SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

TIME: Different times for each group

DATE: September 11, 2016.

Children's Session  The Sunday School session will start at 10.30 am
Build the Agiary Model with Gujarati interspersed

Middle Group: The Sunday School session will start at 11.00 am

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, September 9, 6.30pm to 8 pm  Vada Dasturji Khurshed Kaikobad Dastoor’s visit to ZAH
Don’t miss this once in a life time opportunity to meet the Vada Dasturji (High Priest) of Iranshah Atash Behram. ZAH will be hosting a high priest for the first time in its history. Let’s give him our Texas style warm southern welcome. Please do respond for the headcount as there will be light refreshment.

Sunday, September 25
Sunday, October 2, 11 am to 3 pm

Indoor Games
Fasli Mehrgan and Maediozarem Gahambar
Jashan will begin at 11:00 am sharp
Donations for the Gahambar are always welcome
Starting 9/26 thru 9/28 - All tickets will be $20
(See attached flyer for details)
Youth Group – Annual Blood Drive (1p-4pm)
Library Event

Friday to Sunday, October 28-30
Saturday, October 29, 7.30 pm
Saturday, Sunday – Nov 12, 13
Sunday – Nov 13, 1 pm
Saturday – Nov 19, 6.30 pm

Halloween Party
Middle Group Lock-in
ZARAH Annual General Meeting
Zarathushti Dinner Theater Group presents “In the Face of the King”
Tickets go on sale on 9th Sep 6.30 pm at the Center
Ticket Prices - $100, $75, $50, $35
(see attached flyer for details)
Youth Group Dallas Lock-In
Library Event
Christmas Party + Toy and Food Drive

SPECIAL REQUEST
Shop Using AmazonSmile To Support ZAH
AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support ZAH every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you are shopping for anything on Amazon please do the following:

1. Go to ZAH.org
2. On left side of page there is a link to go to Amazon smile. Click on this link
3. When you are taken to the smile.Amazon.com page you will be asked to choose your Charity.
4. Type 'Zoroastrian Association of Houston' in the search bar. Then select it when it appears.
5. You will then be automatically taken to the Smile page
6. If you are using Google Chrome as your browser on a MAC then they will ask you to install an extension. Say Yes. This extension will automatically take you to the Amazon smile page whenever you open your browser.

### MEETINGS

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### REPORTS

**VISION2020 REPORT**
*By the Vision2020 Team*

**ZAH RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE**

Dear Community Members,

As most of you know, we started our Annual ZAH Raffle tickets sale at the Navroze function on August 20th 2016. In order to make it easily accessible and very convenient for all, we have set up the Raffle tickets sale online along with information about the prizes at [http://zah.org/?event=zah-raffle-2016](http://zah.org/?event=zah-raffle-2016). Payment by paypal would be the preferred option but if paying by Check or Cash, ZAH should receive the payment latest by Nov 1st 2016.

There are some great prizes to be won and all the proceeds will be going towards our Vision2020 program which includes initiatives like strengthening our Maintenance Reserves, etc. It is a great way to win fabulous prizes whilst supporting the ZAH initiatives.

The results will be drawn on 11/19/2016 during our Annual Fundraiser (Shahnaz Sidhwa's Play) and you DO NOT need to be present to win.

Please encourage all your families, relatives and friends in and outside the Zarathushti and Houston communities to participate and buy these raffle tickets. Free shipping will be offered to all winners outside Greater Houston so let's grab this great opportunity and buy the raffle tickets as soon as possible to win these fabulous prizes.

For any questions or queries regarding sales of raffle tickets, please contact Nargis Cooper at (713) 937-4441 or Yasmin Medhora at (713) 301-1521 or Kayo Sidhwa at (832) 802-3036.

Thank you,
Your Vision2020 Team

**SILENT AUCTION AT SHAHENSHAHI NAVROZE FUNCTION**

The third Silent Auction for 2016 was held at the August Navroze function on 8/20/16.

ZAH received $470/- for the four items that we received bids on. We would like to thank the following donors and the highest bidders for the items:

Donors: Firdaus Dastoor, Avan Bhathena, Villie Daboo, Minaz Dungor, Yezdi Engineer, Kamalrukh Gandhi, Yasmin Medhora, Sillie Mehta and Farzana Sidhwa.

The 3 food baskets with kaleji, korma chicken with sali, turkey kheemo, bheja cutlets, shrimp patio & rice, malido, green chutney, rotlies, achaar and cook book were very popular. The unique handmade toy of the man on a hang glider with built in music of Bolero (has usb port to play any music) was a hit. The man playing the piano was also very nice.

