

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ



"But [as for myself,] patience in adversity is most fitting" - Surat Yusuf: 18

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
 فَصَبْرٌ جَمِيلٌ
 وَاللَّهُ الْمُسْتَعَانُ عَلَىٰ مَا تَصِفُونَ

(Surat Yusuf: 18)

But [as for myself,] patience in adversity is most fitting; and it is to God [alone] that I pray to give me strength to bear the misfortune which you have described to me.

SIJILL ARTICLE: Sabar is the Path to Victory

Sabar. Fortitude (mental and emotional courage in the face of adversity) is one of the most extolled virtues by the Quran Majeed and our Mawali Tahereen. The Quran Majeed states that Allah Ta’ala loves those with fortitude and sabar (*wallahu yuhibbus-sabereen* - Surat aale-Imran:14,6).

Amirul Mumineen Maulana Ali SA asserts that there are two types of sabar: one type is to endure what troubles you with fortitude; the other type is to wait for what you wish with

patience and sabar. The words of Amirul Mumineen are profound and contain life lessons for every human being. Maulana Ali SA has also poetically said that, “sabar is a horse that carries [one] to victory” (*al-sabru matiyyatuz-zafar*). Throughout history, the sabar and fortitude of our *mawali tahereen* is an example for us all, should we choose to learn from them. In the *ayat* quoted at the beginning of this Sijill, in the context of learning about Yusuf Nabi’s alleged death from his brothers, Ya’qub Nabi exclaims: “patience and sabar in adversity is most fitting; and it is to God that I pray to give me strength to bear the misfortune which you describe” (Surat Yusuf: 18). Sabar in the face of adversity and faith in prayer to God is the practice of our *awliya’ kiraam*. There is no man in this world that does not suffer or endure hardship. What distinguishes those who follow the guidance of their *awliya’* is how they react and respond to hardship – specifically whether one succumbs or remains resolute with fortitude and

Sijill
 A Weekly Newsletter Of
 Fatemidawat.com

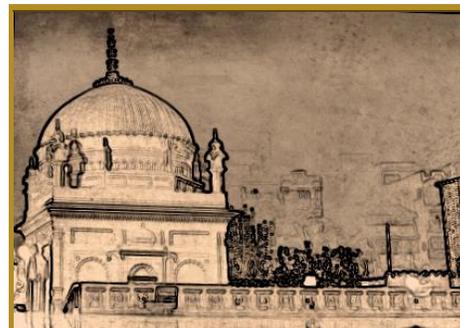
سجیل

Issue 81
 14th Zilqad al-Harram 1436H
 28th August 2015

Featured updates:



LEGAL UPDATE:
 Bombay High Court Declaratory Suit 24th & 25th August 2015



HISTORY & BIOGRAPHY SERIES:
 45th Dai Syedna Tayyeb Zainuddin RA



NEWS & EVENTS:
 Syedna Abdeali Saifuddin RA Urus Majlis Photos

emerges stronger at the other end. Our Maula and guide, Syedna Khuzaima Qutbuddin TUS, is sabar personified. Respecting the 52nd Dai Syedna Burhanuddin's RA wishes to keep his appointment as Mansoos private, he endured the hardship of those who begrudged and resented his success since he was appointed Mazoon and Mansoos. Today he endures, with resolve and fortitude, the battle to assert his rightful succession for the sake of Dawat and the community.

As Syedna Qutbuddin's cross-examination continues in the Bombay High Court (see section on Legal Update below), Syedna's resolve is grounded in prayer and strengthened by the inspiration of the Imam. His shield as he endures this ordeal is fortitude and sabar. In Syedna Taher Saifuddin's RA last years, Syedna Qutbuddin accompanied him in the car, to and from the masjid. Most often, Syedna Taher Saifuddin recited the Qur'an in the car. In one of those journeys, as the car approached Chowpatty Beach on the way to Saify Mahal, Syedna Taher Saifuddin turned towards Syedna Qutbuddin and recited this Quranic *ayat*, "enjoin one another to [establish] the truth (Haqq), and enjoin one another to patience and Sabar" (wa tawasaw bil haqqi wa tawasaw bis-sabr" – Surat al-'Asr: 3). The 43rd Dai, Syedna Abdeali Saifuddin RA begins one of his beautiful *qasidas* with this deeply meaningful verse: "*I forgot the sorrows and affliction of the night as the sun rose. And the fortitude and sabar that I endured as I received the reward*". It is Allah Ta'ala's promise that, "those who persevere with patience and sabar shall receive a reward without measure or limit" (*innama yuwaffas-sabiruna ajrahum bighayri hisaab* – Surat al-Zumar: 10).

