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ISB Cultural Center

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Mayor of Boston tells Muslim Business leaders:

I want to help you create more opportunities for culture in our city

Boston (MA): Pointing at drawings of the Islamic Society of Boston Cultural Center, Mayor Thomas M. Menino addressed a group of Muslim Business leaders in the greater Boston area at a dinner



meeting by saying: "On behalf of all the residents of Boston, I thank you for this gift." The meeting was held last January by the Islamic Society

of Boston (ISB) at Marriot Copy to thank the City and the Mayor for their support and encouragement.

Mr. Menino added that one of the greatest things about living in Boston is that neighborhoods have personally. "We have the chance to taste, smell and touch things from every part of the world. We live in one of the most diverse cities in the country. And our neighborhoods have a lot to offer. Tonight in Roxbury, we celebrate a new project that will do so much to strengthen the neighborhood and show its diversity," He said. Members of ISB's board of trustees presented the Mayor with gifts resembling the two holiest places in Makkah and Medinah, Saudi Arabia. A Power Point presentation on ISB's project was undertaken by Dr. Walid Filalhi who was later joined by ISB members and Mr. Muhammed Al-Salaam from BRA to answer questions.

From Muslim IMPACT Center

ISB CC on the WWWeb
Headed by Br Walid Sallam and Br Saladin Ali Salaam, the initial www.isbcc.org is professionally almost done. On-line fund raising for the ISB Roxbury Project will be easy and securely conducted.

If you can help in the design add what type of information should be there, sponsor a page or link to our site, please let us know

The Center will be a great wa for this community to come together and highlight their way of life. I'm proud that this Center will be created with the help and support of the community. The Islamic Society of Boston has worked with residents to make sure everyone will benefit from this project. This new Center is only one great story in the neighborhood. Thomas M. Menino

ISB Ramadan Fund-raiser

The yearly ISB fund-raiser has been advertised extensively in New England. Khutbas and special programs were conducted in most mosques in New England to inform the community about the project. This helped in the final turnout of the fundraising held in the first weekend of Ramadan. About 1000 people showed up. Pledges were about \$380,000, probably the most any Islamic project had ever collected in New England in one night

MAKE YOUR DONATION TODAY!

April 29th, 2000 is the DEADLINE
We have to provide 2,000,000\$

Please do NOT let Islam down!

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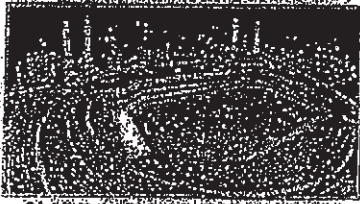
Automatic Withdrawal?

Headed by Br. Bassem Shibly, an automatic Withdrawal Committee has been going to many Islamic Centers in New England in order to collect as many monthly withdrawal donations for the project. The Plan is to have about 1000 subscribers Insha Allah. A team goes to every center in order to quickly pass out pledge forms, with a speaker who motivates people about the project. If you can help in this committee or have ideas, please share it with us.

Yousef Abou-Allah, M.D. was chosen by the Board of Trustees to bear the responsibilities of leading the Project. Dr. Abou-Allah, ex-president of the Islamic Society of Greater Worcester, has been active in the community since 1992. He holds an MBA from Anna Maria College and a psychiatry by profession from Harvard.

Overseas Fundraising Efforts

Dr. Walid Fitaili, Dr. Osama Kandil, Dr. Muhammad Amr, Dr. Sami Angawi and Br. Muhammad Ali Salaam worked hard during Ramadan to solicit funds from overseas. Dr. Walid and Sami took on Saudi. Dr. Muhammad Amr and Muhammad Ali Salaam took on other Gulf states.



Dr. Allah-Khalil and other community leaders

ISB CC Community Leaders Meeting

A week before the fund-raiser, and in an effort to introduce the project details to community leaders in New England, the presidents, imams, and activists from most centers were invited to a meeting in Quincy, MA. Dr. Sami, Dr. Walid, and Dr. Yousef held Power Point presentations to about 50 people in the meeting. To some of them, this was the first time to hear about the project yet many showed unparalleled support to the point that surprised ISB members.

Imam Talib Mahdi of Masjid Al Quran had wonderful things to say as did many others.

Dr. Rahman, a Management professor in Suffolk University, and the president of the group who organizes the prayers in downtown, was also very supportive and gave some good management suggestions.

The idea of a non-binding Advisory board selected by the ISB CC board to help in the project was suggested. This advisory board, which will be



made up of selected community leaders, will help in activating all Muslim communities and to advise ISB on the project.

ISB CC Community Meeting

A larger community meeting was held at ISB to discuss and think about goals for the next 5 years. The community was also asked to discuss how the ISB Cultural Center Project could help achieve these goals.

The Meeting got the community involved. It also helped identify very good people who offered all kind of help.

A key challenge was identified: How to use and manage the intellectual power and contributions of many people in our community who really want to help?

Your involvement is crucial

WE NEED YOU TO

- ...take charge of different aspects of the project
- ...know as much as you can about the project
- ...attend the meetings to help out
- ...tell others know about it
- ...come up with ideas and help us help you follow them through
- ...make Duas to Allah SWT

Marketing Committee

Headed by Br Hassan Alami, a nice package has been produced for potential donors

The package includes a letter addressed to the donor about ISB and its history besides recommendation letters from national and local organizations. Specific information about the project and request for donation were also included. If you know of a potential donor/donors, please let us know.

Islamic Society of Boston Cultural Center

Once built, the Center will be a beautiful example of Islamic architecture. A new school and community center will be open to everyone. And Muslims will have a quiet place to worship.

The Muslim population in Boston is growing. More than 70 thousand Muslims call this city home. Many come here for our fine educational and medical institutions.

Mayor of Boston

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