LIBRARY REPORT

Our Annual Gala

The ZAH Library has had many annual galas over the last several years. Each and every one of them has been so successful that there is already a strong buzz for our upcoming gala next month.

This year, the ZAH Library is proud to bring to you Dan Sheffield for a 2-day event on Friday, October 28 and Saturday, October 29. The theme of the annual gala is “Exploring Zoroastrian Identity”. As always, on Friday evening, we will have the informal Meet-and-Greet session with a potluck dinner. You are encouraged to bring with you a homemade dish to share and enjoy with others. This will be followed by two different presentations on Saturday morning and afternoon, details of which are in the attached flyer. Since we always have a lively question and answer session after each presentation, there will be time set aside at the end of the lectures for your comments and observations.

Dan Sheffield is a well-known scholar of Zoroastrianism, featured often in several publications, a prolific author of numerous papers, and a frequent guest lecturer around the world. His credentials are impeccable. A Ph.D. from Harvard in Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations has been followed by teaching and faculty positions at Harvard, University of Washington, and most recently, Princeton University. We are indeed fortunate and feel privileged to have such a distinguished and accomplished scholar in Houston with us.

Saturday luncheon will cost you $10 per person. But, if you don’t mind missing the delicious lunch, you can attend just the lecture part of the program for free. This event is expected to generate an unusual amount of interest and avid discussion. So please send your RSVPs to Arnavaz Sethna (ahsethna@yahoo.com, or 281-499-1832) before October 25. Your early confirmation will also help us in planning for meals and seating accommodation.

Please refer to the flyer for more information on the event, and put these dates on your calendar for an informative and exciting event that is not to be missed.

Book Donation

Our sincere thanks to Arnavaz Godiwalla for graciously donating a book to the ZAH Library, co-authored by her daughter Amy Godiwalla. Written by two moms, “What a Good Eater!” is a baby and toddler cookbook filled with gorgeous pictures and wholesome recipes that will introduce herbs and spices early on so little taste buds can get trained to be open to new flavors. Created with the careful guidance of pediatricians, nutritionists, and registered dietitians, the book also includes information on the health benefits of different ingredients, which is a great thing for newer parents to learn about. Recipes in this book are easy to follow, a factor that is important for a mother with a demanding hungry infant on her heels.

If you're a new parent, or know one, this book can help guide you and them in feeding kids healthy and nourishing food, leading to a lifetime of healthy eating. Buy it for yourself, or buy it as a gift for a baby shower. You won’t be disappointed.

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

SHAHENSHAI DAE MAS (MAIDHYAREM) GAHAMBAR

The Shahenshai Dae Mas (Maidhyarem) Gahambar took place on Sunday, 5/29/16 and was attended by approximately 250 people. This Gahambar was sponsored by Aderbad & Sanober Tamboli and family and Feroze Meer and family in its entirety in memory of late Dilnavaz Meer. Estimated $3K plus was given to ZAH.
The prayers were conducted by our 10 Ervads - Barjor M. Dastur, Neville Kanga, Vispi Katrak, Noshir Khumbatta, Khushrav & Viraf Nariman, Faraidoon Pandole, Bahmanshah Sanjan, Maneck Sidhwa and Yazad Sidhwa. The prayers were followed by a talk given by Ervad Bahmanshah who explained the meaning of this Gahambar. He expressed the importance of reciting prayers, doing the kushti daily and to be proud of our religion.

Later, ZAH EC member, Sheroy Haveliwala paid tribute to Dilnavaz stating that she was an unassuming lovely lady. Her presence is missed in the ZAH community and at the Carnival. Her talent of making delicate jewellery & torans and making delicious parsi food is appreciated. Sheroy also thanked our Ervads, all the volunteers and the Sponsors for their kind gesture.

Fresh fruit was cut by our dedicated volunteers and chaasni was coordinated by Fiona Setna for the attendees. Thanks to Maharukh Deputy, Cillie Mehta and Kati Tamboli for donating the malido. The attendees raved about the delicious food prepared in memory of Dilnavaz by Naushad Mehta - goat meat dhansak, turkey kabobs and vegetable stew. The yummy cake and ice cream was enjoyed for dessert.

Last but not the least, we would like to thank Khushrav Nariman for the mikes and music; Zia Anklesaria for registration; Yasmine Medhora and Arzin Italia for hall setup and table décor; Nozer Dungor, Arzin, Yasmine and Zia for bringing all items for the event; Fiona Setna for chaasni coordination; Mitra Khumbatta, our Treasurer for accounting; Percy Behramsha for zah rsvp website administration; Arna Sethna & Maharukh Deputy for setting up the stage for the Jashan and Arna & Khursheed Dastur for eblasts.

