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CANADA

# **FREE** Classes & Programs

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**FALL 2022**



# What is SeekersGuidance Canada?

SeekersGuidance Canada strives to **spread the light of Prophetic knowledge, guidance, and service** globally and in our local communities.

We offer classes and programs rooted in mainstream Islamic teachings, offered by qualified scholars, to revive hearts and minds, and benefit humanity—completely free.

Our centre at 220 Britannia Rd. E. in Mississauga is a professionally designed, beautiful learning space where all people are welcome, and will feel a deep sense of community and connection.

It is our goal to establish a truly global Islamic institution right here in Canada—an institution that will (a) facilitate the spread of general Islamic knowledge and guidance in our community; (b) train future scholars, teachers, callers, and empowered activists and (c) educate and inspire committed believers who live, embody, and spread knowledge, guidance, and good in service of God's creation.

"SeekersGuidance Canada provides light, understanding and guidance on how to practice and perfect our faith, strengthen our sense of purpose and resolve, and uphold and cherish Prophetic teachings. It has enriched my life through knowledge, tranquillity, and a sense of community that words cannot truly convey. Shaykh Faraz and the other teachers express sincere concern for each student that radiates in their words, actions, and ongoing commitment."



**Sherene**  
Toronto, Ontario

# Commit to Continuous Personal Development

These past two years have been a challenge for humanity, testing our courage and fortitude in the face of real uncertainty. It is time for for us to rise to that challenge, and exemplify the best character to those around ourselves just as our beloved Prophet صلى الله عليه و سلم did, and remain committed to developing our own sound understanding of the basic islamic sciences. This will help us to conduct ourselves in a better way, both in our etiquette with our Creator, and with His creation.

As we move into the fall season, we reflect on the fact that it is a time for optimism and hope, as we know with certainty that “surely with hardship comes ease” (94:5). We need to remain consistent upon remaining optimistic, and seeking what is most pleasing to Allah عز و جل both in these times of difficulty, and in the times of ease when they come. And that understanding of what is most pleasing to Allah عز و جل comes after we dedicate ourselves at least weekly to seeking sound islamic knowledge from qualified scholarship, so that we can steadily grow in wisdom and guidance.

As we reflect on the passing of years, we are also forced to reflect on our own individual state, and uncover the areas that need improvement so that we can then have those areas addressed in the best way possible. We must reflect on how we use our time, so that we use every moment in the most efficient way possible, and in a way that is most pleasing to our Creator. That entails that we have a clear understanding of what our priorities in life are, and that we use our every breath in a purposeful manner.

At SeekersGuidance Canada, we are committed to providing this opportunity of seeking islamic knowledge completely for free from qualified teachers to everyone in our local community, as well as to a global audience online. We do our utmost to make all students feel welcome and comfortable while visiting our centre.

Please look through this program booklet and select class(es) for yourself, by registering online via [seekersguidance.org/canada](https://seekersguidance.org/canada)

This will keep you updated about class updates, gain access to class recordings, and access to discussion forums where you can ask questions about the course material. Some classes even include review questions to help consolidate your understanding of the material presented.

May we all continue to strive for personal improvement, and turn ourselves to seeking Allah Most High with the utmost sincerity, ameen. If our administration can be of any help to you in your journey to seek sacred knowledge, feel free to reach out to us anytime at

[sgc@seekersguidance.org](mailto:sgc@seekersguidance.org)



