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EDITORIAL

Supreme gift of salaah

For Muslims the advent of Laylatul Mi'raj heralds a period of intensive spiritual training which culminates in the holy month of Ramadaan with its climax of the final ten nights. While the significance of the night of Mi'raj is not universally agreed upon in the Muslim world, Cape Muslims gather in mosques on the night of 27th Rajab to celebrate the miraculous journey of our beloved Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) as well as the eternally blessed gift of salaah.

As a collective, Cape Muslims believe that Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) was physically taken from the city of Mecca to the city of Jerusalem, where he led the other ambiyah in salaah in Masjidul Aqsa. He was then transported to the seven heavens and ultimately to the Sidratul Muntaha (the lote tree), a precinct even the Angels have been denied.

In the Majestic presence of his Lord he was given the instruction of performing salaah 50 times a day, a task Nabi Musa (AS) deemed too much and implored him to request fewer. Cape Muslims also firmly believe that Rasulullah (pbuh) was given glimpses of the inhabitants of the seven heavens, and that he returned to the city of his birth that same evening, on the back of an animal.

The lessons of the Miraj revolve around our belief/ Eemaan in the Supremacy and Power of Almighty Allah, a lesson that is as important today as when our beloved Prophet (pbuh) relived his experiences to his fellow Meccans the next day.

In our current age of Man travelling to Mars and the 4th Industrial Revolution, Muslims believe that only Allah the Merciful can grant us the knowledge to comprehend certain matters, and that just because we cannot understand it, its reality is possible with the Supreme. The Miraj is thus the supreme gift to all believers from the All-Powerful, offering them an Eemaan-booster on the eve of the greatest month of the year.

Let us once again fill our mosques to overflowing, to capture that spirit of belief while also celebrating one of the greatest miracles known to mankind. ■

Reminder of the Ultimate Journey



In the Name of Allah Most Beneficent Most Merciful.

"Exalted is He who took His Servant by night from al-Masjid al-Haram to al-Masjid al-Aqsa, whose surroundings We have blessed, to show him of Our signs. Indeed, He is the Hearing, the Seeing". Surah 17: 1

*The Journey of the Miraj is a reminder of the ultimate journey we will all be taking once we depart from this world, where our meeting with Allah will either be one of joy or misery. The Prophet (s) was shown both the abodes of Jannah and Jahannam as a warning and guidance for his Ummah. Allah then gifted us the salah, which through it is the means to attaining Jannah. As an Ummah our strength, honour, happiness and success lies in the quality of our salah, as Allah says **"And seek assistance through patience and prayer..." (2:45).***

With the passing of the night of Miraj and the conclusion of Rajab, we are also reminded that we are now just a few weeks away from the blessed month of Ramadan. With these coming weeks leading up to Ramadan we need to make our niyahs firm that this will be our best Ramadan, Ameen. One successful Ramadan is sufficient for us to save us from Jahannam.

Allah also linked the night of Israa and Miraj with the holiness of Masjidul Aqsa and the blessed land of Quds. With the current atrocities being committed against the innocent people of Palestine, we as an ummah make a collective duah that Allah safe guard Al Quds and its people. May Allah send His assistance to all those living through oppression, hardship, sickness and any form of discomfort amen,

"Allah and His angels send blessings on the Prophet: O you that believe! Send your blessings on him, and salute him with all respect" (Surah Al Ahzab 56).