May Allah Ta'ala grant us the strength and courage for sabar. May Allah Ta'ala grant his promised victory and reward to his Dai, the Dai of Imamuz-zaman, Syedna Khuzaima Qutbuddin TUS.

LEGAL UPDATE: Bombay High Court Declaratory Suit 24th & 25th August 2015



The cross-examination of the Plaintiff (Syedna Khuzaima Qutbuddin TUS) in the Suit filed by him in the Hon'ble Bombay High Court continued for two days on the 24th and 25th of August 2015 at 12:00pm in the historic courtroom No. 46, presided by Hon'ble Justice Gautam Patel.

The Plaintiff was cross-examined by the Defendant's (Shehzada Mufaddal Saifuddin) Senior Counsel Mr. Iqbal Chagla.

Plaintiff was asked several questions. These included the following:

Mr. Chagla asked whether it was correct that Sajda, as a mark of respect, can be offered to persons other than the Dai or the Mansoos. The Plaintiff replied emphatically that Sajda can only be "offered to the Dai or the Mansoos or to a person who is known as one who will succeed the Dai." Mr. Chagla asked if all persons of higher spiritual learning knew that the Plaintiff was made the Mansoos, to which the Plaintiff replied that many persons of higher spiritual learning did know. On being asked if the Plaintiff was suggesting that those persons of

higher spiritual learning who knew that the Plaintiff had been made the Mansoos offered Sajda to him, the Plaintiff said that many of them did. The Plaintiff added that he was offered Sajda even during the time of the 51st Dai by persons of higher spiritual learning, including Miyasaheb Fidahussain Yamani, who was a learned scholar and was placed first in the *tarteeb* (hierarchy), used to offer him Sajda. He would also bring his family members to Plaintiff and get them to offer sajda.

Mr. Chagla then asked how many of the Plaintiff's brother's offered Sajda to him, to which the Plaintiff replied that they would use the word "Sajda" in their written communications to him. He added that all the sons of the 52nd Dai offered Sajda to him.

Mr. Chagla then asked if the Defendant and his brothers were the Plaintiff's pupils in matters of spiritual guidance and learning, to which the Plaintiff replied that they were, but not regularly. When asked further how often the Defendant and his brothers were his pupils, the Plaintiff replied that they were regular during one period but not thereafter, for about 10 years after the 52nd Dai assumed office. The Plaintiff said that it was the 52nd Dai who sent his sons to the Plaintiff.

When asked for how long the 52nd Dai sent his sons to the Plaintiff for spiritual instruction, the Plaintiff replied that he did not remember the exact periods. The Plaintiff added that the Defendant and his elder brother used to come to him as pupils from the time of the 51st Dai.

Mr. Chagla asked the Plaintiff as stated in his Affidavit of Evidence, in what

way did he enjoy the 52nd Dai's full confidence till his passing away. The Plaintiff replied that the 52nd Dai made him the Mazoon and the Mansoos and the Plaintiff was his Mazoon and Mansoos for 50 years till he passed away. The Plaintiff said that in itself was enough to establish the confidence that the 52nd Dai had in him.

Mr. Chagla asked the Plaintiff if the 52nd Dai was in full control of his faculties till he passed away. The Plaintiff replied that the health of the 52nd Dai was not good for the last two and half years of his life.

Mr. Chagla then repeated his question by asking if the 52nd Dai was in full control of his mental and physical faculties till he passed away. The Plaintiff responded that he felt and believed that the health of the 52nd Dai had deteriorated greatly during the last two and half years of his life. Mr. Chagla further asked if the Plaintiff was referring to only the physical health or mental health of the 52nd Dai as well. The Plaintiff replied that the 52nd Dai was not able to function and carry out his activities as before. Mr. Chagla asked if according to the Plaintiff the 52nd Dai was of sound mind till his passing. The Plaintiff responded that he observed that the 52nd Dai was not either physically or mentally active as he once was.

