

15th Anniversary Commemoration of the Arrests of

Yassin Aref & Mohammed Hossain



**Sunday,
August 4, 2019**



RALLY: 5:30 p.m. Masjid As-Salam Mosque, 280 Central Ave., Albany

MARCH: 5:45 p.m. to the First Unitarian Universalist Society of Albany, 405 Washington Ave., Albany

DINNER: 6:00 p.m.

SPEAKERS: 7:00 p.m.

All events are free and open to the public

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A celebration of Yassin Aref's release and return home

Speakers: Imam Faisal Ahmad, Abu Hamza Hossain and Khadija Hossain, Yassin Aref, and "Team Yassin"

The evening presentation will begin with a slideshow and remembrance of Dr. Shamshad Ahmad, president of the Masjid As-Salam, who died on July 10. His son, Imam Faisal Ahmad, will share memories of his father. Abu Hamza Hossain and Khadija Hossain will also speak about their father, Mohammed Hossain, who is scheduled for release and homecoming to Albany in August 2020. Then Yassin Aref will join us via Skype from Kurdistan, northern Iraq, to speak about his new life as a free man and to take questions from the audience. After serving 13½ years in prison and an additional 8 months in immigration detention, he is finally home, having arrived there on June 11. "Team Yassin" (Steve Downs, Kathy Manley, Jeanne Finley, Lynne Jackson) will also answer questions. Dinner reservations are welcome but not necessary at www.endislamophobia.org/contact.

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