SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

TIME:  11.30 a.m. - Middle Group/  10:30 a.m. - Children’s group.

DATE:  March 13, 2016

Children’s Session: Sunday School will be held at 10:30 a.m. Topics for this month include Nowruz Haft Seen presentation, wheat growing and a Navroze card project in gujarati. The Navroze function practice for the entire cast of kids will be from 11.30 am to 1 pm.

Middle Group: This group starts at 11:30 a.m. and is for the children in the middle school.

Youth Group: Sarosh Collector and Kaemerz Dotiwalla conduct this session. Age group – High School age

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, March 19, 2016  - Dal Pori Bake-a-thon (CANCELLED)

Monday, March 21, 2016, 6.30 pm - Jamshed-i-Navroze Humbandagi and Maachi
   Navroze is on 19th March at 11.30 pm CST
   Color for Navroze is brown

Thursday, March 24, 2016 - Ava Yazad Parab Jashan. See attached Flyer
   Jashan Prayers: 6 - 7 p.m.
   Refreshments: 7 – 8 p.m.
   Venue - Residence of Ronnie & Elvia Patel,
   4 Saint George Ct. Sugar Land, TX 77479
   Chasni, Fruit, Tea and Drinks will be provided.

Saturday, March 26, 2016 - Jamshed-i-Navroze Celebration. See flyer for details
   RSVP Deadline is 21st March 2016
   RSVP and Register online at this [link](#)
   RATES: (Under 3 yrs. Gratis)
   ZAH Member : 11 years and up - $27
   ZAH Non-Member: 11 years and up - $45
   Member Children (3-10 years) : $15
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Sunday, April 10, 2016 - ZAH Annual Carnival – 12:30 – 4:30 p.m.
   Please call Yasmin Medhora (713-466-3908) if you wish to donate a cooked food item at the Carnival

Friday, April 22, 2016 - Library Event
April 24, 2016

ZAH Picnic – 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. – Offsite
Sugar Land Memorial Park has been booked

MEETINGS

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REPORTS

LIBRARY REPORT
By Jangoo Mistry

ZAH Library’s April Event (not to be missed)
On Friday April 22, the ZAH Library is planning to screen a movie: “The Path of Zarathustra”, a film by Oorvazi Irani, with screenplay by Farrukh Dhondy. The 1-1/2-hour film has been acclaimed by Zoroastrian scholars and reputed film makers as addressing “the essential faith and beliefs of the Parsi community” woven into an interesting love story. It is a very enlightening and evocative experience that will stay with you for a long time.

Like other Friday Library events, we will have light refreshments available at 6:30pm, followed but the movie promptly at 7pm. There will be more details coming about the movie and the event, but for now please put this date on your calendar and plan to attend.

Another Priceless Addition to our Collection
Kersi Shroff has gifted two rare books to our growing FIRES collection. The two volumes were published back in 1929 by the K.R. Cama Oriental Institute and are a record in Gujarati of all those who became Navars in the Navsari Dar-e Mehr from 1633 to 1928. The books have been finely bound now and are valuable for genealogical research.

The important historical work has a title in Gujarati that is descriptive: “Navsarini Vadi Daremehurma Thayla Navaroni Ferehst. Savat 1633 thi 1928 Sudhini, Tatha Vadi Deremehurma Thayli Nirangdin ene Varsyani Nodh. Sanghrha Karnar Ervad Mahiyar Navroji Kutar (Mumbai 1929)."

While the volumes are for serious scholars and not for browsing, they are nevertheless a precious addition to the very valuable and historical collection that is building up for FIRES under the ZAH Library umbrella. We sincerely appreciate Kersi Shroff’s efforts to bind these rare historical volumes and donate them to us.

YOUTH REPORT
Freya Daroga and Alyssa Tamboli
President and Historian of the ZAH Youth Group

As the youth group continues to attend our Sunday School sessions, we are also keeping up with our social and volunteering activities. During the month of February the youth had scheduled a visit to the Park Manor Senior Home to volunteer and meet with the residents there. However, due to a lack of attendance by youth and chaperones we had to reschedule this event. We are now going to the Senior Home on May 22nd. However, this upcoming month of March is going to be an eventful time for us. The youth has organized a camping trip at Galveston State Park for the weekend of March 12-13. We will be leaving early morning on Saturday and arrive with enough time to enjoy water activities near the beach and the Galveston Bay. The next day we have planned to go on a hike as a group, and then we will pack up and leave in the evening. Of course we will also be having two Sunday School sessions in the duration of this trip. We are all excited and anxiously looking forward to this event!

Although our focus is community service for our ZAH Center and the outside community, this month is mainly focused around our trip and our Sunday School sessions.

