



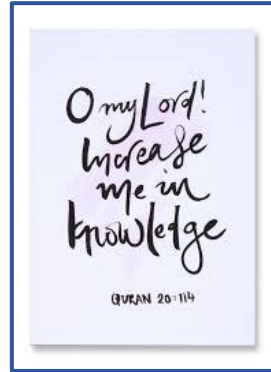
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ALI Mission Statement

The Academy for Learning Islam (A.L.I.) is a registered charity (BN 88712 9815 RR00001) committed to teaching and explaining the religious tenets, history and practices of Islam according to the Shī'ah Ithnā 'Asharī school of thought.

ALI aims to promote holistic growth of the individual. It provides practical religious inspiration that help to appreciate the beauty and practicality of Islam. Courses and activities cover religious and spiritual topics, nutrition and physical health, as well as emotional issues that play an important role in personal well-being and self-development. ALI also offers insights into the rich heritage of Islam through art courses and retreat activities.

Besides arranging and conducting short Islamic courses, ALI undertakes a number of projects on gathering, compiling and translating Islamic literature that has come to us in the form of Hadith and Sīrah of the Fourteen Ma'sūmīn (a). This literature is posted on ALI website for the benefit of general public.

ALI Instructors and teachers share their expertise in their specific areas with their students.

Disclaimer: The Academy for Learning Islam (A.L.I.) carries out appropriate due diligence on personnel it engages to run its programs. However, it is not responsible for the veracity of the information or material presented by any instructor or volunteer working for ALI and eventually posted on our site.



Hadith Database Project (HDP)

The objective of the Hadith Database Project (HDP) is to make Hadiths by the Holy Prophet (s) and his Ahlul Bayt (a) accessible to the English-speaking community. Currently there are over 32,000 Hadiths stored on the database. The Hadith Database uses books which are popular with Shi'ī Muslims and relies on the compilers to verify the *sanad* and authenticity of the traditions. Currently, the following texts (partial or entire) are on the database, *Ghurrar Al-Hikam*, *Mīzān Al-Hikmah*, *Nahjul Balāgha*, *Mu'jam Al-Hadith Al Mu'tabarah*.

The target audience for this project are Madrasah teachers, young speakers, and the community at large. The website can currently be accessed simply by using any computer/smart phone with an internet connection. There are plans to add additional books of Hadith such as *Tuhafal 'Uqūl* of al-Harrānī, *Al-Āmālī* of al-Mufīd, *Mishkāt al-Anwār* of al-Tabarsī and *al-Khisāl* of al-Sadūq. The team is looking for volunteers worldwide particular to assist with outreach and advertising.

Knowing the Ma'sūmīn Workbooks

The *Knowing the Ma'sūmīn* workbooks have been designed to help children become familiar with the greatness of The Ma'sūmīn, i.e. the Fourteen Infallible, which include Prophet Muhammad (s), his daughter Bibi Fātima and the Twelve Imams – may the Divine Peace be with all of them. Each book includes biographical details, their teachings, their companions, their legacy, as well as other details about them. The objective of the books is to inform as well as instill love and respect for the Ma'sūmīn in the hearts of children. A variety of creative activities and puzzles are combined to make each workbook an engaging learning experience for children. So far ALI has published workbooks on Imam Ali, Bibi Fātima, Imam Hasan, Imam Husayn, Imam Zaynul 'Ābidīn, Imam al-Bāqir, Imam al-Sādiq and Imam al- Kāzim, *'alayhimus salām*.

Digital copies of Workbooks

The digital copies the Workbooks can be bought at nominal price from www.academyofislam.com/publications





ALI Fees Policy

Please note our policy on Fees and Donations

- 1) No fees are charged for online courses and webinars. Participants are welcome to donate any amount via www.academyofislam.com/donate/ Canadian residents will receive Tax Receipts for donations of \$20.00 and over.
- 2) Nominal fees are charged for onsite/in-class courses to cover rental and other incidental expenses.
- 3) All fees are payable on or before the first day of the course. We urge the participants to cooperate in this regard.
- 4) Please pay when you register at www.academyofislam.com/registration/ or e-transfer to academyofislam@gmail.com with a question: ‘What is the name of the 1st Imam?’ Answer is well known to the Shi’ah of Imam Ali (a). Cash will not be accepted.
- 5) Anyone who cannot afford to pay all, or part of the fees can still register and participate. Email to academyofislam@gmail.com asking for exemption and you will InshāAllah receive confirmation within 48 hours.

