



Happy
Hazrat Ali's
Birthday!

Birthday of 'Alī ibn Abī Tālib

Islam

ah-lee ih-ben ah-bee tah-lib

Ali ibn Ali Talib [may God be pleased with him] was the son-in-law of Prophet Muhammad [peace be upon him] and is an important historical figure in Islam. His birthday is celebrated by Shias, who regard him as their first Imam and refer to him as Imam Ali or Hazrat Ali [peace be upon him]. Ali's birthday is a public holiday in Iran as well as the Uttar Pradesh region of India.

The Shiite community celebrates with decorated mosques, prayer, and gatherings of friends and family for meals.

Date

- The birthday of 'Alī ibn Abī Tālib is the 13th Day of Rajab on the Islamic Calendar and can vary from year to year on the Gregorian (Western) calendar.
- Check the [Calendar Index](#) for Religious Holidays during the current academic year for the exact date.

Greetings

- Wishing followers a "Happy Hazrat Ali's birthday" is welcome.

Common Practices and Celebrations

- Shiite communities come together to decorate mosques, share Hazrat Ali's stories, and share in large meals.

Common Dietary Restrictions

- Vegetarian meals prepared without alcohol meet halal standards.

Impact to U-M Community

- Shiite colleagues and students may request to take the day off to celebrate with friends and family.
- Link to [U-M Guidance Regarding Conflicts](#).

U-M Campus Resources

- [Maize Pages - Muslim](#), U-M
- [Association of Religious Counselors](#), U-M

Information Sources

- [Office Holidays](#)
- [Wikipedia](#)

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