Then Mr. Chagla asked if the Plaintiff agreed that the 52nd Dai was of sound mind till his passing away. The Plaintiff asked Mr. Chagla to clarify what he meant by "of sound mind". To that Mr. Chagla asked if the 52nd Dai was insane. The Plaintiff emphatically said "No. I would not say that." Mr. Chagla asked the Plaintiff if the 52nd Dai was capable of taking decisions on his own till his passing away. The Plaintiff said

that he was not sure.

On being further asked what his reasons were for doubting the 52nd Dai's capacity to take independent decisions, the Plaintiff said that whenever he went to the Syedna in the last two and half years of his life he noticed a significant difference in him. On being asked how frequently he visited the 52nd Dai in those last two and a half years, the Plaintiff said that during this period he would visit him often whenever the 52nd Dai was in Mumbai.

Mr. Chagla showed the Plaintiff his Affidavit of Evidence in which the Plaintiff has said that the Defendant and his brothers "started to implement a devious scheme to try and malign the Plaintiff. Mr. Chagla asked in what way they did this. The Plaintiff said that they told people to stop paying respects to him and stop addressing the Plaintiff as "Maula" and not offer him "Sajda". When asked whether people actually stopped paying respects to him as before as a result of this, the Plaintiff answered that some people did while some defied the Defendant and continued addressing him as "Maula" and would offer "Sajda". The Plaintiff also said that the Defendant and his brothers told people that if they addressed the Plaintiff as "Maula" they would not be allowed to go to the Syedna (52nd Dai). On being questioned as to when all this started, the Plaintiff replied that it was sometime after 1987.

Mr. Chagla asked whether the Plaintiff would agree that the 52nd Dai was in complete possession of his physical and mental faculties for the period before the last two and half years of his life? The Plaintiff replied that he showed the usual signs of slowing

down that come with age. When asked whether this impaired his mental faculties, the Plaintiff responded that he did not have the same mental alertness as before.

When asked whether the Defendant and his brothers held any position in Daawat (the community), the Plaintiff replied that the Defendant and his elder brother were among the Ameer ul-Jamea (the rectors of Jamea Saifiyah academy in Surat). When asked about the Defendant's other brothers, the Plaintiff replied that they all were given some Daawat responsibility.

The Plaintiff was shown his Affidavit of Evidence in which he has said that the 52nd Dai "actually admonished some of his sons who were not showing the respect they ought to have shown" to the Plaintiff. Mr. Chagla asked which sons was he referring to specifically? The Plaintiff replied that he was referring to the 52nd Dai's eldest son, Qaid Johar Izzuddin and his younger son Ammar Jamaluddin. When Mr. Chagla further asked whether they changed their attitude to the Plaintiff because of what the 52nd Dai said to them, the Plaintiff replied saying he did not think so.

The cross-examination will continue on the 6th and 7th of October. The above information is published from FatemiDawatLegal.com.

HISTORY & BIOGRAPHY

SERIES:45th Dai Syedna Tayyeb Zainuddin^{RA}

The 15th of Zilqada is the Urus of great 45th Dai al-Mutlaq, Syedna Tayyeb Zainuddin – Surat.

After Syedi AbdulQadir Hakimuddin, the brother and Mansoos of the 43rd Dai Syedna Abdeali Saifuddin, passed away in his lifetime, detractors and

enemies of Dawat scoffed “who will he (the 43rd Dai) appoint now?”. Syedna Abdeali Saifuddin, replied in one of his poems “I will do what my maula Imamuz-zaman inspires me to do”. Soon after, he called the two sons of Syedi Jivanjee from Burhanpur and personally began their *tarbiyat* and education. The two sons, Syedna Mohammed Izzuddin (the younger brother) and Syedna Tayyeb Zainuddin (the elder brother), became the 44th and 45th Dai. A testament to the fact that the chain of Du’at will continue and that the light of Allah will never be extinguished.

for his kindness and his generosity. Study of religious sciences and particularly the Shari’a proliferated. Outstanding scholars and jurists such as Shaykh Abdul-Ali b. Sh. Abdul-Qadir, Shaykh Isa-bhai Dohadi, and Shaykh Wali-bhai b. Shaykh Habibullah Rampuri came on the scene. The increasing fame and influence of the Dai, the growing prosperity, well-being and good fortune of the Dawat and the mumineen, evoked the jealousy of the Dawat’s enemies; incidents and clashes occurred in which decisive victories were obtained by mumineen. The friendly relations Sayyidna Abdeali Saifuddin had established with the British – now in place as overlords in many parts of India – firmly established as allies of the Dai.

