SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

TIME: Different times for each group

DATE: February 11, 2018

Children’s Session
The Sunday School session starts at 10.30 a.m.

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

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, March 21, 2018 – Jamshed NoRouz Humbandagi.
Timing to be announced soon
NoRouz this year will take place on March 20, 2018 at 11.15 am and 28 seconds.
In Iran it will take place at 21:45 pm and 28 seconds.
It is the year of the dog and the color is grey.

Saturday, March 24, 2018 –
10 am to 2 pm – ZAH represented at the Houston Children’s Museum (Museum District). Navroze is the focus and our ZAH children will be performing from 12 to 12.30 pm. ZAH youth group and other ZAH volunteers will be conducting different activities.
Please join in to show community support and showcase ZAH on this very important occasion. This will help strengthen the Zoroastrian identity in the community-at-large during this Spring Festival as well as for all future events.

7.30 pm onwards (ZAH Center) – Jamshed NoRouz Celebration. See Flyer.
Main Hall Doors Open at 7:30 p.m.
Entertainment Starts at 8:00 p.m.
Please click here to RSVP. Flyer attached
RSVP Deadline: 3/14/18. Please pay ZAH membership dues prior to registration to avail of membership rates
For questions please contact:
Arzin Italia (713) 679-4998 or sorabitalia@yahoo.com

7 pm to 10 pm (ZAH Center) – Marrow Donor Registration. Help a Zarathshtri in need. See Flyer.
You can also register as a Marrow Donor at any Gulf Coast Regional Medical Center, one of them being at the Kroger at Sweetwater Blvd and Hwy 6

Saturday – April 21, 2018 – Libray Event with Dinyar Patel & Cyrus Rivetna
See Flyer for details

Sunday – June 3, 2018 – Maidhiyarem Gahambar
Details to be announced
MEETINGS

GOLDEN GROUP

Fourth Sunday of each month. Interested? Call Zarine Balsara at (832) 288-2436

ZAH LIBRARY

First Sunday of each month at 11:00 a.m. If you would like more information, please call Aban Rustomji at 281-493-1275 or e-mail her at aban@coatingindustries.com

MEMBERSHIP DUES

CATEGORY AND RATES

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Definition of Categories

Family Member
Parents and their children under 18

Family Senior Member
One spouse is over the age of 65

Single Member
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

PAY THE ZAH MEMBERSHIP DUES by 14th March and FUNDRAISER

1) For those who are yet to pay their membership dues, you will be able to pay via check or credit card at the Navroze function but for the Navroze function you will be charged non-member rates if membership dues are not paid by 3/14/2018. Credit cards incur a service fee.

2) Beautifully designed greeting cards that can used for any occasion, have been especially made for ZAH as a fundraiser. The cards will be revealed at the Navroze function. Please stop by the table to check them out.

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REPORTS

Library Committee Report – by Aban Rustomji

On Saturday, April 21, from 10:00 a.m– 3:00 p.m, we are presenting two inspiring and enlightening speakers - Dinyar Patel and Cyrus Rivetna.

Dinyar Patel is an Assistant Professor in the Department of History at the University of South Carolina where he teaches courses on modern South Asia, the Indian nationalist movement, and the British Empire. He received his Ph.D. in History from Harvard University for his dissertation titled “The Grand Old Man: Dadabhai Naroji and the Evolution of the Demand for Indian Self-Government”. His dissertation traced the thought and career of Dadabhai Naroji (1825-17), arguably the most significant Indian nationalist leader before Gandhi.

His lecture, “HER TOO: Dadbhai Naroji, the Grand Old Man of India, pioneer of women’s education” will be on Dadabhai Naroji with a focus on women’s education.

Cyrus Rivetna is the founder and principal at Rivetna Architects, Inc. Chicago. He has an impressive portfolio of residential, institutional, religious and commercial projects. Yet, his deepest interest lies in the design of Zoroastrian centers and places of worship. He has travelled to Iran and India to study the design of Zoroastrian fire temples, and applied his studies to designing modern structures that reflect ancient traditions for Zoroastrian communities in North America. He is the architect of our upcoming Atash Kadeh generously donated by Shernaz & Feroze Bhandara.

His lecture, “BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE - Using Architecture to Perpetuate Zoroastrian Religious Practice in North America” will present a brief history of traditional fire temples in Iran, Pakistan and India, followed by a description of the new Houston Atash Kadeh, which is currently under construction. He’ll walk through the plan and discuss the uses for the spaces. The building will be the first of its kind in North America, allowing for the full range of religious rituals while also allowing for the natural elimination of smoke.