Allahuma salli a'laa Muhammad wa 'alaa aali hi wa sah bi hi wa sallam

Wassalaamu alaikum waragmatullahi wabarakaatuh

Sheikh Muhammad West

MI'RAJ PROGRAMME

Friday 13 April 2018

A Tour through Jannah and Jahannam

**Talk by
Sh Muhammad West**

AFTER MAGRIB



Proposed restructuring of the Movement

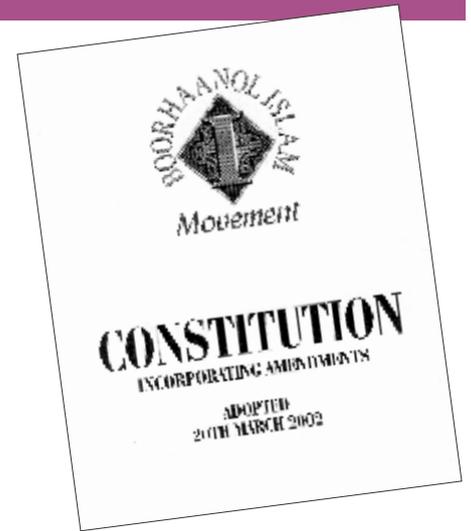
The evolution of the Boorhaanol Islam Movement into a structure more apposite with its needs and resources has its roots in a workshop held on the 22nd of November 2015 when the leadership gathered to redefine the roles of the Movement. This had been necessitated by several key developments over the past few years that had changed the face of the Movement, including the passing away of several iconic leaders of the Movement, the acquisition of two Bo-Kaap properties of huge heritage, historic and tourism significance, as well as the rapidly changing technological environment in which society was operating.

At this workshop in 2015 the delegates came up with their thoughts on what constituted the vision, the mission statement, the core values and the short, medium and long-term objectives of the Movement. Given the existing structure of an overarching Board of Advisors led by the Co-ordinator, under which the two units of the Movement, namely the Masjid Committee and the Boorhaanol

Programme Development Committee (BPDC) was operating, it was felt to be too unwieldy, inefficient and unresponsive to the evolving requirements of the Movement.

Instead, a much more flatter structure has been proposed whereby a single executive committee is elected to administer all aspects of the Movement, thus doing away with the Board of Advisors, the position of Co-ordinator and the splitting of the Movement's activities into two units.

Another significant innovation is the proposal to register the Movement as a non-profit company, or NPC, in order to ensure better administration of the Movement as well as to attract funding for the development of the Movement's assets and activities. Such a move will necessitate the adoption of a Memorandum of Incorporation, or MOI, a governance document that will over time replace the role of the Movement's Constitution. With the Annual General Meeting of the Movement looming on **27 June 2018** soon after the completion of the Ramadaan, members of the

