M. Hasna Maznazi (right) and Sana Muttalib (left) made history in 2015 when they established the first women-only mosque in the U.S., known as The Women's Mosque of America. The place of worship, located in downtown Los Angeles, grew from Maznazi's childhood dream of opening her own mosque. Bolstered by their faith and the egalitarian teachings of the Qur'an, Maznazi and Muttalib set out to make a space that "isn't meant as an alternative to local mosques but as a complementary place where woman can begin to feel empowered." Their goal was to create a place where women feel comfortable and to which male-led mosques can reach out when determining how to best address the needs of congregants equally. Today, The Women's Mosque of America hosts programs focused on community health, intra-faith community building and Islamic scholarship, as well as offers co-ed classes.

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