We want to again thank our wonderful ZAH community for all their support and love for our Youth Group; we really appreciate it!
Thank You!

MISCELLANEOUS

STRATEGIC VISION 2020 PROGRAM APPEAL

Dear Friends,

At the outset, our Committee would like to thank each one of our donors, well-wishers and all other ZAH members who have so magnanimously contributed to our V2020 program since 2013.

What a year 2015 was for ZAH! Quick, fast and with a lot of great opportunities staring at us for 2016 and beyond. ZAH had a pretty good year as far as achieving our V2020 targets were concerned but the year has finished and now we need to recharge/renew our focus and keep marching along our goals that we have laid down as a Community in 2013.

Although we have received a few pledges, so far only 11% of the Community has participated in our Strategic V2020 initiative which is a tad disappointing. The reason we are doing this is to ensure financial stability and independence of ZAH proactively, so if need be, we are prepared rather than scamper and fire-fight reactively as we currently do. Our Community Leaders had a great foresight to build such a beautiful place (our Center) but now it is our prerogative and social responsibility to sustain, maintain and grow the foundation that they have laid for us.

The lowest category that we have is the Bronze Category ($12.50 a week) which is far less than what most of us spend on ONE meal. If at least, that amount is contributed towards the program it will go a very long way in making sure and securing our financial independence for quite some time. We are such a vibrant Community and we have always been at the forefront of everything we do so let’s all come together, participate and show the fabric that we are made of, to other Communities in North America and eventually worldwide.

Please take a moment to think about how lucky we are to have such great infrastructure in our midst and with which we have been able to come together, enjoy and keep alive our customs and traditions besides the friendships, relationships, camaraderie and the support system that we have been able to develop. Not just that but ZAH is one of the very few associations who have given us, lucky Community members an opportunity to connect with our beloved departed souls during our Muktad and Fravardegan prayers.

All this would not have been possible without our lovely Center which most of us call our second home. So stop procrastinating, start being a part of the journey by making this a priority and get into the program to make it an outstanding success. All donations are tax deductible and in case of queries or questions please contact Aderbad Tamboli at astamboli@windstream.net or Kayo Sidhwa at kaysid@hotmail.com.

Kayo Sidhwa
V2020 Strategic Projects Committee

ZAH MEMBERSHIPS FOR 2016

The EC would like to express our gratitude to our past members who have already renewed their ZAH memberships for 2016, and welcome all new members who have joined ZAH this year. As a gentle reminder, all ZAH memberships expire in December and membership must be renewed each calendar year to avail of ZAH’s membership benefits. Please visit http://zah.org/?event=zah-annual-membership-2016 to renew your ZAH membership if you have not already done so.

Your Executive Committee

If you are renewing your membership by check OR you wish to become a new member, please use the form given below. Please Note that if you are renewing online (zah.org), the rates reflect Membership Fees plus Paypal charges.

CONGRESS2000 LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FOR 2016

Dear ZAH - Students & Parents:
We have come to that time again!
Please find here a link to the congress2000legacy Scholarship page on the ZAH web site.
http://zah.org/?page_id=2704

On this web page you will find the application form that for this year is a PDF (fill-able) application form which can be downloaded (application is also as an attachment to this e-blast). Yes, no more writing, get on line and fill it in. Do read the first 3-4 pages carefully insofar as it shows what we are about, what is required of you and how your application will be judged.

A word of caution....................all applications need to be COMPLETE and all recommendations, SAT and other scores and all attachments (if any) must be sent latest by JUNE 1 of this year. Failure to meet this submission date will unfortunately lead to your application being pulled off the list.

Along with this you will also find a link that will take you to the FAQ's section which may be useful and we recommend that you visit with this before you take on the application.

Finally, the third link displays excerpts and papers from the Mistree lecture series which is part of our program to better educate & prepare you for a wonderful start with your life out of school and off to college!

In ending, if you still have some questions, do contact us at the e-mail shown below ................... we urge you to remember the deadline of JUNE 1st and not lose a wonderful opportunity.

SAVE THE DATE: ANNUAL ZAH Z-CAMP JULY 29TH-31ST 2016
Our Annual ZAH Z-Camp is back after tremendous success and some great fun for the past three years. This year we will be holding the Z-camp from July 29th-31st 2016. Please mark your calendars and save the date. The Z-Camp will start around dinner time on Friday night (July 29th) for outstation attendees, ZAH Youth Group and older (18+) kids so please keep that in mind whilst planning for it.

