SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

TIME: Different times for each group

DATE: June 10, 2018

Children’s Session
The Sunday School session starts at 10.00 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.

Middle Group: The Sunday School session at 11.00 a.m.

Youth Group: Sarosh Collector, Kaemz Dotiwalla and Faraidoon Pundole conduct this session.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, June 16, 2018 – ZAH Picnic – Sugar Land Memorial Park
11:00 a.m. onwards. See flyer below

Sunday, July 8, 2018 – Tirgan Celebration
Details to be announced

Friday, July 27, 2018 – Z-Camp begins for Out of Towners
Saturday, July 28 and Sunday, July 29, 2018 – Z-Camp
See Registration details below

Tuesday, August 7 to Thursday, August 16, 2018 – Muktad Prayers

Friday, August 17, 2018 – Hambandagi & Maachi

Saturday, August 18, 2018 – Navroze Function
Celebrating - 40th Anniversary of the Zoroastrian Association of Houston and 20th Anniversary of Zarathushti Heritage & Cultural Center
Details to be announced

Sunday, September 9, 2018 – ZAH Annual Carnival
1:00 pm - 6:00 pm - Save the date

REPORTS

Library Committee Report – by Jangoo Mistry

ZAH Library Committee Welcomes Noshir Khumbatta

The ZAH Library Committee meets on the first Sunday of every month to plan new events and discuss operational issues. Over the past several years, the Committee has strived to bring quality speakers to talk about interesting subjects pertaining to Zoroastrian religion, history, and culture. By and large the events have been very well received. However, we have always lamented the absence of younger members of our community in attendance.

Now, we are excited to welcome Noshir Khumbatta, as a much-needed younger addition to the Committee. Noshir has grown up with us in Houston, and after a stellar academic career is engaged as a professional in the IT field. He has also served the community as a priest for several years. We are confident that Noshir brings to the Committee a younger voice that will relate to his friends and acquaintances, and be effective in sparking a greater interest in what the ZAH Library Committee offers. A great big welcome to Noshir!
HELLO WORLD! is a picture book for children and adults alike that portrays key elements of the Zoroastrian Creation Story. It engages the hearts and minds of all readers by asking them to consider their role in the renewal of our world. In this way, it draws a very real connection between the ancient Zoroastrian story of creation and our lives today.

The creation story is brought to life with prints of original water-color illustrations by Gulshan Pagdiwala that stir the imagination! Its universal relevance in this day and age also inspires readers to consider how best to live a good life, worthy of the gifts that our world offers us.

About the Author and Illustrator:
The illustrator, Gulshan Pagdiwala, and the author, Shazneen Gandhi, are both Zoroastrian moms who currently live in Los Angeles. Born and brought up in Bombay, they have encountered the challenges of instilling in their American-born children a love for Zoroastrianism and their Parsi ancestry. Both have been involved in teaching religion classes for the children of the Zoroastrian Association of California for several years. It is their belief that this story is particularly of interest to young Zoroastrians and they have worked to bring it to light with artwork and language that their young audience can relate to. Their goal is to give every Zoroastrian family access to this book. As first-time publishers, they are grateful to several Zoroastrian organizations and individuals who have helped them to bring this book to market. And they are gratified by the reception this book has received among Zoroastrians and non-Zoroastrians.

Availability: While the book is being sold on amazon.com in the US for $17.99, please consider purchase directly from the publisher (for $16 per book) and in bulk orders to save on costs associated with shipping. Contact the publisher at An.Inspired.World.Book@gmail.com.

Come and browse the book in our Library, and order copies for your children and grandchildren.

MISCELLANEOUS

OUR GRADUATES

High School

Chakraborty, Ashish is graduating from Seven Lakes High School, Katy Independent School District. He will attend UT Austin in the Engineering Honors and Dean's Scholar Programs and plans to study biomedical engineering on a pre-med track. Ashish was the captain of the Science Olympiad team and president of the Biology Olympiad club. He has earned seventeen state, and nine national medals in Science Olympiad.
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**For Printed/Mailed copies**

**Definition of Categories**

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- Parents and their children under 18

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- One spouse is over the age of 65

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- Unmarried individual over age 18

**Single Senior Member**
- Individual over the age of 65

**Single Member Head of Household**
- Single parent with children under 18

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**AND MAIL TO:**

ZAH Treasurer  
8787 W Airport Blvd.  
Houston, TX 77071

Or pay online:  
http://zah.org/?event=zah-annual-membership-2018

**Mehta, Nerius** is graduating from William P Clements High School and will be attending University of Houston.

**Taraapore, Maya** is graduating from William P Clements High School. Maya will be attending University of Houston and will be pursuing career in education.

**Taraapore, Zoya** is graduating from William P Clements High School. Zoya will be attending Houston Baptist University and will be pursuing career in education.

