

Muslim Chaplaincy

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NEWSLETTER

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## Greetings of Peace and Eid Mubarak

*As-salaamu 'alaykum.* May this blessed month find you and yours in good health and spirits *in-sha'-allah.*

Muslim life at Tufts is made possible through a collaboration of the Tufts University Chaplaincy, the Tufts Muslim Students Association, the Tufts Muslim Alumni/ Alumnae Association, and our wider community partners. Find us at: <http://chaplaincy.tufts.edu/muslimchaplaincy/>



*The Muslim Students Association executive board, led this year by Obaid Farooqi, A16.*



Left: Celene Ibrahim, Tufts Muslim Chaplain since 2014, gives a warm welcome to graduating students, alumni/alumnae and their guests at the annual spring dinner. Right: A stunning Quartz clock donated to the Curtis Hall Prayer Room by the family of AbdurRehman Rashid, A16. Many alumni and families generously gave to help complete the prayer space. We are grateful for the munificence.



## A Year of Celebrations

Top right: Celebrating the joyous engagement of Safiya Subegdjo, A15, G16 and Osman Aijazi, A16 at the Tufts Interfaith Center.

Bottom right: Faith and friendship at our Annual Eid al-Adha Celebration featuring Br. Shahed Amanullah.



*Cameron Flowers, A16 (center) displays his gift from the MSA, an original work by master Arabic calligrapher Br. Hajj Wafaa. Cameron poses with Chaplain Celene Ibrahim (right) and Carlota Fernández-Tubau Rullo, A15 (left).*



*Several current and former MSA leaders, including: Rumzah Paracha, Faryal Jafri, Iqra Ashgar, Saja Alani (all A18) and Zaroug Jaleel, Imtiyaz Hossain, Shaan Shaikh (all A17).*

## Building Community, Engaging Others

Bottom: Conversations at Tufts Hillel during a thought-provoking day of Jewish-Muslim engagement.

Far Bottom: Alumni supporters anonymously sponsor our annual Ramadan Community Iftar Dinners for the wider Tufts University and Muslim partners.



*Andra Gusman, A18 (left), Hashim Pasha, A16 (center) and Bassel Ghaddar, A15 (right).*



## A Candid Moment:

“With us, there are a few things that you can count on,” muses Andra Gusman, A18 in impromptu remarks at the Graduating Student and Alumni/Alumnae Dinner, “for starters, there is good food and Hashim’s extremely good cologne, but really it is about habibie-ship. What more can I say?”



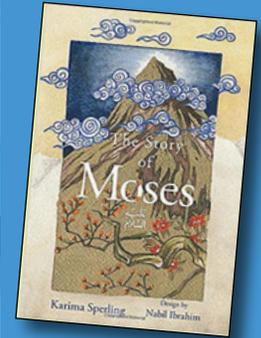
*A hearty meal honoring graduates provided by the new Tufts University Muslim Alumni / Alumnae Association.*

## Giving to Tufts Muslim Life

A Chaplain’s Appeal: A substantial portion of our annual programs, lectures, dinners, and religious events are made possible by community donations. To give to the Tufts Muslim Life Fund online, please visit: <http://chaplaincy.tufts.edu/muslimchaplaincy/donate>. To make a gift by credit card over the phone, or a gift of securities, please contact Tufts Associate Director of Development Christopher Pinault at: 617-627-3018 or christopher.pinault@tufts.edu. Thank you for your support and care.

## Attention Alumni/ae:

Tufts is pleased to announce the official creation of a Tufts University Muslim Alumni Association (TUMAA) to serve as a platform for Muslim alumni/alumnae and graduates interested in Islam and Muslim cultures to network, mentor, and connect. For information about TUMAA in your area or how to be involved in TUMAA leadership, please visit our website or contact the Muslim Chaplain at: Celene. Ibrahim@Tufts.edu.



*Young adult and children's book author, Karima Sperling, A69 with her granddaughter Humayra. Right: Her beautifully narrated and illustrated title The Story of Moses, Peace Be upon Him is a must read for young and old minds alike.*



## Tufts Students Giving Back

The ongoing crisis of displacement across the broader Middle East and Europe continues to be in our minds and hearts as we look for ways to spread awareness and provide support to our fellow sisters and brothers.

Shaiza Anwar, G17 on her quest to support refugee families:

“Occupational therapists help individuals develop or restore skills needed for physical, psychological, and social wellbeing, and refugees face many challenges that negatively affect these parts. After visiting camps in

Greece and spending time with the refugees displaced there, I see how the OT profession can be instrumental in assisting refugees through their difficulties and transitions. My faith teaches that we must be there for our brothers and sisters in times of hardship. Refugees are limited in access to basic needs and legal rights, and my religion teaches me the importance of helping people in poor and vulnerable circumstances.”

Read more, get involved, contribute, and spread awareness with Shaiza online at: [onefamilysafe.wordpress.com](http://onefamilysafe.wordpress.com).



*Left: Students pack boxes of clothing and supplies destined for displaced people abroad. The project is a campus-wide effort. Right: Occupational therapy student Shaiza Anwar, G17 bringing aid to families in Greece.*