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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Friday, Saturday & Sunday – Z-Camp and NAMC AGM
- June 23-25, 2023
- Sunday, June 25, 2023 – NAMC Lecture series
- Saturday, July 1 through 4 – Atash Kadeh Event
- Saturday, July 8 – Golden Group
- Saturday, July 22, 2023 – Youth Group Fund Raiser – see flyer
- Saturday & Sunday, July 29 & 30 – NAMC Mobed Training
Hosted by ZAH
- Sunday, August 6 to 15 – Muktaf Days
- Wednesday, August 16 – Navroze Hambandagi – 6:30 p.m.
- Saturday, August 19 – Navroze Function
- Friday, August 25 – Library/WZCC Event

REPORTS

LIBRARY REPORT

By: Jango Mistry

“Triumphs and Tribulations: a film producer’s story”, an event presented by our own Cyrus Bharucha, and sponsored jointly by the ZAH Library and WZCC, was scheduled for May 12. Due to the sudden untimely demise of Homi Davier, an unwavering supporter of ZAH and the community, the event had to be postponed.

Cyrus Bharucha is an award-winning producer, director, and author with decades of experience in film and television. The attached flyer gives more details about this **free** event.

The event is now scheduled for **August 25**. If you had registered for this event back in May, there is no need to re-register. Your registration will be carried over to the new date. You can register at [Library/WZCC Event | ZAH](#)

ATASH KADEH NEWS

By: Persis Behramsha

What a wonderful almost summer it has started out to be with Graduations galore!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

TIME: Different timings for each group

DATE: June 11, 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**



ZAH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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

Zia Anklesaria – Member
Nikita Gagrati – Members
Kershaw Khumbatta – Member
Fiona Setna – Member

Nazanin Sarkari – FEZANA Rep

OUR ERVADS (PRIESTS)

Noozar Boomla
Kyrus Buchia
Barjor M Dastur
Darius B Dastur
Farrokh Desai
Pervez Gonda
Neville Kanga
Rayomand Katrak
Vispi Katrak
Noshir Khumbatta
Zubin Kotwal
Dara Masani
Khushrav Nariman
Shapur Pavri
Bahmanshah Sanjana
Kurush Sanjana
Kayomarz Sidhwa
Maneck Sidhwa
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Freyaan Vimadalal
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MAY BEHRAM ROJ JASHAN SPONSORS - "Aapro Block"



We would like to refresh everyone with some housekeeping rules once again. It is truly heartening to see everyone at the Atash Kadeh at any given time, and please continue to do so, keeping in mind a few simple rules to be respectful of everyone.

Please remember to keep your cell phones on silent or turn off completely during all prayers. Many attendees like to pray on their own while attending the Jashan, and it is a disturbance and disrespect to our Mobeds and other attendees when phones start ringing and folks start talking.

Our Audio System is working well and prayers can now be heard in the outside Hall as well, if you prefer to be seated there.

May started with festivities of regularly sponsored Behram Roj Jashan, this month hosted by a group called "Aapro Block" that consisted of Persis & Naozer Behramsha, Villi & Ken Bhappu, Bakhtawar & Kershaw Byramji, Nargis & Homi Cooper, Farida & Neville Divecha and Yasmin Medhora. Everyone was happy to be part of the contribution and hope to continue with tradition for a very long time.

Please note that we have the following Sponsored Jashans still open for those that would like to sponsor whether it is an individual, a family, or a group.

Sunday September 3, 2023 – Farvardin Mahino Farvardin Roj
(11 a.m. since Sunday)
Monday September 4, 2023 – Behram Roj Jashan
(11 a.m. since Labor Day holiday)
Wednesday October 4, 2023 – Behram Roj Jashan
(5 p.m. since weekday)
Friday November 3, 2023 – Behram Roj Jashan
(5 p.m. since weekday)

Please note that NAMC AGM is set for June 24 and 25, 2023. We are planning to have some talks by Mobeds young and younger. Please RSVP on the events page and hope to see many of you that day. Don't forget that the Z-Camp will also be in session on both those days, so be sure to RSVP for that as well.