**Bachelor’s (Undergrads)**

**Bharucha, Charlene** graduated from Saint Leo University, Saint Leo, Fl with a Bachelor of Arts in Accounting; Dean's Scholar on April 28, 2018. The Accounting Faculty at Saint Leo University nominated Charlene as one of the top 10 Accounting Students and was awarded the Certified Management Accountant (CMA) Scholarship by the Institute of Management Accountants (IMA) to take the CMA exam. She was also nominated by the Accounting Faculty to join the IMA Accounting Honor Society (IAHS).

**Daroga, Zal** graduated from UT Austin with a degree in Computer Science. He will go to Sunnyvale, CA (Bay Area) to work at Amazon.

**Haveliwala, Natalya** graduated from Texas A&M University with a Bachelor of Science Degree Cum Laude in Kinesiology. She is now pursuing a Doctorate of Physical Therapy at Texas Tech University Health Science Center in Lubbock.

**Sunavala, Farzad** graduated with a Bachelor's in Petroleum Engineering and Data Science from LSU Louisiana State University May 2018.

**Master’s Degree**

**Sunavala, Zenia** graduated with a Masters in Biomedical Science degree from Texas A&M College Station December 2017.

**Doctor**

**Irani, Ayesha** graduated as MD from The University of North Texas in Fort Worth, May 2018. She will be starting her residency in Pediatrics at The Dell Children’s Hospital in Austin, TX end June.

**Sidhwa, Feroze** M.D. MPH will graduate on 6/30/2018 from a seven year general surgery residency at The Boston Medical University. He will start a one year fellowship in Trauma surgery at The Coopers Trauma institute in New Jersey.

**MANASHNI** and its readers congratulate all the graduates and wish them the best in their careers.

**MANASHNI Banner Contest**

Publication Committee is running a **MANASHNI Banner Contest**. Please send in your entry to Khursheed Dastur at kbdastur@yahoo.com – deadline to submit is July 31, 2018. See flyer below for rules of this contest. Get your creative ideas flowing and win $101 for the best entry. See attached flyer...
GAHAMBAR PICTURES

Gahambar Write-Up by the Entertainment Committee

The Maidhiayarem Gahambar (Dae Mahino) was celebrated at the ZAH Center on Sunday, June 3, 2018 and was attended by estimated 275 persons (includes kids). ZAH received an estimated $3K plus from this event. Thanks very much to the Yazdani family – Bob & Carolyn, Parvaneh, Shahram and Fereshteh who sponsored the whole gahambar in memory of their loving parents and dear departed relatives. ZAH appreciates their kind gesture and their generosity.

The hall was beautifully decorated with pastel yellow table cloths and pretty flowers. The stage was set up with all required items for the jashan. The prayers were conducted by our Ervads Pervez Gonda, Khushrav Nariman, Viraf Nariman, Maneck Sidhwa and Yazad Sidhwa.

After the prayers and humbandagi, our ZAH EC Chair, Sheroy Haveliwala thanked the Ervads, the Sponsors, donors, volunteers and the Entertainment Committee for their help at this event. Chasni of fruit, mevo and malido was served. The malido was prepared and donated by Kamal Unwalla and Yasmin Medhora. Two trays were donated by an anonymous donor (prepared by Freny Sanjana). The attendees thoroughly enjoyed the delicious goat meat dhansak, turkey kabobs, rai potatoes and kachubar/limboo for lunch prepared by our very own Naushad Mehta of Cillie’s. Delicious strawberry cake, ice cream and candies were served for dessert.

All donations received from the following families and all the money collected as ticket charge was given to the ZAH:


Last but not the least, thanks to the web and the Manashni team for their help, the Entertainment Committee for setting up and working the event and the volunteers who helped cut fruit, serve lunch and helped in various errands at the event.

May God bless our wonderful community.

Z-CAMP

Z-Camp 2018 will be hosted on July 27, 28, 29 at the Zarathushti Heritage and Cultural Center - 8787 West Airport Blvd., Houston, TX 77071. Our out of town friends, youth (ages 14+), and young adults are welcome to join us on Friday, July 27, 2018. Elementary and Middle Schoolers can join in on July 28-29, 2018.

ZCamp 2018 Registration is now open. Please secure your spot. Parents, grandparents, and our extended ZAH family and friends are cordially invited to register for "Camp Dinner with kids" on July 28th, 7:30 pm onward. A sumptuous dinner, dessert, and entertainment for a very small fee of $15 per person.

If you would like to share ideas for ZCamp sessions, volunteer at this event, or be a sponsor/donor, please reach out to Jasmine Mistry at your earliest.

