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SUNDAY SCHOOL

PLACE: ZHCC

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

TIME: Different timings for each group

DATE: March 12, 2023

Children's Session: The Sunday School session starts at **11:00 a.m. in-person and by Zoom**

Middle Group: The Sunday School session at **11:00 a.m. – in-person & by Zoom**



Youth Group: The Sunday School session at 10:00 a.m. **In person**



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Tuesday, March 21, 2023 – AK Anniversary Jashan & Hambandagi**
- Friday, March 24, 2023 – Library Event – See Flyer**
- Saturday, March 25, 2023 – Nowruz & ZHCC 25th Anniversary Gala**
- Sunday, April 9, 2023 – Carnival after Sunday School**
- Friday, April 21, 2023 – WZCC**
- Sunday, June 4, 2023 - Maidhyarem Ghambar**
- Friday, Saturday & Sunday – Z-Camp and NAMC AGM**

REPORT

LIBRARY REPORT

By: Jango Mistry

The North American Mobed Council (NAMC), under the leadership of its President Tehemton Mirza, periodically has held online courses on diverse subjects to educate and inform the North American Zoroastrians on their history, culture and religion. From May 6, 2023 up to June 10, 2023 the NAMC will conduct five courses titled "Zoroastrian Concepts". The courses are scheduled every Saturday, with the exception of May 27, at 1 pm CDT (2 pm EDT). The Zoom log-in information will be provided to those individuals registered closer to the start date of the courses. The courses aim to explore five concepts common to the Zoroastrian religion. They aim to help understand how these concepts shaped the Zoroastrian religious tradition.

It is a great pleasure to announce to the members of ZAH that our very own ZAH library committee member Meheryar Rivetna will address three of the five courses.

Meheryar will speak on the "Cosmology and Cosmogony in the Zoroastrian Religion" (May 6), "Monotheism vs. Dualism" (May 20) and "Life After Death" (June 10). The other concepts that will be discussed are "Asha-Righteousness" by Khushroo Mirza (May 13) and "Responsibility and Fravashi by Kayomarsh Mehta (June 3).

NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Tamboli, Aderbad – Chairman
Master, Percy – Secretary
Billimoria, Farokh – Treasurer

Anklesaria, Zia – Member Member
Gagrat, Nikita – Member
Khumbatta, Kershaw – Member
Sethna, Fiona – Member

Sarkari, Nazanin – FEZANA Rep

OUR ERVADS (PRIESTS)

Boomla, Noozar
Buchia, Kyrus
Dastur, Barjor M
Dastur, Darius B
Desai, Farrokh
Firozgary, Bahrom
Gonda, Pervez
Kanga, Neville
Katrak, Rayomand
Katrak, Vispi
Khumbatta, Noshir
Kotwal, Zubin
Masani, Dara
Nariman, Khushrav
Pavri, Shapur
Sanjana, Bahmanshah
Sanjana, Kurush
Sidhwa, Kayomarz
Sidhwa, Maneck
Sidhwa, Yazad
Unwalla, Peshotan
Vimadalal, Freyaan
Vimadalal, Khushroo

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BEHRAM ROJ JASHAN SPONSORS



Each course will typically run for approximately one hour and another 30 minutes dedicated to Q&A. See flyer on Page

All courses promise to be enlightening and the ZAH members are strongly urged to register – refer to the attached flyer to register.

ATASH KADEH NEWS

By: Persis Behramsha

It almost feels like Spring, at times in Houston! We have had a lot of activity since the beginning of this year. We will soon have the ZAH Annual General Meeting when we will share the ongoing activities of our Atash Kadeh.

We will be celebrating the Fourth Year Anniversary this year with a Jashan on March 21, 2023 followed by Complimentary Snacks. Please remember to RSVP for the attendance headcount, so we can arrange for enough snacks for everyone. An EBlast has been sent with the RSVP link.

