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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: January 14, 2024

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

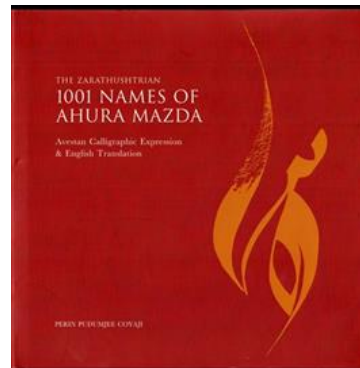
Saturday, January 27, 2024 – Jashn-e-Sadeh – See flyer Page
Deadline Date: January 22, 2024
Thursday, March 21, 2024 – Nowruz Hambandagi
Saturday, March 23, 2024 – Nowruz Function
Sunday, April 14, 2024 – Carnival after Sunday School

REPORTS

LIBRARY COMMITTEE REPORT

BOOK REVIEW

By: Aban Rustomji



We have all heard 101 names of Ahuramazda, but there is an old booklet listing 1001 names of Pak Dadar Ahuramazda. It is in Gujarati and has meanings of various names. The author is unknown, so we cannot give the person due credit.

Our library has a new book, *The Zarathushtrian 1001 Names of Ahura Mazda*, in an exquisite Avestan calligraphic format.

ZAH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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

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

Nazanin Sarkari – 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

**Jehangir & Sharmeen Irani and
Bomi & Dilshad Hormazdi**



The book showcases each of the 1001 names alongside an English translation. Rendered by renowned calligrapher Perin Pudumjee Coyaji, this limited coffee-table edition is the first of its kind.

Ervad Dr. Rooyintan P. Peer presents the scholarly brilliance of transliteration, translation, and foreword. Be sure to look at it the next time you are in the library. It is on display on the shelf marked NEW BOOKS.

ATASH KADEH NEWS – For December 2023

By: Persis Behramsha

We have officially begun the winter season, or so we thought..... Warm days, cool nights, unpredictable rain and sunshine – that’s what we love about Texas, we think.....

December brought in fun activities for everyone, and festivities to last a long time.

The generous sponsors for December 2023 Behram Roj were Dilshad & Bomi Hormazdi and Sharmeen and Jehangir Irani. Food, chatter, and laughter adorned the Atash Kadeh that Sunday afternoon. Thanks to both the families for sponsoring.

The 2024 Behram Roj Sponsors Calendar is quickly filling up. The updated version is on the ZAH website under Atash Kadeh menu. Do pick your special date to sponsor a Jashan before it gets taken up.

The Gatha Study Group led by Meheryar Riventa, continued with Yasna 29. In Yasna 29, Zarathustra witnesses and experiences human suffering and is distraught at the inability of those wanting to live a peaceful, harmonious life to combat the evil forces with which humankind is confronted. Zarathustra is convinced that he has the requisite knowledge gained by his own observation and experience of nature and its laws of how to bring prosperity to the world. But he has a lingering doubt if the world will accept him as its guide. Zarathustra is confident that he can assuage humankind’s suffering by teaching it the importance of having wisdom and rationality (Vohu Manah) along with Devotion (Armaiti) to Truth and Righteousness (Asha).

Hearty thanks to all the wonderful folks who pitch in to do whatever is necessary. This month we send a special shout out to Nozer Buchia for helping during various Behram Roj Jashans. He always offers to help and is always willing to do the needful. Thank you Nozer Buchia. We value your involvement with the community.

If anyone would like to volunteer, please reach out to one of the committee members. In the past, school kids have volunteered to get community volunteer hours – Atash Kadeh can definitely accommodate that.

BOYE



We continue to perform Machis, Jashans, Special Prayers, Private Prayers, Navjotes, and any other requested prayers. Our wonderful Mobeds, Ervad Pervez Gonda and Ervad Maneck Sidhwa are happy to conduct Machis remotely and Zoom them so anyone can participate from anywhere.

Happy New Year to all.

Best wishes from the Atash Kadeh Committee

YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY Kids' Group Picture



YOUTH GROUP REPORT

THE Christmas Party!

