



SUNDAY SCHOOL

PLACE: ZHCC, 8787 W. Airport Blvd., Houston, TX 77071 Tel: 713-270-9339
TIME: Different times for each group
DATE: **Ocotber 9, 2017**

Children's Session The Sunday School session will start at **10.30 am to 11.15 am.**
Middle Group: The Sunday School session will start at **11.00 am.**
Youth Group: Sarosh Collector, Kaemerz Dotiwalla and Faraidoon Pundole conduct this session.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, October 27, 2017	An Evening with Bapsi Sidhwa & Teresa Russo
Friday, October 27, 2017	KIDS NITE @ ZAH Library
Saturday – November 4, 2017	Comedy Fundraiser Play – Tickets on Sale
Sunday – November 12, 2017	ZAH Annual General Meeting
Friday – December 1, 2017	Library Event
Sunday – December 10, 2017	Sunday School and Christmas Party

MEETINGS

GOLDEN GROUP	Fourth Sunday of each month. Interested? Please call Zarine Balsara at (832) 288-2436
LIBRARY COMMITTEE	First Sunday of each month at 11:00 AM. If you would like more information, please call Aban Rustomji at 281-493-1275 or e-mail her at aban@coatingindustries.com

REPORTS
LIBRARY REPORT
By Jangoo Mistry

Dadabhai Naoroji Event Postponed

The ZAH Library was planning to hold an event featuring Dinyar Patel, a recognized present-day scholar on Dadabhai's life and work. In the aftermath of hurricane Harvey, it was not possible to proceed with the preparation that was required for the event. The event is therefore canceled until further notice.

A Double Event on October 27

Last month, on Friday, September 22, Vehishta Kaikobad conducted a very successful Kid's Nite in the ZAH Library. The children were first introduced to the creation of the Shahnameh and its visual appreciation, followed by a dramatic narration from one of its epics. This was followed by a formal, step-by-step project in creating their own folio inspired by the Shahnameh illustrations. The children were shown the big illustrated gold-plated Shahnameh that we had also displayed during the last exhibition. The children were fascinated, and impressed us with some very insightful questions. The night ended with pizza and a treat!

Building on the success of this event, Vehishta will continue with this effort on Friday, October 27, again from 7:30 to 8:30 pm. Vehishta will continue with the Shahnameh theme with artwork, as last month they ran out of time. Since this has proved to be very interesting for the children, and also given us as a way to spark their interest in our history and their use of our library resources, we are planning to offer this on the last Friday of every month for now. The class is both, educational and entertaining, and each month's event will focus on a different age group and have age appropriate themes and activities

For adults, and for the parents bringing their children, we have a double treat. Teresa Russo, Professor of English at Toronto University, is keen on compiling Bapsi Sidhwa's letters and notes into a book she will edit. Teresa will be with us on the same day, October 27, to give a short talk on her project, followed by a panel discussion featuring her, Bapsi and Aban Rustomji. We are planning to start this event at 6:30 pm with socializing and light refreshments. The formal part will begin at 7 pm and end at 8 pm. This will be a first-of-its-kind evening featuring our famous author, Bapsi, that we are so proud of. Please put his date on your calendar and plan to support this event.

Youth Report

By Yazad Sidhwa – Treasurer, ZAH Youth Group

After a fun event at the Parks Youth Ranch last month, October is our month of giving back to the Community and it came together very well with our Gahambar day where the spirit is to sit together as a community, pray for the well being and have a meal. As y'all know, we conducted a very successful Blood Donation drive on October 1st where all our Community donors came forward to donate. We would like to thank each one of our donors for supporting us in our joint effort with the Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center (GCRBC), we greatly appreciate it.



The GCRBC supplied us with a Mobile Coach with 3 representatives to carry out the donation drive. Out of a total of 41 potential donors, 17 donors from ZAH successfully donated blood from 11am to 3pm. The other 24 were not able to because of travel or medical restrictions. The Gulf Coast Regional Staff was very happy with the turnout of the donors, said our community did very well and sent us a thank you note as seen below.