*Shireen Ahmed*  
**Managing Director**  
SeekersGuidance Canada

# Overview of Fall 2022 Classes


September 26 - December 31, 2022

MONDAYS	TUESDAYS	WEDNESDAYS	THURSDAYS
<p><b>3:30 PM - 5 PM</b> ADVANCED</p> <p><b>Beliefs:</b> Bajuri's Tuhfat al-Murid 'ala Jawharat al-Tawhid [Level Four]</p> <p>Shaykh <b>Faraz Rabbani</b></p> <p>An Advanced Study of Islamic Beliefs.</p>	<p><b>3:30 PM - 5 PM</b> ADVANCED</p> <p><b>Law:</b> Tumurtashi's Tanwir al-Absar Explained [Level Four]</p> <p>Shaykh <b>Faraz Rabbani</b></p> <p>Covering the rulings of marriage &amp; divorce (Hanafi).</p>	<p><b>3:30 PM - 5 PM</b> ADVANCED</p> <p><b>Law:</b> Nasafi's Kanz al-Daqa'iq Explained [Level Three]</p> <p>Shaykh <b>Faraz Rabbani</b></p> <p>Marriage and Personal Law</p>	<p><b>3:30 PM - 5 PM</b> ADVANCED</p> <p><b>Law:</b> Tumurtashi's Tanwir al-Absar Explained [Level Four]</p> <p>Shaykh <b>Faraz Rabbani</b></p> <p>Covering the rulings of financial transactions in Hanafi Law.</p>
<p><b>5:30 PM - 7 PM</b> ADVANCED</p> <p><b>Law:</b> Halabi's Multaqa al-Abhur [Level Three]</p> <p>Shaykh <b>Faraz Rabbani</b></p> <p>Covering the rulings of the prayer (Hanafi).</p>	<p><b>5:30 PM - 7 PM</b> ADVANCED</p> <p><b>Law:</b> Nasafi's Kanz al-Daqa'iq Explained [Level Three]</p> <p>Shaykh <b>Faraz Rabbani</b></p> <p>Understanding the rulings on financial transactions in the Hanafi school.</p>	<p><b>5:30 PM - 7 PM</b> ADVANCED</p> <p><b>Law:</b> Halabi's Multaqa al-Abhur [Level Three]</p> <p>Shaykh <b>Faraz Rabbani</b></p> <p>Covering the section on worship (Hanafi)</p>	<p><b>5:30 PM - 7 PM</b> ADVANCED</p> <p><b>Law:</b> Shurunbulali's Nur al-Idah Explained [Level Three]</p> <p>Shaykh <b>Faraz Rabbani</b></p> <p>Understanding the rulings of purification in the Hanafi school.</p>
<p><b>7:30 PM - 9 PM</b> GENERAL</p> <p><b>Arabic Tutorial Session</b></p> <p>Ustadh <b>Dirie Ahmed</b></p> <p>Two part class; please see Saturdays at 10am.</p>	<p><b>7:30 PM - 9 PM</b> GENERAL</p> <p><b>NEW: Introduction to Islamic Parenting</b></p> <p>Shaykh <b>Faraz Rabbani</b></p> <p>Ustadha <b>Shireen Ahmed</b></p>	<p><b>7:30 PM - 9 PM</b> GENERAL</p> <p><b>Spirituality:</b> Birgivi's the Path of Muhammad Explained</p> <p>Shaykh <b>Faraz Rabbani</b></p> <p>This class covers how to truly follow the way of the sunna in knowledge, beliefs, &amp; operationalizing mindfulness of Allah (taqwa).</p>	<p><b>7:30 PM - 9 PM</b> GENERAL</p> <p><b>Spirituality:</b> Ghazali's Revival of the Religious Sciences Explained</p> <p>Shaykh <b>Faraz Rabbani</b></p> <p>Covering the Proprieties of Traveling, Spiritual Audition, and Enjoining Good &amp; Forbidding Evil.</p>

All classes will take place **online and in person**. Register for your course selections via [seekersguidance.org/canada](http://seekersguidance.org/canada) to stay informed about class updates. For more detailed class descriptions, please see pages six and seven of this guide.

**General** Classes are designed for muslims in the community with a very basic understanding of the religion. Also suitable for new muslims. **A certificate of participation will be issued to all students who attend all classes in person (only).**

**Advanced** Classes are designed for students of knowledge with the ability to understand classical Arabic texts. Texts are read in Arabic, and explained in English. Permission of instructor may be required to join this session. Visit our website for class details.

