Ramadan of Resistance 2024

This document contains a central calendar for our shared Ramadan programming in 2024. We will be updating it throughout Ramadan with different event opportunities and resources for our community.

Our goal is to provide a safe space for all Muslims (and Muslim-ish folks) while prioritizing the most marginalized within our communities. This includes our siblings who are Black, LGBTQ+, Shi'a, disabled, and converts who are often excluded from participation within mainstream Muslim communities. We also seek to dismantle traditional ideas and norms of what it means to be Muslim. Thus, we define Muslim as a person who identifies with "muslim-ness" in any way — cultural, political, spiritual, convert, revert, etc. We believe that queering Ramadan is itself an act of resistance and our goal this year is to highlight the ways that Ramadan has been a tradition of resistance.

Ramadan extends beyond the act of abstaining from dawn to sunset; it embodies a profound period of resistance, community care, and utopia building. Fasting is not merely about abstaining from eating and drinking; it involves abstaining from oppressive systems that may have infiltrated our communities. By engaging in a collective fast, Muslims resist societal vices, fostering shared resilience against materialism and self-indulgence, and resisting capitalism, white supremacy, patriarchy, ableism, and other systems of oppression.

This resistance is intertwined with acts of community care, as Ramadan inspires heightened generosity and compassion, encouraging Muslims to support community members through zakat (resource redistribution) and shared iftars, reinforcing the bonds of community.

The emphasis on spiritual reflection, self-discipline, and communal welfare during Ramadan lays the groundwork for envisioning and constructing a utopian society rooted in equity, compassion, and mindfulness. Through these practices, Ramadan offers a blueprint for a world where the well-being of the community takes precedence, guiding individuals in the pursuit of a just and harmonious society.

During this time, when Muslims are impacted by nearly a dozen ongoing genocides, it is important to center and honor the tradition of Ramadan as a form of resistance.

We understand that our communities live in different time zones and have different accessibility needs. This is why all of our listed events will be held remotely via Zoom, and many of our events will include closed captioning and/or ASL interpretation. If you're unable to attend events or feel Zoom fatigued, we will also be sharing resources to provide various ways to process, celebrate, and participate throughout this month.

With Love & Solidarity,
Muslim Alliance for Sexual & Gender Diversity (MASGD),
Queer Crescent,
Savage Daughters,
Queer Shia Collective,
Jummah4All,
and HEART

Notes:

- All of the below times are in Central Daylight Time (CDT) for the sake of consistency.
- Events marked with an asterisk (*) denotes that live closed captioning and/or ASL interpretation will be provided.
- Please use your discretion based on the event title to ensure that the event you are attending is intended for you. If the event does not clearly state who the audience is, you are welcome to attend — as long as you are committed to centering marginalized Muslims: including Black, LGBTQ+, Shi'a, disabled, incarcerated Muslims, etc.
- **Please Note: Events without registration links will be updated throughout Ramadan**
- **For all events with two asterisks ** ASL Interpreters will be present**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
March 10	March 11	March 12	March 13	March 14	March 15	March 16
Ramadan As Resistance Teach-in by MASGD & Queer Crescent at 11AM CST			Grief Space by MASGD at 12 PM CST What's Ramadan To You: Assessing Your Beliefs w/Chaplain Seher by HEART at 3PM CT		Jummah Prayer by Jummah 4 All & MASGD at 1 pm CST	Tajwid Classes by MASGD at 11 AM CST Ramadan For Kids by Savage Daughters at 1 PM CST

March 17	March 18	March 19	March 20	March 21	March 22	March 23
Global LGBTQ+ Muslim Hangout by MASGD at 11 AM CST	My First Ramadan by MASGD & Queer Shia Collective at 6:30 PM CST				Jummah is for Lovers (w/pinkwashing khutbah) by Queer Crescent and Jummah 4 All at 1 pm CST	Tajwid Classes by MASGD at 11 AM CST
March 24	**March 25**	**March 26**	**March 27**	**March 28**	**March 29**	**March 30**
Care Work as Resistance Teach-in 12pm By MASGD ** (with ASL Interpreters)	Reclaiming Dua: Dua Workshop with Chaplain Seher by HEART at 4:30 PM CST				Jummah Prayer by Jummah 4 All & MASGD at 12 pm CST ** (with ASL Interpreters)	Tajwid Classes by MASGD at 11 AM CST Ramadan For Kids by Savage Daughters at 1 PM CST

March 31	April 1	April 2	April 3	April 4	April 5	April 6
Shab e Zarbat Night Aka Martyrdom of Hazrat Imam Ali by Queer Shia Collective at 1 PM CT	Indigenous Healing Circle by Savage Daughters & MASGD at 7 PM CT	Laylat-al-Qadr Workshop: Community Space by HEART at 4:30 PM CT			Yaum e Quds (Al Quds Day) by Queer Shia Collective and Queers in Palestine at 11 AM CT Jummah Prayer by Jummah4All & MASGD 1 PM CT	
April 7	April 8	April 9	April 10	April 11	April 12	April 13
Global Black LGBTQ+ Muslim Hangout by MASGD 11 AM CST		Eid Prayer & Celebration 11 am CST by MASGD & Jumuah4All & Savage Daughters ** (with ASL Interpreters)				Eid Open Mic 2pm CST by MASGD

RAMADAN EVENT GUIDE

We are including resources here from the broader Queer Trans & Allied Muslim community. We did our best to include events that are all gender inclusive and all sects inclusive. Please note: It could also be helpful to do your own research before attending to make sure you find alignment (& safety) with the kind of practice/community being offered.

In-Person (iftars, jummah, taraweeh)

Jummah Prayer in Brooklyn

Jummah Prayer in Bronx

Jummah Prayer in Atlanta (TBA by Unity Mosque)

11th Annual Queer Muslims of Boston Iftar

Toronto Queer Muslim Network Community Iftar

Washington, DC Iftar Dinner by KhushDC

HEART Chicago Iftar

SF Bay Area Ramadan Events

Online (events)

Imaan LGBTQI Uk based org hosting Ramadan events

Eid Services & Celebrations

El Tawhid Unity Mosque Eid Services

Resources

The Women's Khutbah Book

Dating during Ramadan

Ramadan Support Groups by Amaly

ACTIONS OF RESISTANCE TO CONTINUE TO TAKE THROUGHOUT RAMADAN

ZAKAT (resource redistribution)

MASGD Fundraiser to Support QT Palestinians & First QTM Helpline

INAYA Care Fund
(a grassroots fund for US-based Muslims in need of financial assistance as they navigate grief, organizing, and transitions)

Survivor Care Fund

Call for Volunteer Organizers for Fundraising

How do I support financially?

Trans Zakat Project

LEARN

Explore Palestinian Digital Archive

RADICAL RESISTANCES: HAITI AND PALESTINE TEACH IN

ONLINE ACTIONS

TikTok Operation 🍉

Watch & Review Palestinian films on Letterboxd

Call for Volunteer Organizers for Fundraising

Donate E-Sims for Gaza