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# Community Newsletter

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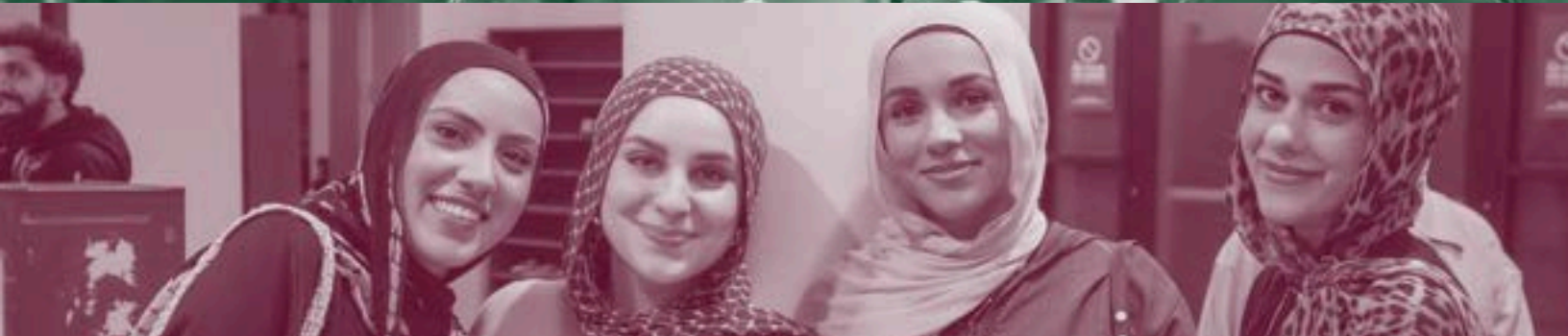
“None of you will enter Paradise until you have faith (īmān), and none of you will have faith (īmān) until you love one another.

Shall I not tell you of something which, if you do it, you will love one another?

Spread the salām among yourselves.”

**PROPHET MUHAMMAD** ﷺ

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# Sunday School “Many Cultures, One Islam” Day

JANUARY 2026

One Islam, one Ummah - throughout many cultures. Young Muslims and their families had the chance to learn about the vast variety of cultures that can be found throughout our Ummah at “Many Cultures, One Islam” - a yearly International Day hosted by our Sunday School!

Children got the chance to stand on stage and represent their cultural background, often holding a flag and wearing cultural clothing.

Volunteers set up booths that represented their cultures, which explored the cultural history as well as the Islamic history of various countries.

Each booth featured various delicious dishes from a variety of countries, and many also offered presentations and artifacts as well - showing Sunday School students the diversity of their brothers and sisters.

This gave them a chance to learn about the many cultural backgrounds of their classmates and fellow community members at the masjid. This event is always a beautiful and wholesome occasion every year. May Allah (SWT) reward the Sunday School team for everything that they do.



## Masjids across MD give 1,500+ winter clothing items

JANUARY 2026

“What do Muslims do in their free time?” MashaAllah, a lot of our Ummah chooses to spend their free time contributing to charitable causes - such as packing warm coats to be distributed during the winter.

With over 1,500 articles of clothing being packed, our masjid came together with Human Appeal to host a packing day for warm coats, gloves, hats, scarves, and socks.

Volunteers came together to sort and pack warm clothing for both children and adults. After the packing, Human Appeal delivers the clothing to distribution centers and homeless centers for them to be distributed.

Donations were given from Muslim communities all across Maryland, and volunteers from near and far came together to ensure that those in need can have clothes to help them get through the winter.

May Allah (SWT) reward every donor and volunteer with the reward of Sadaqa Jariya for participating.



## Moms & daughters go ice skating

JANUARY 2026

Muslim teens invited their moms to join them for ice skating at our private Sisters' Only Youth Group Ice Skating event!