Syedna Abdeali Saifuddin RA on 12th Zilqada at Darus Sakina. After Khatmul Quran and Sadaqalla doa, the qasida mubaraka “*saiful huda saiful imamish-shaheer*” was recited followed by Salaam in Dawat-ni-zaban. Syedna TUS then led Maghrib Isha namaz and mumineen were invited for salawat jaman.



Photos of the event have been presented on FatemiDawat.com.

Dawat History & Biography Series

45th Dai al-Mutlaq
Syedna Tayyib Zainuddin RA

45TH DAI AL-MUTLAQ
SYEDNA TAYYIB ZAINUDDIN RA

URUS 15TH ZIL Q'ADA 1252H (1837), SURAT, INDIA

Introduction
Syedna Tayyib Zainuddin b. Sayyidi Jeevanji RA succeeded his brother Syedna Mohammed Izzuddin RA as the 45th Dai. They had arrived in the 43rd Dai of Syedna Abdeali Saifuddin's RA presence together, and both received the benefits of his guidance in matters of religious study and Dawat administration. He was the elder by five years, and was ranked eighth in the hierarchy of *hudaif* during Syedna Abdeali Saifuddin's time, while his brother was fifteenth. Though it was Syedna Mohammed Izzuddin that Syedna Abdeali Saifuddin had given his primary attention to in preparing for the Dai-ship, he had Syedna Tayyib Zainuddin in mind for the role as well. Dawat tradition says that one of the reasons the Dai chose the younger brother before the elder was his pre-knowledge of the fact that the former would be the first Syedna Tayyib Zainuddin served his brother with all humility and obedience when Syedna Mohammed Izzuddin became Dai.

Syedna Tayyib Zainuddin's reign is known as one of felicity. Indeed, it is described as containing intimations of a time when the Imam reigned among the people. The Dai himself was renowned for his kindness and his generosity. Study of religious sciences and particularly the Shari'a proliferated. Outstanding scholars and jurists such as Shaykh Abdul-Ali b. Sh. Abdul-Qadir, Shaykh Isa-bhai Dohadi, and Shaykh Wali-bhai b. Shaykh Habibullah Rampuri came on the scene. The increasing fame and influence of the Dai, the growing prosperity, well-being and good fortune of the Dawat and the mumineen, evoked the jealousy of the Dawat's enemies; incidents and clashes occurred in which decisive victories were obtained by Dawat. The friendly relations Syedna Abdeali Saifuddin had established with the British – now in place as overlords in many parts of India – firmly established them as allies of the Dai.

Flood of 1237H
The Tapti river in Surat overflowed its banks towards the end of the year 1237H. The flood that swept through the town took the lives of many animals and people, destroyed numerous houses and caused incalculable loss of money and property. Surat remained under water for five days and four nights. People saved their lives by clinging to heights and trees. Syedna Tayyib Zainuddin saved thousands of destitute people by sending them food by means of boats.

Facilities for Students of Knowledge
Another of Syedna Abdeali Saifuddin's legacies that Syedna Tayyib Zainuddin vitalized and continued with great vigor was that of religious education. Particularly after his return from his trip to Malwa in 1241H, the Dawat being stable and the mischief-makers all quiet, he devoted his attention to the seminary, the 'Dawat-e Saifi'. He opened the doors of knowledge and wisdom for all the aspiring; says one historian, and to the seeker of one he gave a

MEDIA ARTICLES: Covering the Hearing of the 24th & 25th of August in Leading Newspapers

Various newspapers covered the proceedings of the hearings on the 24th and 25th of August 2015 in the Bombay High Court in the declaratory suit filed by the Plaintiff Syedna Khuzaima Qutbuddin. These include the Times of India, DNA and the New Indian Express.

