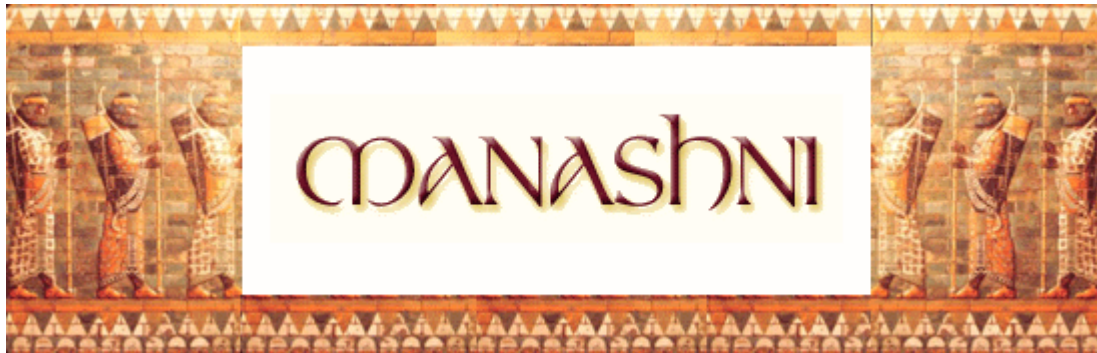




Zoroastrian Association of Houston
8787 W. Airport Blvd.
Houston, TX 77071



SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

TIME: 11:00 AM.

DATE: August 8, 2010

Children's Session: The “**Let's Learn Gujarati Together**” session will be from 11 am to 11.25 am. Topic will be “Parts of the Body”, numbers and colors. **Sunday school will begin promptly at 11.30 am.**

Middle Group: Amnavaz Sethna and Pearline Collector conduct this session.

Senior Group: Sarosh Collector conducts this session

Adult Sunday School Classes – If you are interested in joining Adult Sunday School classes, please contact Nazneen Khumbatta, preferably at nazneekhumbatta@yahoo.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, Aug 9 – Start of Mukta Prayers

Thursday, Aug 19 – Shehanshahi Navroze – Hambandagi. See below.

Saturday, Aug 21 – Shehanshahi Navroze Function. See attached flyer !!

Sunday, October 3 - Fasli Mehrgan Ghambar – Anyone wishing to sponsor the Gahambar may contact Percy Master at Percy.Master@hp.com

Saturday, October 9 - Library Event

MEETINGS

GOLDEN GROUP	Fourth Sunday of each month. Interested? Please call Zarine Balsara at (281) 304-6611
LIBRARY COMMITTEE	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 aban@coatingindustries.com

SHEHANSHAHI NAVROZE CELEBRATION

Thursday, August 19, 2010: Hambandagi at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, August 21, 2010: Entertainment starts at 8.00 pm followed by dinner and dancing.

Please RSVP before August 15, 2010 to zahrsvp@yahoo and mail your checks to The Treasurer, 8787 West Airport Blvd., Houston, TX 7071 (See attached Flyer for details):

Rates for the event:

- # of Adult ZAH Members* - (Rate - \$18) :
- # of Senior** ZAH Members - (Rate - \$15) :
- # of Children (ages 3 to 10 yrs) having pizza - (Rate - \$7)
- # of Children (ages 3 to 10 yrs) having regular food - (Rate - \$12) :
- # of ZAH Non-members (over 10 years incl. senior) - (Rate - \$30) :

If you need vegetarian food on that day please mention it on the check/RSVP.

Please write "Navroze 2010" on the envelope.

You can also hand deliver your checks on Saturday/Sunday (Aug 14, 15) to Nazanin Sarkari or Roshan Engineer during the Mukta prayers

Please Note: The cut-off date for receiving RSVPs and checks is 15th August. For RSVPs after 15th August non-member rates apply to all.