By: Shireen Anklesaria and Mahtab B. Dastur

The month of December was the host of the famous, annual Youth Christmas Party. With over 100 attendees, this year was a smashing success! We began the party with 2 yatha and 1 ashem, and then invited all the kids (and then the adults) to get food. As they were eating, we played a riveting game of bingo. Following bingo, there was cookie decorating and musical chairs. Finally, the moment everyone was waiting for - Santa came! Santa was very jovial and handed out presents to all the children, who received the gifts with wide grins. After Santa's departure (he had to go deliver other presents), there was a gingerbread house decoration which became extremely messy (as usual).

Gingerbread House Decoration



Thank you to all of our volunteers and donors, Middle Group and Youth Group parents and families for your food and paper product donations as well as for volunteering your time - we could not have done this without you! Thank you to all of the youth group officers and mentors, and the Middle and Youth Group Sunday School teachers for your support and efforts in making this Christmas Party so successful. Thank you to our Santa, Zubin Mistry, and our Cookie Decorating Judges, Zal and Zara Italia. A special thank you to Yasmin Medhora for always letting us borrow her bingo set, and to Vehishta and Sarosh Kaikobad for always donating the gingerbread houses. Finally a big thank you to all of the kids and parents who attended - it's not a Christmas Party without all of you there!

We also want to give an ENORMOUS thank you to everyone who donated clothing and food for our Attitude for Gratitude Drive, the items were donated to Salvation Army and the Food Bank respectively.

GOLDEN GROUP AT BALSARA'S



MISCELLANEOUS

A TIME TO MAKE MERRY

By Jehanbux Mehta

It was that time of the year to make merry and it was that time of the year when the Golden Group was looking forward to doing just that at the residence of Diana and Adil Balsara who had graciously invited all members, along with a sprinkling of other friends, at lunch on December 09.

PLAYING A GAME



JUST CHATTING



WHAT IS FOB



A security fob is a small device that wirelessly connects with your security system, activating or deactivating it. They work via Radio Frequency Identification (RFID), and are usually small enough to be kept on key rings, or in a pocket/wallet.

Expectations were fully met. From the moment you entered you were greeted with beaming smiles by the hosts who had decked their home with the trappings of the holiday season. Guests were treated to drinks of their choice with platters of garma garam samosas, nuts and chips to feast on. Soon to follow was a belly filling lunch of tum-tumta veggies, white chicken korma and mutton biryani to pile on colorful dinnerware fit for the occasion. A creamy fruit cake to round off lunch and befitting Parsis, large bowls of sagan ni save and plattersful of batasas too with tea.

With all that, a nap would have been in good order for us seniors, but that was not to be. No regrets as Helping Hand Anita Kavina had games of Bingo planned with Sheroy Haveliwala calling out the numbers. Regrettably he did not call out the right numbers as far as I am concerned, as I remained unemployed during the session. At aid for those who frequently asked “hain? ay so number bolio?” was Helping Hand Jamshed Dudha to echo what was called out. It was incredible that so many games could be played on just one card. But with so many prizes provided by Anita and Diana, was there a choice? Certainly not. What fun it was for the several who bagged a prize.

Nobody went home empty handed. Diana and Adil made sure that everyone had a gift to take with them. This was not the first time that they have hosted the Golden Group at this time of the year. The Group looks forward to it becoming a tradition. To that we say three cheers.

ZAH FOB DISTRIBUTION – UPDATE

By Percy Behramsha

Dear Members,

Happy New Year to all!

In September 2023 we acquired and programmed 100 additional FOBs. All requests that were received have been promptly completed; 30 FOBs were issued between September-December 2023. Thanks to all those who collected their FOBs. Each of our members (and visitors) have an important role to play in ensuring the safety of our ZHCC and Atash Kadeh facilities, by carefully following the guidelines for Building Safety & Security.

Anyone needing a FOB may please contact Percy Behramsha (281-818-0663 or percymb@sbcglobal.net).

Eligibility Requirements: Paid [ZAH membership for 2024](#), fully completed [FOB form](#) along with payment made to ZAH.