On her 18th birthday, Elizabeth happily danced the night away – something she wasn't able to do 10 years ago, while her arms and legs were temporarily paralyzed due to the side effects of chemotherapy. Thanks to donors, Elizabeth received multiple units of platelets over a four-year period and was able to successfully overcome brain and spine cancer.

Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center and area patients like Elizabeth, thank **Zoroastrian Association of Houston** for your blood drive. These donations will help patients like Elizabeth throughout our community and are greatly appreciated.

THANK YOU!

*Hello Yazad,
I wanted to let you know how much we appreciate you hosting your drive. You had a good drive with 17 successful donors and two deferrals. I am hoping we can make this an annual drive for Zoroastrian Assoc. Thank you again for your continued commitment.
Brenda DeFrayne
Account Representative, Outside
Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center*

Our next event will be in November which will be the annual Dallas lock-in during the Thanksgiving week and the details will be sent soon to all Youth Group kids and parents.

MISCELLANEOUS

ATASH KADEH PROGRESS

One more milestone in the building of the Atash Kadeh. Late night Thursday, October 12, the cement was poured in to the prepared area of the Atash Kadeh foundation. Here are some pictures.



Fasli Mehrgan and Maediozarem Gahambar by the Entertainment Committee

The Fasli Mehrgan and Maediozarem Gahambar was celebrated at the ZAH Center on Sunday, October 1, 2017 and was attended by estimated 243 persons (includes kids). ZAH received an estimated \$3K plus from this event. Thanks to the Sponsors of this gahambar – Zia & Rustom Anklesaria, Nali & Danesh Desai, Arzin & Sorab Italia, Nazneen, Kershaw, Mitra & Noshir Khumbatta, Natasha Baria Mehta, Anahita & Shahrzad Nariman, Elvia & Ronnie Patel, Meher Patel and Zubin Vakil.

The hall was beautifully decorated by the Sponsors with pastel table cloths and pretty flowers. The stage was set up by Maharukh Deputy with all required items for the jashan. The prayers were conducted by our Ervads Bahmanshah Sanjana, Bahrom Firozgary, Pervez Gonda, Rayomand Katrak, Noshir Khumbatta, Faraidoon Pundole and Maneck Sidhwa.

ZAH EC Chair, Aderbad Tamboli thanked the Ervads, the Sponsors, donors, volunteers and the Entertainment Committee for their kind gesture. Chasni of fruits and malido was served. The malido was prepared and donated by Shireen Mehta and Maharukh Deputy. The third tray was donated by an anonymous donor. The attendees thoroughly enjoyed the delicious Goat Meat Dhansak, kabobs and Kachubar/limboo for lunch prepared by our very own Chef Kairasp Laskhkari of Himalaya Restaurant. Everyone enjoyed the Trifle prepared by the kids who layered the fruit, cake, custard and jam syrup under the supervision of Nazneen Khumbatta. Gulab jamuns were also served for dessert.

Cash donations for this event: Thanks to Khushru & Prema Dastoor, Rohinton & Maharukh Deputy, Pilo & Arni Ilavia, Sharmeen & Jehangir Irani, Yasmin & Nosh Medhora, Noshir & Bapsi Sidhwa, Yazdi & Shahnaz Sidhwa, Tenaz Sunavala and Bob & Carolyn Yazdani.

Last but not the least, the Entertainment Committee and the ZAH EC would like to thank the Web Team, donors, attendees and volunteers for their help. May God bless our wonderful community.

KIDS NITE @ ZAH Library
By Vehishta Kaikobad

The next ***KIDS NITE @ ZAH Library*** will be held on:

Date: Friday, October 27, 2017.

Time: 7.30 to 8.30 pm.

Venue: ZAH Library

Vehishta will continue Shahnameh theme with art work.

Hope to have a good turnout. Please share this news with your friends and family and see the program blossom. It is both, educational and entertaining.