REPORTS

YOUR EXECUTIVE TEAM REPORTS

No reports at this time

LIBRARY REPORT – by Jangoo Mistry

To promote Zoroastrian scholarship amongst our youth, the ZAH Library is once again holding an essay competition open to all Zoroastrians under 25 residing in the United States and Canada. Since this year has been declared by United Nations as the 1000th anniversary of the composition of *The Shahnameh*, the renowned national epic of the Persian-speaking world, the topic of the essay has been chosen as: "*The Shah Nameh: A Glorious Past – A Prologue to the Future*".

The winner will get: (1) a prize of \$1,000, (2) free registration to the 10th North American Zoroastrian Conference in Houston in December 2010, and (3) a special opportunity to make an oral presentation at the Conference. Entries have to be submitted by October 31, 2010 and will be evaluated separately by three judges, after the names of the contributors have been removed from the essays. The substantial worth of the prize is expected to attract many participants, so please encourage the youngsters in your family to start early and take sufficient time to prepare and submit a quality entry. Details of the Essay Competition are given in the attached flyer.

The Library Committee wishes to thank Nano Daruwalla for his generous donation of 5 books that we have added to our collection. One of the books is the legendary Jamaspi in Gujarati. Those of you who are fans of Nostradamus and have always wondered about what was in the Jamaspi will be eager to read it, but all of us will find it fascinating.

MISCELLANEOUS

LUNCH AFTER UKTAD PRAYERS: This time since there is only one weekend during the entire Mukta period, Peshotan Unwalla has arranged lunch as follows prepared by Chef Lashkari of Himalaya Restaurant for a fee of \$10.00 per person, followed by ice cream for dessert, tea and snacks:

Saturday, August 14: Special Green Curry (boneless) Chicken with steamed rice and Kachumber
\$10.00 per person

Sunday, August 15 – Chicken Biryani, Dal and Kachumber - \$10 per person

Children seven and under \$5/child

Those who are interested in joining for lunch at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 14th and Sunday, August 15th, please RSVP to Peshotan soonest possible by Email to Pjunwalla@sbcglobal.net (preferable) or by phone 281-568-0686 after 8:00p.m.

PRAYER ROOM CLEANING: In preparation for the Muktaad, the children of the Middle Group Sunday School met on Saturday (August 7) night for a sleepover at the Center. Working in groups, while one group polished silver, the other group swept and mopped the floor. The taller ones removed the silver items from the wall, while yet some cleaned the windows. And all this the kids did with great enthusiasm. After dinner they watched the DVD of *Persepolis Recreated* and a CD of *Chaalo Gujerat* followed by a spirited discussion. We thank the following kids.

Kyrus Buchia, Rohan Machhi Chakraborty, Danielle Dubash, Natalya Haveliwala, Kyle Jensen, Vispi Katrak, Katie and Zubin Master, Rayhan Nariman, Farzad and Rukshana Sarkari, Serena Setna, Friyana Sidhwa, Farzad Sunavala and Alyssa Tamboli.

We thank Percy Master, Ronnie and Nazanin Sarkari for giving up their Saturday night social and chaperoning the kids and all the parents for their support and encouragement.

WANTED:

A couple to manage 30 room franchise Motel in the Hill Country, Hazard School District, in the town of Junction, Texas. Has very low crime rate and is one hour away from San Antonio. Perks include an apartment and a car. Other help available. Please write to khushdastoor@yahoo.com

WE HAVE MOVED

Shermeen and Jal Sethna have moved with their family; their new address is:

1007 Annabella Place
Sugar Land, TX 77479
Tel: 281-302-5008

BIRTH

And Then There Were Three! Arnavaz and Adil Godiwalla of Houston, Texas, are proud to announce the birth of their third grandchild, **Master Daraius Subawalla**, born to daughter Shara Godiwalla and Cyrus Subawalla on July 2nd, 2010 in Chicago, IL. Daraius was born at 2:35p.m. weighing 5 lbs. 1 oz. and was 18 inches long. Both mother and son are doing well. Arnavaz and Adil wish to thank everyone for all their good wishes and kind gifts on this happy occasion.

