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### SUNDAY SCHOOL

PLACE: ZHCC, 8787 W. Airport Blvd., Houston, TX 77071 Tel: 713-270-9339

TIME: 11:30 a.m.

DATE: June 10, 2012

Children's Session: A presentation on Navjote ceremony - by Rayomand Katrak with a review of Navjote pictures courtesy Farzana Sidhwa. There will be no Gujarati session at 11 am this Sunday, however we will intersperse the Gujarati words and alphabets at different parts of the Sunday school session as appropriate

Middle Group: This group is for the children in the middle school. Last year they learnt about the ceremonies, this year they will be learning the Kusti prayers and their meanings. If your child falls in this age group, do please bring him/her to the Sunday School.

Senior Group: Sarosh Collector conducts this session. See a write up by the Youth Vice President

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> June** - Rumva Chaloji 1-2-3-4 on June 10th after Sunday School

**Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> June** –10 am to 3 pm - WZCC presents –Climbing the Corporate Ladder by Rohintan Deputy. Rates \$20pp (lunch included), RSVP Zarir Sethna at 713 963 4229 or [zarirs@sbglobal.net](mailto:zarirs@sbglobal.net) . **See attached flyer**

**Saturday, Sunday - 07/07/2012 - 07/08/2012, 12:00 am - 11:00 pm** - Middle group lockin

**Saturday, 21st July** - EC Fundraiser - Chaiye Hame Zarathosti - Minocher Na Kaarastan. **See attached flyer.**

Ticket Prices: \$100.00/\$50.00/\$35.00

(Ticket prices include snack at intermission and dinner after the natak)

To purchase tickets please contact:

Cyra Kanga: Tel: 281-491-0944 or email [crkanga@yahoo.com](mailto:crkanga@yahoo.com) OR

Arnavaz Sethna: Tel: 281-499-1832 or email [asethna@comcast.net](mailto:asethna@comcast.net)

**Saturday, 29th July** – Table Tennis Tournament . *Details coming soon*

### MEETINGS

<b>GOLDEN GROUP</b>	Fourth Sunday of each month. Interested? Please call Zarine Balsara at (281) 304-6611
<b>LIBRARY COMMITTEE</b>	First Sunday of each month at 11:00 AM. Interested in helping? Or would like more information, please call Aban Rustomji at 281-493-1275 or e-mail her at <a href="mailto:aban@coatingindustries.com">aban@coatingindustries.com</a>

## **REPORTS**

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT (By Jehanbux Mehta)**

On the successful launch of her book “Farmer Brent” at our Center on April 20, author Shahnaz Sidhwa wishes to inform the community through the office of the Executive Committee that Houston has “its heart in the right place”. Proceeds from the sale of her book after defraying printing costs will go to alleviate the suffering of very needy Zoroastrian families in India.

An errant female driver – not a member – decided to test our metal fence abutting the road, damaging a good portion of it. Our Building Maintenance Committee is proceeding with recovering the cost of approximately \$2,000 from the driver before restoring it.

Installing the new security system has not been easy. A lot of progress has been made, but activation awaits the ironing out of all the issues and, above all, making it user-friendly.

EC joins the Entertainment Committee in thanking Noshir & Bapsi Sidhwa and Feroze & Shernaz Bhandara for hosting the gahambar on June 03, to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> birth date of their mother, the late Tehmina Bhandara.

Following receipt of additional pledges, seven new round tables and 30 chairs were added to our inventory in May. EC would again like to thank the generous donors who made it possible to meet the targets and in the case of tables, to exceed it.

EC also joins the Building Management Sub-committee in thanking those members who unhesitatingly contributed to an ad hoc fund for our cleaning lady, Rose’s grandson’s medical treatment following a road accident.

### **LIBRARY REPORT (By Jango Mistry)**

#### ***FIRES Progress***

The Library Committee has selected a logo for FIRES that will be used on all communications as well as the web site. Shahnaaz Irani, the owner of Nizam’s Kitchen, has designed a logo for us that is attractive, and captures graphically the essence of FIRES. We are very grateful to Shahnaaz for applying her creative talents to a challenge that we had struggled with for many months.

