 + people attend the darees that day. This was all only possible with the support of Janab Amilsaheb Sh. Behlah Bhai, who guided us through and helped us plan, organize and execute a wonderfully, flawless event. The feedback from every attendee was very warm and positive and the members of SEZ Mississauga were beyond humble and thankful with the response to the darees and the feedback to the entire event.

We look forward to doing this every year and InshaAllah seeing Aqa Maula in Mississauga doing the *iftitah* of the masjid very soon. Ameen.



Written by:  
Hunaid bhai Vahanvaty

# Survivin' Summer Down Yonder

With Qasim Sawyer and Hussain bhai Finn



There ain't nothing like it to stir up a bit of adventure in the hearts of young'uns. So gather 'round, folks, as I spin you a yarn about how to entertain those rascals without resorting to the evil contraptions of smartphones and whatnot.

First off, if you've got a patch of grass out yonder, why not pitch a tent? Let the young'uns camp out under the stars for a spell. Just mind you don't leave that tent up too long, lest you want your lawn looking like the residue after a flood in the desert!

Well, would you look at that! There's an idea worth ponderin'. Consider shipping them young'uns off to one of them hifz camps? A place where they can dive headfirst into Ibaadat. Whether it's a quick jaunt for a day or a proper week or more, entrustin' the task of wranglin' their boundless energy to them Muhafizeen might just be the personification of two birds one stone.

And what about them stars up above? Why, fetch yourselves some astronomy books from the library, head out to a spot with less light pollution, and gaze upon the heavens like you're pondering life's greatest mysteries. Being silent in the wilderness may help them practice staying quiet between the two Faraz at namaz in the masjid.



But let's not forget about the wonders of nature closer to home. Pick up some books on native plants and bugs, then go out and hunt 'em down like explorers on safari. The one who snags the most critters gets to choose the flick for a summer movie night.

Washing the family motor isn't just a chore, it's a hoot! Gives the young'uns a proper workout, teaches 'em a thing or two 'bout cleanliness and takin' charge. And who knows, they might even get themselves a good soak in the bargain! It's a win-win, really clean car, cleaner children.

Why, turnin' chores into cold, hard cash ain't half a bad idea! Set the young'uns to task, offer 'em a few coins for their troubles. Teaches 'em the worth of an honest day's work and puts a penny or two in their pockets. Plus, it's a right relief for the folks and gives them kids a taste of the business world.

Now, out west, they've got them national parks and monuments with guided hikes aplenty. Let them rangers show you the lay of the land—it's like having your own personal tour guide through nature's finest handiwork.

And when it comes time to declutter, why not make a game of it? Eid in July, they call it. Sort through them decorations like you're sifting for gold, and in exchange for a tidy-up, let each young'un choose a prize worth its weight in gold.

So there you have it, folks—adventures galore without a screen in sight! Now, who's ready to brave the great outdoors like the pioneers of old?

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# CUISINE

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## No Half Cups Tea Cake

How has it already been one year of creating and sharing? We've made chicken patties from childhoods in Karachi, sugar-free halwas for the loved ones jaine sugar che, and divulged into the intricacies of the humble date ball. Honourable mention for the carrot soup, which many of you tried and appreciated so kindly!

For this edition, I wanted to create a special recipe that could be celebrated in my favourite way, with amazing people and an even more amazing cup of chai. I often coin myself as the cookie monster (cookies really do have my heart), BUT when it comes to a piping hot cup of perfectly cooked chai, I crave something a bit more delicate and nuanced, like a light, slightly nutty, and subtly sweetened tea cake. And throw in a touch of saffron and I am absolutely done for!



So this cake my friends, is not my recipe, it is yours, your mummy's, your cousins, your neighbours, your friends, and really anyone you wish to share a cup of tea with. But only full cups, none of this half cup business here. This recipe is for all of you, and I hope it elevates your next tea party, dawlat, or casual get together to the next level! Thank you for letting me into your kitchen and your hearts and I hope to continue sharing all my culinary dreams and adventures with you for many editions to come!



## Method

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees and grease a 9" round pan
- Warm up the ¼ cup of milk with the saffron and set it aside to steep
- Whip together butter, sugar and vanilla until it becomes fluffy
- Reduce the mixer speed and add one egg at a time slowly (this is important and will affect the texture of your cake)
- Reduce mixer to the lowest speed and add in the sifted flour, baking powder and salt until just combined (do not overmix)
- With a silicone spatula, fold in the ¼ cup of almond meal and 2 tbsps of the saffron infused milk
- Pour batter into a pan and bake for 35-40mins
- Once cake is baked, let it cool a little but not completely and de-pan it onto your serving plate.
- With a pastry brush, brush the remainder of the saffron infused milk over the cake.
- Lightly sprinkle the chopped badam pista along the border of the cake
- Fill the chai cups to the brim and serve the cake warm.



## Ingredients

- 2 sticks softened unsalted butter 200g
- ¾ cup sugar
- 2 tsp vanilla bean paste
- 4 eggs (room temperature)
- 1.5 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/4 cup natural almond meal
- 1 tbsp baking powder
- ½ tsp salt
- ¼ cup of milk
- 2 generous pinches of saffron
- 2-3 Tbsp chopped badam pista

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