Venue for Onsite classes

All classes will be held at the Jaffari Community Center, 9000 Bathurst Street, Thornhill, ON L4J 8A7. Exact room numbers will be available from alioutreach@gmail.com before courses begin or from respective teachers/instructors.



ALI 2019-2020 courses at a glance

Fall 2019 Term

Fall 2019: Onsite/In-class courses		
ALI 506: Ahlul Bayt and the Family	Oct 22-Nov 5	T. Kassamali
ALI 510: Building a strong family	Nov 12-26	S. Jaffer
ALI 523: Mandala Art	Nov 5-26	S. Hassanali
Fall 2019: Online courses and Webinars		
ALI 503: Arbaeen Ziyarat	Sept 28	H. Kassamali
ALI 524: Arbaeen: Civilizational Perspective	Oct 2	A. Dharsi
ALI 525: Virtuous Character	Nov 12-26	Dr. I. Jaffer
ALI 526: Nutritional Strategies to ease anxiety	Nov 27	A. Allidina
ALI 527: Socio-Political role of the Ahlul Bayt. Part 1	Dec 4 and 11	M. Kassamali
ALI 528a and 528b: Intelligence and Managing Emotions	Dec 3 and 10	T. Kassamali
Fall 2019: Quran Appreciation courses		
ALI 519: QA Ages 7-9	Sept 20-Dec 13	S.J. Fazal
ALI 520: QA Ages 10-12	Sept 20-Dec 13	N. Remtulla
ALI 521: QA Girls ages 13-16	Sept 20-Dec 13	N. D. Datoo
ALI 522: QA Boys ages 13-16	Oct 10-Dec 19	Amin Kermali



ALI 2019-2020 courses at a glance

Winter 2020 Term

Winter 2020: Onsite/In-class courses		
ALI 529: Drawing from Nature	Jan 20-Feb 10	Alina Juma
ALI 530: Ahlul Bayt and Family - II	Feb 4-18	T. Kassamali
ALI 531: Themes from Surat al-Kahf	Feb 5-19	Dr. H. Khimjee
Winter 2020: Online courses and Webinars		
ALI 532: <i>Nahjul Balagha</i> for children	Jan 11 and 18	F. Mohamedali
ALI 533: Debunking Nutrition Myths	Jan 25	F. Ajwani
ALI 534: Human Rights	Feb 4 - 18	Dr. I. Jaffer
ALI 535: Islamic Ethical Philosophy	Feb 8-22	F. Meghji
ALI 536a& 536b: Motivating the Self	Jan 21 & 28	T. Kassamali
ALI 537: Etiquette of Ziyaarat	Feb 29	H. Kassamali
Winter 2020: Quran Appreciation courses		
ALI 538: QA Ages 7-9	Jan 10-Apr 3	S.J. Fazal
ALI 539: QA Ages 10-12	Jan 10-Apr 3	N. Remtulla
ALI 540: QA Girls ages 13-16	Jan 10-Apr 3	N.D.Datoo
ALI 541: QA Boys ages 13-16	Jan 9-Apr 2	A.Kermali



ALI 2019-2020 courses at a glance

Spring 2020 Term

Spring 2020: Onsite/In-class courses		
ALI 542: Getting along with in-laws	Mar 3-17	M. Hassan
ALI 543: Ahlul Bayt and Family - III	Mar 24 and 31	T. Kassamali
ALI 544: Living the Quran as a family	Apr 7-21	S. Jaffer
Spring 2020: Online courses and Webinars		
ALI 545: Socio-Political role of the Ahlul Bayt - II	Mar 18 and 25	M. Kassamali
ALI 546: Creative Quran Teaching	Apr 1	N.D. Dattoo and S. Juma
Spring 2019 – Quran Appreciation courses		
ALI 547: QA Ages 7 – 9	Apr 10-24 May 29-Jun 19	S.J. Fazal
ALI 548: QA Ages 10 -12	Apr 10-24 May 29-Jun 19	N. Remtulla
ALI 549: QA Girls ages 13 – 16	Apr 10-24 May 29-Jun 19	N.D. Dattoo
ALI 550: QA Boys ages 13 -16	Apr 9-23 May 28-Jun 18	Amin Kermali

Summer 2020 Term

Summer 2020: Hajj Webinars		
ALI 551: Preparations for Hajj	Jun 27	H. Kassamali
ALI 552: Hajj Rules for ladies	Jun 27	T. Kassamali
Summer day Camp, ages 6-13	July 6-10 and 13-17	



Fall 2019 Term Onsite/In-class Courses

ALI 506: The Ahlul Bayt and Family Relationships (for women)

The holy Ahlul Bayt were excellent examples for believers. This course will look at how the Prophet (s) emphasized certain Akhlāq and Ādāb for harmony in the family.