Your support will be greatly appreciated.
Ashodad/Kadr-Dani To Mobeds. Guidelines By North American Mobed Council (NAMC)

In response to requests from several North American Zoroastrian Associations, NAMC has provided the following guidelines for “Ashodad” or “Kadr-Dani” for performance of religious services provided by Mobeds invited by the family:

Weddings/ Gavah/Navjote/ Navjote/Sudreh–Pushi: $ 500 per Mobed per ceremony

Jashan/Jashan–Khani/Afargan/ Seeom/ Saal: $ 250 per Mobed per ceremony

Funeral Ceremonies:

Geh Saarnu, Sarosh nu Patru, Day Uthamnu, Night Uthamnu, Chaharom: $ 250 per Mobed per ceremony

Sareh Khak, Poresh $ 500 per Mobed per ceremony

Travel and accommodation (in addition to above amounts):

a. Pre-paid Air ticket and / or mileage as appropriate

b. Overnight accommodation as appropriate

Use of Association facilities and supplies:

As per Association regulations

This list is intended to be a guide and is not mandatory.

Consideration should be given to geographical and logistical variations through North America and financial ability of the family questing these prayers.

These guidelines are subject to change.

Issued: May 2015

7th World Zoroastrian Youth Congress – Volunteers needed

The 7th World Zoroastrian Youth Congress will be held on July 2019 in California. The organizers of this momentous event are looking for interested Zoroastrian youth to participate in the planning of this conference. There are available positions in different subcommittees, the core committee, and the executive committee. Attached below you may find the position descriptions and responsibilities. If you are interested in becoming a part of the organizing team for this great conference, please fill out the following interest form to indicate what role you would like to partake. 7th World Zoroastrian Youth Congress Interest Form Upon filling out the form, a member of the Executive Committee will contact you to discuss the roles and responsibilities further. Responsibility Sheet We look forward to hearing back from all of you, the Zoroastrian youth and the future leaders of our community! Hama Zor bim Hama Aasho bim,

Executive Committee, 7th World Zoroastrian Youth Congress

First Zoroastrian Lady Appointed to Caretaker Cabinet in Pakistan

(Excerpted from Dawn.com)

A six-member caretaker federal cabinet was sworn in at a ceremony held at the President House, Islamabad on June 5, 2018. Included in this cabinet is Roshan Khurshid Bharucha of Quetta, Balochistan. Senator Roshan, will look after Ministry of Human Rights, Ministry of Kashmir Affairs and Gilgit-Baltistan and Ministry of States and Frontier Regions. Roshan has more than 30 years of experience in fields of education, technical, vocational training and has been working with the people of Balochistan for decades.

Roshan is the mother of Kaiwan and Sharaine of Houston and Thrity Engineer of Austin whom many of you met when she was in Houston last year.

OBITUARY

Jal Setna, h/o Perin Setna, f/o Farokh Setna (London, UK), Rustom Setna (Houston, TX), Kaezad Setna (Cincinnati, OH) and Dinaz Bomanji (London, UK), passed away May 22, 2018 in London, UK.

MANASHNI and its readers extend their heartfelt condolences to the family members of Rustom Setna.
ZAH PICNIC
Sugar Land Memorial Park
Saturday June 16, 2018
11 a.m. onwards

ENJOY A DAY OF FUN AND FOOD

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.

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.

PLEASE BRING YOUR WATER BOTTLES, DRINKS & ICE-CHEST

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
MANASHNI BANNER CONTEST

For quite some time, Publication Committee had been thinking of revamping the MANASHNI format and the banner. To bring some enthusiasm in the readership we are running a competition to design a banner/header for the MANASHNI. We give below the requirements and rules of the competition and a chance to WIN $101.

Eligibility

The contest is open to all readers of MANASHNI except members of the Publication Committee.

Here are the guidelines

- Should highlight the mission of Zoroastrian Association of Houston of promoting Zarathushtri Religion and Culture
- The image should be a minimum of 350 dpi and should fit 8-1/2 X 11 paper size with a 0.7” margin on both sides
- Submissions should include artwork in GIF, JPG or BMP format and a brief description of how the banner relates to the MANASHNI
- It can be in color or black & white, participants should avoid gradients and halftones, and should be visually appealing
- The banner must be easy to handle, resize, use and manipulate for all reproductive purposes
- Individuals can send one or more entries although each submission must be sent in a separate email
- Submissions must include the full name(s) of the person(s) who designed the banner/header, email address, postal address, and telephone number
- All entries must be submitted electronically to Khursheed B. Dastur at kdastur@yahoo.com latest by July 31, 2018, late submissions will not be considered
- The selection committee will consist of a panel of three judges and the winner(s) will be selected and announced at the Navroze Function on August 18, 2018

Determination of Winner and Prize

✔ Entries will be judged on their visual appeal, quality of design, and ease of reproduction for the purposes stated above and the prize for the winning entry is US $101.
✔ The winner will be notified via email and announced at the Navroze function in August.

Disclaimer

- Publication Committee is not responsible for lost, late, misdirected, incomplete, illegible, or otherwise unusable entries, including entries that are unusable due to computer, internet, or electronic issues.
- Publication Committee reserves the right to cancel or modify the Contest and award the prize by alternate means if fraud or technical failure is determined at any time by Publication Committee, including after the submission window has closed.
- Publication Committee is not liable, for the purpose of winner prize notification and delivery, in the event the contest winner has provided incorrect, outdated, or otherwise invalid contact information.