MashaAllah, it was a beautiful opportunity for sisters of all ages to connect through a unique shared activity. While many guests invited their mothers, young sisters also invited other important women in their life - whether it was their friend, sister, or auntie.

ISB Youth Group offers a variety of opportunities for sisterhood and brotherhood for young Muslims, offering regular activities at the masjid and in surrounding areas.

From sports to art to growing in deen, Youth Group is all about connection and developing positive bonds amongst the Muslim community.

May Allah (SWT) allow our youth to grow in their deen, come together in sisterhood and brotherhood, and continue on their journey to become the leaders of tomorrow.



## ISB Open House welcomed non-Muslim guests

JANUARY 2026

Islamophobia is rising, but so is curiosity about Islam. At our last Visit a Mosque Day, dozens of visitors took a tour of the masjid, joined a Q&A session with scholars and converts to Islam, observed Muslims praying, and learned about Islam and Muslims at a variety of informational booths.

From the opportunity to ask questions, to a boutique for women to try on hijab and learn about modesty in Islam, free henna, to information about Palestine, Quran, calligraphy, and much more - guests enjoyed education, food, and the ability to meet the Muslim community.



May Allah (SWT) allow events like this to show the best of the Muslim community, and introduce our neighbors to the truth about Islam.

The thank Allah (SWT) for the opportunity to be a conduit in showing the world how beautiful Islam truly is.



## ISB leadership shares vision with community at Town Hall

JANUARY 2026

Our Town Halls are hosted to invite our community members to hear updates, engage, and share their opinions on what they would like to see at ISB now and in the future.

ISB wouldn't be ISB without you, by the Will of Allah (SWT).

That's why while we shared strategic themes for the future, current and future goals, and recent milestones with you, we also took the time to answer your questions, listen to your feedback, and explore what ISB leadership can do to better our overall masjid community.

Thank you for everyone whose valuable feedback and presence allows ISB to grow and improve, inshaAllah.



## Qibla hosts workshop at Dar al-Taqwa

JANUARY 2026

Alhamdulillah, we had the opportunity to bring our Hadith Jibreel workshop by ISB Qibla to our neighbors at Dar al-Taqwa.

From the famous hadith, our scholars Sh.

Yaseen and Sh. Zaki explored important topics in our deen, from the Day of Judgement to the depth of Ihsan (spiritual excellence). This was a deep-dive journey into the hadith of the conversation between the Prophet (SAW) and Angel Jibreel.

It was also a time for neighboring Muslim communities from ISB and DAT to come together. Alhamdulillah for unity and knowledge!



## Outreach team visits Christian private school

FEBRUARY 2026

St. Paul's School for Girls reached out to the ISB Outreach Team to ask for a representative to come and speak about Islam and Ramadan to their students.

A Christian-led school, students were able to have a chance to learn about Ramadan and Islam from the first-hand account of a Muslim.

Our Outreach volunteer went over what Ramadan is, how Muslims experience Ramadan, and shared some personal stories about her experience of Ramadan as a Muslim.

This is one of many regular events with ISB Outreach, which often include interfaith events, tours, Q&As, and more.



# Muslim businesses are supported at Masjid Bazaar

FEBRUARY 2026

The warmth of community brought us together during the frigid winter days as Muslims came together to support small businesses and prepare for Ramadan and Eid at our Pre-Ramadan Bazaar and Halaqa.

Your presence, by the Will of Allah (SWT), brought the Ramadan spirit back to the masjid as attendees started with a beautiful halaqa about preparing for Ramadan, came together to shop at local vendors, stayed to pray, and connected with friends old and new.

Alhamdulillah, coming together like this reminds of us the unity that goes into fostering a Prophetic community, inshaAllah.

We loved preparing for Ramadan with you - and as Ramadan came and went, we are grateful to have spent another year recognizing this blessed month together.

Thank you to our vendors, attendees, and volunteers who make events like this possible. Alhamdulillah for this wonderful community.