Instructor: Sr. Tahera Kassamali

Schedule: 3 Tuesdays Oct 22-Nov 5, 2019; 10.30 a.m.- 12 noon.

Fees: \$30 payable upon registration.

ALI 510: Building a Spiritually Strong Family Unit (for women)

In today's age of technology and fast-paced lifestyles, there are critical building blocks that Islam promotes for a strong family unit. This course will discuss increasing spirituality, understanding various roles, and reducing distractions in light of building this strong family unit.

Instructor: Sr. Sabiha Jaffer

Schedule: 3 Tuesdays Nov 12-26, 2019; 10.30 am-12.00 noon.

Fees: \$30 payable upon registration

ALI 523: Mindfulness with Mandalas

Mandalas are intricate and repetitive patterned artworks that are great for practicing mindfulness. This course involves learning how to create zentangle and mandala patterns.

The first aspect of the course will involve students practicing mandala and zentangle patterns. The second part involves participants creating artwork based on the styles they have learned and practiced.

If you have taken a mandala class with ALI before, this course will provide you with more complex designs to learn and practice, as well as teach you how to create your designs on apparel and accessories.

Instructor: Sr. Sakina Hassanali

Schedule: 4 Tuesdays Nov 5-26, 2019; 8.00-9.30 pm.

Fees: \$40 payable upon registration.



Fall 2019 Term Online Courses and Webinars

Note: The online classroom will open 10 minutes before the session begins. If you prefer listening to the presentation without viewing the slides call 1-437-886-9122 and enter using PIN 037 7588#. All timings are for Toronto, Ontario. Please get corresponding timing for your local city/town. **Please register through the ALI website – www.academyofislam.com**

ALI 503: Arbaeen Ziyaarat

This webinar will discuss the importance and etiquette of pilgrimage to Najaf, Karbala, Kazimayn and Samarra. The course will focus on connecting spiritually to the Imams who are visited and the main *adab* of Ziyārat. Practical issues such as Salāt in the airplane, performing wudhū made easy, and complete or shortened (*qasr*) prayers in Iraq will also be covered.

Instructor: Sh. Hasanayn Kassamali

Schedule: Saturday Sept 28, 2019; 2.30 – 4.00 pm Toronto time.

ALI 524: Arbaeen - a civilizational perspective towards a God-centered global society

The annual commemoration of the fortieth of the martyrdom of the Martyrs of Karbala embodies a 'latent' energy of spiritual and civilizational proportions. It lays the groundwork for cultural, moral, social and political transformation of humanity. In this course, we hope to explore the multiple dimensions of human potential activated in the event of 'Arbaeen' and study textual and spiritual sources on how to navigate through and enhance the personal and social experience of this glorious gathering.

Instructor: Sh. Assad Dharsi

Schedule: Wednesday Oct 2, 2019; 8.30-10.30 pm Toronto time.

ALI 525: Cultivating a Virtuous Character

This course will study the Quran and Hadith's stance on the necessity of virtue ethics as well as the contemporary obstacles people face in attaining these ideals (materialism, scientism, individualism, etc). The course will give participants some practical tips to cultivating a virtuous character (understanding the transformative power of prayers, *dhikr*, fasting, etc.).

Instructor: Dr. Irfaan Jaffer

Schedule: 3 Tuesdays Nov 12-26, 2019; 8.30-9.30 pm Toronto time.

ALI 526: Nutritional Strategies to Ease Anxiety

Coping with anxiety can be a challenge and often requires making lifestyle changes. There aren't any diet changes that can cure anxiety, but watching what you eat can make a profound impact in easing anxiety. In this webinar, you will learn what the current research says about our food and the impact on our mood. You will also learn the specific foods and nutrients you should include to manage anxiety and depression.

Instructor: Sr. Anar Allidina

Schedule: Wednesday Nov 27, 2019; 8.30-9.30 pm Toronto time.

ALI 527: The Socio-Political Role of the Ahlul Bayt – Part 1

Under the difficult and oppressive kingdoms that ruled the Muslim world during the lives of Ahlul Bayt (a) it would have been easy for the Shī'ah community to have been eradicated. Yet due to the tireless and blessed efforts of the Ma'sūmīn (a) this community remained and in fact grew stronger as time passed, like a pure current of water passing through filthy waters. This course will expound on these efforts in the period after the demise of the noble Prophet (s)

Instructor: Br. Muhammad Mahdi Kassamali

Schedule: 2 Wednesdays Dec 4-11, 2019; 8.30-9.30 pm Toronto time.