PLAY – *Love & Marriage*
November 4, 2017 – 7:30 p.m.

The ZAH Natak group is back with a brand new comedy play "Love and Marriage"

WHERE: ZOROASTRIAN CENTER

WHEN: NOVEMBER 4, 2017

TIME: 7:30 P.M.

To purchase tickets, please contact Cyra Kanga via email ckanga@gmail.com or by phone (713) 598-7579

RATES: \$100 \$75 \$50 \$35 – INCLUDES ENTERTAINMENT AND DINNER

ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS VISION2020

OBITUARY

Freny Limki, wife of late Jamshed Limki, sister of Mehroo Dubash, Roshan Sethna and Aban Patel, on September 27, 2017.

Mrs. Jerbanu Burjorji Engineer (age 101), mother of Rustom Engineer, mother-in-law of Yasmin Engineer and grandmother of Eric and Diana, passed away peacefully on October 2, 2017, in Mumbai.

Dinshaw Chinoy, father of Roshan Behramsha, Father-in-Law of Percy Behramsha, and Grandfather of Khubyar and Tanaya Behramsha passed away on October 13, 2017 in Secunderabad, India.

Soonu Birdy, w/o of Ervad Jal Birdy and mother of Meher Afshad Mistri, passed away October 6, 2017 in California. Jal & Soonu were residents in Houston area in early 80's and were very active members of ZAH

ZAH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The annual General Body Meeting of the Zoroastrian Association of Houston will be held on Sunday, November 12, 2017, at The Zarathushti Heritage and Cultural Center, 8787 W. Airport Boulevard, Houston, TX 77071 at 2:00PM.

Members wishing to include any items for discussion may forward the subject matter to the ZAH Secretary, by October 26, 2017 so that they can be included in the agenda. **NO NEW MATTERS WILL BE ENTERTAINED FROM THE FLOOR ON THE DAY OF THE MEETING, OR WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER 10/26/2017.**

The EC is pleased to announce that the following members have been nominated to serve on the ZAH Executive Committee:

- Nozer Dungor – Member
- Sweta Sethna – Member
- Mitra Khumbatta – Treasurer

The EC is still accepting nominations for members to serve on the Executive Committee - anyone interested should complete and sign the nomination form and return it to the ZAH Secretary by October 26, 2017.

For more information, please review the attached [AGM Notice](#) and [draft agenda](#).

Lunch will be served from 1:00PM to 2:00PM, immediately after Sunday School. Although the ZAH is hosting this lunch, donations are always welcome. No RSVP necessary.

ZOROASTRIAN ASSOCIATION OF HOUSTON

Annual General Body Meeting of the Members and Election of Officers to the
ZAH Executive Committee – 2017

NOTICE

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AGENDA: Members wishing to include any items for discussion may forward the subject matter to the ZAH Secretary, by e-mail, to percymmaster@gmail.com, by October 2, 2017 so that they can be included in the agenda. **NO NEW MATTERS WILL BE ENTERTAINED FROM THE FLOOR ON THE DAY OF THE MEETING, OR WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER 10/26/2017**

The Term of Office as defined in Article 5.3: The term of office for all Executive Committee members shall be two (2) years. No member shall be allowed to serve on the Executive Committee for more than two (2) consecutive terms. The preceding clause may be over-ruled for a particular case or cases by an eighty percent (80%) majority vote of a meeting called for election purposes.

The following positions on the Executive Committee are up for election:

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| 1 | Member | Aderbad Tamboli | Completed two 2 – year terms | Term Completed |
| 2 | Member | Zeeba Kayani | Completed two 2 – year terms | Term Completed |
| 3 | Treasurer | Mitra Khumbatta | Completed one 2 – year terms | Eligible for Re-election |

The following position on the Executive Committee is to be ratified:

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| 1 | FEZANA Representative | Jango Mistry | Completed partial 2-year term |
| | Eligible to be ratified to serve out the remainder of his term | | |

PROCEDURE FOR NOMINATION OF MEMBERS:

An Election Commissioner will be announced at a later date. The Election Commissioner will coordinate and conduct the election process. Please send the completed Nomination Forms by October 26, 2017 to the ZAH secretary

No last minute nominations will be accepted after the deadline and absolutely no nominations will be accepted from the floor. The nominee must sign the "Nomination Form", which is provided with this announcement. This is to ensure that the nominee understands the responsibilities of the office and is willing and able to serve the full term.