## Brothers youth group practice Jiu Jutsu

FEBRUARY 2026

Brotherhood, fitness, and self-defense at the ISB Youth Group Brothers' Jiu Jutsu session! Young men took a trip to a local BJJ gym, Rollstar Jiu Jitsu, a little before Ramadan started. They had the opportunity to learn introductory Jiu Jutsu techniques while bonding with their Muslim peers and older brother figures.

MashaAllah, this is just one of the many activities for young Muslims hosted by the ISB Youth Group in collaboration with Rollstar.

ISB Youth Group offers a variety of opportunities for brotherhood and sisterhood for young Muslims, offering regular activities at the masjid and in surrounding areas

From sports to art to growing in deen, Youth Group is all about connection and developing positive bonds amongst the Muslim community.

When you support your home masjid, you support the growth and development of ISB, allowing ISB to continue to be home to programs like Youth Group and keeping the daily services at our masjid growing as well as promoting future progress.



## ISB purchases 4 new golf carts and heating lamps

FEBRUARY 2026

Our pre-Ramadan purchase of 4 new golf carts allowed volunteers/staff to give attendees easy access to their parked vehicle on our extended lots.

As our parking lots get very full during Ramadan, these golf carts made transportation easier, especially during cold nights.

Lamps were also added, to allow warmth in the outdoor lobby and provide a space for attendees to spend time together after Salah, perhaps while drinking Chai after Taraweeh Prayer.



## Fathers and sons enjoy Qiyam night together

FEBRUARY 2026

The sight of fathers laughing and bonding with their sons- From young boys to older teenagers- is more than heartwarming: It's a glimpse at the future of our Muslim community, inshaAllah.

At our annual Father-Son Qiyam, fathers and sons of all ages participated in activities together, from games to inspirational talks, led by our scholars Sh. Saad Baig and Sh. Zaki.

Games brought out the inner youth inside of Muslim fathers, who went out of their way to devote a whole night to spending time at the masjid with their son/sons.

A full night of bonding culminated in eating a delicious suhoor together and praying Fajr in congregation at the masjid, boy and man side by side, making memories that will last a lifetime and will, inshaAllah, further connection between father and son, as well as that positive connection to the house of Allah.

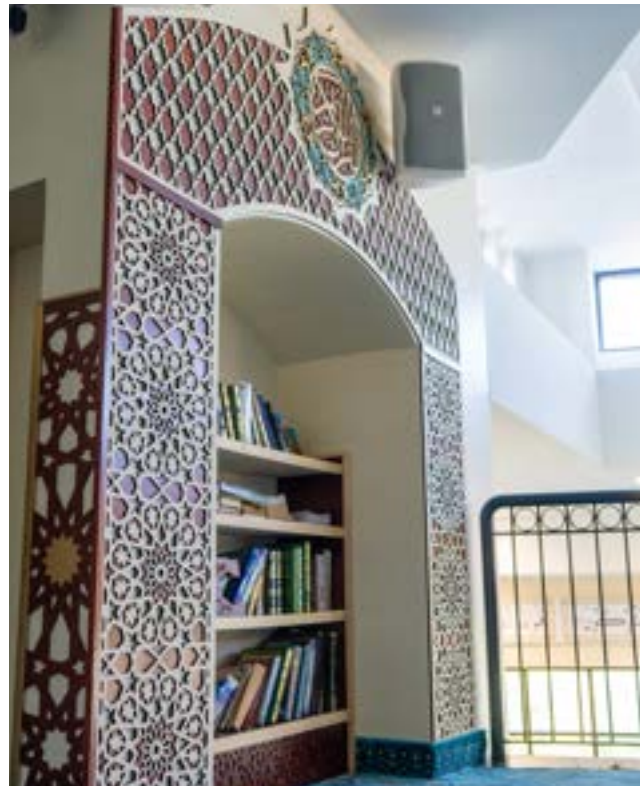


## ISB hosts Tanzeel for beautiful Qur'an night

FEBRUARY 2026

Tanzeel Initiative joined by our scholar Sh. Zaki Ali visited ISB for a beautiful Quran Night "The Road to Ramadan" which brought together wonderful Quran recitation and inspiration leading up to the blessed month of Ramadan.