Middle group and Kiddies group (5 to 9 years) will begin their Z-Camp activities on Saturday, July 30th at 10 am as every year. Pertinent details regarding registration, etc. will follow so please plan your vacations / trips accordingly so the kids don’t miss out on the fun. This year some new activities are being planned so stay tuned and watch this space.....

Look forward to seeing y'all in July,

Your ZAH Z-Camp Team

CRITICAL ASSISTANCE APPEAL

Zoroastrian Association of Greater New York (ZAGNY) has received an appeal from Mitra & Kaeyan Behram Quettawala (Cell No. +92 333 2343057) of Karachi, Pakistan for critical medical assistance for their daughter Aryana. Aryana was diagnosed on 27th January 2015 with Severe A-Plastic Anemia at the Aga Khan Hospital in Karachi, Pakistan. After a year, having exhausted all options, the parents are faced with only one option left for treatment which is Haplo-identical transplants in which they use one of the parent’s stem cells and transplant this into the patient. After due research the parents found out that this is done in Singapore with reasonable success but costs nearly Singapore $300,000. The parents have sent out an appeal to save their 3-year daughter.

As ZAGNY is making arrangements to pay directly to Singapore, please send your contributions to them Online: please go to zagny.org and make your donation
By check: please make your check payable to ZAGNY, write in the memo "Critical Assistance Aryana” and mail to:
Cyrus Pavri
ZAGNY Treasurer
961 Franklin Turnpike
Allendale NJ 07401-1315
"ZOROASTRIAN FESTIVALS" - WRITTEN & ILLUSTRATED BY ZANT RELIGION CLASS KIDS

The children of the Zoroastrian Association of North Texas (ZANT) have written and illustrated a book on Zoroastrian Festivals. This book is a "must have" for every Zoroastrian home library and we urge our community to purchase this Special Limited Edition for your own family and friends. Please support our children's hard work and effort in raising funds for the ZANT Center Operation and Maintenance Fund.

The book is available from ZANT for a donation of $15 or more (checks made payable to ZANT). Please contact Pearl P. Balsara in Plano, Texas (ppbalsara@gmail.com) for more information.

BIRTH

Baby girl, Mackenzie Reese Rash, born to Sonia and Ron Rash on February 2, 2016, weighing 6.3 pounds and 19 inches long. Mother and daughter are well, Ron is ecstatic and so is big sister Reagan. Grandparents Mehelli & Zenobia Behrana are extremely happy to welcome the new grandchild.

CHANGE IN CONTACT INFORMATION

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13607 Layhill Court
Houston, TX. 77077
(832) 288-2436 Home
(713) 516-0414 Mobile

Pervez and Villoo Gonda
1810 Ralston Branch Way
Sugar Land, TX 77479
Tel: 832-532-0516

OBITUARY

Farida Abraham, beloved sister of Shirin Sarkari and Diana Billimoria died in Lucknow on February 12 at age 65. A long and beloved principal of La Martiniere Girls' college, Farida will be missed by the thousands of lives she touched.

Shirin Billimoria, wife of Behram Bilimoria and mother of Nauzer and Rushna Bilimoria, passed away in Houston on February 22 at 2:45 p.m.

Furrokh Hormuzshaw Wania, h/o (late) Zareen Wania, father of Meher Ankelsaria and Dr. Darius Wania (Houston), Spenta Khambatta and Ardeshr Wania (Karachi), passed away in Karachi on Tuesday March 01, 2016.

Avan Aspi Irani, sister of Fali Balsara (Houston, TX) and Jimmy Balsara (Vicksberg, MI), passed away in Geneva, Switzerland on February 25, 2016.
**AVAN YAZAD PARAB**

*Thursday March 24, 2016*
*Jashan Prayers: 6 - 7 p.m.*
*Refreshments: 7 – 8 p.m.*
*4 Saint George Ct.*
*Sugar Land, TX 77479*
*(Ronnie and Elvia Patel residence)*

Please come join us in the prayers. If you wish, bring a snack to share. Chasni, Fruit, Tea and Drinks will be provided.

You are welcome to attend the prayers at the last moment also, but in order to make proper arrangements, please email or call

Yasmin Medhora:
*(713) 466-3908 or email: chiefyas1@sbcglobal.net*

if you will be attending.
ZAH NoRouz Celebration
SATURDAY MARCH 26, 2016 at ZAH CENTER
Main Hall Doors Open at 7:15 p.m.
Entertainment Starts at 7:45 p.m.
CLICK HERE TO RSVP AND PAY

If paying by check, your check must be received by 3/21/16, at
ZAH
Attn: NoRouz 2016
8787 West Airport Blvd.
Houston, Texas 77071