ALI 528a and 528b: Intelligence and Managing Emotions

Regulating personal emotions requires wisdom and discipline. This course will look at Quranic verses and hadith that discuss human emotions and how to control them.

Instructor: Sr. Tahera Kassamali

Schedule: **528a:** 2 Tuesdays Dec 3 & 10, 2019; 3.00-4.00 pm. Toronto time.

528b: 2 Tuesdays Dec 3 & Dec 10, 2019; 8.30-9.30 pm. Toronto time.



Fall 2019 Term Quran Appreciation courses for children

All children's courses will be held at Jaffari Community Center are a joint effort between ISIJ of Toronto and ALI.

Quran Appreciation offers:

- Child friendly Quran Learning
- Reading Arabic text with simple translation and exercises
- Studying the context and stories of the passage under discussion
- Memorizing select verses of the Quran
- Learning relevant Hadiths on the Quranic passage
- Fun and engaging activities on the Quran

Visit our website at <https://www.academyofislam.com/resources/quran/quran-appreciation/> for information on previous Quran Appreciation courses.

Fees are payable at the time of registration on ALI website. Anyone who cannot register or pay the entire fees may e-transfer to academyofislam@gmail.com. Cash will not be accepted.



Fall 2019 Term Quran Appreciation courses for Children

ALI 519: Quran Appreciation, ages 7-9 years

Instructor: Sr. Sukaina Jaffer-Fazal

Schedule: Fridays Sept 20–Dec 13 2019; 4:15 – 5:15 pm.

Fees: \$60 payable upon registration.

ALI 520: Quran Appreciation, ages 10-12 years

Instructor: Sr. Nasifa Remtulla

Schedule: Fridays Sept 20–Dec 13 2019; 4:15 – 5:15 pm.

Fees: \$60 payable upon registration.

ALI 521: Quran Appreciation, girls ages 13-16 years

Instructor: Sr. Najma Dhala-Datoo

Schedule: Fridays Sept 20–Dec 13 2019; 4:15 – 5:15 pm.

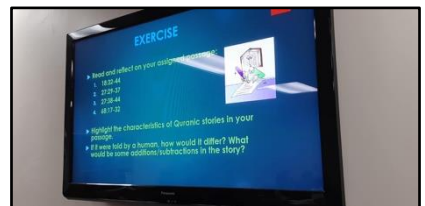
Fees: \$60 payable upon registration.

ALI 522: Quran Appreciation, boys ages 13-16 years

Instructor: Br. Amin Kermali

Schedule: Thursdays Oct 10–Dec 19, 2019; 7.15 - 8.15 pm. (Timings and dates may be adjusted for Salāt/Islamic occasions)

Fees: \$60 payable upon registration.





Winter 2020 Term Onsite/In-class courses

ALI 529: Drawing from Nature: A course for beginners/intermediate

In this new Islamic art course, students will be exploring the world of graphite pencils. They will examine the beautiful designs and textures in Nature whilst learning to draw realistic impressions of them. This is a great way to improve all types of art skills such as observation, composition and shading. InshāAllah the goal of this course is to expand appreciation for the amazing signs around us and give students a good foundation in art theory and practise. By the end of the course, students will be more confident to recreate realistic artworks in graphite and beyond.

Instructor: Sr. Alina Juma

Schedule: 4 Mondays Jan 20-Feb 10, 2020; 8.30-10.00 pm.

Fees: \$40 payable upon registration.

ALI 530: The Ahlul Bayt and Family Relationships

(for women only)

The holy Ahlul Bayt taught believers how to strengthen and enhance their family relationships. This course will study what we know of the marriage of Imam Ali (a) and Bibi Fatima (a) and their family relationships.

Instructor: Sr. Tahera Kassamali

Schedule: 3 Tuesdays Feb 4-18, 2020; 10.30 am - 12.00 noon.

Fees: \$30 payable upon registration.

ALI 531: Themes from Sūrat al-Kahf

This course will discuss the *ahādith* from A'imma (a) and general guidance elaborated by the *mufassirīn* about the 18th Surah of the Quran, including the benefits of the Surah. We will cover three narratives: 1) The Inhabitants of the Cave in verses 9 - 26, 2) Nabi

Musa meeting Khidr in verses 60 -82, and 3) the story of Dhul Qarnayn in verses 83 -98.

Instructor: Dr. Husein Khimjee

Schedule: 3 Wednesdays Feb 5, 12 & 19, 2020; 4:15-5:15 pm.