FRIDAYS	SATURDAYS	SUNDAYS
	<p><b>9 AM - 10 AM</b> GENERAL</p> <p><b>Quranic Recitation &amp; Memorization</b></p> <p>Ustadh <b>Ahmad Quwatly</b></p> <p>&amp; Female <b>Instructor</b></p> <p>A unique opportunity to learn about the art of reading outdoors with qualified teachers with certification (ijaza). Suitable for anyone, regardless of your proficiency. One can learn recitation and/ or be tested on memorization. (Online only)</p>	<p><b>8:30 AM - 10:30 AM</b> GENERAL</p> <p><b>Sisters' Class</b> Ghazali's Forty Foundations Explained</p> <p>Habib <b>Hussein as-Saqqaf</b> (video)</p> <p>Ustadha <b>Shireen Ahmed</b></p> <p>Students watch a series of lessons on knowing Allah, improving one's outer actions, and purifying the heart - which they then discuss as a group. (Online and in-person)</p>
<p><b>5:30 PM - 7 PM</b> ADVANCED</p> <p><b>Law:</b> Shurunbulali's Nur al-Idah Explained [Level Three]</p> <p>Shaykh <b>Faraz Rabbani</b></p> <p>Understanding the rulings of purification in the Hanafi school.</p>	<p><b>10 AM - 11:30 AM</b> GENERAL</p> <p><b>Learning Arabic:</b> Al-Arabiyya Bayna Yadayk -- Additional tutorial session Mondays 7:30pm-9pm</p> <p>Ustadh <b>Dirie Ahmed</b></p>	<p><b>12NOON TO 1:30PM</b> GENERAL</p> <p><b>NEW:</b> <b>Community Conversations:</b> Living Right - Selections from Bukhari's al-Adab al-Mufrad</p> <p>Shaykh <b>Faraz Rabbani</b></p>
<p><b>7:30 PM - 9 PM</b> GENERAL</p> <p><b>Friday Circle: Remembrance and Guidance</b></p> <p>Shaykh <b>Faraz Rabbani</b></p> <p>Community event with nasheeds and beneficial lessons. Ideal for families and for weekly religious inspiration.</p>	<p><b>11:45 AM - 1:15 PM</b> GENERAL</p> <p><b>Essentials of Beliefs for Muslim Youth</b></p> <p>Ustadh <b>Dirie Ahmed</b></p>	<p><b>2PM TO 3:30PM</b> GENERAL</p> <p><b>NEW:</b> <b>Divine Beauty:</b> Understanding the 99 Names of Allah</p> <p>Shaykh <b>Faraz Rabbani</b></p>
	<p><b>Special Events</b> (See pg. 8 for schedule)</p>	

# General Level Classes



TUESDAYS - 7:30 PM - 9 PM

## **NEW: Introduction to Islamic Parenting**

Shaykh **Faraz Rabbani** | Ustadha **Shireen Ahmed**

### General Level

Learn about how to raise children and encourage teenagers through one's personal conduct.

This course is based on the Prophetic example and two unique texts: Manzumat Riyadat al-Sibyan (A Treatise on Raising Children), a classical poem on parenting written 500 years ago by one of the leading authorities of the Shafi'i School, Imam Muhammad ibn Ahmad al-Ramli, and its commentary Simt al-Uqyan (A Thread of Pure Gold) authored by the Yemeni scholar Shaykh Abdullah ibn Ahmad Ba Sawdan.



WEDNESDAYS - 7:30 PM - 9 PM

## **The Path of Muhammad:**

Birgivi's Manual of Taqwa Explained

Shaykh **Faraz Rabbani**

### Level One

This class covers one of the great works on the "fiqh of taqwa" — how to truly follow the way of the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) in knowledge, beliefs, and operationalizing mindfulness of Allah (taqwa).



THURSDAYS - 7:30-9 PM

## **The Revival Circle:**

Ghazali's Ihya Explained

Shaykh **Faraz Rabbani** | Shaykh **Abdullah Misra**

### Level One

Class covering a summary of Imam Ghazali's Revival of the Islamic Sciences. Join us this session where we will continue this great series from the Proprieties of Traveling, Spiritual Audition, and Enjoining Good & Forbidding Evil.



