

## Stories of My Elders

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Dear Ansar Brothers,  
As-Salamu 'Alaikum Wa Rahmatullah

Imagine you are sitting with your family at the dinner table and something reminds you of your mother, or father, or grandparents, and your heart melts with the memory of their faith inspiring life. Imagine you start telling a moving story, an incidence that you remember about them, to your family.

We want you to share such a story with Ansar brothers. Majlis Ansarullah, USA is launching an initiative entitled "Stories of My Elders" to do just that. Please read below to get an idea of the scope of this project. We encourage all Ansar, especially members of Saff Awwal, to share with us the stories of their elders.

I personally urge my brothers in Saff Awwal to enlighten us with such stories. As an example, one such story of a member talking about his parents can be viewed here.

The guidelines for story submission are as follows.

- Record a video of a Nasir telling a faith inspiring story of his deceased parents or family members.
- The Nasir should talk about a blood relative/family member.



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- Show original artifacts or Tabarukat (Tasbih, Qur'an, Prayer rug, notebook, letters, etc.) that helps us visualize. Use specifics when telling the story.
- Cell phone videos are acceptable provided there is clean background, steady hand, and good sound.
- The video must be under 6-minute duration.
- The story must be narrated in English or should have English subtitles.
- A Majlis could submit as many high quality videos as they like. A Majlis can earn up to a maximum of 100 points from these videos in a calendar year.
- Each video that meets the above criteria will be awarded up to 20 points maximum (from Sadr's discretion) towards 'Alam-i-In'ami. Videos will be archived on our YouTube channel.
- The video with the most views on December 31, 2015 will be awarded the grand prize. The Nasir narrating the story and his Majlis will be recognized and awarded. The winning video will be shown at the 2016 National Ijtima of Majlis Ansarullah, USA.

For any questions, please contact me at [naibsadr.awwal@ansarusa.org](mailto:naibsadr.awwal@ansarusa.org).

Was-Salam,

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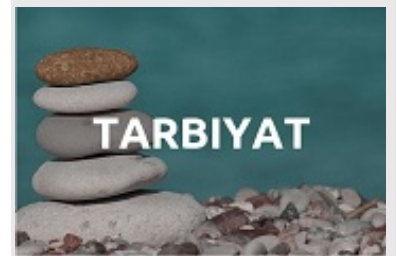
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### National Ijtima Registration Is Open!

Registration for the 2015 National Ijtima of Majlis Ansarullah,  
 USA

is now open. Please click [here](#) and take a minute to register  
 for Ijtima 1111 to be held on September 18-20, 2015 at  
 Baitur Rahman Mosque, Silver Spring, MD.



Alhamdulillah, 2015 Ta'lim Test I has been completed. It is the sheer grace and mercy of Allah that He has helped the Majlis achieve its Ta'lim test goal. All glory to Allah, I am reminded of this verse of Sura Al Nasr, "Glorify Thy Lord with His Praise and seek His forgiveness."

May Allah forgive our shortcomings and cover up our faults. My dear Nazimin and Zu'ama brothers have worked tirelessly to encourage members to participate in the Ta'lim test. May Allah accept their efforts and reward them manifold. May Allah soften up their hearts and minds towards me for so kindly putting up with my nagging and pestering. Jazakallah to all.

I would like to thank Sadr Majlis and members of Majlis Amila for praying for the success and supporting this noble endeavor. Jazakallah!

Proclaiming the bounties of Allah, I present the following details of Ta'lim Test I results:

Participation (Goal)	50%
Participation (Actual)	52%
Total number of participants	1,467
Number of Majalis with 100% participation	7
Number of Majalis with 70% and above	5
Number of Majalis with 50% and above	22
Number of regions with 50% and above	49
Number of regions with 50% and above	8
1 <sup>st</sup> Southwest Region (all Majalis over 50%)	79%
2 <sup>nd</sup> Gulf States Region	75%
3 <sup>rd</sup> Central East Region	63%



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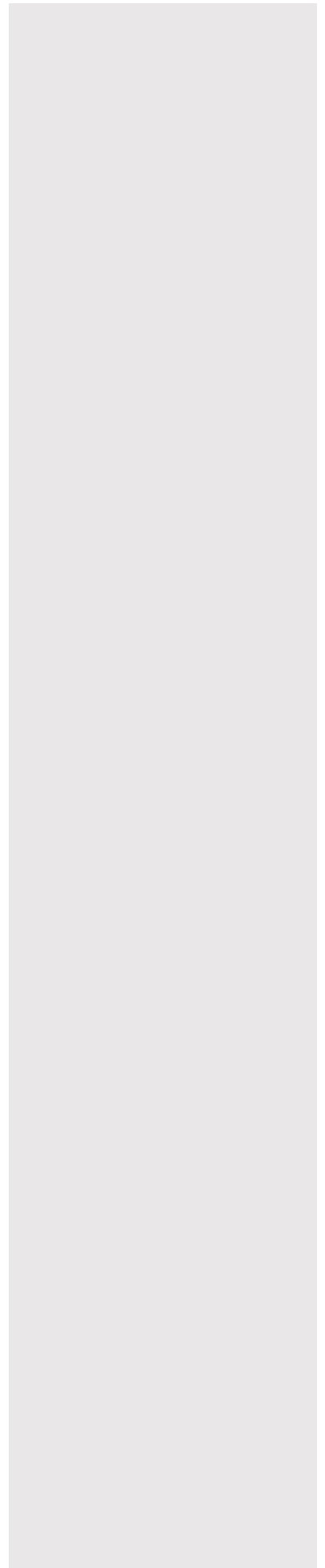
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Ranking of Majalis in terms of participation percentage is as follows.

<b>No.</b>	<b>Majlis</b>	<b>Participation</b>
1	Cypress-Houston	100%
2	Houston North	100%
3	LA Inland	100%
4	Las Vegas	100%
5	North Virginia	100%
6	Charlotte	94%
7	Richmond	93%
8	York	90%
9	Syracuse	89%
10	Fort Worth	81%
11	Buffalo	80%
12	Kentucky	78%
13	LA East	77%
14	Laurel	75%
15	New Orleans	75%
16	Bay Point	73%
17	Georgia-Carolina	73%
18	Lehigh Valley	73%
19	Dallas	72%
20	Cleveland	71%
21	Detroit	71%
22	Willingboro	71%
23	Fitchburg	69%
24	Houston South	69%
25	LA West	68%
26	Indiana	67%
27	San Diego	67%
28	Philadelphia	64%
29	Chicago Northwest	62%
30	Austin	61%
31	New York	61%
32	Baltimore	59%
33	Portland	59%
34	Central Jersey	58%
35	Columbus	58%

36	Sacramento	58%
37	North Jersey	57%
38	Oshkosh	57%
39	Seattle	57%
40	Phoenix	56%
41	Research Triangle	56%
42	Zion	56%
43	Bloomington	55%
44	Merced	55%
45	Tucson	55%
46	Miami	54%
47	Silver Spring	54%
48	Silicon Valley	53%
49	Dayton	50%
50	Bronx	47%
51	Binghamton	42%
52	Chicago East	39%
53	Pittsburgh	33%
54	South Virginia	33%
55	Milwaukee	31%
56	Boston	27%
57	Rochester	26%
58	Long Island	24%
59	St. Louis	24%
60	Washington DC	24%
61	Brooklyn	23%
62	Chicago Southwest	23%
63	Central Virginia	21%
64	Minnesota	16%
65	Orlando	16%
66	Tulsa	16%
67	Potomac	15%
68	Alabama-TN	10%
69	Albany	10%
70	Hartford	8%

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