## Musullah renovation adds motifs, seats, & shelves

FEBRUARY 2026

Musullah renovations update! You may have noticed some new bookshelves, Islamic motifs, benches, and decor throughout both of the Musullahs in our masjid. We're about 90% done these renovations and updates, Alhamdulillah.

Thanks to your support, by the will of Allah (SWT) our home masjid is regularly taken care of and maintained.

Some are more visible updates, such as the Musullah, and some are more behind-the-scenes, such as daily maintenance, keeping the lights on, cleaning, painting, and all manners of upkeep.

But no matter how big or how small, inshaAllah those who contribute to taking care of this masjid will be rewarded with the reward of Sadaqa Jariya.



## Non-Muslim guests visit the Masjid in Ramadan

MARCH 2026

Stats show that Islamophobia is rising in America, but our Ramadan Open House showed that so is curiosity about Islam and Muslims. At one of our biggest “Visit a Mosque Day” events, our Ramadan Open House had over 150 registrants who came to see what Muslims do during Ramadan.

Dozens of visitors visited the masjid and were led on a tour, joined a Q&A session with scholars and converts to Islam, observed Muslims praying, and learned about Islam and Muslims at a variety of informational booths. Since it took place during Ramadan, it was also an opportunity for Muslims to learn about and observe how Muslims break their fast, and spend time with the community at iftar time!

Our Open Houses have become a tradition here at ISB, which happen several times a year and have become a platform for those interested in learning about Islam and Muslims to have a welcoming opportunity to do so.

Guests were able to come and see a beautiful, welcoming community thanks to your support of ISB Outreach, which also regularly hosts tours of the masjid for interfaith and school groups throughout the year.



## Muslim leaders meet local leaders at Governor's iftar

MARCH 2026

Maryland Governor Wes Moore, as well as Lt. Governor Aruna Miller and team, visited Islamic Society of Baltimore and met with masjid leadership from across the state, who shared their first-hand perspective on what's going on in Palestine as well as about local Islamophobia, as Governor Moore and his team listened intently.

Partnering with Imams and Leaders from masajid across Maryland including Masjid Ul Haqq, Masjid Al-Ihsan, Dar Al-Taqwa, and Muslim Family Center, Palestinians from the community also gave accounts of what's going on in their homeland, and the ISB leadership shared detailed information about the tragedy in Gaza and the years of recurring struggle throughout Palestine.

Alhamdulillah, a united message centered around humanitarian and safety concerns for our brothers and sisters here in the USA and in Palestine was delivered by Muslims- brothers and sisters, young and old, from all backgrounds.



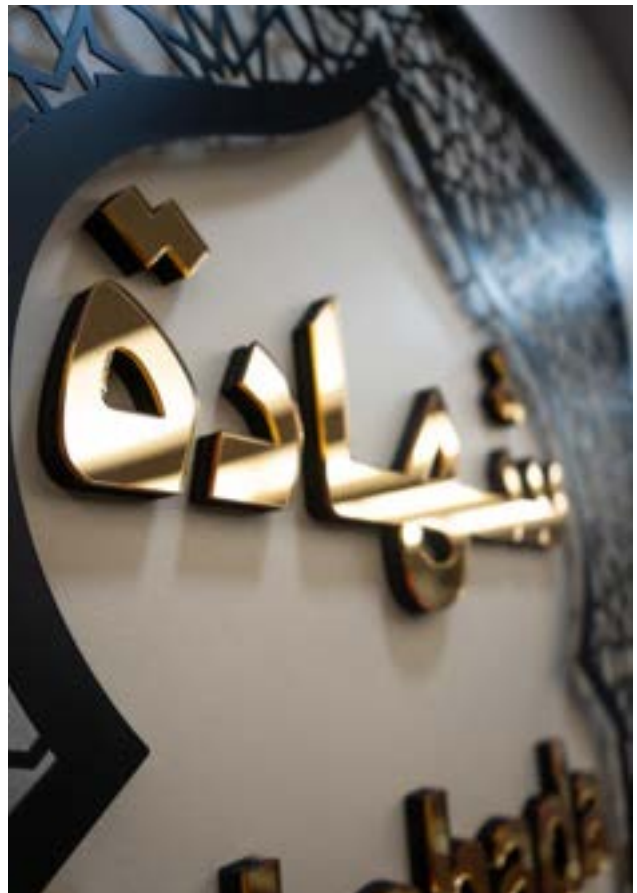
## Barakah in families sharing meals at Suhoor Night

