

Islam in BROOKLYN

Converted residence
serves as
a Moslem mosque

ONE OF THE MOST unique places of worship in America can be found in a three-story building in the heart of Brooklyn, known to New Yorkers as the borough of churches. The structure houses a Moslem mosque where followers of Islam can pray.

The Islamic Mission of America was established in 1939 by Rev. Sheikh, Daoud Ahmed Faisal, as a place of worship for Moslem residents in Brooklyn and visiting Moslem students and seamen. Since then, tens of thousands of visitors, from every Moslem nation, have prayed there during their trips to America. Islamic literature is also mailed from the Mission to every corner of the globe.



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Moslem mosque is located in this building at 143 State St., Brooklyn. Several hundred Moslem couples have been wed here.



Rev. Sheikh, Daoud Ahmed Faisal, spiritual leader of the Islamic Mission, holds a Koran.



Women kneel on thick carpets to pray, facing East. There are two separate mosques

in Mission Building, one for men, other for women. Each mosque has private entrance.



Interior view of mosque showing "Imam" or leader (left) and congregation kneeling in prayer ("sudjed").