Fees: \$30 payable upon registration.



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ALI 532: *Nahjul Balagha* for children

This online course will introduce children to the wisdom in *Nahjul Balāgha*. Students will study excerpts from the Khutbas and look at various hadith that talk about God consciousness and good character.

Instructor: Sr. Fatima Siddiqa Mohamedali

Schedule: 2 Saturdays Jan 11 and 18, 2020; 11.00 am – 12 noon Toronto time.

ALI 533: Debunking Nutrition Myths

Understanding what to eat for optimal health and well-being is so important. However, nutrition information in news headlines, on the internet, on social media, and even from well-meaning friends can be very confusing. What's real and what's just hype? This webinar will help you separate fact from fiction when it comes to current nutrition trends such as keto, intermittent fasting, gluten free foods, juicing, plant-based foods, healthy fats, detox and more.

Instructor: Sr. Fatim Ajwani

Schedule: Saturday Jan 25, 2020; 11.00 am – 12 noon Toronto time.

ALI 534: Human Rights & their Relationship to Islamic Tradition.

This course looks at the rise of human rights and its understanding of concepts such as truth, justice, freedom, and equality. It compares these views to those expressed in the Quran and Hadith, as well as those found in (pre-modern) Islamic societies. Through this comparison, participants will gain a deeper understanding of human rights and their relationship to Islam, as well as some of the contemporary issues facing Muslims today.

Instructor: Dr. Irfaan Jaffer

Schedule: 3 Tuesdays Feb 4-18, 2020; 8.30-9.30 pm Toronto time.

ALI 535: Islamic Ethical Philosophy (applied to feminism)

In this module, we will explore the importance of ethical philosophy in understanding how we see the world. In an era of post-modernism navigating modern issues like feminism and women's rights can be confusing. The course will attempt to dissect these different ethical foundations in a critical and meaningful manner, giving the student the tools to analyse and ask critical questions about the world we live in and the complications behind right and wrong.

Instructor: Sr. Fatemah Meghji

Schedule: 3 Saturdays Feb 8-22, 2020; 1:00 – 2:30 pm Toronto time.

ALI 536a & 536b: Motivating the Self

Motivation is the root of human progress or regress in the spiritual journey. We will look at different components of motivation and how a believer energizes internal motivation to move forward.

Instructor: Sr. Tahera Kassamali

Schedule:

536a: 2 Tuesdays Jan 21 & 28, 2019; 3.00- 4.00 pm. Toronto time.

536b: 2 Tuesdays Jan 21 & 28, 2019; 8.30-9.30 pm. Toronto time.

ALI 537: Etiquette of Ziyārat

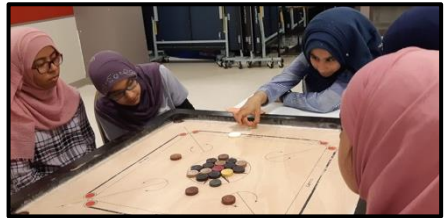
We plan to cover the *fadhilat* (merits) and *ādāb* (etiquette) of ziyārat to Iraq and Iran. Through pilgrimage how can one connect spiritually with the Holy souls? Practical issues such as Salat in the airplane, performing wudhu with spray bottle, and complete or shortened (*qasr*) prayers in Iraq will also be discussed.

Instructor: Sh. Hasanayn Kassamali

Schedule: Saturday Feb 29, 2020; 10.45 am–12.00 noon Toronto time.

ALI Day Camp in Summer 2019

(see report on pages 24-25)





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ALI 538: Quran Appreciation, ages 7-9 years

Instructor: Sr. Sukaina Jaffer-Fazal

Schedule: Fridays Jan 10-Apr 3, 2020; 4.15-5.15 pm (no class during March break)

Fees: \$60 payable upon registration.

ALI 539: Quran Appreciation, ages 10-12 years

Instructor: Sr. Nasifa Remtulla

Schedule: Fridays Jan 10-Apr 3, 2020; 4.15-5.15 pm (no class during March break)

Fees: \$60 payable upon registration.

ALI 540: Quran Appreciation, girls ages 13-16 years

Instructor: Sr. Najma Dhala-Datoo

Schedule: Fridays Jan 10-Apr 3, 2020; 4.15-5.15 pm (no class during March break)

Fees: \$60 payable upon registration.

ALI 541: Quran Appreciation, boys ages 13-16 years

Instructor: Br. Amin Kermali

Schedule: Thursdays Jan 9-April 2, 2020; 7.15 -8.15 pm (no class during March break. Timings and dates may be adjusted for Salāt/Islamic occasions)

Fees: \$60 payable upon registration.



