The lives of Muslims in America changed on 11 September 2001. The initial reactions of panic, guilt, defiance, and confusion, were accompanied in subsequent days by measures and hostility towards Muslims, both within and against Muslims. An opinion piece in the *New York Times* arguing that Muslims hate us not for what we do but for who we are was widely quoted in the media. Veiled women did not appear in public, several students on our campus left theirs at home. A great number of scholars of the Middle East and the Islamic world shouted themselves hoarse insisting that there existed a direct correlation between US foreign policy and the events of 11 September, and others reiterated their alarm about imminent threats from the outside. Vigilance became the pre-eminent word aimed at both New York landlords and college professors.

From the mundane to the existential, and almost nine months after 11 September, Muslims in New York are grappling with fundamental questions turned inward, and what followed was a surfacing of the same isolationist trend that was visible in the wake of the 1993 World Trade Center bombings. In response to the concomitant hostile rhetoric and the increased hostility, what are Muslim communities doing to alleviate the immediate threats in the short run, and to promote toleration and respect for their traditions in the future?

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