Please remember, **one person, one form, one FOB.**

Efforts are on to review and validate all the FOBs issued (~400) over the years vs paid membership etc. Note that members with existing FOBs have no action at this time (chipped, cracked FOBs will still work – no FOB exchange needed on that)

Percy Behramsha

For ZAH Security Team

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Welcome
New Members

ZAH



ATASH KADEH



HAFT SEEN TABLE



NEW MEMBERS

ZAH welcomes family member Daraius & Zeenia Bhot and their 2 year old daughter Shanaya. Their address is:

214 Lockridge Hill Lane
Richmond, TX 77469

Telephone Number
714-420-1143 – Daraius
346-762-3148 – Zeenia

Email:

daraiusbhot@gmail.com – Daraius

zeenia.dordy@gmail.com – Zeenia

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

As a community we are blessed by Ahura Mazda to have a Center where we can have our ZAH events to meet our social needs, and we have an Atash Kadeh where we have a 24 hour fire burning to meet our spiritual needs. It is the duty of each one of us to preserve our Zarathushti heritage by keeping both, the Center and the Atash Kadeh well maintained. Without your support through membership dues or individual donations, the Center and Atash Kadeh cannot function.

All current memberships have expired December 31, 2023. Please recognize the need for your support and contribution and pay your membership dues for the year 2024 by January 31, 2024.

At the 2023 Annual General Meeting, the Members passed the Resolution of increase in Membership from January 2024. The new rates are:

MEMBERSHIP DUES CATEGORY AND RATES

Patron Family Membership \$500
Patron Single Membership \$250
Patron Senior Family Membership \$250
Patron Senior Single Membership \$125
Family Membership \$325
Family Senior Membership \$125
Associate Membership \$325
Single Membership \$175
Single Senior Membership \$75
Student Membership \$25

Here is the link for Renewing Membership

<https://zah.org/membership-information/>

NOWRUZ 2024

Nowruz: Actual Date and time
Date: March 19, 2024
Time: 10:06 p.m. Central Time
Animal: Whale
Color: Blue

<https://surfiran.com/mag/Nowruz-persian-new-year/>

US Airforce Training



US Airforce Training



SUNN – CHLOE'S BAND



TAYTE Giving Keynote Speech



OUR TALENTED AND MOTIVATED YOUNGER GENERATION

By: Arnavaz Sethna

Last week, at a social event, I met a couple of young adults whom I knew as kids. After listening to their account of achievements throughout their high school years and beyond, I thought of starting a new column in *MANASHNI* about our amazingly talented kids – High School onwards. I will contact a couple or three at a time for our monthly newsletter. For the January 2024 *MANASHNI* please read about Chloé & Tayte Choudhury, daughter and son of Tanaz & Chesley Choudhury.

CHLOÉ CHOUDHURY

Chloé is a Junior in Baylor University in Waco, TX. Her major is Geosciences with Geology concentration and Aerospace studies minor. She is also an AFROTC and wants to be a US Airforce Pilot. She has already completed the required number of flying hours and is a licensed pilot in private capacity and has completed Air Force field training in the summer of 2023.

Many of us have heard Chloé sing the National Anthem and other songs at various ZAH events and to continue with this passion, she has her own band SUNNN. She is the lead singer of her band and they have performed in Baylor events. In 2023, they played at SXSW (South by South West) Conference & Festival in Austin, TX. The band's website is Bio.to/sunnn.

Chloé has her own club that is officially chartered by Baylor University called the Professional Women's Society.

When asked after she graduates in May 2025 what profession will she be following, Chloé said, her first choice would be Pilot, second choice would be Air Battle Manager and the third one will be Intelligence Officer. Chloé's eventual goal is to fly bombers.

TAYTE CHOUDHURY

Tayte is a freshman at Texas A&M. He would like to major in Computer Science with a minor in Cyber Security.

Many of you must have heard that Tayte played classical music at various ZAH events, but how many of you know that he is hearing impaired from childhood? Tayte overcame his hearing disabilities and is now an accomplished pianist; notably having played at Carnegie Hall in the summer of 2022. In November of 2023 at age 19, Tayte was the keynote speaker at the Women of the Year Awards Gala where he got to share a part of his story and inspire countless top-level executives of various tech companies. Additionally, he also gave a piano performance at this event and was greeted with a standing ovation at the end. He has performed at various schools in both Korea and America, Seniors Center in the Houston and Sugar Land area and, of course, at the 2019 ZAH Atash Kadeh opening Gala.