Spring 2020 Term Onsite Courses/In-class courses

ALI 542: Welcome to the family: getting along with in-laws

Many couples, young and old, struggle with “in-law issues” in some way or form. Women especially, find that different perspectives, daily conflicts and expectations on both sides make this relationship a challenge.

In this course, we will discuss:

- Why it is in your best interest to work on your relationship with your in-laws
- How to manage negative feelings that you may have
- Common sources of conflict and the root cause of most conflict
- Five practices for getting along

Instructor: Sr. Marzia Hassan

Schedule: 3 Tuesdays Mar 3-17, 2020; 10.30 am-12.00 noon.

Fees: \$30 payable upon registration.

ALI 543: The Ahlul Bayt and Family Relationships (for women)

The holy Ahlul Bayt worked with their family members to serve the community. This course will look at the lives of Imams and the support of their family members in their mission.

Instructor: Sr. Tahera Kassamali

Schedule: 2 Tuesdays Mar 24 and 31, 2020; 10.30 am-12.00 noon.

Fees: \$20 payable upon registration.

ALI 544: Living the Quran as a Family (for women)

The Holy Quran is a blueprint for all aspects of life. This course will look at the various roles within the family through the Quranic/Traditional lens. It will also discuss the importance of having a strong connection with the Quran and living the Quran on a day to day basis as a family.

Instructor: Sr. Sabiha Jaffer

Schedule: 3 Tuesdays Apr 7-21, 2020; 10.30 am-12.00 noon.

Fees: \$30 payable upon registration.



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ALI 545: The Socio-Political Role of the Ahlul Bayt – Part 2

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Instructor: Br. Muhammad Mahdi Kassamali

Schedule: 2 Wednesdays Mar 18 and 25, 2020; 8.30-9.30 pm Toronto time.

ALI 546: Creative Quran Teaching

This course is designed to help you make the reading and understanding of the Quran more interactive and appealing. Discover ideas on Quran Journaling, Quran Group Study, Memorization techniques, cross-referencing and more. Bring the Quran to life for you and your family in this exciting webinar.

Instructors: Sr. Najma Dhala-Datoo and Sr. Sabira Juma

Schedule: Wednesday April 1, 2020; 8.30-9.30 pm Toronto time.



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ALI 547: Quran Appreciation, ages 7-9 years

Instructor: Sr. Sukaina Jaffer-Fazal

Schedule: Fridays Apr 10-24, May 29-Jun 19, 2020; 4.15-5.15 pm.

Fees: \$40 payable upon registration.

ALI 548: Quran Appreciation, ages 10-12 years

Instructor: Sr. Nasifa Remtulla

Schedule: Fridays Apr 10-24, May 29-Jun 19, 2020; 4.15-5.15 pm.

Fees: \$40 payable upon registration.

ALI 549: Quran Appreciation, girls ages 13-16 years

Instructor: Sr. Najma Dhala-Datoo

Schedule: Fridays Apr 10-24, May 29-Jun 19, 2020; 4.15-5.15 pm.

Fees: \$40 payable upon registration.

ALI 550: Quran Appreciation, boys ages 13-16 years

Instructor: Br. Amin Kermali

Schedule: Thursdays Apr 9-23, May 28-Jun 18, 2020; 7.15-8.15 pm
(Timings and dates may be adjusted for Salāt/Islamic occasions)

Fees: \$40 payable upon registration.



Summer 2020 Term

Hajj 1441 webinars

ALI 551: Preparations for Hajj 1441

The webinar will assist in preparing for Ziyārat to Madinah, ‘Umrah Tamattu’ and Hajj Tamattu’. The webinar will focus on spirituality & cover a few spiritual aspects and some fiqh rules pertaining to Hajj trip. The presentation will be followed by Q & A session.

Schedule: Saturday Jun 27, 2020; 10.30 am–11.45 am Toronto time.

Instructor: Sh. Hasanayn Kassamali

ALI 552: Hajj Rules for Ladies

The webinar will cover important Islamic rules relating to women going for Hajj and ways of addressing them.

Schedule: Saturday Jun 27, 2020; 12.00 noon–1.00 pm Toronto time.

Instructor: Sr. Tahera Kassamali

Summer Day camp

For children ages 6-13 years old.

Two-week summer day camp, July 6-10 and July 13-17, 2020.

Daily Quranic themes, crafts, sports, activities and more. For more info email: alikidscamp@gmail.com



Education

Onsite Courses

Weekly Quranic Arabic and Farsi for beginners conducted on Saturdays from Sept 2018 – June 2019 on Saturdays.