With the help of Danesh Desai, we have designing a web site for FIRES that will be housed on the FEZANA server. The website will include catalogued books from all FEZANA member Associations, so that a user can find all libraries in North America where a particular book is available. We will also provide details on events and seminars around North America, with a photo gallery of the events. The web site will also feature the latest additions to the FIRES collection, book reviews and the book selection of the month. The website will be continuously enhanced to include more features and capabilities, such as a blog for readers’ comments on various books. It will also provide a mechanism to link seamlessly with other organizations and resources on the web.

#### ***Upcoming event***

On the day that ZAH will be celebrating the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of FEZANA in the evening, the Library Committee is planning a special event during the day, featuring two reputed scholars from outside Houston – Dr. Touraj Daryae and Dr. Yuhana Vevaina. The event is planned for Saturday, October 27 from 10am to noon, and from 1pm to 3pm. The next day, Sunday October 28, will feature an informal roundtable discussion from 11pm to 1pm. More details for the gala will be forthcoming as we approach the dates, but please mark your calendars now for what promises to be another enjoyable and memorable event.

### **MIDDLE GROUP REPORT (By Zeeba Kayani)**

Sunday School Middle Group is for children from ages 9/10 to 13/14. Apart from learning the meaning of Kusti prayers, children are challenged to discussion of other topics

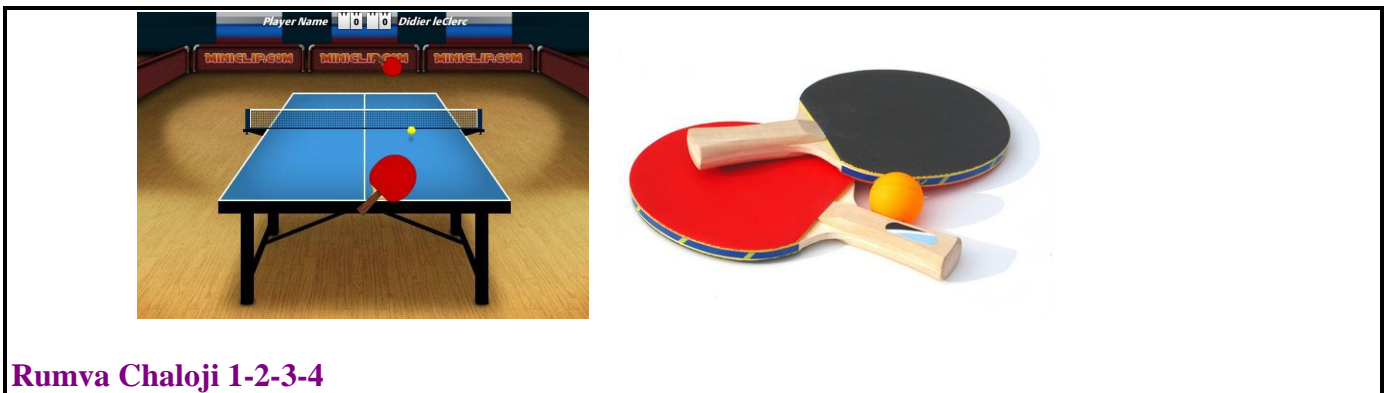
In honor of Mother's Day, our middle group during Sunday school focused on the important role women and mothers have in Zoroastrianism. We started Sunday School with two Yatha ahu vairyo and one ashem vohu prayer.

The children celebrated their mother by sharing "why they love their mothers, what makes them special, what good deed they did for their mothers on mother's day and what makes their mothers laugh and smile". As the discussion progressed, it was brought to the children's attention that women and mothers played a crucial and important role in Zoroastrianism. Women had the liberty to express their opinion, be educated, and thrive in ancient times. The family unity and house hold was held together by the women in the home. Many children also noticed that not much has changed since then. They were thankful that even today their mothers wake them up, prepare their lunches, and help them during their daily homework and concerns they have. The importance of "respecting what your mother says" was a friendly reminder that was brought up by Pearline Collector.