FRIDAYS - 7:30 PM - 9 PM

## **The Friday Circle of Remembrance & Reminders**

Shaykh **Faraz Rabbani**

Reconnect with the love of Allah and His Messenger through remembrance and inspiring reminders. Local vocalists recite Habib Umar's Diya' al-Lami' (poem on the virtues of the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him)), and a Chapter from Shaykh Abdullah Misra's own *Seerah Song*, with brief explanation. Ideal for families and weekly religious inspiration.



SATURDAYS - 9 AM - 10 AM

## **Quran Recitation & Memorization**

Ustadh **Ahmad Quwatly** | & **Female Qari**

### Level One

Looking to improve your Quranic recitation? Learn from our SeekersGuidance reciters who can help you to correct common mistakes you may be making and help you to recite in a more precise manner. This class is for students who are already familiar with the alphabet and are able to join between letters to read words.



SATURDAYS - 10 AM - 11:30 AM

## **Learning Arabic**

Ustadh **Dirie Ahmed**

### General Level

Al-Arabiyya Bayna Yadayka (العربية بين يديك) is a famous textbook used all over the world for teaching Modern Standard Arabic to non-native speakers. It focuses on teaching culture, grammar and basic conversation, as well as touching on religion. This is the first course in our Arabic learning program for absolute beginners of Arabic who know the letters and how to read with vowel markings (harakat).



SATURDAYS - 11:45 AM - 1:15 AM

### Essentials of Beliefs for Muslim Youth

Ustadh **Dirie Ahsmed**

### General Level

The main purpose of this course is to teach youth the necessary matters related to faith or creed. It is an obligation to learn about God and His Prophets and matters related to the Hereafter and the unseen. Without this important class, one is unable to recognize and distinguish between sound faith or a corrupt creed. In this course, the focus is to teach the core beliefs that all Muslims must hold on to, and align their hearts and minds with.



SUNDAYS 8:30AM-10:30AM

### Sisters' Circle:

Ghazali's Forty Foundations of the Religion Explained

Habib  
**Hussein**  
as-Saqqaf

Ustadha  
**Shireen**  
Ahmed

### General Level

Nurture your relationship with Allah, and benefit from various counsels on how to improve one's state and character. Class broadcast online by Habib Hussein as-Saqqaf on Imam Ghazali's The Forty Foundations of Religion, followed by weekly live class discussion conducted by Ustadha Shireen Ahmed.



SUNDAYS 12 NOON - 1:30 PM

### NEW:

### Living with Grace:

Selections from Bukhari's al-Adab al-Mufrad

Shaykh  
**Faraz**  
Rabbani

Ustadha  
**Shireen**  
Ahmed

### General Level

This general-level course explores a key text compiling hadiths on Islamic etiquette. Written by an authority no less than the famed Imam Bukhari (author of the authoritative Sahih), this work gathers key sayings of the Prophet (Allah bless him and give him peace) on the virtues that the believer should strive to embody. As part of our Community Conversation series, this will be taught in discussion style format and snacks served after class.



SUNDAYS - 2 PM - 3:30 PM

### NEW:

### Divine Beauty:

Understanding the 99 Names of Allah

Shaykh **Faraz Rabbani**

### General Level

In this course, Shaykh Faraz Rabbani beautifully explains the meaning of the ninety-nine beautiful Names of Allah using the great classical commentaries on the 99 Names—including those of Imam Ghazali, Imam Qushayri, Imam Ibn Ajiba, Imam Zarruq, Imam Kafiya, and others.



