

RAMAZAN 1439 FREQUENTLY ASK QUESTIONS (FAQ)

1. Receiving Sahebo and Raza.

1.1. Whom does the host has to receive, and at what time and from where?

Host will receive Sahebo (Janab Aamil Saheb and Mo'awin Aamil Saheb) from their home located in complex next to the masjid. Generally, time of receiving is 10 minutes before the start of the day's program, however, host must coordinate with Sahebo regarding timing.

1.2. Can host take sujni from masjid complex for this purpose?

No, please do not take any sujni from masjid complex for this purpose.

1.3. What is the procedure of getting raza to host iftaar/jaman?

To host iftaar/jaman, please make sure you contact Janab Aamil Saheb for raza. If you plan to serve any dishes which is not in the FMB menu for that day, you must submit your menu in writing to Janab Aamil Saheb for approval. See Jaman section for more details.

2. Help and Timing.

2.1. Will there be someone to help host before, during, and after Iftaar and Jaman?

Yes. In addition to khidmatguzaars, each day, one "regular" jaman group will assist host in the kitchen before, during and after iftaar and Jaman. It is the host and jaman group ma'sool (leader) responsibility to coordinate.

2.2. How will the host know which jaman group is assigned to help them?

Jaman group ma'sool will contact host and follow up. Alternatively, host can also contact [Lamya ben Mogri](#) to find out which jaman group is assigned to help them.

2.3. Do all the members of jaman group need to be present to help host?

This is up to the individual jaman group ma'sool and the host. Generally, if there are enough host members then all members of jaman group may not be needed to help. Please check with your jaman group ma'sool.

2.4. Whom should I contact if I want to help serve iftaar?

Kindly contact [Shk. Joozar Bhai Najmi](#) for marado and [Rashida ben Al-Anwar](#) for bairao. Tolobaa and Talebaat are encouraged to participate.

2.5. What time should host and assigned jaman group members come for preparations?

It is recommended that host and assigned jaman group members come around 6:00 pm. Generally, it takes a group about 45 minutes to set up mawaiid hall (partitions, safras, tarakti, etc.) and set up thaals (putting thaals on rack, paper products, crockery, etc.). In addition, iftaar preparation will require an additional 45 minutes. After preparations, all members-host, jaman group, and khidmatguzaars- should attend the program in masjid.

3. Iftaar.

3.1. What does the host need to bring to serve Janab Aamil Saheb, Mo'awin Aamil Saheb, and Bensahebas iftaari?

Among other things, please bring small plastic safras for Janab Aamil Saheb, and small cloth towels. **Sahebo will have the same iftaar doodh as everyone else, extra hariro will not be made at the masjid.**

3.2. How much milk should host bring for iftaar?

Based on last year's data, milk quantity may be as follows:

1. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday: 10 gallons.
2. Friday, Saturday, and Sunday: 12 gallons.

Do not forget to bring flavoring. If you are planning to add ice cream in milk, then reduce your milk quantity accordingly.

3.3. Should host bring cha samaan?

No. chaa samaan (cha, sugar, splenda, and cha milk) will be included in hoob.

3.4. How many iftaari should host expect to make?

This depends on the day of the week, whether it is a "mohti" raat, and how far we have progressed during the month. As Ramazan progresses, khidmatguzaars will have a better idea. Contact [Shk. Feroz bhai Engineer](#) or [Shk. Saifuddin bhai Mogri](#) a day or two prior to your iftaar khidmat day for iftaari count. Based on last year's data, host should expect to make following number of iftaari, however, please be mindful that this year Ramazan will be during school days.

Day	Estimated # of Iftaari
Monday	245
Tuesday	245
Wednesday	245
Thursday	245
Friday	275
Saturday	300
Sunday	275

3.5. What happens to left over iftaar (like cookies, biscuit, milk flavoring, etc.)?

Usually, left over iftaar is kept in mawaid. It is used either in Ramazan (provided to host who run short on iftaar) or is used throughout the year. If you plan to take left over iftaar with you, let khidmatguzaar know.

3.6. What if the host run short on iftaar?

Generally, it does not happen if you bring enough iftaar based on recommendation in 3.4 above. In case if you do run short, Mawaiid will provide, if in stock.

3.7. Can I bring my own paper products for iftaar?

No. For iftaar, paper products will be provided from mawaiid.

4. Jaman.

4.1. Is there a specific menu host must follow?

Yes. The menu from Faiz-ul-Mawaiid-il-Burhaniyah (FMB), upon which Aali Qadr Maula TUS has done nazaraat and given manzuri, must be followed. If you plan to serve any dishes which is not in the FMB menu for that day, you must submit your menu in writing to Janab Aamil Saheb for approval.