Following is the list of persons who contributed cash donations for the Gahambar:

SHAHENSHAHI NAVROZE FUNCTION

The Navroze function held on Saturday, August 20, 2016 at the ZAH Center was attended by estimated 285 people. ZAH received estimated $1K (includes 22% on expenses) from this event.

Our emcee for the evening Tanaya Behramsha assisted by Farrokh Firozgary did a great job of starting the program on time and welcoming the guests. Ervads Rayomand and Vispi Katrak and Yazad Sidhwa started the function with a brief benediction followed by a 2 minute silence which was observed for our two dear ZAH members who passed away that week, Perin Engineer and Azita Namiranian.

The program started with a lovely dance from our dynamic Jesil Bharucha followed by a contemporary Chinese ribbon dance which depicted elegant Jessica and Isabella dancing among blooming flowers. They represented the Dance of Asian America group. This was followed by the dance on the music of “I got that Power” by Roshni Chikhliliwala, Darius and Mahtab B. Dastur, Natasha and Neville Kanga. The neon lights adorned their costumes which glowed in the dark. Our energetic young kids Ariana and Shireen Anklesaria, Natasha Dungor and Anjalee Patel performed an Indian dance followed by the high-powered dance by Tanaya Behramsha and Anushka Oak. All performances were extremely well choreographed.

On behalf of the EC, Percy Master gave the Congress 2000 Legacy Awards to Freya Daroga and Rayhan Nariman. The recipients were commended for excellence in scholastic studies, extra-curricular activities and contribution to the community. Mitra Khumbatta gave the ZAH awards to the High School graduates. The names of the graduates were published in the past Manashni. Congratulations to our High School graduates and the Legacy Award winners. You make us proud.

All guests enjoyed the chips, potato pakoras and veggie spring rolls for appetizers. The tasty dinner was prepared by Chef Kairasp Lashkari - Goat meat Biryani, Gambhariu Chicken, Veggies, etc. Later the crowd enjoyed an array of
desserts – Rasgullas by Chef Lashkari; the lovely Blue Bell ice cream and several trays of delicious Sev and Dahi prepared and donated by Maharukh & Rohinton Deputy.

We appreciate very much the FREE DJ service by our very own Farrokh Firozgary (DJ Gary) for the last several years. We also thank his wife Mahnaaz for her support.

The Entertainment Committee thanks everyone for attending the ZAH functions. If you have any constructive criticism please inform them your suggestions. They would also like to thank the Web Team for making the RSVPs and Online Payment easy for our community. Thanks to the volunteers who helped in setting up the hall and the atrium. We wish our community lots of Happiness and Prosperity.

YOUTH REPORT
By Alyssa Tamboli – Youth Group Vice President

August was the start of a new year for the ZAH Youth Group. At the beginning of July, new officers were elected for the 2016-2017 Youth Group. These officers are:

President: Katie Master
Vice-President: Alyssa Tamboli
Secretary: Nerius Mehta
Treasurer: Tanaya Behramsha
Historian: Zubin Master
Webmaster: Yazad Sidhwa

During the month of August, the youth held a meeting to set the calendar for the 2016-2017 year. We have set it full of events and volunteering, both in the ZAH community and out. Our webmaster, Yazad Sidhwa, has created a wonderful new website dedicated to the youth group. Our calendar, as well as all other information about the Youth Group can be found on the website. The link to this website is http://zahyouthgroup.wixsite.com/zahyouthgroup or it is in the Youth Group tab on the ZAH website. We would also like to welcome our new members who have moved up to the Youth Group for the 2016-2017 year. Our new members for the 2016-2017 year are:

Dina Hormuzdi
Anosh Irani
Rayaan Irani
Hailey Jensen
Natalya Mehta
Cyrus Mistry
Rukshana Sarkari

For the month of September, we will be holding a planning meeting in place of a volunteering event or activity to get a head start on the event planning for the 2016-2017 year.

We would once again like to thank the ZAH community for their unconditional support and help, and we look forward to a new and exciting year!

MISCELLANEOUS

PHASE 3A GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY
Finally, on August 14, 2016 the day arrived when ZAH Community witnessed the groundbreaking of the Purvez Rustomji Room. This Phase 3A will include the 1680 sq ft Purvez Rustomji room and a classroom. The Purvez Rustomji room will be a multimedia + multipurpose room, with state of the art audio visual equipment and conference capabilities. The classroom will be the new home of the middle group.

The Ceremony started at 12:15 p.m. when all the Ervads gathered at the site and said a prayer blessing the ground. The first spade was dug in the ground by Aban and Purvez’ son, Arish Rustomji. Then, Aban, Nerina and all the Rustomji grandchildren scooped the earth with their spades, followed by other Middle Group children, all excitedly
digging away. A small packet containing the traditional items – shavings of silver and gold and other items was buried on this site. There were over 200 people present and a group picture of all the attendees was taken to commemorate this event followed by lunch hosted by ZAH.