ANNOUNCEMENT & AMAL DETAILS: 45th Dai Syedna Tayyeb Zainuddin RA Urus Majlis

On the auspicious occasion of the Urus of the 45th Dai Syedna Tayyeb Zainuddin RA, Syedna Khuzaima Qutbuddin TUS will preside over Urus Majlis at Darus Sakina, Thane, at 6pm on Saturday 15th Zil Qada (29th August), followed by Namaaz and Salawaat Jaman, Inshaallah. Those who are unable to attend should gather and pray Khatmul Qur'an on the niyyat of Syedna Tayyeb Zainuddin RA and then pray the Qasida Mubaraka “Ya Tayyeban Ya Zaina Dawat Tayyebi” composed by Syedna Taher Saifuddin RA in the shaan of Syedna Tayyeb

On the occasion of Urus we are pleased to present this biographical article on Syedna Tayyeb Zainuddin RA. The article is written by Shz. Dr. Saifiyah baysaheba who researched and wrote her PhD thesis at Oxford University on the history of the Du’aat Mutlaqeen in Yemen and has extensively studied the history of Du’aat Mutlaqeen in India. This is an excerpt from the article:

Sayyidna Tayyeb Zainuddin's reign is known as one of felicity. Indeed, it is described as containing intimations of a time when the Imam reigned among the people. The Dai himself was renowned

Other side was once disrespectful to me, Qutbuddin tells high court

Mustafa Plumber @plumbermushi

Khuzaima Qutbuddin, challenger to the 53rd Syedna post, on Tuesday informed the Bombay high court that the late 52nd Dai, Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin, had admonished his eldest (the constituted attorney and brother of 53rd Syedna Mufadal Saifuddin) and youngest sons for not showing respect to him (Qutbuddin).

Qutbuddin is being cross-examined in the HC in a suit filed by him, saying that he declared as the rightful 53rd Syedna. “The oldest son Qutb-johar Ezzuddin and youngest son Ammar Jamaluddin were admonished by the late Syedna, but their attitude towards me did not change,” he said.

Qutbuddin also said that since 1987 Saifuddin and his brothers started to implement a “devious scheme” to try and malign him, by telling many people not to offer *sajda* (physical prostration) to him and not to address him as maula. When asked whether due to these alleged attempts, people stopped offering *sajda* to him, he added, “Some of them did, they were fearful on account of the actions of the defendant and his brothers.”

Qutbuddin was also asked whether according to him the late 52nd Dai was in sound mind until he passed away. “My observation was that he was not active physically as well as mentally as he once used to be,” he said on condition of anonymity.

A selection of articles are presented in the Media section on Fatemidawat.com.

NEWS & EVENTS: Syedna Abdeali Saifuddin RA Urus Majlis Photos

Syedna Khuzaima Qutbuddin TUS presided over the Urus Mubarak of

Zainuddin RA. Mumineen should also recite Salaam written in Dawat-ni-Zaban by Shz. Dr. Tahera baisesha in which she has done zikar of Syedna Tayyeb Zainuddin's shanaat and the historic events in his reign. The PDF of the Qasida and Salaam are available on fatemidawat.com.

IKHWANUS SAFA ARTICLE

SERIES: 'ILM – Part 1

We are pleased to present the article entitled: *'Ilm The Purpose of the Human Soul: Takmeel (Purification and Completion) and Reunification with its Divine Origin*, in the series of articles on the Rasail Ikhwan al-Safa, which were composed by the ninth Imam, Imam Ahmad ul Mastur SA, at a time when religion was pitched against, or in contradiction to, the advances of science and the enlightenment of philosophy.

The third article in the series was entitled *The Philosophy of Life in the Rasail* and discussed the profound question: "what is the purpose of our lives on this earth?"

The Ikhwan explain that the supreme purpose of this life is for the individual soul to rejoin its Divine Origin and that the process of unification and purification of the soul begins by Ma'arafat and Walayat/Muhabbat (recognition and love) for the representative of the Divine in this world, the Imam uz Zamaan (*see article on 'ishq and mohabbat*).

The purpose of life is one of the most profound questions that many have tried to answer over the centuries. The Ikhwanus Safa not only answer this essential question in their Rasail, but they also present a compact and practical program through which man can achieve this ultimate purpose of life.

After Ma'arafat and Muhabbat (recognition and love) of the Imam and

his Dai, for the further purification of the soul the following virtues are required:

1. Acquisition of knowledge – 'ilm
2. Good actions in accordance with this knowledge – 'amal
3. Good character traits and virtues –akhlaaq.