OBITUARY

Dorab Shavaksha Kumana passed away at Parsi General Hospital in Mumbai on Friday July 30, 2010, his 87th birthday. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Bindu, sons Jimmy and Sarosh Kumana, both of whom are settled in the USA (Houston and San Francisco), and grandchildren Rayomand, Zubin, Vivian and Kevin. He is also survived by his elder brother Edul and his wife Jeroo, younger sisters Amy Thanevala and Soona Machhi and younger brother Georgi and his wife Silloo. Jimmy is presently in Mumbai and is expected to be there for some time.

Manashni and its readers convey heartfelt condolences to the Jimmy Kumana and his family!



Shehanshahi Navroze Celebration
August 21, 2010

At The Zarthushti Heritage and Cultural Center

Let's Celebrate!

BYOB



Scrumptious Dinner
Pizzas for children only
(3-10 yrs)

Dance the night away!!
Foot Stomping, Hip
Swaying music!!!

Entertainment starts at
8:00 p.m.

RATES

ZAH member* : 11 years and up - \$18; Senior**- \$15

ZAH non-member : over 10 years (incl. Senior) - \$30

All Children (3-10 yrs only) : Pizza - \$7 ; Regular food - \$12

Non-member guests of ZAH members: \$30

*Member: Those whose 2010 membership dues have been paid prior to August 15, 2010

**Senior: Those who have paid Senior Membership dues for 2010, prior to August 15th .

RSVP

Please RSVP at - ZAHRSVP@yahoo.com

Your checks must be received by August 15th, at address:

The Treasurer
8787 West Airport Blvd.
Houston, Texas 77071

Please write - The number of member/non-member adults,
seniors & children in the memo of the check

- "Navroze 2010" on the envelope

PLEASE NOTE

-Non-member rates apply for all RSVPs received after August 15.

-Non-member rates will apply to all attendees who have not paid their ZAH membership for 2010, by March 15, 2010.

-Kids over 18 years must have separate membership from their parents

-Please remember to indicate number of member/non-member adults, seniors and children in the memo of the check. Also specify if your children will eat pizza or regular food



ZOROASTRIAN ASSOCIATION OF HOUSTON LIBRARY

ESSAY COMPETITION – 2010

The Shah Nameh: A Glorious Past---A Prologue to the Future

The Zoroastrian Association of Houston Library is holding an essay competition in order to promote Zoroastrian scholarship among our youth. The winner will be awarded a \$1,000 prize and free registration to the 10th North American Zarathushti Congress in Houston, TX in December 2010. The winner will also make a presentation about his or her essay at a time slot allocated at the Congress.

- Topic** The Shah Nameh: A Glorious Past---A Prologue to the Future
- Eligibility** The competition is open to all Zoroastrians living or studying in the USA & Canada under the age of 25 as of December 31, 2010.
- Deadline** October 31, 2010.
- Format** Entries must be submitted electronically to Aban Rustomji at aban@coatingindustries.com in Microsoft WORD, double spaced, in 12-point Times New Roman font, and with 1-inch borders all around. The participant's name, address and phone number shall be on a separate cover page only. No name should appear on subsequent pages. The names will be removed, and replaced with a numeric identifier, before the essays are sent to the judges for evaluation.
- Judging** The ZAH Library Committee will select three judges to evaluate the essays on the following basis:
- Content – Original Argument
 - Content – Correctness of Facts / Completeness
 - Analysis & Supporting Research
 - Organization Structure (Transition, Mechanics, Grammar & Citations)
- All references used (including books and internet sites) must be clearly cited in the bibliography.
- Publication** The ZAH Library reserves the right to publish any or all essays in the media of their choice.
- Honor System** Entrants shall not receive assistance from others.