MARCH 2026

Qiyam. Community. Suhoor. Reflecting on the beautiful Suhoor Night held at ISB this past Ramadan and hosted by the Halal Food Fest team, where families and friends came together to spend time at the masjid.

Guests enjoyed an inspiring Ramadan Halaqa, Qiyam prayer, a Dua wall, and supported local Muslim-owned businesses when they grabbed Suhoor and shared in the barakah of sharing food together after Taraweeh and before Fajr.

Thank you to everyone who made this lovely event possible!



## Masjid lobby gets new decorations

MARCH 2026

New addition to our downstairs lobby! MashaAllah, these beautiful wall decorations now highlight the 5 Pillars of Islam, with the intention of being a reminder for the believers and a beautiful talking point for non-Muslim guests who may visit the Masjid, especially during our Open Houses!

Additions like this couldn't be possible without your support by the Will of Allah (SWT), but more importantly, it is through your support, by the will of Allah (SWT), that our home masjid is regularly taken care of and maintained.

This may include some visible updates like this new wall decor, but many more are behind-the-scenes, such as daily maintenance, keeping the lights on, cleaning, painting, and all manners of upkeep. It can also include large projects that allow for the future growth of the Islamic Society of Baltimore for years to come.

But no matter how big or how small, inshaAllah those who contribute to taking care of this masjid will be rewarded with the reward of Sadaqa Jariya.



## Night of Unity hosts reciters from local Masajid

MARCH 2026

The Night of Unity: A night of Quran recitation, and bringing together reciters and community members from throughout the DMV - Because while we may pray at different masaajid, we are all a part of one Ummah.

We at ISB were honored to have the opportunity to host this wonderful event here at our masjid earlier in Ramadan, and the spirit of togetherness reminded us how beautiful it is when we unite as Muslims.

Different reciters led Taraweeh prayer throughout the night, vendors for sweet snacks and drinks were on site, and the beautiful recitation of the Book of Allah calmed our hearts.

Thank you to the Muslim Youth DMV Council for maintaining such a beautiful tradition in our area. May Allah (SWT) bless everyone who made this lovely event possible.



# MyHome Benefit Iftar raises over \$800K

MARCH 2026

It's time for a HUGE thank you: Thank you to everyone who came for our My Home Benefit Iftar, and thank you to everyone who donated throughout Ramadan. You make this community a true community, by the will of Allah (SWT). May Allah (SWT) reward you generously.

When ISB leadership asks for donations for the masjid every Ramadan - It is because the masjid genuinely could not function without your kindness and your generous giving.

This masjid is funded by community members like you, whose kindness keeps the lights on, allows for future growth, and allows ISB to be a home for so many, by Allah's decree.

InshaAllah, Allah will reward you not just for the money that you gave, but for the good that it does for every person you have helped now and for years to come.

From people who give every year to those who gave for the first time, we are so grateful for each one of you. Your generosity will never be forgotten.

Jazakumullahu Khairan to everyone who keeps ISB running. By the will of Allah, you truly take care of your home.