### **YOUTH REPORT (By Zubin Colah – Web Master)**

This month's Sunday School fell on Mother's Day. Firstly we'd like to wish a Happy Mother's Day to all the wonderful Mom's. During our shortened Sunday School, Shayan and Naasha gave a great presentation about the Seleucid Dynasty. We then took care of Youth Group business and decided to move the date of our Galveston Youth Group Retreat Trip to the June 22nd weekend. We'd also like to congratulate our Youth Group graduates! Lastly a special shout out to our amazing youth mom Tenaz Sunavala who has always been there for us, we will always appreciate your hard work and dedication. Thank you!

### **SPORTS COMMITTEE REPORT (By Kayo Sidhwa)**



### **Rumva Chaloji 1-2-3-4**

Hi Everyone,

Its summer time again and the RCJ 1-2-3-4 is back after a break of a couple of months so please mark your calendars to come to ZAH on June 10<sup>th</sup> and have some fun with us. We will have carrom, checkers, whist drive packs available to all the attendees who wish to have a good time with their family, friends and relatives. Taking several requests into consideration we another addition to our ever growing sports equipment. Two brand new TABLE TENNIS tables along with paddles, balls etc. donated by our benevolent members and assembled by our team of volunteers, so do come and let's have some fun. As our annual TT tournament scheduled for July 29<sup>th</sup> is fast approaching, get the much needed practice under your belt so you can show your skills and prowess and outclass your opponents that day.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

#### **MASTER CHEF – TV PROGRAM**

Look who's on TV this Summer

Ron and Rukshana's daughter Tanya Noble is going to be on the Master Chef competition this summer season! Let's cheer her on as she cooks our Parsi Khaana on TV with Gordon Ramsey running the show! This

show airs on Mondays and Tuesdays for the summer session and a winner will be announced at the end of the season. The show starts June 4th and June 5th to kick off the competition on Fox News. Look out for Tanya Noble on Master Chef on Fox Channel 26 on Mondays/Tuesdays this summer. Good Luck to you Tanya!

For more details, read the link below for the article in the Austin Papers on Tanya:

<http://austin.culturemap.com/newsdetail/05-29-12-10-19-ut-student-and-masterchef-tanya-noble-talks-food-flavors-and-local-foodie-favorites/>

## **CATEGORIES OF FIRE**

Zoroastrians pray in the presence of three categories of Fire:

### *Atash Dadgah*

The **Atash Dadgah** is the basic grade of sacred fire. It can be either a perpetually burning fire or allowed to be extinguished and relit when necessary. It does not require periodic Boi ceremony. A Mobed (in absence of a Mobed, a Mobedyar and in absence of a Mobedyar, a lay Zoroastrian) can tend the fire in the Atash Dadgah.

### *Atash Adaran*

**Atash Adaran**, the "Fire of fires" is the middle grade of fire. It requires a gathering of hearth fires from representatives of the four professional groups: the priests (*athorman*), the soldiers (*ratheshtaran*), the farmers or herdsmen (*vastryoshan*) and the artisans (*hutokhshan*). This procedure takes about three weeks. Atash Adaran is a continuously burning fire and needs to be attended five times a day by a Boi ceremony performed by a Mobed.

### *Atash Behram*

**Atash Behram**, "Fire of victory" is the highest grade of fire. It involves gathering of fires from 16 different sources, including lightning and cremation pyre. This procedure could take up to about a year.

## **FEZANA ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2012**

FEZANA Academic scholarship applications are now available on their website: <http://www.fezana.org/>

There are 2 new scholarships this year:

- Purvez and Aban Rustomji Endowment Scholarship
- Morvorid Guiv Endowment Scholarship

Changes for 2012 are as follows:

- The Kapadia Endowment Scholarship has been increased.
- In recognition of the 25th anniversary of FEZANA, MEHRABAN AND MORVORID KHERADI (MMK) ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE, THE FEZANA SCHOLAR has been increased to \$10,000 for this year only.

**Completed application forms should be sent electronically by August 1, 2012 to [academicscholarship@fezana.org](mailto:academicscholarship@fezana.org)**

## **VAKHSHOORI SCHOLARSHIP**

Promoting vitality within the Zoroastrian community and awareness in the wider world.