JOIN US! Lectures are FREE.
Cost of lunch is $10.00 per person.
Call Arnavaz Sethna for Reservations <ahsethna@yahoo.com>

Please contact Sweta Sethna at swetasethna@hotmail.com or (832) 316-5845 to pre-order cards (sold as packs of 5 with assortment of designs and blank inside)
WZCC TAX Seminar Recording
The recording for WZCC TAX Seminar (which was held on 7th March), is now available for playback.

Play recording (43 min 23 sec)
Recording password: cMsnuMC5

WEDDING
Hormuz Nariman, son of Roshan & Pervez Dandiwala, was married to Roxanne, son of Shahnaz & Adil Tarapore on March 11, 2018 in Houston, TX.

Congratulations from MANASHNI

WE HAVE MOVED
Jenisteen Davier’s new address is:

Jenisteen Davier
777 Preston St. #18E
Houston TX 77002

ZAH IN THE HOUSTON COMMUNITY
ZAH has been in the focus in the Houston Community:
1) ZAH performs and hosts activities at the Houston Children’s Museum (Museum District) on 24th March, where Navroze is the focus
2) Walden School did a field trip in February to visit our ZAH Center (ZHCC) to learn about Zoroastrians. They were provided a tour of the Center and a powerpoint and visual presentation on our religion and culture. They were also treated to Parsi delicacies. The students had an interactive session as well and showed a lot interest in learning about our religion. They paid compliments and expressed eagerness to learn more about Zoroastrians.
3) ROTHKO CHAPEL – Meditation in the Zoroastrian Tradition
   For the month of March, the Rothko Chapel presents a meditation in the Zoroastrian tradition. Led by Fali Engineer of the Zoroastrian Association of Houston, this session will explore contemplative practices from the Zoroastrian perspective
   Date: Wednesday, March 7, 2018
   Time: 12:00 PM; Place: Rothko Chapel
   Led by: Fali Engineer, Zoroastrian Tradition
   Pay What You Can, suggested value $10

About the series: Since September 2005, on the first Wednesday of each month from 12-1pm, the Rothko Chapel hosts a meditation or contemplative practice focusing on a different spiritual or faith tradition featuring teachers and religious leaders from throughout the greater Houston community. The Twelve Moments: Experiencing Spiritual and Faith Traditions series provides opportunities for visitors to learn more about a specific spiritual or faith tradition, and experience a related meditation or contemplative practice, such as prayer, chanting, etc.

MIDDLE GROUP LOCK-IN – FEBRUARY 2018
By Mahtab B. Dastur

On February 10, 2018, ZAH had a middle group lock-in. Everybody arrived as planned; Mahtab and Darius B. Dastur, Roshni Chikhliwala, Natasha Dungor, Freyan Vimadalal, Diana Firoozi, Anjalee Patel, and Emma Kolah. Sabrina and Sanaea Warden also joined us in cooking and eating, but then later left.

This lock-in was hosted by Arnavaz Sethna and Nazneen Khumbatta. Thank you to Tanaaz and Edul Chikhliwala for getting the mix of cookies.

We started the lock-in with talking and chilling with each other while waiting for everyone else to come. This was followed by lots of baking and cooking. The middle group not only made cookies but Dhan Dar and Kheemo! YUM! This was followed by dinner and dessert of course.

After dinner, we played around, chased each other, and became very rowdy. Thankfully, Arnavaz aunty called us for a lesson. This time the theme was Kusti making, but due to technical difficulties, it became a Persepolis theme.

Filled with the history of Persepolis, we saw a 45-minute video that helped us understand what really happened to Persepolis, and what Persopolis really was. Now it was time to go to sleep, we said our Nirang-E Sarosh Yasht Vadi Prayers and went to sleep around 12 am.

We woke up at 8 am, even though the plan was to wake up at 7 am (no complaints here). We got dressed and then said our prayers. We then ate a good breakfast. Thank you Minaz Aunty for the delicious Akoori, and all the other moms who helped make breakfast. After breakfast, we played until our Sunday School Session time. And then went into session.

Thank you to Arnavaz Aunty, Nazneen Aunty, and all the other parents who helped make this lock-in possible!
MEALS ON WHEELS  
By Nazneen Khumbatta

I would like to remind everyone of our annual fund drive for Meals on Wheels.