## Large crowds of families celebrate Eid ul-Fitr at ISB

MARCH 2026

Eid ul-Fitr this year was worship, community, and beautiful weather. But it also marked the end to a wonderful Ramadan at ISB.

To those who attended salah, greeted each other, took photos together, and were a Prophetic example of being one unified and welcoming Ummah...

To the volunteers and staff who kept things organized and made Eid go smoothly after their hard work all Ramadan...

To the attendees of the brunch specifically for converts/reverts to ensure that there was company on a day when some may not have Muslim friends or family to spend the day with.

And to everyone who came to ISB...

By the will of Allah (SWT), it is your presence that makes Eid at the masjid, Eid at the masjid.

To those who came for Eid ul-Fitr- we hope that you find the masjid to be a place that you want to frequent throughout the year, because ISB is our home, and ISB is your home.



## Eid Festival attracts all ages with rides, food, & bazaar

MARCH 2026

The community came together to celebrate Eid at our Eid Celebration event, featuring fun for all ages!

From bouncy houses to games, to bazaar vendors and food vendors, this Eid celebration was a beautiful way for families, friends, and community members as well as visitors to make Eid memories for years to come, inshaAllah.

Because it was held right outside of the masjid, attendees were easily able to gather for prayer on site as well.

Thank you to everyone who made this event possible, including our event planners, volunteers, and vendors on-site - and of course, our wonderful guests, mashaAllah.

May Allah (SWT) allow us to always come together like this.



## ISB Basketball teams compete in National Tour

MARCH 2026

ISB MAP competed in the National Muslim Basketball Tour! The National Muslim Basketball Tour consists of annual regional tournaments and crowns one National Champion in a final tournament.

From Youth Divisions to Adults, with both brothers and sisters, our MAP (Muslim Athletic Program) teams showed up, gave it their all, and had fun.

For 3 days, it was high level, competitive hoops - all for the sake of Islam and for brotherhood/sisterhood.

We're so proud of our teams, mashaAllah.



## Our elders receive Eid gifts from our High Schoolers

APRIL 2026

There is something truly special about the wisdom of our elders meeting the energy of our youth. This Ramadan, our Al-Rahmah High School students took part in a beautiful inter-generational initiative to give back to those who paved the way for us.

Our students spent time carefully preparing and packing custom Eid Gift Baskets for the wonderful seniors at the Golden Age Center. Each basket was more than just a gift; it was a "basket full of happiness" meant to show our appreciation, respect, and love for our senior community members.

Seeing the smiles on both the students' and seniors' faces reminds us of the power of community service. We are so proud of our students, may Allah bless them.

## Testimonials

**“In my opinion, this is a truly beautiful and positive initiative. Events like this not only strengthen our connection with the Qur’an, but also promote unity, brotherhood, and love within the Muslim community.”**

Noah Mateo, on Night of Unity

**“Mashaallah, may Allah swt bless everyone who contributed to this beautiful project.”**

AbdelHalim Mahfouz, on Lobby Decorations

**“MashaAllah, this is a wonderful initiative. It is very encouraging to see so many people showing interest in learning about Islam and experiencing the spirit of Ramadan. May Allah (SWT) reward everyone who organized and supported this event.”**

Samad Khalil, on Ramadan Open House

**“This is how it should be in every mosque. So that the youth enjoy coming also builds relationships between families.”**

Aisha Ali, on Father-Son Qiyam Night

**“Alhamdulillah this dude makes me want to come all the way across the world to ride the golf carts.”**

Muhammad Mulla, on Br. Yehia announcing new Golf Carts

# Meet the ISB Council

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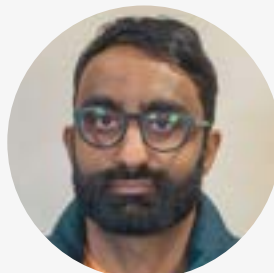
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“We are always ready to serve you,  
our community.”



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