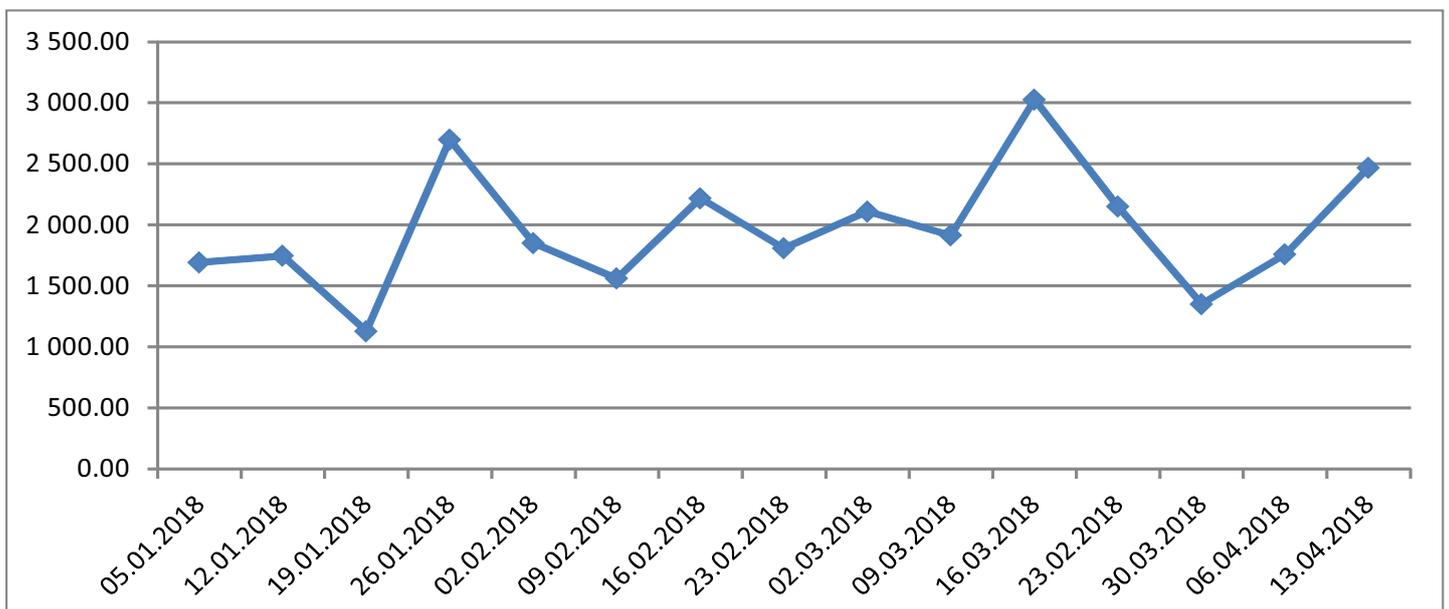


Movement will soon be informed of the exact proposals to be tabled at the AGM for their prior consideration.

Clearly the Movement is going through a critical stage of its development and we appeal to all stakeholders to submit their thoughts on these changes and attend the AGM when it is scheduled. ■



Jum'ah Collections at Masjid Boorhaanol Islam





East West where is Sheikh?

Sheikh Muhammad West, Imam at the Boorhaanol Islam Mosque in Bo-Kaap, often gets invited to share his insights on various topics. Sheikh is also a leading member of Al Kauthar, an international Islamic body dedicated to promoting Islam. Readers interested in obtaining transcripts of some of the material here under can contact him at westmuhammad@gmail.com



DOWN UNDER

While our relations with Australians on the cricket field have recently been soured by unsavoury incidents, great strides have been made on the spiritual side with our Sheikh Muhammad West visiting 'Down Under' twice recently to lecture on aspects of Islam.



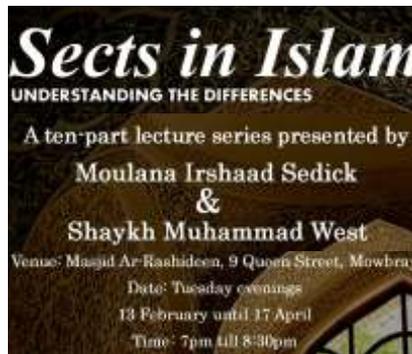
In early March, Sheikh was invited to Australia to deliver a series of lectures on Islamic Feminism called the *Mothers of the Nation*, in which he detailed the lives of the women who played key roles in the establishment of Islam at the time of our beloved Prophet (pbuh).

The successful launch of the course at the University of Melbourne was followed by similar presentations in the city of Sydney, as well as back in Cape Town.

Plans are afoot to repeat the course later this year in Durban, Malaysia and Canada, Insha Allah.

TWINS OF FAITH CONFERENCE

Over the Easter weekend, Sheikh was again in Melbourne where he attended a Twins of Faith conference, presenting short talks on some of the topics he had delivered during his jum'ah lectures at Boorhaanol. These included the Life of Tuan Guru, Ascension through the Heavens and beyond, Heroes of Islam and Ummah Building. Sheikh relates that the audience of Melbourne were most inspired by the legacy of Tuan Guru.



SECTS IN ISLAM

In addition, Sheikh is collaborating with Maulana Irshad Sedick in presenting a series of lectures on the Sects of Islam at the Mowbray Mosque.

SERIES ON RIGHTLY GUIDED CALIPHS

Currently Sheikh is conducting a series of lectures on the Rightly Guided Caliphs on Wednesday evenings before Maghrib at

The Age of the Rightly-Guided Caliphs

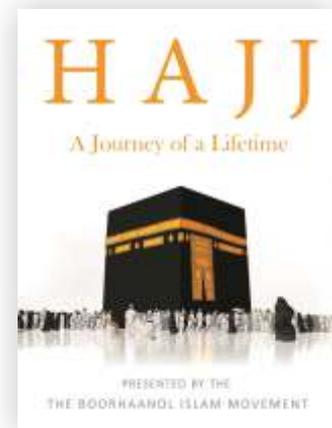


the Boorhaanol masjid.

HAJJ COURSE

A new 8-week Hajj course is being presented by Sheikh on Wednesday evenings after Maghrib which started on 11 April 2018.

