

THE ROLE OF AHMADI LAJNA AND NASIRAT IN MOSQUE BUILDING

Women have always played a vital role in the expansion of Ahmadiyyat. In fact in 1923 Hazrat Musleh Maud (the second Khalifa of Ahmadiyyat) urged the Lajna and Nasirat of India to donate money so that the first Ahmadi mosque could be built in Berlin, Germany. The women were so determined that they should participate in the building of the mosques that some gave all their jewellery and valuable goods towards the scheme. They raised a huge amount of money, which is extraordinary given that most of the families were extremely poor and sometimes did not have enough money to even feed and clothe their children adequately.

Unfortunately, due to economic difficulties Hazrat Musleh Maud decided that the Jamaat could not afford to have a mosque in Germany at that time. However, he used all the money that the women had collected to build a mosque in London. That mosque was opened in 1926 and was named Fazl Mosque and is well known by most people. It is amazing and awe inspiring to think that the poor Ahmadi women of India (mostly from Qadian) paid for the London Mosque that is still being used today.



The Fazl Mosque, London , Nusrat Jahan Mosque, Denmark and Khadija Mosque, Berlin

Even though the mosque in Berlin was not built, the wish of Hazrat Musleh Maud to build mosques in Europe was not forgotten. Consequently, in 1957 a mosque was built in Hamburg, East Germany. Astonishingly, this was again built through the contributions by Lajna and Nasirat. Then again in Copenhagen, Denmark another mosque was built in 1967 called Masjid Nusrat Jahan. This was opened by Hazrat Mirza Nasir Ahmad, the third Khalifa of Ahmadiyyat and was again funded through the contributions made by Lajna and Nasirat.

Recently, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad called upon the Ahmadi women again to donate contributions towards the mosque in Berlin, to fulfil the original wish of Hazrat Musleh Maud. Alhamdulillah, Lajna collected 1.7 million Euros for the Berlin Mosque of which Lajna UK donated 400,000 Euros. This mosque was named the Khadija Mosque by Huzoor and was officially opened by him on 16th October 2008.

(References History of Berlin and London Mosques: Friday Sermon 17th Oct 2008, transcript Ahmadiyya Bulletin June/July 2009, p13-14. Copenhagen & Hamburg Mosques "Ahmadi Muslims" by Nur -ud-Din Muneer p.106).

Tasks:

1. Make a moneybox to donate money to one of the schemes above or set aside a fixed amount of your pocket money to give towards a scheme.
2. Discuss in your Nasirat meetings ways to collect money for the Masroor School, possibly hold a cake sale/jumble sale at your local Halqa meeting.

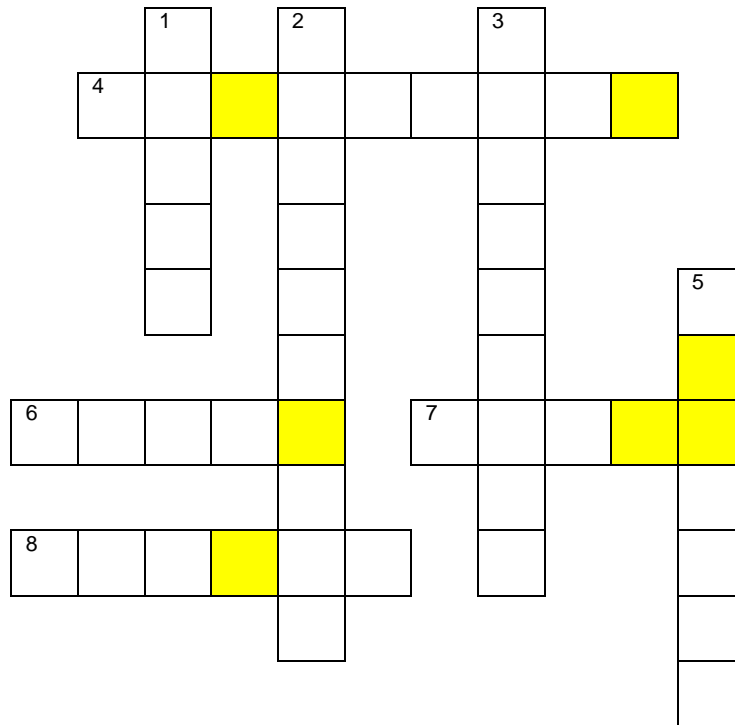
WORD SEARCH (words are hidden in all directions, including backwards and diagonally)

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1. Which Kahlifa initially asked women to contribute to mosque building?
2. In which country were these first group of ladies from?
3. What was one type of valuable they gave away?
4. In which country did they first want to build a mosque?
5. In which part of the United Kingdom was the first mosque built?
6. What was it called?
7. In which city of Germany was a mosque first built by Ahmadi ladies contributions?
8. What part of Germany is this in?
9. In which country did the Third Khalifa open a mosque?
10. In which city was this?
11. What was the name of the Khalifa who opened this mosque?
12. What did he name the Mosque?
13. In 2008 where was the latest mosque built, through Lajna & nasirat contributions?
14. What is the name of the Khalifa who opened this mosque?
15. What did he call this mosque?

Age Group 10 – 12

Chanda Crossword



Across:

- 4 To run the activities and programs of the Jamaat, the Promised Messiah^{as} introduced the system of _____.
- 6 A voluntary Chanda paid by those who can not fast during Ramazan.
- 7 The Arabic word that means a certain thing that has become available in abundance/ a lot.
- 8 _____-e-Jadid.

Down:

- 1 What is a person called who has made a Will (Wasiyyat) in favour for the Jamaat?
- 2 A scheme to expand missionary work to educate and impart religious training to all the countries of the world.
- 3 Sadaqa is a _____ donation.
- 5 A compulsory donation made at the end of the Holy month of Ramazan.

Join the letters in the shaded boxes to answer the question below:

You are a member of which Auxiliary Organisation?

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