More pictures of the Groundbreaking can be found here

FASLI MEHRGAN GAHAMBAR - OCTOBER 2, 2016 - CALL FOR DONATION
Fasli Mehrgan Gahambar is scheduled for October 2, 2016. Since we do not have a sponsor or sponsors for this Gahambar, this is a call for donations for sukhad/loban, malido, flowers, fruits, dried fruits, or cash donations for this gahambar.

Please inform Yasmin Medhora at chiefyas1@sbcglobal.net by 08/30/16 or call her at 713-466-3908 for the items or cash donations that you would like to give, so that the Entertainment Committee can figure out the rate to charge for the gahambar.

ZAH SECOND GENERATION:
ZAH Younger / Second generation continues to meet. In August they met at Amazon Grill with a promise of more get-togethers in the future........ Do join and have fun! If anyone would like to be added to the email list please write to ngodiwalla@yahoo.com, OR diana.engineer@gmail.com"
1 Green chilli seeded and finely chopped
2T Ketchup
½ Bunch of fresh cilantro
2 slices of bread soaked in water squeeze out the water (a fun job for the grandkids) and add to the fish mixture.
Shape them circular
Beat 2 eggs
Put cutlets in egg mixture and then bread crumbs
Shallow fry cutlets on both sides

WEDDING BELLS
Dina, daughter of Pearline & Sarosh Collector and Ian, son of Michael and (late) Terri Kuecker, were married on September 4, 2016 in Galveston. Dina was dressed in a white lace sari and she made a beautiful bride.
Heartiest Congratulations to the newly-weds!

OBITUARY
Perin Engineer, wife of Fali Engineer, mother of Nina, Jimmy and Kersi, grandmother of Zeenia, Shahveer, Saroasha, Zubin, Zaran and Zarius, and great grandmother of Nia and Zane, passed away yesterday evening, August 18th, 2016 in Houston, Texas.

Azita Namiranian, w/o Korosh Bastani passed away on August 18th. She is survived by her husband Korosh and two daughters age 10 and 14.
The family is very thankful and grateful for all the support shown by the community in their hour of need.

Heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families.

VADA DASTURJI KHURSHED KAIKOBAD DASTOOR
Visit to ZAH
Vada Dasturji Khurshed Dastur Kaikobad Dastoor is the Vada Dasturji (Head Priest) of Shreeji Pak Iranshon Atashbehram at Udvdia. Dasturji Khurshed & Mrs. Dastoor are visiting Houston, and would like to meet and talk to the Houston Zarathushtis.
Join us at the ZHCC and participate in an engaging and enlightening evening.

Friday, September 9, 2016
6:30PM: Meet & Greet
7:00PM: Talk by Dasturji Khurshed Dastoor

Light refreshments will be served.
Please RSVP to Amnavaz Sehna at amnavaz@concor.net so we can plan accordingly.

Zarathushhti Heritage & Cultural Center
8767 W. Airport
Houston, TX 77071
Zarathushti Dinner Theater Group proudly presents

All proceeds go towards VISION 2020

IN THE FACE OF THE KING

Nov 9, 2016 at ZHCC 7:30 pm

Atash Kadeh Operations & Reserve

Phase Ill A Purves Koustogi Room/Classroom

Kitchen, Bathroom & Facade Upgrade

Building Maintenance & Reserve

Achaemenid exhibit opens at 6:00 pm and offers interesting video presentations.

Come enjoy our past in this fun way. Bring your children, the future torchbearers of our community's history.

Ticket prices: $100.00, $75.00
$50.00, $35.00

Prices include dinner, dessert, & tea at end of show.

Tickets now on sale - call or email Persis Behramsha
Home: 818-859-1302
persisbehramsha@netscape.net

The 5 Act play has many surprises to offer - palace intrigues/betrays, pompous & flamboyant character of King Xerxes, and his queens unafraid to defy him.
ZAH Raffle 2016
Win awesome prizes while supporting the ZAH
Tickets: 1 for $20 or 3 for $50 or 10 for $100

1st Prize: 50” 1080p Smart LED TV

2nd Prize: Pink Gara Sari
Machine embroidered with fully embroidered Pallu (includes matching blouse material and petticoat).

3rd Prize: Cillie’s Basket
Filled with delicious goodness.

For tickets contact Nargis Cooper (713) 937-4441
Drawing on 11/19/2016 at the ZAH Annual Fund Raiser.
Do not have to be present to win. Free Shipping for winners outside Greater Houston

All proceeds go to Vision 2020
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