TAYTE



Additionally, Tayte was 1 of 24 students in the US sponsored and chosen to go to South Korea to study when he was in high school. Prior to that, he taught himself the Korean language and can now fluently speak, read, and write it. His aspirations to go to Korea were that they were developing ternary semiconductors which could be incredibly large in the future of tech, so he wanted to do research there!

Chloé and Tayte, Manashni and its readers wish you both the best of luck in all your endeavors.

HAPPY NEW YEAR – 2024



NEW YEAR'S EVE MASQUERADE BALL – AN INCREDIBLE WAY TO BRING IN 2024 AT ZHCC

At the outset, we wish you, your families, and friends a very Happy New Year 2024. Once again, we had an amazing, colorful, and fantastic New Year's Eve celebration on Dec 31st, 2023, hosted by the North American Zoroastrian Congress (NAZC) 2024, NYE Organizing Committee at our ZHCC. "When is the next New Year's Eve? Just can't wait" from a 14-year-old summed up the entire function for us.

We began preparations in September 2023 and after a lot of discussions, ideas, ZOOM meetings, and hard work, the day was finally here. The organizing committee or "The Magnificent Seven" descended on the ZHCC premises a couple of days before the function along with some very dedicated volunteers including our Youth for all the prep work. Everyone had their duties defined and went about getting the job done. Almost all the décor was in place, catering requirements set up, lights, camera, and everything else ready to go.

On a cool Dec 31st evening, the organizers trickled in from around 6:30 pm for the final touches and to get ready to receive one of the most important aspects – "Food". This time we had some delectable Italian cuisine catered from Carrabba's and they did an excellent job. The "food truck" came in at 7:30 pm and within no time the entire kitchen was full of 86 food trays with our ladies and maids trying to figure out which sauce belonged to which entrée, a mini project by itself.

FOOD



At around 7:45 pm, the guests who were dressed to impress, started coming in and were settling down with some going straight for the photo booths and the 360-degree camera in the Atrium. The hall was laid out very elegantly with Masquerade theme decorations and party favors, backdrops and up lighting with our DJ Gary making the last-minute sound checks. All the reserved tables with 24 carat Gold coated chairs (ya, sure!) around it were marked with the respective names. The program started with an open bar and appetizers around 8 pm and the guests were feasting on the delectable meatballs, stuffed mushrooms, grilled veg ravioli, garlic bread, etc. besides the chips and nuts.

MASQUERADE WINNERS



At around 9 pm, once the introductions were carried out and the attendees were thanked for supporting us, NAZC2024 officially launched the Sponsorship program (details in a separate article). We are delighted to announce that our very benevolent and always giving, Shernaz and Feroze Bhandara, will be our exclusive Diamond Sponsors for the entire NAZ Congress in December 2024.

Roshan Sethna, our Compere Extraordinaire, took over for an exciting Masquerade mask competition. There was huge participation from the crowd and as the results were being tabulated by “Ernst and Young” like the Oscars, some lucky door prizes were given away. As usual there was fierce competition, and the results were separated by a hair thin margin with Zubin Mistry stealing the honors. Villie Bhappu and Naushad Mehta were the other winners. The prizes included rare Rolex watches, a stay for two in south of Spain along with some gift certificates donated by Yasmin Medhora.

Once the competition was over, Pervin Sagar got the attendees to play the ever popular “Newspaper” game where one would stand with a partner and keep folding the newspaper until they could not stay ON the newspaper anymore. It was a lot of fun with some contestants climbing on each other to desperately stay in the game. Ultimately, the winners were Arzan Gonda & her sister Dilshad Patel. They got 1st row seats to the famous “Rhythm India” concert as one of the prizes.

By then, most of the attendees’ stomachs were growling with some starting to lift the lids of the chaffing dishes in the Rustomji room. Dinner was served at 10 pm with some scrumptious Italian affair laid out consisting of the Italian Salad, Chicken Bryan, Shrimp Weesie, Meat Lasagna and Mash Potatoes with some Penne Alfredo, Eggplant Parmesan and Rigatoni for our vegetarians. All the attendees had a hearty meal and dessert was served soon after which consisted of the ever-famous Coffee Crunch cake donated by Cillie’s (Naushad Mehta), mouthwatering Chocolate Trifle prepared by Aanya Kharas, Cyrene Nariman, Zenia Nariman, and Darien Vimadalal under the stewardship of and donated by Nazneen Khumbatta, some Tuxedo cake and ice cream with chocolate syrup.