# Advanced Level Classes

## The Seminary Class Schedule



MONDAYS - 3:30 PM - 5 PM

### Beliefs:

Bajuri's Hashiya  
al-Sanusiyya Explained

Shaykh  
**Faraz Rabbani**

### Level Three

This course covers Imam Bajuri's commentary on Imam Sanusi's Umm al-Barahin, in detail. This covers the core beliefs of mainstream traditional Islam along with their key proofs in detail. Students will learn Islamic theology: the attributes of Allah Most High, those of His messengers (peace be upon them), matters of the unseen, and their logical proofs, culminating in how all of these meanings are contained in the Statement of Divine Oneness, there is no god but God.



MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS  
5:30PM - 7 PM

### Law:

Halabi's Multaqa  
al-Abhur Explained

Shaykh **Faraz Rabbani**

### Level Three

This is a Level Three course in Islamic Law (fiqh) in which Shaykh Faraz Rabbani covers the "Meeting of the Oceans" (Multaqa al-Abhur) by Imam Ibrahim al-Halabi (d. 956 AH). This is one of the most commented-upon texts in Islamic law, for good reason: it gathers, with clarity and precision, the main issues and legal details in Hanafi fiqh.



MONDAYS 7:30 PM - 9 PM

### Logic:

Damanhuri's Idah  
al-Mubham Explained

Shaykh **Faraz Rabbani**

### Level Two

Learn the Islamic science of Logic (mantiq), and acquire the building blocks of clear and critical thinking, sound definition and argument--and gain appreciation for the rigor and precision of Islamic scholarship.



TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS  
3:30 PM - 5 PM

### Law:

Tumurtashi's Tanwir  
al-Absar Explained

Shaykh **Faraz Rabbani**

### Level Four

This is a Level Four course in Islamic Law. The goal of the class is to begin the journey of gaining mastery of the fiqh details of the Hanafi school. This class covers the meta-matn (Tanwir al-Absar) that is the basis of the central commentary for legal details (al-Durr al-Mukhtar) in the later Hanafi school--and for the central work for the fatwa positions of the Hanafi school. This is an upper-intermediate to advanced class in Hanafi fiqh. In this term we will be covering the section on marriage & divorce.



TUESDAYS - 5:30 PM - 7 PM

### Law:

Nasafi's Kanz al-Daqa'iq Explained  
Understanding Financial  
Transactions (Hanafi)

Shaykh **Faraz Rabbani**

### Level Three

This is one of a series of courses covering one of the four main nuanced primers of the Hanafi school; Imam Nasafi's Kanz al-Daqa'iq. The purpose of this course is to consolidate previous foundations on the subject and to deepen one's understanding of the rulings of transactions,

covering the chapters of what constitutes a sale, the rulings related to usury, forward transactions, currency exchange, and more.



**WEDNESDAYS - 3:30 PM - 5 PM**

**Law:**

Nasafi's Kanz al-Daqa'iq  
Explained Understanding  
Worship (Hanafi)

Shaykh **Faraz Rabbani**

**Level Three**

The first in a series of courses which covers one of the four main primers of the Hanafi school; Imam Nasafi's Kanz al-Daqa'iq. The purpose of this course is to consolidate previous foundations on the subject and to deepen the understanding of the rulings of worship. This term the instructor will cover the chapters of marriage & divorce.



**THURSDAYS - 3:30 PM - 5 PM**

**Law:**

Tumurtashi's Tanwir al-Absar  
Explained

Shaykh **Faraz Rabbani**

**Level Two**

This course is an explanation of Nur al-Idah (Light of Clarity), a detailed introduction to the rules of purity, prayer, and fasting authored by a leading authority of the Hanafi school, Abu'l-Ikhlās al-Shurunbulali (d. 1069 AH). Take this course to increase your knowledge of the questions that worshippers face in their purity, prayer, and fasting, all in light of a comprehensive textbook of Hanafi law that students have used for centuries.