The Behram Roj Jashan was celebrated on March 3, 2023, and sponsored by the generous families of Ruby & Bejun Anklesaria, Huty & Farokh Billimoria, Dilshad & Bomi Hormazdi, Aban & Savak Patel, and Shahnaz & Yazdi Sidhwa. What a lovely turnout on that Friday. May Behram Yazad shower his special blessings on all of you and our entire community.

If anyone would like to sponsor any Behram Roj or Parab Jashan, please check the Calendar on the Atash Kadeh tab on ZAH.org, to see what is available. We are currently open for the following Behram Roj Jashans for this year:

- Saturday, July 1, 2023
- Monday, July 31, 2023
- Monday September 4, 2023
- Wednesday, October 4, 2023
- Friday, November 3, 2023

As always, thank you for all the Sukhar, Candles, and several supplies that our Atash Kadeh friends continue to bring in. Thanks are not enough for all our gracious volunteers either. We are blessed to have all of you in our midst.

We are considering starting a new Fundraising Initiative to help with the upkeep and preservation of our beautiful Atash Kadeh.

Any Jashan that is sponsored, is always open to everyone in our community. We are always so happy to see family and friends join in. Thank you to all our out-of-towners who join us on Zoom regularly.

We are glad to have our Mobed, Pervez Gonda back at the Atash Kadeh. It was a well deserved break for all the hard work he always puts in. Meanwhile, our Mobed Maneck Sidhwa carried the load all by himself without any break. We really admire his willingness, dedication and perseverance to take care of the Atash Kadeh single handedly. Thank you, to both of our devoted Mobeds. We appreciate your loyalty and commitment always.

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Breaking News

ZAH AGM

FULL REPORT IN APRIL MANASHNI

PROPOSAL FOR MEMBERSHIP RATE INCREASE PASSED

PROPOSAL FOR BY LAWS AMENDMENTS PASSED

ELIGIBILITY FOR ATASH KADEH COMMITTEE CHANGE PASSED

NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

ADERBAD TAMBOLI	CHAIR
PERCY MASTER	SECRETARY
FAROKH BILLIMORIA	TREASURER
ZIA ANKLESARIA	MEMBER
NIKITA GAGRAT	MEMBER
KERSHAW KHUMBATTA	MEMBER
FIONA SETHNA	MEMBER
NAZANIN SARKARI	FEZANA REP

NEW ATASH KADEH ELECTED COMMITTEE

PERSIS BEHRAMSHA
ROHINTAN DEPUTY
KHUSHRAV NARIMAN

BEHRAM ROJ JASHAN



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- Katrak, Percy – Chairman
- Gagrat, Nikita
- Hormuzdi, Khursheed
- Khumbatta, Kershaw
- Mistry, Jasmine
- Dastur, Khursheed – Secretary
- Billimoria, Farokh – Treasurer
- Sarkari, Nazanin – FEZANA Rep

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- Firozgary, Bahrom
- Gonda, Pervez
- Kanga, Neville
- Katrak, Rayomand
- Katrak, Vispi
- Khumbatta, Noshir
- Kotwal, Zubin
- Masani, Dara
- Nariman, Khushrav
- Pavri, Shapur
- Sanjana, Bahmanshah
- Sanjana, Kurush
- Sidhwa, Kayomarz
- Sidhwa, Maneck
- Sidhwa, Yazad
- Unwalla, Peshotan
- Vimadalal, Freyaan
- Vimadalal, Khushroo



MEDICAL APPEAL

We have received an appeal for medical help from Kayomarsh Mehta, World Zoroastrian Organization, U.S. Region.

Please help out a widow Mrs. Havovi Bharucha (54 years) with her medical treatment costs. She is suffering from a very rare disease called MYELODYPLASTICITY SYNDROME (MDS) which is a rare type of blood cancer for which stem-cell transplant is required. Since 2019 she has spent close to Rs.1,100,000 for her treatments. Her Medclaim of Rs. 500,000 is exhausted. She needs to undergo 3 to 4 cycles of chemotherapy over the period of the next 3 to 4 months. The family already spent all their fortune on her husband's and her treatment till now. They still need a staggering amount of Rs. 32 lakhs (USD 39,000) for her treatments. She needs to undergo 3 to 4 cycles of chemotherapy over the period of the next 3 to 4 months. The family already spent all their fortune on her husband's and her treatment till now. They still need a staggering amount of Rs. 32 lakhs (USD 39,000) for her treatments.