For further details contact the Boorhaanol Co-ordinator Boeta Taliep Salie or Sheikh himself at westmuhammad@gmail.com.



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HISTORY REPEATING ITSELF

History has a knack of repeating itself, as this archival copy of the Miraj issue of Volume 1 of the Newsletter in 1968, testifies.

Under the Editorial column the Exco and Committee members of the Movement are listed, followed by a discussion on the Committee known as the Group Leaders. This latter Committee "fell under the aegis of the Sponsoring Body, i.e. before anything could be carried out it required

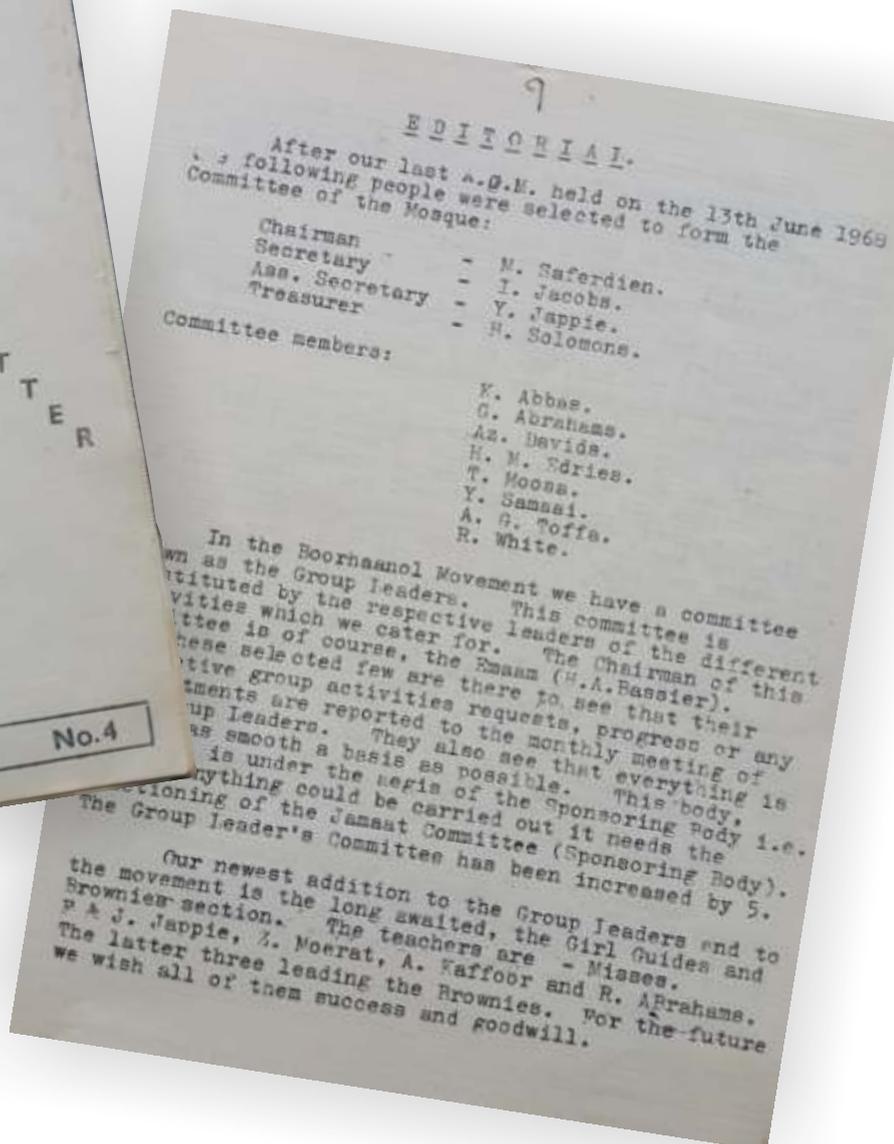
the sanctioning of the Jamaat Committee (Sponsoring Body)". It is unclear from the article which members constituted the Sponsoring Body.