**THURSDAYS - 5:30 PM - 7 PM**

**Law:**

Shurunbulali's Nur  
al-Idah Explained

Shaykh  
**Faraz Rabbani**

**Level Two**

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**FRIDAYS - 5:30 PM - 7 PM**

**Usul al-Fiqh:**

Aqhisari's Samt al-Wusul  
Explained

Shaykh **Faraz Rabbani**

**Level Three**

This course covers Aqhisari's Samt al-Wusul, an abridgement of Imam Nasafi's Manar in usul al-fiqh. This course covers the principles of understanding meanings from words according to the Hanafi school and how rulings are derived from primary texts. It aims to give students a deeper understanding and appreciation of the principles of Islamic law.





## Fall 2022 Special Saturday Monthly Programming

All classes available in person  
and broadcast online.  
Please register via

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## Family Circle

### The Acts of Worship for Kids Online Program:

Join Shaykh Faraz Rabbani and our puppets as they teach young children how to perform various acts of worship.

OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup> (2 PM - 3 PM)

### How to Make Wudu?

NOVEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup> (2PM-3PM)

### How to Pray?

DECEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup> (2PM-3PM)

### How to Fast?

## Seekers Extra Curricular Program

This series develops the physical and mental well being of an individual through relevant topics and workshops.

OCTOBER 15<sup>TH</sup> (2PM-3:30PM)

### Physical Wellness Workshop:

Archery Basics (at training facility)

NOVEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup> (2PM-3:30PM)

### Mental Wellness Workshop:

How to Overcome Anger &  
Aggression: An Islamic Perspective

DECEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup> (2PM-3:30PM)

### Arts & Creativity:

Arabic Calligraphy Workshop

### Guest Instructors:

(Video Instruction)

Habib	Dr.
<b>Hussein</b>	<b>Asim</b>
<b>as-Saqqaf</b>	<b>Yusuf</b>

## Monthly Critical Issues Seminars

Our Monthly Critical Issues Seminars cover critical topics, and important questions many people have today. Each month a new topic is introduced and explored by leading scholars, teachers, and thought leaders.

OCTOBER 22<sup>ND</sup> (2PM-5PM)

### Why Marriage Contracts & Agreements Matter:

What You Should Know Before Getting Married

NOVEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup> (2PM-5PM)

### The Prophetic Principles of Conflict Resolution

DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup> (2PM-5PM)

### Is the Quran True Revelation?

Clarification on Belief & Having Certainty

# Community Events



**SEPTEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>**  
(6:30 PM - 7:30 PM)

**Community Dinner**

**OCTOBER 9<sup>TH</sup>**  
(3 PM - 5 PM)

**Community Mawlid**



**NOVEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>**  
(2 PM - 4 PM)

**S'mores Social**

**DECEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>**  
(2 PM - 4 PM)

**Hot Chocolate Social**



(\*\* While quantities last, served on a first come first serve; offer available to only each person actually attending the event; preregistration required via website)

## Guidance Counselling Clinic

Do you need to consult someone about your personal situation, or would like to have further recommendations regarding what you should study next? Request an appointment with any of our instructors to gain clarity on your situation.

To request an appointment, please email [sgc@seekersguidance.org](mailto:sgc@seekersguidance.org) with your availability and which instructor you would like to meet with (see page 10).



## Want to attend a class or event, while benefitting others and earning even more reward from Allah عزوجل? **VOLUNTEER** today!

Volunteers are the heart of our organization as they help propel what kinds of events we offer and help in person by helping us to run our classes and events. This is a good opportunity for you to use your spare time in the best of ways and by facilitating benefit for others - as well as for yourself. Any training needed for your position will be provided.

### Volunteer positions include:

- ▶ Student registration
- ▶ Event management
- ▶ Graphic Design
- ▶ Marketing/ Outreach of our programs
- ▶ Audio/Visual/ Media Operations
- ▶ Cleaning/ Sanitization of the centre
- ▶ Fundraising/ Development team

To volunteer, please email [sgc@seekersguidance.org](mailto:sgc@seekersguidance.org) with some information about yourself, and indicate in what area you would be interested in volunteering for the most. Your comments and/or suggestions on how we can serve you better are also always appreciated.



