

Ramadan is approaching quickly once again. The holy month of Ramadan is special in Muslims' spiritual lives as it is the time to renew one's devotion to God Almighty by performing obligatory fasting, giving compulsory charity, and performing other forms of worship.



Muslims are encouraged to invite their friends to dinner and break bread with them even if they have only a single date or olive to serve. In this context members of the Turkish American community are inviting their non-Muslim brothers and sisters to share Iftar Dinners at their homes. Individual community members will begin to host guests on August 29 and continue through September 19.

One of the unfortunate consequences of 21st century lifestyle is the weakening of relationships and interactions between neighbors and neighboring communities. As a result, people care less about each other because they don't share with and know enough about each other.

We believe that a sustainable dialogue can only be achieved if we experience it at all levels of the society.

We believe by breaking bread together we will have a stronger dialog and better understanding of each other's values and ethnicity. This will set an example for our children to follow and make our and future communities a better place to live in.

We are hopeful that this project will deepen the relationship amongst members of all faiths in our community, be fruitful with many outcomes, and continue in the coming years.

If you or your friends want to be a part of this project and enjoy the warmth of Turkish hospitality

along with ingenious and delicious Turkish food, please let us know. IDC will arrange a Turkish-American family by whom you will be hosted as their guests.

You may reach us by phone at 973-353-9333 or by email at [idcnj \(at\) idcnj.org](mailto:idcnj@idcnj.org)

We wish to see you at our homes in the month of Ramadan!