Young Zoroastrians are invited to apply for Vakhshoori Scholarships for the academic year of 2012-2013. Seven scholarships were awarded this year, and the Vakhshoori Scholarship Committee looks forward to receiving your applications for the coming year. The Vakhshoori Scholarship mission is:

Promoting leadership among Zoroastrian youth in academia, public life, and the arts.

This one-time grant helps finance undergraduate or graduate study by talented young Zoroastrians. Awards range between \$10,000 and \$1,000. The applicant must be a young Zoroastrian enrolled in or accepted to an accredited institution of higher learning. If s/he is already enrolled, s/he must provide a tuition statement for the fall semester of 2012; if accepted but not yet enrolled, s/he must provide an acceptance letter. Candidates of diverse nationalities are welcomed to apply. **All completed applications must be postmarked by June 15, 2012.** For a copy of the application, please see <http://www.vakhshoori.org>. For specific questions, please contact Koorosh Vakhshoori at [scholarship@vakhshoori.org](mailto:scholarship@vakhshoori.org).

## **ORDAINED**

Villie M. Deboo has been ordained into Zoroastrian religion as of May 2012

## **WE HAVE MOVED**

Khushrav, Manek, Viraf, Rayhan Nariman have moved to:

7 Palm Meadow Ct  
Sugar Land TX 77479

Their phones have remained the same as before.

## **OBITUARY**

**Minoo N Bhujwalla**, age 64 died on 13 May 2012 in Bombay. Son of Navroji and Meherbai Bhujwalla. Husband of Niloufer nee Ghaswalla. Father of Arnaz and Neville. Brother of Ketty Aspi Wadia and Maneck Bhujwalla. He was the resident of Kenner, Louisiana.

**Perin Purvez Bharucha** mother of Jamshed Bharucha, mother-in-law of Sneha Bharucha and grand mother of Jesil and Shayan Bharucha, expired at 9.05PM in Mumbai on June 1, 2012. She had been ill for some months and Jamshed has been in Mumbai since last week.

***MANASHNI*** and its readers convey their heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families.



WORLD ZARATHUSHTI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HOUSTON CHAPTER

PRESENTS

## From Rookie to Executive

*Climbing the Corporate Ladder*

By

Rohintan Deputy

Saturday  
June 16, 2012

10:00 AM  
To  
3:00 PM

\$ 20.00 pp  
Lunch included

(RSVP before  
June 10, 2012)

- Do you know what it takes to move ahead?
- Are you struggling to get noticed and appreciated?
- Do you have the right attitudes and habits to jumpstart your career?
- Do you know the difference between "doing things right" and "doing the right things"?
- Why climb the corporate ladder when you can take the elevator?

Come and learn from a high-level Executive of a large company how you can draw your own road map to success in the corporate world.

Join Rohintan Deputy as he reveals the practical steps you need to take at various stages of your career to navigate successfully through uncharted waters.

By sharing his personal experiences during his successful climb to the highest Executive ranks Rohintan will equip you with strategies for success and enable you to avoid pitfalls and mistakes for a smoother ride.



*Rohintan Deputy has over 30 years of experience at Ford Motor Company. Now retired, Rohintan was Plant Manager, Chief Engineer, Director of Technology and President of the South American subsidiary. He has extensive domestic and international experience in engineering, manufacturing and corporate strategy. Rohintan holds two Bachelor degrees in Physics and Electronics, a Masters in Electronics and University of Michigan's Executive Program.*

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# ZORASHTRIAN ASSOCIATION OF HOUSTON

Presents their annual Fundraiser

## MINOCHER NA KAARASTAN

A HILARIOUS PARSİ GUJRATI NATAK



**Venue :** ZAH , 8787 West Airport Blvd, Houston TX

**Date :** 21<sup>st</sup> July 2012

**Time :** 730pm Sharp (Doors will open for seating at 700pm)

**Ticket Prices :** \$100.00/\$50.00/\$35.00

(Ticket prices include snack at intermission and dinner after the natak)

[Click Here for Online RSVP](#)

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*Save the Date*

*Saturday, October 20, 2012  
The Annual Tackle Bone Cancer Gala  
at The Houston Club  
811 Rusk St, Houston  
Dinner and Dance  
Live and Silent Auction*