PLEASE WRITE (IN THE MEMO FIELD):
- No. of ZAH members/non-members (11 yrs and up)
- Number of ZAH member/non-member children (3-10yrs)
- Please write “NoRouz 2016” on the envelope

RATES: (Under 3 yrs. Gratis) RSVP Deadline: 3/21/16
- ZAH Member : 11 years and up : $27
- ZAH Non-Member : 11 years and up : $45
- Member Children (3-10 yrs) : $15
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- Non-member rates apply for all RSVPs and payments received after 3/21/16. Kids over 10 years must have separate membership from their parents
- Member rates apply to out-of-town house-guests of members if RSVP and check received by 3/21/16
- Our goal remains to keep these functions as affordable as possible so you as a ZAH member can attend and enjoy. However if you feel that you are unable to attend solely due to the cost please let us know. We have donations in place to subsidize your cost and we will guarantee confidentiality. Financial ups and downs are a part of most families life cycles. In a way, they are a blessing because they allow innovation, dedication and hard work to take root in oneself. Please use this facility and if better economic times, there will be plenty of opportunities to remember and help your own community members and your own association a thousand times over.
- Please note this is only available to current ZAH Members in good standing.

Organized by: ZAH EXA Committee
ZOROASTRIAN ASSOCIATION OF HOUSTON

2016 ZAH MEMBERSHIP FORM

NAME: ______________________________________________________________________

ADDRESS: ______________________________________________________________________

CITY: ___________________________  STATE ______  ZIP: ___________________________

TEL (h): _________________________    TEL (other): _________________________________

E.Mail: ________________________

CATEGORY OF MEMBERS (PLEASE TICK ONLY ONE MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY)

PATRON MEMBER. – FAMILY  $500.00   ☐
PATRON MEMBER – SINGLE  $250.00   ☐
PATRON MEMBER – FAMILY SENIOR  $250.00   ☐
PATRON MEMBER – SINGLE SENIOR  $125.00   ☐
FAMILY MEMBER  $275.00   ☐
FAMILY ASSOCIATE MEMBER  $275.00   ☐
SINGLE MEMBER HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD  $150.00   ☐
SINGLE MEMBER  $135.00  ☐
FAMILY SENIOR MEMBER  $65.00   ☐
SINGLE SENIOR MEMBER  $40.00   ☐
STUDENT MEMBER  $25.00   ☐

Additional Surcharges

MANASHNI SURCHARGE - FOR PRINTED/MAILED COPIES  $15.00   ☐
SURCHARGE (ONLY IF PAYING BY VISA/MASTERCARD)  $10.00   ☐
NO SURCHARGE IF PAID BEFORE JANUARY 31, 2016

DONATION  $______

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE:  $______

FAMILY MEMBER: PARENTS AND THEIR CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 18
FAMILY SENIOR MEMBER: WHERE ONE SPOUSE IS OVER THE AGE OF 65
SINGLE SENIOR MEMBER: AN INDIVIDUAL OVER THE AGE OF 65
SINGLE MEMBER: AN UNMARRIED INDIVIDUAL OVER THE AGE OF 18
SINGLE MEMBER HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD: SINGLE PARENT WITH CHILDREN UNDER 18

MEMBERSHIP YEAR: CALENDAR YEAR – JANUARY TO DECEMBER

PLEASE SELECT THE CATEGORY APPLICABLE TO YOU AND MAIL THIS FORM WITH YOUR PAYMENT TO:

ZAH Treasurer,
8787 W. Airport Blvd.
Houston, TX  77071
ZAH PICNIC
Sugar Land Memorial Park
Sunday April 24, 2016
Noon onwards

ENJOY A DAY OF FUN, GAMES, AND FOOD
THE SPORTS COMMITTEE WILL TAKE CARE OF GAMES

FUN ITEMS TO BRING ALONG:
Frisbees, soccer ball, football, bikes, and other fun outdoor activity items.
Since we have a pavilion suggest bring your favorite board games, cards, etc.

POTLUCK: PLEASE BRING A FOOD ITEM TO SHARE:
Covered Entree or similar food item to share. Please do not bring: Cakes, Cookies, Pies, Soda,
etc. in lieu of your covered dish.
Dessert, Tea and sodas will be provided by ZAH.

PLEASE BRING YOUR WATER BOTTLES & ICE-CHESTS

DOGS PERMITTED ON LEASH, DOG PARK NEARBY

No Charge - Free Event
ZAH is covering costs for Venue Rental, Paper
Products, Dessert, Tea and Sodas

CLICK HERE FOR PARK DETAILS
Sugar Land Memorial Park
15300 University Blvd.,
Sugar Land, TX 77479
(281) 271-2885

Event Organized By: ZAH Entertainment Committee