Post dinner we gave away some more door prizes with the lucky winners getting hampers including some rare vintage wines from France and Italy and delicious Swiss & Belgium chocolates directly imported from the factories with all put together in some very creative Gucci and Chanel baskets. As soon as the lucky prizes were done all the dancing connoisseurs started to crowd the dance floor. By 11:30 pm, most were on the dance floor in anticipation of ringing in the New Year 2024 with some rollicking, feet stomping music from our own DJ Gary (Farrokh Firozgary). As the countdown began everyone had a glass of Champagne and the music was in full blast with our Youth and Young Adults having the most fun time. Exactly at the stroke of 12 as the countdown struck 00:00, we had the balloon drop of approx. 100,000 balloons. The dancing continued into the wee morning hours, and we finally called it a night at around 2:30 am.

DINNER – CARRABBAS



HAVING DINNER



MASQUERADE BALL DÉCOR



NYE COMMITTEE



LISTING DUPLICATE BOOKS



PUTTING BACK BOXES ON SHELVES



We would like to take this opportunity to express our heartfelt gratitude to all the donors, particularly Shireen, Jehanbux, Naushad and Kaezad Mehta (Mehta Fund) for always supporting our endeavors with a very generous donation, Rustom Anklesaria for taking care of the entire open Bar and helping us with the lights, décor, etc., Rashna & Niraj Oak for their huge help with the ever creative centerpieces and décor, Farrokh Firozgary for always performing his DJ services completely gratis, Sorab Italia, Dilnaz Mory, Aban Chhor, Khursheed Dastur, Zara and Zal Italia, Mahtab Dastur, Shireen and Ariana Anklesaria, Cyrus Desai and Erin Anklesaria for helping with the setup and above all the attendees who supported, and encouraged us.

We would also like to immensely thank our NAZC2024 Sponsors, Shernaz & Feroze Bhandara, Nazneen & Kershaw Khumbatta, Aban Rustomji, Manek & Khushrav Nariman, Dr. Shahriyour Andaz, Parvin & Mehraban Dinyarian, Yasmin & Jamshed Ghadiali, Niloufer and Edul Daver, Arzan Sam Wadia, Dilnaz & Zubin Mory, Nikita & Eric Gagrat, Sanobar & Aderbad Tamboli and Farzana & Kayomarz Sidhwa for supporting us in this gigantic but fun endeavor coming up this year and sincerely hope other friends and well-wishers will follow suit very soon to make ZAH proud as always!

Finally, a huge shout-out to our entire organizing committee who worked extremely hard to give our community another incredibly successful NYE celebration. See you all at the NAZ Congress in December 2024!

NYE 2023 Organizing Committee

Yasmin Medhora, Aderbad Tamboli, Lyla Daroga, Arzin Italia, Zia Anklesaria, Farzana & Kayo Sidhwa.

LIBRARY YOUTH VOLUNTEER PROJECTS

By: Yasmin Pavri & Aban Rustomji

On Saturday, January 14, a group of dedicated volunteers from our youth group went above and beyond by staying after Sunday School to contribute their time and energy to two impactful projects at the library. The coordination and leadership of Shireen Anklesaria and Mahtab Dastur, working alongside library members Aban Rustomji, Yasmin Pavri, and Nazanin Sarkari were instrumental in the success of these efforts.

The primary focus was reorganizing boxes containing duplicate books within the library's collection. Shireen and Mahtab Dastur efficiently spearheaded this initiative with the high school group, completing the task in just over 2 hours. The invaluable assistance of the young men in the group, Darian, Cyrus, and Darius, who actively carried and stowed the boxes on the storeroom shelves, significantly expedited the process.

In addition, another group collaborated with Nazanin Sarjkari to enhance the presentation of our Dhalla collection. The team, along with parents Khursheed Dastur, Dilnaz Mory, Eric Gagrat, and Kermeen and Shahrukh Kanga, dedicated their effort to polishing the silver artifacts, leaving them gleaming and sparkling. The toran, tongs, and a few trays from the prayer room were also polished.