1 course on *Sahīfa Sajjādiyya* and 2 on social aspects from *Nahjul Balāgha*.

3 courses for women on Family issues.

Mandala Art

Medical and Jurisprudential of aspects of fasting in Holy Ramadan for youth boys.

Online Courses

Reviewing Quranic Sūras.

Understanding Hijab by Sr Fatemah Meghjee

Raising Children in the West by Sh. Abbas Jaffer.

Other online courses offered during 2018-2019 academic year were: Preparation for Muharram 1440, Arbaeen Ziyārat, Overview of Shi'i Hadith Literature, Proving God's Existence, Understanding God's Mercy, Living Islam in the West, Ziyārat 1440, and preparation for Holy Ramadan and Hajj 1440. On healthy living we had online courses on Hormone Balance and Maintaining Mineral Levels.

Quran Appreciation

Classes for children and youths in four groups ages 7 – 16 years were arranged for a total of 28 weeks on Tuesday or Fridays over three semesters. Courses were arranged at JCC in Thornhill, ON.

Outreach Activities

3 Day March Spiritual Retreat for girls ages 9-12 years at Mennonite Hidden Acres in Hamburg, ON. 25 girls participated.

2 weeks Day Camp for children ages 7 – 12. Over 100 children participated in the Day Camp. *See the report below.*

ALI offered financial support for educational projects to Al-Hadi School, Scarborough ON; Al-Kawthar Islamic Association, Surrey BC; Al-Mustafa Academy, Surrey ON; Islamic Publishing House; Qaim Institute, Kitchener ON; Student Sponsorship through Cannaid Africa; Umm Kulthum Charity; and Wali-ul Asr Learning Institute, Caledon ON. Beginning September 2019, several parents who cannot afford to pay fees for their children enrolled in Islamic schools received partial school fees.

For more info visit

Quran Appreciation Course outlines, teachers' instructions and lessons are regularly posted on our website for Madaris in North America for the benefits of teachers and parents. The lessons are being used by Madrasahs in Allentown, Orlando and Vancouver. The teachers from these madrasahs receive support from ALI.

The Council of Canadian Imams (CCI) gather on the second Monday of calendar month at Muslim centers and masjids in Greater Toronto Area. The Council represents all Muslims irrespective of their sects or denominations. ALI Religious Administrator attends the Council meetings occasionally to represent Shi'i Islamic viewpoints.

Summer 2019 Day Camp at Jaffari Community Center

In His Name, the Most Kind, the Most Merciful.

With the grace of the Almighty, Academy for Learning Islam (ALI) hosted its 3rd annual summer camp for kids ages 6 to 13 years. The summer camp ran for two weeks, from July 8 to July 19 with over 110 kids registered. This year's theme was "Faces of Human-

ity.” Kids ‘travelled to’ a variety of countries to discover and familiarize themselves with its people and its culture. They further enhanced their experience with Islamic insight whereby they discovered the importance of kindness, respect, cooperation, equality, brotherhood and avoiding all kinds of negative interactions.

They also had the opportunity to enhance their physical wellbeing with professional soccer training sessions, self defence session and outdoor recreation. An additional dimension of culinary and sewing skills were also part of the camp. For the first time this year we had the pleasure of having 392 Muslim Scouts teach our campers basic outdoor skills, such as building tents and shelters. One of the many memorable highlights was having our seniors from the community spend time with the campers and showing them how to play carom. All in all, it is with HIS grace and blessings that we had a fruitful camp. Sr. Taslim Fatema (Day Camp Coordinator). See page 17 for Day Camp pictures.

Publication and Distribution

During the Academic year ALI published the following books:

- 300 copies of *Quranic Reflections*, Book 1
- 975 copies of *Knowing the Ma’sumin: Imam al-Sadiq (a) Workbook*
- Digital app for Tahajjud Salat for Android devices.

A.L.I. also subsidized and distributed gratis the following books:

- Holy Quran: Phrase-by-Phrase English Translation by Ali Quli Qarai for Seniors at Jaffari Community Center in Thornhill and for elementary students and Al-Bāqir Academy in Edmonton.
- Quran al-Karim published by the followers of Ahlul Bayt in India to numerous scholars and speakers
- Tahajjud Salat booklets to participants of I’tikaf at JCC and a few pilgrims going to Hajj in 1440 AH.
- *Integrated Quranic Encyclopedia* and *Al-Kafi*, Part III with English translation for tulabā in Hawza.