In the sequence of articles that will be published every month, each of the three virtues required are explored, beginning with the acquisition of knowledge. This week's article, entitled *Ilm The Purpose of the Human Soul: Takmeel (Purification and Completion) and Reunification with its Divine Origin*, is the first in a 10 part sequence of articles on 'ilm. It discusses the necessity of knowledge for the completion and purification of the Human Soul and focuses on the God-given 'in-built' characteristics that facilitate the realisation of the Potential of the human soul. These characteristics are: 1) Motivation and drive towards longevity, 2) the five senses, 3) the Intellect (defining the two kinds of intellect, the instinctive and the acquired, and the five powers of the intellect: namely the power of imagination, power to think, power to memorize, power of speech and power of action and creation) and 4) Divine inspiration and the reception of spiritual communication from God.



This is the list of articles that will follow on the subject of 'Ilm in the *Ikhwanus*

Safa (one article will published each month):

1. 'Ilm -1 The Purpose of the Human Soul: *Takmeel (Purification and Completion) and Reunification with its Divine Origin (Published this week)*
2. 'Ilm – 2 *The Pursuit of Knowledge*
3. 'Ilm – 3 *The Classification of Knowledge – 1*
4. 'Ilm – 4 *The Classification of Knowledge – 2*
5. 'Ilm – 5 *The Value of Knowledge*
6. 'Ilm – 6 *The Ladder of Knowledge*
7. 'Ilm – 7 *The Journey of Knowledge*
8. 'Ilm – 8 *Mufeed: The Teacher*
9. 'Ilm – 9 *Mustafeed: The Student*
10. 'Ilm – 10 *'ilm and Imaan*

See the full first article, *The Purpose of the Human Soul: Takmeel (Purification and Completion) and Reunification with its Divine Origin* on FatemiDawat.com

This series is authored by Shz. Bazat Tayyeba Baisesha Outbuddin who has attained the barakat of knowledge of Aale Mohammed for years from Syedna Burhanuddin and Syedna Outbuddin. The articles in these series present a glimpse into the richness of our heritage that is preserved not only in books, but in the souls of Dais who safeguard it, transmit it and enrich it. The articles are surely a source of enrichment but are not a substitute to the traditional sabaq. In our system of knowledge, the book or words are like the body, and the teacher and his teachings are like the soul.

This Newsletter

This newsletter will inshaallah be published every Friday. It will include the latest news and instructions from Syedna Outbuddin's office and will be published in Dawat-ni-zaban and Gujarati. It will also highlight the latest updates on fatemidawat.com.

Please register to receive the newsletter regularly at info@fatemidawat.com

Sijill is an Arabic word which literally means official letter. It was a term often used in the Fatimid chancery. The name is inspired by the most auspicious letter 'Sijill-ul-Bisharat'.

Updates this week

- SIJILL ARTICLE: *Sabar is the Path to Victory*
- LEGAL UPDATE: *Bombay High Court Declaratory Suit 24th & 25th August 2015*
- HISTORY & BIOGRAPHY SERIES: *45th Dai Syedna Tayyeb Zainuddin^{RA}*
- MEDIA ARTICLES: *Covering the Hearing of the 24th & 25th of August in Leading Newspapers*
- NEWS & EVENTS: *Syedna Abdeali Saifuddin^{RA} Urus Majlis Photos*
- ANNOUNCEMENT & AMAL DETAILS: *45th Dai Syedna Tayyeb Zainuddin^{RA} Urus Majlis*
- IKHWANUS SAFA ARTICLE SERIES: *'ILM – Part 1*

Upcoming updates

- Cradle to the Grave – Part 6
- Ikhwanus Safa Article Series – 4th Installment
- Quran recitation with commentary analysis (regular).
- Hikayaat: Morals & Fables from Dawat Kitaabs
- Article Series: Women in Islam
- Fatemi Madrasa Namaz Module – Part 2
- Fatemi Dawat Architecture – Galleries and Presentations
- Fatimid Literature Article Series
- Q&A series on pertinent issues: Shari'a compliant finance, qasar namaz.

If you have any suggestions for updates and content please email info@fatemidawat.com

If you wish to unsubscribe to this newsletter please email to above address with subject line 'unsubscribe'