Interfaith Ministry's Meals on Wheels of Greater Houston program feeds many seniors every day and there are hundreds more who are waiting to be on the list. While the number on the waiting list keeps increasing, IM has to raise enough money to keep feeding those currently on their program as well as adding everyone who needs a meal as fast as they can. To this end, IM does an annual fundraising drive for one year's worth of hot meals home-delivered to seniors for $1200 of donations.

The Manna Group is made up of individuals, congregations, businesses, foundations and other organizations that sponsor one or more seniors at $1,200 per year. That's the average cost to serve home-delivered hot meals to one senior for one year.

Growing up in the Indo-Pak subcontinent, we grew up hearing the mantra "Parsi, thy name is Charity". ZAH has been in this community for 30 years. We need to keep that charitable spirit alive by actively stepping forward and DOING charitable actions. In addition to the legacy of Dar E Mehers and trust funds, our future generations need to have a legacy from us not just of wealth and structures, but of consistently kind, charitable and community-minded actions. With that motivation, the future generations of our Zoroastrian community can take a leading role in the world once again.

We are appealing to the membership to donate whatever they can afford so that one Senior can be sponsored by The Zoroastrian Association of Houston. Apart from helping the cause, this will "create awareness" of Zoroastrians in the Greater Houston area which is so important for our survival and growth.

We would appreciate if you could make the checks out to

Zoroastrian Association of Houston

You can mail checks to

The ZAH Treasurer
Attn: Meals on Wheels Donation
8787 W. Airport Blvd.
Houston, TX 77071

Or bring it at our Fasli NoRouz function on March 24, 2018 where you may hand it to Nazneen Khumbatta or Mitra Khumbatta, our treasurer.

I are sure, you, the Zoroastrian Community of Houston will come forward and help.

Ushta Te
When we are kids birthdays are very important to us. We love the attention we get, and receive gifts at parties. Up until 60/70 years ago, and some may still do it, mothers poured milk with rose petals on the head of the birthday kid when he/she would go into shower, just to make the kid feel special. But why is it so auspicious day of our lives.

Dastur Maneck N. Dhalla in his book HOMAGE UNTO AHURA MAZDA writes:

Birth is the perpetuation of the ancestral lineage. Our renowned fathers observed and honored their birthdays, above all other days and festively celebrated them. They celebrated with grateful heart thanking Ahura Mazda for his numerous favors and mercies during the past year. “With heartfelt satisfaction I look behind to the year I have lived. I have lived it as thou didst wish me to live. With hopeful eyes do I now look to the coming year.”

Dasturji further writes “My birthday today reminds me that my life is shortened by a year. I have untangled the threads of the mystery of life. Life is not a shadow and not a dream. It is a tremendous reality. Short as the span of my life is, I will make the best use of every moment of my waking life. I accept life on its own terms. Favored of fortune or bereft of it, the accident of my birth will not determine my career. I will make my own way through life. On this auspicious day in my life I resolve that I will make my life all anew. I will make it good and great by my own effort and my own worth. I will live the dawning year to the glory of my illustrious Iranian ancestors.”

“May all your coming birthdays appear as brilliant and as joyful as they have always been, may the sun shine for many a years to come to declare your happy birthdays.”

“Lay thy hands, Ahura Mazda, upon my head on this my birthday and shower thy blessings of happy life and healthy life and good life and long life.”

FOR SALE – BADAM NI BOI

Bakhtavar Desai, in Cincinnati, OH is a very active member of their Zoroastrian organization, ZAKOI Zoroastrian Association of Kentucky, Ohio and Indiana. ZAKOI members are looking to have their own worship center and Bakhtavar does this fundraiser every year. Here is a letter from Bakhtavar. Please call her direct if you would like to place an order.

Dear Friends,

Once again it's that time of the year when I sell the delicious Badam Ni Bois to raise funds for our ZAKOI's future worship center. I choose to do this fundraiser around the auspicious occasion of Navroze coming up in March, because the 'Fish' is a symbol of Happiness, Prosperity & Abundance in the Zoroastrian culture. The fish itself, or a sweet dessert shaped like a fish, is often used to give as a gift of goodwill and friendship among friends and family on various good occasions.

This fundraiser is supported by Zoroastrians around North America, and I hope that we get good support of this within our own community. Please buy these Bois to celebrate Navroze in your homes, or send as Navroze goodwill gifts to your neighbors, friends, clients, and family. It is also a wonderful way to create awareness of our ancient sweet culture and its celebrations like Navroze among our non-Zoroastrian friends!!!