We must thank our Mobed Maneck Sidhwa for once again taking on the extra schedule to be at the Atash Kadeh continuously for over 2 full months while our Mobed Pervez Gonda is recovering well.

We continue to Zoom the Saturday evening and Sunday morning Boyes as well as prayer requests like Machi, Tandarosti, etc., so if you or anyone you know would like to avail of this service, please call Persis Behramsha at 713-294-7747.

Khushrav Nariman (Chairperson)
Feroze Bhandara
Shernaz Bhandara
Rohintan Deputy
Persis Behramsha

MISCELLANEOUS

GOLDEN GROUP Happy Birthday - Feroze



Birthday Lunch Attendees



GOLDEN GROUP NEWS

By Jehanbux Mehta

A Surprise, Indeed

When the circular went out to our Golden Group members in early April announcing lunch to be hosted by some friends on Saturday, May 06, it was difficult to stay mum to the several questions asked by the many curious. We, Helping hands, remained in hush hush mode as our hosts, Sanober and Aderbad Tamboli and family, wanted to surprise their dad, Feroze Meer, on his birthday.

As they strolled in, our members were indeed surprised to see the hall decorated with birthday ornaments. And, when birthday boy Feroze entered, you should have seen the surprised look on his face. Eyes wide and face agape with an unforgettable grin. The refrain "happy birthday" rang out as he gratefully shook hands with the men folk and willingly hugged the ladies fair. It was his day.

The Tambolis placed before us a gorgeous feast with all dishes, including mouth-watering kulfi, prepared at home by them. Delicious and plenty with Alyssa helping her parents in laying the table and helping with the service. Special birthday plates too. Son Darius had his job chalked out: serving ice cold beer. Wine too, for the discerning. The moment had arrived: cake cutting with Feroze standing all smiles in the center with his beaming family.

A few rounds of Bingo preceded a quiz on birthdays arranged by our Anita Kavina as only she can to go with the theme. Almost everybody left with a prize but not before enjoying tea and cookies.

Happy birthday dear Feroze. May you have many more happy ones in the company of family and friends, always in the best of health.

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FEZANA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINE JULY 15, 2023

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Application Deadline: July 15, 2023
fezana.org/scholarships

2023 FEZANA Scholarships Application Open

The FEZANA Scholarship Program was started in 1998 to recognize academic excellence and provide Zarathushti students in university programs financial assistance to study at institutions in the U.S and Canada. Each year, FEZANA gives more than \$80,000 of scholarships in various areas. We currently offer scholarships for undergraduate studies, graduate studies, performing and creative arts, fine arts, and culinary arts.

The application portal for all scholarships opens in April of each year and closes on July 15th. Scholarships are awarded for the upcoming academic year. [Apply here.](#)

Our scholarship program is supported by generous donors. If you would like to contribute to the Scholarship Fund, please visit our [Scholarship Donation](#) page. If you would like to inquire about an endowing a scholarship, please write to Dr. Dolly Dastoor & Dinsha Mistree at academicscholarship@fezana.org

OUR GRADUATES

HIGH SCHOOL



Sabra Averil spent most of her childhood in Lake Jackson, TX where she attended Our Lady Queen of Peace for kindergarten through 8th grade. After moving to the Katy area, Sabra attended Seven Lakes High School for 9th through 11th grade. Sabra then transitioned to Liberty Classical to complete her senior year where she completed 3 dual credit classes through LeTourneau University.

Sabra has always had a passion for dance and has spent the last 15 years performing at various studios. She was on a Dance Competition Team for 5 years and participated in volunteer work with Praise Team.

Sabra also loves playing the piano, horseback riding, and gymnastics. Sabra has worked as a tutor and at a ranch helping out with horseback riding lessons. Sabra was also a volunteer at SIRE, which provides equestrian therapy for individuals with special needs.

