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Radiating the Teachings of Islam

Mulla Asgher Memorial Library & Islamic Resource Center

Enhancement of our mode and manner of Tabligh to radiate the teachings of Islam to the wider Community in the West, in this era of information explosion, has been a subject of much deliberation amongst leaders and intellectuals alike. In the 21st century, one effective way to disseminate the lofty values of Islam, as expounded by the Ahlul Bait, (AS) is by investing in resource facilities that can help convey teachings of Islam using information technology and new media.

The Mulla Asgher Memorial Library and Islamic Resource Center will be a monument that will be testimony that we care about our fellow humans enough to share with them the richness of our faith in accordance with the teachings of the Prophet (SAW) and his Ahlul bait (AS). There cannot be a better tribute to Marhum Mulla Asgher, a personality who did just that throughout his life.

This center, established within the JICC Bathurst Complex in Toronto will serve to enhance learning and research by providing a rich repository of books, manuscripts as well as multimedia resources and exhibits on Islam with a preponderance material from the School of Ahlul Bait, (AS) open to the community members, students, journalists, academics and researchers in Toronto and surrounding areas. This will Inshhallah be the first of its kind in North America, placing the JICC Bathurst on the academic map in the West.





Vision

To be a premier state of the art Islamic resource center in North America providing research and learning facilities to the Muslims as well non-Muslims.

Mission

To create a modern repository of information on Shia Islam so that the media, academics and the public at large may no longer plead ignorance of our faith, values, and customs for the want of information through the following:

- Fully staffed Multi-Lingual Reference Library
- Manuscripts on Islamic Literature
- Bibliographical information for research purposes
- Digital access to ahadith and tafseer literature
- Web Portal hosting for virtual access
- Collection and dissemination of Multimedia Resources from around the world
- KHOJA community archives
- Permanent exhibitions on Islam and works of Muslim Scientists, scholars and artists.
- PR and Media facilities - Media Resource Room.

Project Status:

The 7500 sq ft Resource Center is housed on two floors within the Bathurst Complex. This space has been acquired in lieu of a donation of \$600,000 to JICC. Coinciding with the rest of the construction at the Bathurst Complex, the first floor is now ready for occupation and the work continues in the basement. Inshallah, Basement finishes are to be completed in the next few months as the rest of the basement facilities at Bathurst are being finished.

Acknowledgements:

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The support by the President of Toronto Jamaat Br Razaq Damani and his Executive team has been exemplary and we appreciate the efforts of the construction team and in particular the project manager Br Arif Asaria in making this possible.

For interior design and final finishing, we are indebted to Sister Salma Alibhai, Brs. Murtaza Panju, Aunali Moledina and Mohammed Walji, who all continue to work tirelessly to bring this ambitious project to its completion in the next few months Inshallah.