SILVER POLISHING



MORE PICTURES ON THE LAST PAGE

SANJAN STAMBH



Sanjan Stambh was constructed in the year 1920 to perpetuate the memory of the arrival of the Zoroastrians in India. There is a Parsi dharamshala (Resthouse or an Inn) in the complex. The local Parsis of Sanjan celebrate the arrival of the community by celebrating Sanjan Day in November. The 'Stambh' is made of Vadodara granite.

Our heartfelt thanks go out to all the volunteers, including the several dedicated adults who joined in and worked diligently throughout the afternoon. Your commitment and hard work saved the library committee countless hours, accomplishing in three hours what would have otherwise taken much longer.

The collaborative spirit and impactful contribution are commendable, showcasing the positive impact that volunteers can have on our community and library. We thank everyone who contributed to making these projects successful. Well done, Shireen and Mahtab, for this initiative.

IRAN TO SANJAN

Chapter 1 – Kissa-e-Gulistanbanu – By Rustom B. Paymaster

The defeat of the last King Yazdegard Shehryar in 651 A.D. in the battle of Nehavand, brought an unfortunate end of the Sassanian Dynasty. This was the beginning of the persecution of the Iranian Zoroastrians. They were completely dejected and to preserve their religion they started emigrating from Iran. One group settled in the mountainous region of Kohistan but after nearly a century of trials and tribulations, they left and reached the port of Hormuz. After living there for 12 years of unsafe conditions, they set sail for India and reached the port of *Div* in the region of *Kathiavar*. They stayed for 19 years, but due to unfavorable weather conditions, they once again set sail in the direction of south-west.

After traveling for some time, they encountered a very heavy storm. They started praying to *Ahura Mazda* for their safety and prayed to *Behram Yazad* to give them courage to brave the storm and prayed that if they came out alive from this storm, they will establish an *Atash Behram* in the first safe place they land. After a while the storm subsided and thoroughly exhausted, they anchored in the port of Sanjan.

Sanjan was ruled by King Jadiv Rana. The King's men stopped the Iranian group and brought the leaders of the Group to the court of the King. The Indian King got scared of the tall well-built strong men all armed with their swords and started to asking about who they were and from where they had come. Fortunately, in the group was the Chief Priest who had learnt Sanskrit in Div during their stay. He told the King who he was, what was their religion, what were their customs, and the reason for leaving their homeland to come to Sanjan. All this the Head Priest narrated in 16 Sanskrit paragraphs (sloks). He explained that they were not there to fight and declared that "*ma hamay Hindustan raa yaar bashim*" – meaning we will be friends of the entire Hindustan. The King was satisfied and upon condition of them adopting the language of the country, wearing apparel, wedding ceremony etc, he gave them asylum in his country in the year 716 A.D.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

**JASHNE SADEH
SATURDAY JANUARY 27, 2024**

**At The Zarthushti Heritage and Cultural Center
8787 W. Airport Blvd., Houston, TX 77071**

**All Prayers at the Atash Kadeh
Boye Ceremony at 4:30pm
Ateş Nyaesh prayers at 5:15pm
Sadeh Fire immediately following prayers**

**DELICIOUS
CATERED FOOD**

**DJ!!
Dance the
night away!!**

**Questions? Contact:
Banafsheh Mondegarian
(832) 420-2586
bmondegarian@yahoo.com**

BYOB

[RSVP LINK to Register](#)

**RATES: (Under 3 yrs. Gratis) RSVP Deadline: 1/22/24
After RSVP Deadline: Adults \$50 Child \$30
LAST MINUTE WALK-IN: \$75 (Adult/Child)**

**RSVP Rates before midnight 1/22/24
Adult: \$25
Child: \$15**

**ZAH COMMUNITY GRATEFULLY THANKS OUR ERVADS FOR
PERFORMING PRAYERS AT THE JASHNE SADEH FUNCTION**

Organized By: [ZAH Entertainment Committee](#)

MORE PICTURES OF LIBRARY PROJECT
SILVER POLISH – DHALLA CABINET





Sponsorship Opportunity - 18th North American Zoroastrian Congress (NAZC) 2024

Dear Friends,

With less than a year to go, Congress fever has really caught on within the Zarathushti Diaspora and the entire NAZC2024 team of the 18th North American Zoroastrian Congress is working very hard and at full throttle. We expect about 600–650 delegates from all over North America as well as around the globe.