Please donate generously to WZO US Region to provide her the much-needed assistance.

Kindly make your donation check payable to "WZO" with a reference to "Havovi Bharucha" and mail it to **WZO US Region address**. Please make sure to provide your email address, and phone number to facilitate sending a tax receipt for your kind donation.

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6943 Fieldstone Drive,	
Burr Ridge,IL 60527-5295	

Thank you very much for your Zoroastrian Spirit.

GOLDEN GROUP CELEBRATES CHINESE NEW YEAR

by Jehanbux Mehta

We Parsis celebrate Naoruz, and that too two of them, X'mas, New Year, Diwali too. So, why not the Chinese New Year? Well, that's what we did on February 11. A few days late, but why miss out on a celebration!

In Iran, Naoruz is celebrated for two weeks. Not to be outdone, the Chinese celebrate their new year for a good sixteen days. This year, the Golden Group, with the spirit of youth still in them, decided to beat the Chinese at their game by extending the celebration by a few more days, not continuously but for just that one day, and what a fun filled day it was! Greetings of *gong xi fa chai* having been exchanged on arrival, everybody took their seats. Strange is it not that the Chinese greet each other with wishes not for a long life or good health or happiness, but for fortune to come their way?

GOLDEN GROUP LUNCHEON



It was no surprise to the 36 who turned up at our ZAH Center on Saturday, February 11, around 12:30 p.m. to see all the tables decked out in traditional red with a Chinese paper lantern as a centerpiece on each. Our many thanks to Vehishta and Sarosh Kaikobad for making these available and also for the smaller Chinese paper lanterns with a fortune cookie nesting in each as a carry-home for everyone. Additionally, on each table were Chinese lucky charms for everybody, compliments of Diana Balsara, to take home with them.

The mood was set with a round of wine, compliments of Nergesh and Kersi Edulji and Sillie Mehta, with cheesy chips. I had the pleasure of introducing our six new members, Aloo Dubash, Farida Divecha, Varjavan Gustad, Ratan Vakil, Farida Dungor and Mani Surkari, the last in absentia, and the painful duty of expressing grief at the recent passing away of Farida Desai and Mehelli Behrana, members of old.

After announcement of the next event, a trip into the countryside on April 01, befitting the occasion hot soup and spring rolls aplenty were served at the table, followed by a five course Chinese buffet selected and brought from Pei Wei by Lyla Daroga. Flans and a cake were served, a welcome deviation from the frowned upon Chinese desserts.

Time for games. Keeping in step with the theme, a quiz a la Chinese was put to test of members by Anita Kavina. Guess what the many winners received as the prize? A cuddly bunny of course, to keep one cozy throughout this year of the rabbit. To round off the afternoon, a game of bingo.

To all Helping Hands who worked hard to make the afternoon so full of fun and to the 36, the largest number to my recollection, who attended, a sincere Xei Xei.

OBITUARY



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Tehmi Aspi Sethna, wife of Late Aspi Rustomji Sethna, mother of Anita Viraf Patel, Burjore Aspi Sethna, Khurshed Aspi Sethna, Sanober Sorabji Ferozepurwalla and mother-in-law of Parizad Khurshed Sethna and grand mother of Nozer Khurshed Sethna, passed away on Sunday, February 26, 2023.

