

SELECTIONS

*“My lover appears in different forms, because for each period there comes a new guidance; One after the other, there follows another Qaim Imam Ali;
The permanent connection with him can never be broken”*

(Nizar Quhistani)

“O Brother! The True Preceptor is like the philosopher's stone and the followers are like copper. When the copper comes in contact with the philosopher's stone it becomes gold. The followers gain spiritual enlightenment from the contact of the Imam. He is the only Glorious One”

(Pir Sadardin, Sab Ghat Saami Maro.)

“Peace be upon you, O Sovereign Lord of Cairo, and all their gain abides with you. I sacrifice my soul to Mustansir, who is supported by the legions of heaven. I bear witness that it is your blessed face which illumines the faces of your followers”

(Muayad din Shirazi)

“Know that Baghdad was great in the past, but is now falling in ruins. It is full of troubles, and its glory is gone. I neither approve it nor admire it, and if I praise it, it is a mere convention. Fustat (part of Cairo) is today where Baghdad was in the past, and I do not know of any greater city in all of Islam”

(Al-Muqadassi on Fatimid Cairo)

Ismaili Tariqah and Religious Education Board

Ottawa Library Committee Presents

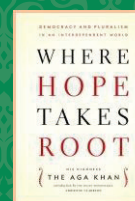


Literary Night 2008

May 10 and May 17, 8:00pm

Ottawa Headquarters Jamatkhana Social Hall

Selected Readings from Ismaili History



May 17 Program to include book launch of
"Where Hope Takes Root"
– His Highness The Aga Khan.

Readings: May 10th 2008 (not in reading sequence)

| NAME | READING |
|---------------------------|---|
| Saba Rawjani | Zaheri and Batini Aspects of Imam's Didar |
| Ahmad Ali Didar | Allah the Creator |
| Kami Mamdani | My Day |
| Amaan Merali | My Day |
| Noah Merali | Allah is Kind |
| Rayanna Shamji | Ya Ali Madad |
| Aliza Moledina | Art in the Fatimid Period |
| Moiz Lakhani | Content of Ginans |
| Hamida Jiwani | A Unique Event in a Murid's Life |
| Jamil Pirani | The Mongol Conquest and After |
| Taleeb Devji | Ismaili Identity : Preamble of the Constitution |
| Kehan Rattani | Ghadir-e-Khummm |
| Shamim Ahmadi | Ghadir-e-Khummm |
| Alyssa Karim | The Blessings of Imam Day |
| Rafi Mamdani | The Light of Imam |
| Tahir Shamji | The Light of Imam |
| Omar Karim | Imam as the Source of Salvation |
| Nurin Merchant/Mashal Ali | The "Ark": A Conversation on Nasir Khushraw |
| Sabreena Hirji | An Ode by Imam Abd-al-Salam |
| Qahir Haji | Imam's Talim - Path to Spiritual Enlightenment |
| Akeel Charania | Mawlana Hazar Imam |
| Asir Gillani | Allah the Supreme Creator |
| Alya Bejaoui | Imam's Mercy Towards his Murids |
| Safeera Gillani | The Quest for Knowledge |
| Inaara Jivraj | Allah is Everywhere |
| Rahim Jivraj | Allah is Kind |
| Ahmed Jaffer | Allah is Kind |
| Malika Bejaoui-Peera | Allah the Creator |
| Riga Ahmadi | The Light of Imam and Festival of Nawruz |
| Froher Ahmadi | How to Strengthen One's Faith |
| Waghma Hyderi | Qadi Noman |
| Adam Rupani | Sustaining the Dawa in Difficult Circumstances |
| Shukria Ahmadi | "E" for Eagles |
| Danyal Rawjani | An Episode from the Life of Imam Muizz |

Readings: May 17th 2008 (not in reading sequence)

| NAME | READING |
|-------------------|--|
| Imran Juma | Obedience to Imam is Obedience to Allah |
| Allaudin Alibhai | My Day |
| Alysha Sheikh | Allah is Kind |
| Natasha Heavens | The Exoteric and the Esoteric |
| Naazish Shariff | Remembrance of the Heart |
| Fakhria Ahmadi | Hazrat Ali - Our First Imam |
| Yasin Kherani | The Didar of Mawlana Hazar Imam |
| Jasmine Kherani | The Responsibilities of Humans Beings |
| Sahiba Haji | The Aga Khan University Logo |
| Sara Mohamed | The Fatimid Period: Brilliant Era in our History |
| Safia Pirani | The Mystery of the Missing Mt. Nasir Khushraw |
| Natasha Mohammed | The Conversion of Nasir Khushraw |
| Veeka Akbari | Beholding the Face of the Imam of the Time |
| Roxana Johnson | The Didar of Mawlana Hazar Imam |
| Leena Manji | Mawlana Hazar Imam |
| Akhir Alibhai | Mawlana Hazar Imam |
| Amira Sheikh | How Can I Make Hazar Imam Happy |
| Behzad Khuwaja | The Mouse and the Camel |
| Adam Alibhai | Imam of the Time - Comforter for All |
| Allanah Alibhai | Karim - I Come to You with a Breathless Heart |
| Ali Deedar Akbari | The Pure Progeny |
| Ali Farman Akbari | The Light of Intellect |
| Adel Manji | Allah is Kind |
| Nabeeha Shariff | The Didar of Mawlana Hazar Imam |
| Yasheena Hyderi | Al-Biruni's Search for Knowledge |

"Education has been important to my family for a long time. My forefathers founded Al-Azhar University in Cairo some 1000 years ago, at the time of the Fatimid Caliphate. Discovery of knowledge was seen by those founders as an embodiment of religious faith, and faith as reinforced by knowledge of workings of the Creator's physical world."

(Mawlana Hazar Imam, 1994, Cambridge, USA)

"Kindle the candle of intellect in your heart and hasten with it to the world of brightness; If you want to light a candle in your heart, make knowledge and goodness its wick and oil"

(Nasir Khushraw)