Sabra is excited to leave for college and plans to pursue a degree in Nursing at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor in their Honors Program this Fall. Sabra is honored to be a recipient of the Houston Dow Institute Scholarship. In the future, she hopes to do missionary work using her nursing degree to serve others and glorify her Creator.



Sameer Chakraborty graduated from Seven Lakes High school with High Honors. He will be attending University of Washington in Seattle on a partial scholarship. He will be pursuing a degree in Computer Science. While in High School, Sameer was part of the Seven Lakes Science Olympiad team and won several medals at the regional level. He was also in the performing orchestra and has UIL and Region awards for violin recitals. Sameer also completed this Eagle Scout rank during his junior year.



Roshni Chikhlwala graduated from Clear Creek High School and will be attending the University of Texas at Austin pursuing a Cell and Molecular Biology Major to eventually join the medical field. She has been awarded 4 year superintendent scholar, Suma Cum Laude, 13 year Science Fair Award, and received multiple cords from various clubs. Also, Roshni was the recipient of 2023 Mike Engineer Award and the ZAH congress Legacy Scholarship Award.



Zal Italia graduated from Memorial Senior High School and will be attending the Honors College at The University of Houston on a partial scholarship. He is majoring in Biochemistry with hopes of having two minors: Honors Business and Honors Medicine in Society. In high school, he picked up photography as a new passion and won numerous awards. Some of his photos even made it to the state level. Through his remaining four years of college, he wants to continue to pursue photography as a passion and ultimately more.



Diana Sabawala graduated from Goose Creek Memorial High School. This summer she plans to work as a certified nursing assistant in the HCA Pasadena hospital, while attending Lee College where with major in nursing. She wants to become a nurse practitioner.

BACHELORS



Jesil Bharucha graduated from the University of Texas at Arlington, Majoring in Nursing. She was on National Honor Society, All team All – district, All team Academic - district, Volley Ball Team captain.



Zubin Master graduated from the University of Houston, C.T Bauer College of Business with honors. He got his degree in Business Administration with a double major in Supply Chain and Management. He continues to pursue his dream of working in the aviation industry as a Coordinator for Mesa Airlines which position he has accepted and will start working from June 12, 2023. In the near future, he also plans to peruse his Master's degree in Business Administration. He greatly thanks and appreciates the community's continued support, and is excited to give back.



Cyrus Mistry, graduated with a Bachelor of Science (BS) in Accounting, May 2023, as a part of the Professional Program in Accounting (PPA), Jindal School of Management, University of Texas at Dallas (UTD). As an undergrad, he was accepted into Alpha Kappa Psi (AKPsi), a prestigious professional business fraternity, and served as their Professional Committee Chair. He was also elected Treasurer of UTD's Undergrad Accounting Club, and won first and second place at several business strategy and security analysis competitions.

This Spring 2023, Cyrus had the opportunity to work with Toyota to solve relevant industry problems by suggesting innovative solutions that were very well received by the company. He was also offered internships at all Big Four accounting firms. He chose PriceWaterhouseCoopers (PwC), and has accepted their full-time job offer as Audit Associate (Financial Services) starting May 2024 -<https://www.linkedin.com/in/cyrusmistry/>.

Cyrus has started his Master of Science in Accounting this Summer, and aspires to earn his MS and become a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) at the age of 21.

Congratulations Cyrus! Your family and friends at ZAH are extremely proud of your accomplishments at such a young age, and we wish you a very successful academic and professional career in the years to come.



Yazad Sidhwa graduated from Texas A&M University, College Station, with a Bachelor of Science Degree with Honors (B.S. Hons) majoring in Computer Science. This summer he will be working as an Early Talent Engineering and Technology intern at Eaton Corporation in their UI Platforms & Services Team. In Fall 2023, he will be joining the Donald Bren School of Information and Computer Sciences, University of California, Irvine to embark on his Masters' Degree in Computer Science with concentration in the Artificial Intelligence/Machine Learning areas.

MASTER'S



Farzad Sunavala graduated with Masters of Engineering Management from Cornell University. This was sponsored by his company and he is continuing his role as a Senior Product Manager @ Microsoft.



