

## Challenges For Islamic Centers in America 2010

**Dear Momeneen,**

In the last few years Islamic Centers in America have had lots of problems some have been closed by FBI, because of spreading hatred and extremist ideas. Some have been closed because of internal fighting because of dictatorial behavior of directors causing financial problems. Some are in danger of confiscation, because of their financial ties to the other countries. As Muslim American this country is our home and home of our children and grandchildren, we must learn how to live in our new home and with our new neighbors. The following is our recommendations.

### Our Recommendation for all Islamic Centers in America

1. We must have American flag and a picture of our President Obama in all of our Islamic Centers. Please remember we are an American Muslims and this is our home.
2. Lunch at Juma prayers and invite all community members especially non Muslims, to show your hospitality and generosity.
3. Diner Pot Luck on Thursday nights Doa Koamil Quran study or Zikrullah and invite the community members.
4. Memorial service for Muslims who have died in your community on Saturday and Sunday. Prayer and Doa for them on Thursday night Doa Komail. This way the Mosque becomes the center of the community.
5. Islamic Burial site for your community is needed Islamic Centers must organize and lead the community in purchasing the site.
6. Use your center for Wedding ceremonies without alcohol or dancing. Become part of every ones good memory.
7. Use your center for interfaith events at least twice a year. Eidfitr & Eidadha and on 4<sup>th</sup> of July, or Christmas and Hanukah to show your patriotic & good citizenship.
8. Use your center for community events, neighborhood council, community educational events, like: health care reform, global warming and invite Politicians to come & educate our community. But you can not do fund raising, in the Mosque and you must invite both sides Democrats and Republicans.
9. In your major celebrations & fundraising for your center always invite politicians and celebrities. For example: Governor, Mayor, City Council, Congress person and Senators. Also sports celebrities like basketball players and tennis players etc.
10. You must have Friday night Youth Program for families and for our young Boys and Girls, to meet one another so they can get married and form their own families. Various Quranic Debate & Discussion will help them to meet in an academic & godly atmosphere.
11. Your Islamic Centers Board should consist at least 50 members. For example: Doctors, Lawyers, CPA's Business men and women from the community you help them spiritually and they will help you financially and politically.
12. Organize interfaith school for your community teach the children tolerance, friendship, acceptance and good global citizenship. We have one god, one earth, one human race. Quran says "there is only one religion in the sight of god" and that is obeying god according to your own Holy book.