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS – A talk will be given by Sonia Rash and Frank Yeverino – April 6, 12919 Dairy Ashford Rd, Ste.100. See Flyer Page 7

Nowruz Celebration



NOWRUZ TIMINGS

Date: March 20, 2023

Time: 4:24

Color: White

Animal: Rabbit

Manashni wishes Happy Nowruz to all our readers

Nowruz was celebrated at Asia Society on March 17 where ZAH was the lead sponsor. Over 1300 people attended of all ethnicity. Kudos to Vehishta for coordinating an enjoyable evening. Congressman Al Green sent a special commendation. Please see all the pictures on Page 9. A full report will appear in April Manashni

Although there is no charge for the event
Please Register at <http://zah.org/events/zah-library-function/>
FOR HEAD COUNT FOR SEATING ARRANGEMENTS

ZAH Library and FIRES Presents

Memories We Carry

Join us at Sharmeen Mehri's talk.



Sharmeen Mehri (she/her) is a Zoroastrian from Karachi, Pakistan, currently working on her Ph.D. dissertation in the English department at the University at Buffalo. Her research focuses on Parsi writing with an interdisciplinary focus on archival studies.



She will talk about "Memories We Carry," an oral history project as part of the South Asian American Digital Archive Archival Fellows project. In this talk, she will share insights from the project and the value of preserving migration experiences of Zoroastrian South Asians to the United States. With a specific focus on the narrative of assimilation or dissimilation, these oral history interviews document how Zoroastrians preserve or adapt their cultural expressions within the context of the broader American immigrant experience.



Date: Friday, March 24, 2023

6:30 PM – 7:00 PM Light refreshments

7:00 PM Program

8:PM Potluck

Contact :Arnavaz Sethna for details

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RAFFLE
BEAUTIFUL RED AND GREEN BEADED AND EMBROIDERED SAREE

As a part of the ZHCC's 25th Salgirah & Norouz celebration, there will be a Saree Raffle drive for a **beautiful Red and Green Beaded and Embroidered Saree, donated by one of our very own members. (See Pictures below)** Raffle tickets can be bought online when you [register for the event](#).

This is a great opportunity for all to add this gorgeous Saree (blouse piece not included) to your collection. **The Raffle Winner drawing will be during the Norouz function on March 25th 2023, and you do not need to be present at the event to win.** The Saree will be shipped to the winner free of cost within the United States. Once you buy your Raffle tickets online, they will be handed over to you.

Thank you all for your generosity and support in advance and hope to have a very successful Raffle drive.

If you have any questions, kindly contact Dilnaz Mory (Cell #: 1 305 934 0847).

PICTURES OF THE SAREE



LEGAL FAIR SERIES

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS, BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE

Presented by:
Criminal Lawyer, Frank Yeverino
and Judge Sonia Rash

**APRIL
6TH,
6-8 PM**

**LOCATION:
12919 DAIRY
ASHFORD, SUITE 100
SUGAR LAND, 77478**

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

- * What are my rights if stopped by law enforcement?
- * What can you say or do?
- * What can you do if you feel that the police are violating your rights?
- * Can the police check my vehicle without a warrant?

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JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT 3**



NAMC Institute of Zoroastrian Studies

*Presents an **on-line** course:*

ZOROASTRIAN CONCEPTS

On-line classes: Each Saturday at 2 pm ET starting May 6th, 2023 to June 10th, 2023.

Explore Zoroastrianism through its concepts. Understand their importance in all aspects of cognition. Learn how these concepts influenced the succeeding religious traditions. Build on them to understand the complexity of humanity and spirituality.

<u>Class Schedule:</u>	<u>Topic:</u>	<u>Instructor:</u>
May 6 th , 2023	Zoroastrian Cosmology	Meheryar Rivetna
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June 10 th , 2023	Life after Death	Meheryar Rivetna

On-line registration at <https://forms.office.com/r/c3vyA0B1Xz>

For Registration form or more information, please email: registrar.izs@namcmobeds.org

ZAH FOOTPRINTS AT ASIA SOCIETY

ASIA SOCIETY HAD A WEEK LONG ACTIVITIES FOR THE SPRING BREAK
TAKING THIS OPPORTUNITY VEHISHTA PROMOTED NOWRUZ CELEBRATION
ZAH WAS THE LEAD SPONSOR FOR MARCH 17, 2023
A FULL REPORT WILL BE PUBLISHED IN APRIL MANASHNI

