

## About the speakers (continued)

economic development. Shakira has established the annual Puno Community Development Awards and is a co-director of Nyota Collections which also focusses on local economic development programmes. She is currently in her final year of studies towards a bachelor of arts degree in community development via UNISA.

### Shameema Shaikjee

Shameema Shaikjee was the first Muslim to study hotel and catering management at ML Sultan Technikon. She owned the famous Italian ice cream parlor Via Veneto, later moving on to the Kikis food franchise, first at the Pavilion shopping centre (where she was instrumental in initiating a musallah for Muslim shoppers), then in Chatsworth Centre and Sparks Road. Shameema was diagnosed with stage 4 ovarian cancer in December 2015, and underwent chemotherapy for six months. She has since been diagnosed with lung cancer, and subsequently breast cancer, and has resumed chemotherapy.

## Important Information about Muslimah Today

Dates: Saturday and Sunday, 26th and 27th of August 2017, in sha Allah  
 Times: Saturday: 8.30am to 5.35pm; Sunday: 9:30am to 4.15pm  
 Venue: Al-Ansaar Hall, 189 West Road, Overport  
 Fee: R350 (incl. lunch and tea as well as a goodie bag) NB R350 for both days, NOT PER DAY

### TO REGISTER:

- WhatsApp 083 271 4500 or email info@ilmsa.co.za
- Registration closes as soon as available places are booked, or on Wednesday 23th August (whichever occurs first)
- If you are among the first 75 registrants, you will receive a beautiful Qur'an clip with calligraphic inscription to bookmark your Qur'an pages (courtesy of Kiducate and various individual sponsors)
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- Muslimah Today 2016 speaker and delegate

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 See inside for more information about speakers, programme and registration

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8.30am	Registration & tea
9.30am	Welcome and Introduction <b>ILM-SA</b>
9.40am	Opening Qira'ah <b>Ruqayya Paruk</b>
9.50am	The path to taqwa <b>Quraysha Ismail Sooliman</b>
10:30am	Charity as a means of empowerment <b>Mamolefe Shakira Sehume</b>
11:10am	Questions and answers
11.30am	Address by representative of AWQAF-SA
11.50am	Allah is the Best of Planners <b>Fatima Asmal</b>
12.30pm	Lunch & Dhuhr Salaah
	<b>Session 2: Recognising the Mercy of Allah (SWT) in every situation</b>
1.20pm	<b>Mooneera Asmal and Nadia Bhayat (co-presenters)</b> Synopsis: A young man suffers a spinal injury, inspiring his mother to try to change the face of neuro-rehabilitation in South Africa.
2.20pm	<b>Zaheerah Bham-Ismaail</b> Synopsis: A phenomenal woman with two little children passes away. Her sister is devastated but finds purpose in taking forward her legacy.
3.00pm	<b>Shameema Shaikjee</b> Synopsis: Faced with ovarian, breast and lung cancer, a woman never gives up and tries to bring comfort to others.
3:40pm	Questions and answers
4:10pm	Tea & Asr Salaah
4:40pm	Dhikr as a means of self-transformation <b>Radia Bawa-Hendricks</b>
5:20pm	Dhikr & Duaa <b>Radia Bawa-Hendricks</b>

9.30am	Registration and tea
10.00am	Reframing our approach to Salaah <b>Radia Bawa-Hendricks</b>
10.45am	Overcoming low self-esteem <b>Zaheerah Bham-Ismaail</b>
11.25am	Reflections on my journey with the Women's Cultural Group <b>Zuleikha Mayat</b>
12.05pm	Questions and answers
12.35pm	Lunch and Dhuhr Salaah
1.35pm	Displaying excellence in serving Allah's creation <b>Mamolefe Shakira Sehume</b>
2.15pm	Surah Al-Hujuraat: a blue print for inter-human relationships <b>Quraysha Ismail-Sooliman</b>
3.00pm	Take home Reflections from Mamolefe Shakira Sehume; Radia Bawa-Hendricks; Quraysha Ismail-Sooliman and Zaheerah Bham-Ismaail.

*\*The above programme is subject to change without prior notice, due to unforeseen circumstances; ILM-SA will not be held responsible for this, although it will make every effort to adhere thereto.*

**Fatima Asmal** is the founder of ILM-SA, a Durban-based non-governmental organisation which hosts Muslimah Today. She is a freelance journalist who previously self-published The Straight Path and An Nisaa magazines. As a writer, she has contributed to the Mail & Guardian, Al-Qalam and Muslim Views. She holds an Honours degree in Culture, Communication and Media Studies, as well as a Masters in History (topic: "Demystifying the Muslimah: changing subjectivities, civic engagement and public participation of Muslim women in contemporary South Africa").

**Mooneera Asmal and Nadia Bhayat** (co-presenters) are the co-founders of the Gait of Hope Foundation that focuses on making leading recovery technology and innovative therapies in the field of neuro-rehabilitation accessible to communities across Southern Africa. Mooneera is a businesswoman, whilst Nadia is a rehabilitation specialist, who has worked in Africa, Europe and the Middle East for many years, leading well recognized facilities through licensing processes and achieving international accreditation standards. She has been instrumental in establishing therapy departments in educational and tertiary hospital settings and in establishing large regional interdisciplinary rehabilitation centres.

**Haafidhah Radia Bawa-Hendricks** is the founder and director of the Cape-based Zahraa Institute (previously known as Darun-Naim li-Zuhur), which is focussed on enabling women with no Arabic background to develop a meaningful connection with the Qur'an. She began memorising the Qur'an at the age of four and a half, completing at nine. Radia began high school at the age of ten, matriculating at fifteen. She holds a bachelor of arts degree in media and communication science from UNISA.

**Zaheerah Bham-Ismaail** is a speech and language therapist and audiologist. She is the chairperson of the Caring Womens Forum and a trustee and part of the management committee for the Islamic Holistic School for Alternative Needs (IHSAN) - a centre that caters for children and adults with disabilities. Zaheerah serves as a board member for Islam Charity Network SA, PH Kids SA (Pulmonary Hypertension), St Katharines School and Commonwealth Businesswomen South Africa. She hosts Itrend on ITV and is an ambassador for The Abaya Collection SA.

**Quraysha Ismail Sooliman** is a PhD candidate in the Faculty of Law at the University of Pretoria. She is a freelance journalist and the presenter of Finding Me on ITV. Quraysha spent five years studying Arabic at a Darul-uloom and holds a Masters Degree in Multidisciplinary Human Rights (topic: "SA's foreign policy on Israel in relation to the Palestinian question"). She is an animal lover and activist and takes care of her own pets, as well as stray cats.

**Aunty Zuleikha Mayat** was a founding member of the Women's Cultural Group, which was established in 1954. She has been involved in various other organisations, including Natal Cripple Care, Orient Islamic Educational Institute and Darul Yatama wal Masakeen. Aunty Zuleikha was awarded an honorary doctorate in sociology by the University of Kwazulu Natal in 2012. She has penned numerous books, amongst them Treasure Trove of Memories, Journeys of Binte Batuti and the world-famous Indian Delights recipe book. She has three children, eight grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

**Mamolefe Shakira Sehume** is the daughter of anti-apartheid activists and community workers, Babsy and the late Thabo Sehume. She is the founder of Ntsho Ya Tshwane, a social enterprise, focussed on creating a thread and a network among change makers, as well as platforms for local