4.2. There is no menu published for the day on which I am planning to perform jaman khidmat. What should I do?

Keeping in mind local taste and preference, on four days, FMB has given option to serve local dishes, however, menu should be in accordance with one kharas-one mithaas nizaam. If you

are performing jaman khidmat on one of the four days, provide your menu to Janab Aamil Saheb for approval.

4.3. Are there any concerns/suggestions about serving any food items?

Yes. Please make sure that

1. All dishes served are made of halal ingredients. For example, ice cream with vanilla extract should not be served.
2. Due to current concerns with romaine lettuce, avoid using it in salad or other dishes.
3. Kharas and jaman should not be oily and NO MIRCHA and NO GARAM MASALO. It is the host/caterer's responsibility to make sure of this.
4. While preparing thaals for serving, reduce serving sizes. There is always an opportunity to serve more later. Khidmatguzaars will provide guidance.
5. While serving soup/tarkaari in thaal, fill only about $\frac{1}{2}$ of the bowl.
6. While serving plate of chawal/pulao etc., the first plate may be full, however, subsequent plates should not be full serving.
7. If preparing thaal for small farzando, quantity should be reduced.

4.4. How many thaal should we expect?

This depends on the day of the week, whether it is a “mohti” raat as well as how far in Ramazan we have progressed. Below is data from last year. As Ramazan progresses, khidmatguzaars will have a better idea, however, please be mindful that this year Ramazan will be during school days. Contact [Shk. Feroz bhai Engineer](#) or [Shk. Saifuddin bhai Mogri](#) a day or two prior to your jaman khidmat day.

Day	Avg. # of Thaals	Week	Avg. # of Thaals
Monday	27	Week 1	27
Tuesday	27	Week 2	27
Wednesday	27	Week 3	31
Thursday	27	Week 4	27
Friday	30	Week 5	35
Saturday	33		
Sunday	30		

4.5. Can I leave left over jaman in kitchen fridge/freezer?

No. Kindly take away all left over jaman. Fridge/freezer must be empty for use for next day jaman.

4.6. How is left over jaman distributed?

It is the host responsibility to make sure that all left over jaman is distributed. At least one host family member must stay in the kitchen during jaman and prepare to-go boxes for distribution. If no one from the host family is present in kitchen during jaman, and if khidmatguzars believes that there will be left over jaman, khidmatguzars will prepare to-go boxes during jaman and distribute to mumineen.

4.7. Can I get color paper products from Mawaids?

No. Mawaids only provides regular white paper products of good quality.

4.8. Is there a list of regular caterers’?

Although, not a formal list, following mumineen have been in catering business for a while:

Feroz bhai Koita
Masarrat ben Engineer
Mulla Qutbuddin bhai Alibhoy
Munira ben Colombowala
Shujauddin bhai Munaim

5. Hoob and other Charges.

5.1. What is the hoob amount?

Hoob amount is \$53.00

5.2. What are the charges for khajoor?

Khajoor charges will be \$40 per iftaar.

5.3. What are the charges for cha samaan?

Cha samaan charges will be \$25 per iftaar

5.4. What are the cleaning charges?

Cleaning charges for iftaar will be \$30.00. In addition, cleaning charges for jaman will be based on number of thaals (T) served as follows: Jaman Cleaning Charge = $5.5 \times T + 100$.

5.5. What are the paper products charges?

Paper products charges for iftaar will be calculated at \$1.25 per thaal served. Paper products charges for jaman will be calculated at \$2.50 per thaal served.

5.6. Is there any charge to use kitchen for cooking purposes?

No, however, if any kitchen items are misused, broken or made unusable there will be a charge.

6. General.

6.1. Does the host have to pick up sahebo thaal sujni and jazam after jaman?

Yes, for sujni. After picking, sujni please put them in appropriate cabinets near mawaid serving window.
No for jazam.

6.2. Does the host have to bring safras etc. for Janab Amil Sahebs and Bensaheba's thaal?

Yes. Please bring two sets of safras. Also, bring 6 lap towels and 12 cloth napkins. These will not be provided by the mawaid.

6.3. Does the host have to clean/pick up/throw anything after jaman?

Cleaner will come every day to clean. However, it is host responsibility to make sure that (1) all wasan are empty, (2) unused paper products after jaman are kept in a box provided in mawaid kitchen or near mawaid office, and (3) sweep away any broken crockery items.

If you have any other question kindly contact Shaikh Saifuddin bhai Mogri.