Quranic Reflections

ALI continues to send our short reflections on Quran verses every week in English and French. The mailing list continues to grow.

Volunteering at ALI

ALI is looking for volunteers who can spend about 2- 3 hours per week and assist in various educational, research and religious projects being run by A.L.I. Please contact us at academyofislam@gmail.com or 1-647-928-1350 if you can help or for more details.

Hadith Database Project (HDP). We have collected over 25,000 Hadiths by the Holy Prophet (s) and his Ahlul Bayt (a) from primary sources and put them in an easy to search a hadith thematically at <https://hadith.academyofislam.com/>. We need volunteers to promote this project and inform Muslim organizations worldwide about this service.

Sahīfa Sajjādiyya Project (SSP). So far, we have been able to present the Arabic text along with side-by-side translations of 68 Supplications and recitations from the *Sahīfa*, gather seven articles and publish *Glimpses of Sahīfa Sajjādiyya*. We need volunteers to gather all articles, blogs, slides and lectures on the *Sahīfa* in English and make them available at www.academyofislam.com/sahifa.

Knowing the Ma'sūmīn Workbooks (KMW). A.L.I. plans to publish workbooks on the contribution, life and teachings of Fourteen Ma'sūmīn for children ages 8 to 12 years. *Alhamdu lillāh* we have already published the Workbooks for Bibi Fatima (a) and the first seven Imams and need to complete the remaining six books. Each Workbook has 40 pages containing short write-ups on a particular aspect of the Ma'sūm, engaging activities and puzzles which children can work with minimum supervision. We need volunteers to design activities and puzzles for the Workbooks and market them to parents in North America and another English-speaking region.

Broadcasting Online Courses (BOC). For about fourteen years, A.L.I. has been conducting online courses and webinars on Quran Tafsir, Islamic Belief, Ethics and History, Hajj & ziyārat prep, and

healthy living. Despite reaching out to hundreds of Muslims in tens of countries, we still receive complains that many people are unaware of this Distant Learning facility at A.L.I. We need volunteers to advertise and broadcast our online courses and webinars to English speaking communities and organizations worldwide.

Marketing ALI Publications at GTA Centers (MPT). *Alhamdu lillāh* we have about twenty Shi'i Islamic centers, masājid and organization across Greater Toronto Area. We need volunteers to display and sell our publications at these places during major events and occasions for the benefit of the participants.

Volunteering Guidelines

Most of ALI Projects are undertaken by teams of volunteers. ALI may recognize the efforts of the Volunteers by sending tokens of appreciation.

ALI administration has certain **expectations from these volunteers**. These include, but are not limited to the following:

- a) Volunteers will undertake all tasks for seeking the Pleasure of Almighty Allah (swt)
- b) Volunteers will display highest level of integrity and honesty when carrying out their work.
- c) Volunteers will not forward or copy the work they do to anyone outside the team of volunteers for that task.
- d) Volunteers will, to the best of their abilities, perform their assigned tasks diligently and within the agreed time frame.
- e) Volunteers will give a reasonable notice, say of one month, if they decide to leave or change the Task Team.
- f) Volunteers under the ages of 15 years will be required to seek permission from their parents before committing to assist.

The Academy for Learning Islam has been asked to include following courses run independently.

QURANIC ARABIC

Quranic Arabic course runs in 4-week progressive segments and is designed to create passion among participants to learn the language of the Glorious Book of Allah. Each class covers concepts of Arabic grammar, their application by examining selected passages from the Quran, followed by tafsīr of the selected verses based on relevant hadith from various reputable sources. The class is conducted by Dr. Mohammadreza Ardehali, a dedicated and knowledgeable tutor. Dr. Ardehali has worked on the meaning of the Quran and its interpretation for many years and his PhD dissertation was on the first complete Imami interpretation of the Quran in Persian, *Rawd al-Jinan wa rawh al-janan* by Abu al-Futuh Razi (d. ca 554 AH). The course will use the following texts: • *Learning Arabic Language of the Quran* by Izzath Uroosa • *Access to Quranic Arabic Textbook* by AbdulWahid Hamid • *Access to Quranic Arabic Selections* by AbdulWahid Hamid. For further info email Hajj Shaukat Moloo at shaukat.moloo@gmail.com or Hajj Taki Remtulla taki@remtulla.com

QURAN TILAWAH ONLINE

On Line Courses On The Recitation Of The Holy Quran

1. Tajweed and Rules of Recitation
2. Voice and Tune in the Recitation of The Holy Quran
3. Different Narrations in the Recitation of The Holy Quran

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