Further on, the Editorial also mentions the need to have a draft Constitution, a task that unsurprisingly fell to Boeta Achmat Davids. It also bewails the lack of response to appeals for articles and Cover Designs, while expressing its sincere thanks to Yagya Toffa for the beautiful cover

design which artfully depicted the various facets of the Movement superimposed on the minaret of the mosque.

A bazaar committee, a term seldom used these days, had been elected to implement plans for a bazaar to be held in February 1969 to raise funds for the Movement's activities. The committee consisted of Achmat Davids, Hadji Moogamat Edries, Toyer Moosa and Rashaad White. An appeal was made for donations towards the Mosque stall at the bazaar of the Majlis Al Islamia Ashura

which was held on the 16th November 1968. ■





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nursery & pre-primary school

Report by Principal Manager **Nuha Dramat**



Assalamu alaykum warahmatullaahi wabarakatu

Day One at the Boorhaanol Nursery School

Every new beginning holds an expectation, and growth comes with experience.

Our school opened this year on January 17th. We welcomed 20 new learners and 60 of our existing learners to the Boorhaanol Family. We strive to set the foundations for a successful life filled with Imaan, Aafieyah, Barakah, Taqwah and Ghayr. This is the service to Allah that the Boorhaanol offers to all our learners. Alhamdulillah!

Some learners had tears expressing sadness at leaving their parents, others were excited to return to school and of course, there were a few who were a bit reluctant. Four months down the line and already we have some beaming little learners looking forward to doing their first half or full day of fasting in the holy month of Ramadan.

Ramadan is on our doorstep and holds the promise of purification, forgiveness, closeness to Allah, and renewal for all Muslims. A true gift from our Almighty Creator. A gift of love to all.

First Term

The first term is normally the settling-in period, getting to know each other and then taking in all that is offered.

The teaching staff tackle this task with great enthusiasm.

As it is all about experiencing the flow in learning, we make sure the learners get exposed to other activities with the ECD programme offered daily.

Stimulating activities

In the first term we provided a number of thrilling and stimulating activities:

First on the cards was a day filled with love; making heart memorabilia, heart sandwiches and a loving picnic in the park.

We ensured they are spiritually in tune with our beloved Nabi Muhammad (SAW) by presenting a blissful Mouloud programme. We kept them fit and healthy moving their "Busy Bodies" to the Lilliput players and then we shared the beautiful Atlantic Coast scenery as a social fundraiser, in the Surf



Walk .

Still coming this year is a Nasheed concert, the Family Fun and Fitness Day, our Annual School Concert and The Boorhaanol Summer Fair.

First Aid, Personal Development courses

As we are all about growing our staff and the community, we will be offering a First Aid Course as well as a Personal Development Course to staff, parents and other members of the community.

Three of our teaching staff are involved in a R Maths training programme as required by the WCED. The R Maths Programme was designed by the WCED to change the way we teach maths to pre-schoolers. The long term goal is to ensure a love for numbers, Insha Allah.

Special Needs Programme

This year we are piloting a special needs programme to assist the learners who need specialized skills for example, assistance with their fine motor, gross motor or speech development. Due to technology and diet, these are skills that we find learners are battling with. The intention is to ensure that all our learners get the best development

we can give them for their period with the Boorhaanol Nursery and Pre-primary.

For further details on these programmes regularly visit our website : boorhaanol.org.za

Parent Class Reps

After the first Parents meeting the following parents were appointed as class reps and will be speaking on behalf of parents at the monthly Board/Management meetings.

Tiny Tots: Nasreen Bessick
Level 3: Jihan Emandien
Level 3: Abbaas Sylvester
Level 4: Fadeela Sibda
Grade R: Aadielah Van Rooyen

Towards a wonderful Ramadan

The months of Rajab, Sha'baan and Ramadaan are depicted as the intense months of Spiritual Growth. Planting the seeds, nurturing them and then reaping the fruits in Ramadaan, Insha Allah, Ameen.

We make duah that Allah Almighty allow all of us to reap the fruits this year and all other years that we are blessed with to grow our souls. May our Niyyah always be to become purer channels in service of our Creator. Alhamdulillah! Ramadan Mubarak! ■



BOORHAANOL

SEISHINKIA MOTOBU HA KARATE

We would like to welcome all the new students for 2018.