**Excerpted from *Our Perfecting World*
By Maneckji Nusserwanji Dhalla
Chapter XVI – The Family, P 137 – Marriage.**

Marriage is a religious duty incumbent upon all, but has now come to be regarded as a duty towards one's community. In ancient times it was held more to be the duty towards one's ancestral dead. Great religions enjoined it upon all. The ancient Hindus, Iranians, Chinese, and Hebrews considered it as the most indispensable religious duty. The Aryans, Semites, and Chinese believed that an unmarried man, who died without leaving offspring, must suffer in the next world. It became the universal rule for every boy and girl of marriageable age, fit or unfit, healthy or not, to be married. Among some people, religion enjoined marrying of the girls before they reached puberty. This religious practice resulted in India in the custom of child marriage.

As the entire affair was managed by parents, the bride very often saw the bridegroom for the first time on the wedding day. In many places such child marriages were protected by safeguards. The marriage ceremony may be performed, but the bride was sent to the groom's house to live with him when both reached the age of puberty. Where such precautions were not taken, early consummation resulted in death in many cases of the girl-mothers and their children. Social reformers have been strenuously working for the removal of the evil custom for the last fifty years.

In the early years of the social reform movement, it was the enlightened male leaders that advocated reform in the existing conditions. It is a happy sign of the times that with the spread of education the general awakening that has come over women have brought out women leaders who are participating with men in the reform movement and gradually taking over the work of emancipating and uplifting their womankind in their own hands. In the face of the inevitable opposition of the orthodox classes and apathy of others they are winning over public opinion in their endeavor of raising the age of marriage by legislation.

Marriage at the mature age and by selective love is becoming general in the western world, and the reform is making rapid progress among the civilized peoples of the East. In early times parents got their girls married off at an early age without their consent. The growing tendency among young people today is to avoid marital responsibility. Thousands of girls in western countries lead unmarried lives and earn their living by working in shops, stores, and offices. The meagre salaries they earn do not generally satisfy those that are fond of fashionable dresses, and are often attracted by the glamour of night life of large cities. Such conditions create a novel situation in social life which is detrimental to morals.



ENTERTAINMENT, FOOD, BINGO, GAMES
AT THE NEXT....

YOUTH FUNDRAISER

When: Saturday, July 22nd, 2023 at
7:00 PM

Where: Zarathushthi Heritage and
Cultural Center

Admission fee: \$35

SEE YOU THERE!

Triumphs and Tribulations: a film producer's story

ZAH Library, home of FIRES, along with our co-sponsor

The Houston Chapter of WZCC

is proud to present

Cyrus Bharucha

award winning producer, director, and author.



Cyrus Bharucha is a multi-talented writer, producer, and director who has made significant contributions to the film industry. Cyrus trained as a photographer and joined the BBC film department as a cameraman. He worked on various programs for the BBC, from dramas to documentaries, music, current affairs, and more. He became a producer in the Current Affairs department producing and directing stories around the world, including the floods in Pakistan, Watergate, and the Yom Kippur War to name a few. In 1976 Cyrus came to the USA and joined PBS where he produced and directed over 80 shows, two of which were nominated for an Emmy. He was a founding producer of CNN where he put out the first day's program in 1980.

Cyrus spent several years as the producer and director of *On Wings of Fire*. In his presentation, Cyrus will speak about the trials, tribulations, and triumph of the role of a producer. Cyrus will use his documentary-drama *On Wings of Fire* as an example of the role a Producer plays in the making of a movie. Most people think all a producer does is raise money. Cyrus will explain the role and how young people can get into the business today.

- **Date: Friday, August 25, 2023**
- **Time: 6:30 pm – 7:00 pm Light refreshments**
- **7:00 pm Program – *Triumphs and Tribulations: a film producer's story***
- **8:00 pm Pot Luck dinner**
- **Event is free - Please register online for head count [Library/WZCC Event – ZAH](#)**