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# Our Teachers



## Shaykh Faraz Rabbani

**Shaykh Faraz Rabbani** is a renowned scholar specializing in Islamic law and theology. He spent ten years studying with some of the leading scholars of recent times, first in Damascus, and then in Amman, Jordan. In 2007 he founded SeekersGuidance: The Global Islamic Seminary. Since 2011, Shaykh Faraz has been named one of the world's 500 most influential Muslims by the Royal Islamic Strategic Centre. He currently teaches courses in Islamic beliefs, Hanafi law, and Prophetic guidance.



## Ustadh Dirie Ahmed

**Ustadh Dirie Ahmed** was born in Toronto, Canada in 1983. His family hails from India and he was raised in the Hindu tradition. He embraced Islam in 2001 while at the University of Toronto, from where he completed a Bachelor of Business Administration. He then traveled overseas in 2005 to study the Arabic language and Islamic sciences in Tarim, Yemen for some time, as well as Darul Uloom in Trinidad, West Indies. He spent 12 years in Amman, Jordan where he focused on Islamic Law, Theology, Hadith Sciences, Prophetic Biography and Islamic Spirituality while also working at the Qasid Arabic Institute as Director of Programs. He holds a BA in Islamic Studies (Alimiyya, Darul Uloom) and authorization in the six authentic books of Hadith, and is currently pursuing specialized training in issuing Islamic legal verdicts (ifta'). He holds a certificate in Counselling and often works with new Muslims and those struggling with religious OCD. His personal interests include Indian history, comparative religion, English singing and poetry. He has recently returned to Canada with his wife and children.



## Ustadha Shireen Ahmed

**Ustadha Shireen Ahmed** is an experienced teacher, educator, and mentor, specializing in marriage, parenting, and character development. Born and raised in Canada, she graduated from the University of Toronto with a B.A. in Psychology and Sociology. Thereafter, she travelled to Syria, studying Arabic and sacred knowledge at the University of Damascus and Abu Nour Institute. She took private classes in Qur'anic recitation, Prophetic traditions, sacred law and Prophetic biography. After ten years abroad, she returned to Toronto, Canada. She currently serves as Managing Director of SeekersGuidance Canada, where she draws from years of experience as a community leader and activist.



## Ustadh Ahmad Alquwatly

**Ustadh Ahmad Alquwatly** was born in Damascus, Syria and as a young boy grew up in Kuwait. He learned Qur'an recitation from his father Alhafiz Mamdouh Alquwatly (who had learned from the Shaykh of Damascus Shaykh Abel Wahhab Dipswazet). Shaykh Ahmad graduated from Dar Al-Qur'an in Kuwait with a degree in Qur'an and Islamic Studies. He has been teaching Qur'an in the GTA since 2005 at various Islamic centres.

# SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKERS



### (via video Nov. 12) Habib Hussein as-Saqqaf

**Habib Hussein as-Saqqaf** is a great Islamic scholar who resides in the United Arab Emirates where he gives regular classes, lectures, practical life-relevant personal counseling, spiritual guidance on various levels - at colleges, places of worship, and other public venues. Habib Hussein is currently employed by the Islamic Affairs and Charitable Activities Department of Dubai, as Religious Advisor and Preacher at Abdul Salam Rafee Masjid.



### (Nov. 26) Shaykh Faid Mohammed Said

**Shaykh Faid Mohammed Said** is a prominent Islamic scholar based in the United Kingdom. He was raised in Eritrea, where he was educated in the Islamic jurisprudence and sciences before moving to Madinah al-Munawwarah, where he continued his studies. He is currently the Scholar in Residence and Head of Education at Harrow Central Mosque.



### (via video Nov. 12) Dr. Asim Yusuf

**Dr. Asim Yusuf** is a Consultant Psychiatrist with a special interest in Islamic Spirituality and Mental Health. In addition to being on an advisory capacity on various community based projects and charities, he serves on the advisory panel of the Centre for Islam and Medicine. He is also the author of four books that delve into the various facets of Islam, with a particular focus on classical spirituality.



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