We have some amazing news - the karate club did very well, again, at the UWKFSA Western Cape Championships in March.

Sensei Samira Davids and **Sempia Ameerah Froude** has been selected for the United World Karate Federation South Africa (UWKFSA) team. They will be going to Botswana from April 24 to April 29, 2018, Insha-Allah.

We wish them all the best for their tour in representing the Bo-Kaap and South Africa.

For any enquiries contact Shihan Cassiem [Tel.073 1504363](tel:0731504363) and **Sensei Samira Davids** [Tel.063 0766950](tel:0630766950). ■




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NOTE: For any urgent or emergency matter, contact Hadji Taliep Salie at the above numbers and he will direct you further.

Laylatul Nishfish Sha'baan (Ruwa)

Tuesday 1 May 2018

**RECITAL OF
Surah Yaseen
Surah Al Waaqiyah
Surah Mulk (Tabarak)**

*followed by
Ramadaan Refresher Quiz*

commencing after Magrib




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- b) Area of residence
- c) Telephone/mobile number
- d) Email address

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JANAZAHS

Our Imamat Team and Committee wish to convey their sincerest condolences to the families on the demise of their loved ones, and apologize for unintentionally omitting anyone :

- **H Mogamat Salie** (brother of H Taliep Salie), formerly of 212 Longmarket Street, Bo-Kaap - 4 December 2017
- **H Ebrahim Doutie** of 11 Lion Street, Bo-Kaap - 7 December 2017
- **H Awaatief Holliday (nee Samie)**, formerly of 51 Upper Pepper Street, Bo-Kaap - 7 December 2017
- **Yusuf Masoet** of 71 Dorp Street, Bo-Kaap - 19 December 2017
- **Allie Ebrahim Wagley**, 78 Coronation Road, Walmer Estate – 12 January 2018
- **Abdullah Fakier** of 173 Schotche Kloof Flats, Bo-Kaap – 13 January 2018
- **Achmat Abrahams** (brother of Sh Erefaan Abrahams) of 32 Pavon Road, Surrey Estate – 14 January 2018
- **H Edroos Salie** (father of Imam Hashim Salie) of 8 Saturn Close, Surrey Estate – 15 January 2018
- **Ashura Samsodien** (wife of Boeta Whitey) of Yusuf Drive, Bo-Kaap – 17 January 2018



- **Sh Ebrahim Majiet**, formerly of 34 Upper Pepper Street, Bo-Kaap – 18 January 2018
- **Suleiman (Dik) Abed** (brother of late Tiny Abed), formerly of Aspeling Street, District Six – 19 January 2018
- **H Tauhar Sampson** (Boeta Tor) of 148 Buitengracht Street, Bo-Kaap – 21 January 2018
- **Faiza Davids** of 123 Church Street, Bo-Kaap – 23 January 2018
- **Mariam Kahaar** (wife of Hassiem Kahaar), formerly from Church Street, Bo-Kaap – 23 January 2018
- **Imam Allie Gierdien** of 8 Union Street, Kenilworth – 25 January 2018
- **Gamja Dante** of 1 Lion Lane (off Wale Street), Bo-Kaap – 15 February 2018
- **Yusuf George** (son of late Amien George), formerly of Upper Pepper Street, Bo-Kaap – 19 February 2018
- **Abubakr Samuels** of 28 Swift Street, Salt River – 25 February 2018
- **Faiza Desai** (wife of Judge Seraj Desai) of 7 Beatty Road, University Estate – 29 March 2018

BIRTHS

- **Aleza Salie** (granddaughter of H Taliep Salie) - born on 5 September 2017 to Faizel & Rushana Salie of 32 Upper Pepper Street, Bo-Kaap.

NIKAHS

Fatima White (daughter of Sauiem & Sumaya White) of Longmarket Street, Bo-Kaap married **Waleed Sujee** of Ella Street, Bo-Kaap on Sunday 24th March 2018. The nikah ceremony was performed by Sh Muhammad West at the Boorhaanol Masjid.