Our primary focus is to get our younger generations involved and initiate resurgence of our faith, eventually developing them into our future leaders and torch bearers. We will have:

- Multiple tracks for all interests/ages with current thought-provoking topics based on our Theme “Generation Z - Propelling Zarathushti Resurgence.”
- Dedicated sessions for our Youth & Young Adults with a registration goal of “40 under 40” which is to have 40% attendees under the age of 40
- Interactive hands-on educational, cultural, and professional sessions
- A Grand “Behram Roj” Jashan for all attendees at the ZAH Atash Kadeh
- World class entertainment with local talent along with a memorable New Year’s Eve Gala

The NAZC2024 team would like to significantly subsidize the registration fees and make it affordable for all, particularly for young families, mobeds and students of our community. Although, all goods and services costs have astronomically increased, and it is extremely difficult to keep our registration and other costs down. Hence, we humbly request backing of our community entrepreneurs, philanthropists, and well-wishers like you, as your help and support will assist us tremendously in this challenging endeavor. Please consider to be a Sponsor as we would be honored and privileged to receive your sponsorship. We take this opportunity to thank all our Sponsors who have already pledged their support for this very momentous occasion with extreme gratitude.

If you have any questions or need clarifications please feel free to contact Kayo Sidhwa at kaysid@hotmail.com or Aderbad Tamboli at axtamboli@windstream.net.

Kind Regards,

Kayomarz Sidhwa Aderbad Tamboli
Co-Chairs, 18th NAZC 2024

NAZC2024HOUSTON

Dec.29, 2024 – Jan. 1, 2025



Generation Z:
Propelling Zarathushti Resurgence






NAZC2024HOUSTON

Join our Sponsorship Team.

Your support is a key component in hosting a standout Congress and ensuring our shared goal of a Strong, United, Vibrant, Dynamic and Growing Zarathushti Community.

	 Silver \$5,000	 Gold \$10,000	 PLATINUM \$15,000	 Emerald \$25,000	 Exclusive Diamond \$50,000
	Niloufer & Edul Daver	Dr. Shahriour Andaz & Family	Aban Rustomji & Family	Nazneen & Kershav Khumbatta	Shernaz & Feroze Bhandara
	ArZan Sam Wadia & Family	Pervin & Mehraban Dinyarian	Manek & Khushrav Nariman		
	Dilnaz & Zubin Mory	Yasmin & Jamshed Ghadiali	Pervin & Vispi Sagar		
	Arzin & Sorab Italia		Sanober & Aderbad Tamboli		
	Yasmin & Rustom Engineer				
	Farzana & Kayomarz Sidhwa				

Sponsorship Levels & Benefits

	 Silver \$5,000	 Gold \$10,000	 PLATINUM \$15,000	 Emerald \$25,000	 Exclusive Diamond \$50,000
Conference badge ribbon	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Social Media Marketing Mentions	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Newsletter & Email marketing	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Acknowledgements during Congress	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Name & Logo on Website	Sponsor page	Home page	Home page	Home page	Premier location on Home Page
Event Brochure Advertisement*	Half Page	Full Page	Full, Initial pages	Inside Covers	Back Cover
Registration Benefits	Gratis for 2	Gratis for Family (upto 4)	Gratis for Family (upto 4)	Gratis for family (upto 8)	Gratis for 10
New Year's Eve Gala (Stand alone event)	Gratis for 2	Gratis for Family (upto 4)	Gratis for Family (upto 4)	Gratis for family (upto 8)	Gratis for 10
Program Sponsorship			Individual Session of choice	Opening Gala, FEZANA Awards Lunch or NYE Gala	Entire NAZC2024 Event
Showcase and recognition for your family or organization including personalized video/slide message				✓	✓
Banner in main hall for duration of event					✓

All Sponsors, Gold level and above will also get a Reserved Table for 10 registered attendees.

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