In nominating the person(s) of your choice, please be guided by the following:

- All nominees must be regular members in good standing (fees paid up) for a period of at least six (6) months prior to the election and must be eighteen (18) years of age or older (Article 5.7)
- No two members of an immediate family shall serve on the Executive Committee, or on the same subcommittee at any one time. However, they may serve on two different subcommittees at the same time. (Article 5.7)
- The Treasurer shall collect all membership dues, deposit and make disbursements of all monies of the Association, provided that no disbursements shall be made except upon resolution of the Executive Committee. The Treasurer shall keep an updated record of the accounts of the Association for inspection at General Body meetings . (Article 8.7)

Voting will be by Secret Ballot. Proxy votes will not be accepted. All paid up members, for the year 2017 (paid up to the day of the voting) are eligible to vote.

Lunch will be served from 1:00PM to 2:00PM, immediately after Sunday School. Although the ZAH is hosting this lunch, donations are always welcome.

ZOROASTRIAN ASSOCIATION OF HOUSTON
Agenda for the 2017 ZAH Annual General Body Meeting

Meeting Date: November 12, 2017

Meeting Time: 2:00 p.m.

Meeting Chair: Aderbad Tamboli

No.	Item	Presenter
1.	Invocation	
2.	Establish quorum	Percy M. Master
3.	Adoption of the Agenda	Aderbad Tamboli
4.	Approval of the Minutes of the 2016 AGM	Aderbad Tamboli
5.	Chairperson's Report	Aderbad Tamboli
6.	Treasurer's Report	Mitra Khumbatta
7.	Vote on Motion 1 to align Financial Year to Calendar Year	Mitra Khumbatta
8.	Vision 2020 Report	Kayomarz Sidhwa
9.	Youth Report	Nerius Mehta
10.	Entertainment Committee Report	Yasmin Medhora
11.	Investment Management Team Report	Vispi Sagar or Jamshed Elavia
12.	Library Committee Report	Aban Rustomji
13.	Building Maintenance Committee Report	Aderbad Tamboli
14.	Sports Committee Report	Sheroy Haveliwala
15.	Legacy Scholarship Report	Homi Davier
16.	ZAHCares	Homi Davier
17.	Web Committee	Danesh Desai
18.	Atash Kadeh Committee	Khushrav Nariman
19.	NAZC2020 Update	Kayomarz Sidhwa
20.	New EC members welcomed/elected	Aderbad Tamboli
21.	Benediction and meeting close	

ZAH Library Proudly Presents

An Evening with
Bapsi Sidhwa and Teresa Russo



Bapsi Sidhwa is an award winning author, essayist and playwright. She is an internationally acclaimed novelist dedicated to bring women's issues of the Indian subcontinent into public discussion. Among her many honors Bapsi has received the Bunting Fellowship at Radcliffe/Harvard, the Lila Wallace-Reader's Digest Writer's Award, the Sitara-i-Imtiaz, Pakistan's highest national honor in the arts, the LiBera-turepreis in Germany and the 2007 Primo Mondello Award in Italy.

Teresa Russo, is the editor of *Recognition and Modes of Knowledge: Anagnorisis from Antiquity to Contemporary Theory* (UAP). Her book examines how recognition theory has played a central role throughout history and how it is practiced in identity politics and multiculturalism. She has taught at American University, The Catholic University of America, and Toronto University. She is currently a professor at Brock University and is editing Bapsi Sidhwa's Letters and Essays.

