

# Newsletter

## A Newsletter of the Mobile Islamic Community



**Read the HOLY QURAN daily.**  
**An-Nisa-The Women**

**WOMEN IN AL ISLAM**

**Read, Listen, and Study**  
**Lectures of Imam W.D. Mohammed**

**COMMUNITY EVENTS**  
**Mobile Masjid of Al-Islam**  
**COVID Vaccination and Rapid**  
**COVID Testing Community Event**  
By  
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**WOMEN IN AL ISLAM**  
By  
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**The US Supreme Court Sees**  
**Prophet Muhammad as One of**  
**the Greatest Lawgivers**

Islam's most important prophet is  
recognized along with 18 other  
historical figures.



**Photo Credit Alice Nasrullah**

All praise be to Allah (SWT). Two events from October 9<sup>th</sup> and October 30<sup>th</sup> were awesome community efforts. This work started as just a COVID Vaccination event and it quickly evolved into food vending, community yard sale, information/service outreach from several community organizations, COVID Vaccination, and Rapid COVID Testing. USA Health Pandemic Team and Mobile Masjid of Al-Islam collaborated for this event and our community will be better for it so please Allah (SWT).

A personal note, my heart is filled with much gratitude and love from being involved in this event. I restrain my tears at this time from so many out pours of support. I witnessed ideas come to life, laughter, resolve, new relationships/friendships developed, and much needed information/education was

Throughout the history of Islam there have been incredible women who we can use as role models today. Muslim women contributed to the legacy of Islam as scholars, jurist (an expert or scholar in law), rulers, benefactresses, warriors, business women, and legal experts. This article is about just a few women that have contributed to Islam. The most famous Muslim woman in the era of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) is The Prophet's first wife Khadija. Khadijah was well ahead of her time even before her famous marriage to the Prophet. She was a successful entrepreneur. She was one of the elite figures of Mecca; a wealthy trader and businesswoman that supported the Prophet financially and morally. When he was granted prophethood Khadija played a central role in supporting and propagating the new faith of Islam. She has the distinction of being the first Muslim. Other prominent women in Islam that helped shaped the religion during that era include the Prophet's daughter Fatima. Fatima was the youngest daughter of the Prophet and Khadija. She was said to be the purest woman of all time and the dearest person to the Prophet.

The hadith mentions angels spoke to her on several occasions. Fatima is admired for her kindness and selflessness. It is said that Fatima occupies a similar position in Islam that Maryam (Mary) occupies in

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With all the Islamophobic rhetoric and criticism of Shariah law coming from American leaders, most Muslims assume the United States doesn't have a clear understanding of - or respect for - Islamic history and traditions.

On the contrary, the highest court in the U.S. recognizes the incredible significance of Prophet Muhammad and his teachings on Islamic law.

In fact, the U.S. Supreme Court considers Prophet Muhammad to be one of the 18 greatest lawgivers in history, along with the likes of the ancient Egyptian ruler Menes, the Prophet Moses, Hammurabi, Confucius, Napoleon, and John Marshall.

A larger-than-life frieze of the great 18 lawgivers was created and installed in the U.S. Supreme Court in the early 1930s, in remembrance of their contributions to legal history.

All these decades later, the piece of artwork remains, reminding viewers that American laws are not based on one specific legal or religious text. Instead, they are built on millennia of



provided about this current pandemic and vaccination process. As a member of Mobile Masjid of Al-Islam and the USA Health Pandemic Team, I was able to infuse two loves of mine. Those two loves are being a Muslim and taking care of people. I struggle to even comprehend and scribe my expression in this text of how this impacted all those involved and those who were served. The work is a privilege and we are striving to keep the efforts growing to please Allah (SWT). Events like this one are successful because we as a community joined together and we focused on the same common goal.... helping people. We have been described as helpers, community outreachers, frontline workers, first responders, volunteers, aides, healthcare workers, and advocates. The title that weighs even heavier is life preservers. Preservation of life is the goal. In conclusion, 36 people were vaccinated. All the COVID rapid tests were negative on site. Many resources and information were provided to the community. Thank you to the leadership and all the members of Mobile Masjid of Al-Islam and the USA Health Pandemic Team. Also, thank you to the other organizations that joined the effort: Mobile County Health Department, WIC, All of Us Research, Lifeline Counseling Services, USA Center of Excellence, and Prichard Masjid of Al-Islam. Let's keep striving!! As-Salaam-Alaikum



USA Health Pandemic Team Members

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Yard Sale and Dinner Sale

legal history and traditions from around the world.

In 1989, [now-deceased] Supreme Court Justice, John Paul Stevens, wrote that the inclusion of lawgivers from a vast array of religious, secular, and cultural traditions symbolized a respect for justice that transcends a particular creed.

Excerpts from an earlier historical article by Jason Lemon printed at <https://stepfeed.com>



The Islamic Community prays for a safe and enjoyable Thanksgiving Observance for all. In giving thanks we are reminded:

Then after that We forgave you so that you might be grateful. Al-Baqara: 52 And surely your Lord is the Lord of grace to men, but most of them are not grateful. An-Naml: 79

What can ALLAH gain by your punishment, if ye are grateful and ye believe? Nay it is ALLAH that recogniseth (all good), and knoweth all things. An-Nisa: 147

#### DOCUMENTING OUR COMMUNITY STORY

**SiStars In Service (SIS)**

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**SAT., NOV 27, 2021 @ 2 PM EST**

*"Documenting Our Community Story"*

*with Alysha K. Mustafan*

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