

# The Islamic Mission of America

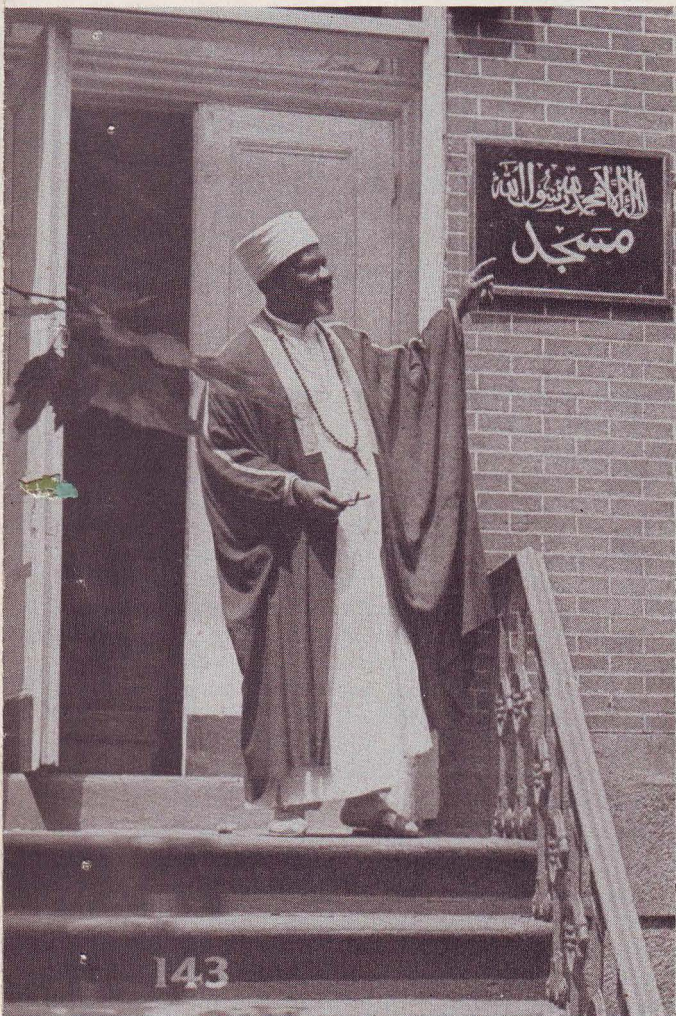


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Madinat-assalam—the all-Muslim community in East Fishkill, N. Y.

The Islamic Mission of America (National Headquarters: 143 State Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.) is a religious organization which was established in 1932 and incorporated in 1944 in the State of New York.

## Its Purpose

The sole purpose of the Islamic Mission of America is to propagate the Faith of Al-Islam—the Religion of Humanity—and to defend its sacred Cause in this part of the world.

## Its achievements

In its brief history, the Mission has been able to bring, with the help of Allah, nearly two thousand men and women (young and old, and representing many walks of life) into the fold of Islam. A number of converts are today the leaders of various Muslim communities in the United States, and some of them have set up their own missionary organizations (in Buffalo, N.Y.; Jersey City, N.J.; Philadelphia, Penna.; Oakland, Calif.; and, overseas, in Ceylon, Nigeria and South America) which, under the guidance of Shaikh Daoud Ahmed Faisal, are rendering great service to the Cause of Islam in America and the world.

## The Mosque

The Mission's mosque, also located at 143 State Street in Brooklyn, is now recognized as the chief center of Islamic worship in the Greater New York area. The five daily prayers are held here regularly. On Fridays, at the time of *Jum'a* prayers, Muslim dignitaries from the United Nations, students from Islamic countries enrolled at the many colleges and universities of the Metropolis, and Muslim businessmen and laborers from Manhattan and Brooklyn mingle with each other freely in a manner that is truly characteristic of Islam and Islam alone. (In the ranks of Islam there is no difference between man and man, whatever their "color," "race" or "nationality.") In recent months these prayers have been led by the gracious Prince of Yemen, His Highness Amir Saif-ul-Islam al-Hassan.

Adequate facilities for Muslim women worshippers are also provided in the Mosque.

## The Institute of Islam

Regular lectures on various aspects of Islam are held at the Institute of Islam, which is connected with this Mission, each Sunday evening at 7:30. Classes for Muslim children and young adults are held on Monday and Thursday evenings and Sunday mornings. In the near future, if Allah willing, this Institute would be transformed into a full-fledged, academic Islamic school.

Speakers on Islamic subjects for men and women's professional and service organizations are also provided by the Institute of Islam.

Cover photo: Shaikh Daoud A. Faisal



Historic photo shows Mme. and Shaikh Faisal signing the Talbot Estate purchase papers. Looking on is Attorney H. F. Dyruuff. In background is Mr. Hus-sain Ahmed, of the Islamic Mission.

## *Madinat-assalam*

The rapid growth of Islam in eastern United States has given birth to a very serious problem which our Mission is now facing, namely, that of housing and employment for the new Muslims (converts), many of whom usually find themselves excommunicated by their relatives and friends, and in some instances, deprived of the jobs they held before turning Muslim. The *Madinat-assalam* Community Project has been devised by this Mission as a solution to the new problem.

A sizeable property in East Fishkill, Dutchess County, N.Y., formerly known as the Talbot Estate, has been acquired by the Islamic Mission of America, which is to be developed into an all-Muslim community. Named *Madinat-assalam*, or "Abode of Peace," the community will consist of at least one hundred Muslim families, each occupying a separate dwelling (designed after Moroccan-style architecture). At least a proportion of the residents will be able to find work right in *Madinat-assalam*, as provision and service stores would have to be set up there upon completion of the building plans. *Madinat-assalam* would be self-sufficient in many material needs, particularly in items of food, a variety of which (notably corn) can be grown there successfully. A fresh-water lake and a brook will supply the community's water needs.

As the community of *Madinat-assalam* grows, a mosque and an Islamic school will also be erected there.

The Islamic Mission of America hopes that the *Madinat-assalam* project, when completed, would serve as a model for similar developments in other parts of Islamic America.

## Other activities

The Mission is engaged in many other activities and services. For instance, it serves as a source of general infor-

mation on Islam for the many schools, libraries and business organizations in New York City. (On an average, five to fifty enquiries and requests for information on Islam and an almost equal number of telephone calls are received by the Mission *daily*.) The Mission also issues, primarily for the benefit of converts, "Certificates of Adoption of Islam," "Certificates of Islamic Marriage," and "Certificates of Birth," the last-named being for children whose original birth certificates do not indicate that they were born of Muslim parents or whose parents are *now* of the Islamic Faith.

*Our Future:*

With the grace of Allah, a great future awaits our Mission. However, the sum of

**\$90,000**

is required urgently to expedite the development of *Madinat-assalam* and to carry on our other activities on a most effective basis.

We, the undersigned, therefore, make this fervent appeal to Muslims all over the world in general and to the U. S. Muslims in particular to give us their unstinted support at this time. Surely, Allah will reward you for your generous help.

Shaikh Daoud Ahmed Faisal, National Director  
Abdul Basit Naeem, Honorary Secretary

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*It is indeed a sacred duty of every Muslim to Give for the propagation and defense of Islam in America.*

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