The delicious Badam ni Bois are made for us by our very own Roshan Rivetna (one of the most prominent Zoroastrians in NA, and an amazingly giving, wonderful person) who we had the pleasure to meet at our Gahambar in November last year. This fundraiser would not be possible without Roshan and Rohinton Rivetna's help, for which I am deeply grateful to them.

The Bois are $32 for a Pair, or $18 for 1 Boi

You can send me your orders, and I will either give them to you personally before Navroze, or mail them to you for an added postage cost, so you can receive it before Navroze.

Please place your orders with me as soon as possible, hopefully by early to mid-March, to enable me to get these to you on time.

Note: All Profits from the sale of these Bois will go to the ZAKOI Center Fund, which is a Fund that the Zoroastrians of KY, OH, & IN are raising to have their own Zoroastrian Worship Center in the future.

Bakhtavar Desai
email bfdesai@aol.com
PH 513-560-0581
ZAH NoRouz Celebration
SATURDAY MARCH 24, 2018 at ZAH CENTER
Main Hall Doors Open at 7:30 p.m.
Entertainment Starts at 8:00 p.m.

Please Click Here to RSVP

We request you RSVP and pay online for this event

For questions please contact:
Azin Italia (713) 678-4898 or
sorabialia@yahoo.com

RATES: (Under 3 yrs. Free) RSVP Deadline: 3/14/18
ZAH Member: 11 years and up - $29**
ZAH Non-Member: 11 years and up - $47
Member Children (3-10 yrs): $15**
Non- Member Children (3-10 yrs): $20

** Membership rate applies if 2018 membership has been paid by 3/14/18
- Non-member rates apply for all RSVP's and payments received after 3/14/18. Kids over 18 years must have separate membership from their parents
- Member rates apply to out-of-town guests of members (if online RSVP, online payment, and check (if applicable)) received by 3/14/18
- Our goal remains to keep these functions as affordable as possible so you as a ZAH members 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 how families live. 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 in better economic times, there will be plenty of opportunities to remember and help our own community members and your own association a thousand times over.

If paying by check, your check must be received by 3/14/18 at:

ZAH
Attn: NoRouz 2018
6737 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 2018" on the envelope

Food Caters from AGA'S Restaurant
Organized by: ZAH Entertainment
ZAH Library
Presents

DINYAR PATEL & CYRUS RIVETNA
April 21, 2018

Dinyar Patel is an assistant professor of South Asian History at the University of South Carolina. He received his PhD from Harvard University in 2015. He is co-editor of “Dadabhao Naoroji: Selected Private Papers” (Oxford University Press, 2016).

PROGRAM

9:30 am—Meet & Greet

10:00 am—Dinyar Patel
Her too: Dadabhao Naoroji, the Grand Old Man of India, pioneer of women’s education

12:00 to 1:00 Lunch

1:00 pm—Cyrus Rivetna

Building for the Future: Using Architecture to Perpetuate Zoroastrian Religious Practice in North America

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Zarathushth Heritage & Cultural Center
Saturday, April 21, 2018
Lecture is FREE
Lunch is $10.00 per head
RSVP: Arnavaz Sethna
<ahsethna@yahoo.com>
Be Involved. Save Lives.

OUR MISSION IS TO SAVE LIVES by delivering cures to people diagnosed with life-threatening blood cancers through marrow transplants. But we can't do this important work alone. We work with amazing partners and volunteers like you to help the more than 14,000 patients in need of transplant. JOIN US!

Sharmin, a young Zoroastrian in Melbourne, Australia, has recently been diagnosed with Chronic Lymphatic Leukemia (CLL). She has 2 boys, 11 and 7 years old, a wonderful husband that she has been married to for over 12 years and was living life before she was diagnosed.

Her doctors advised that in order to beat the cancer, she needs a bone marrow transplant. Unfortunately her sister was not a match for her. Sharmin is now relying on a complete stranger to save her life and searching the unrelated marrow donor database for a match. Anyone can be her match but the likelihood of finding a match will come from someone of the same ethnicity as Sharmin.

Please take 10 minutes of your time, visit the Be the Match booth, fill out a consent form and swab your cheek cells. You could be that needle in a haystack for a patient in need.

To be a donor you must be:
1. Between the ages of 18-44
2. Be willing to help any patient in need
3. Be in general good health

You can join online: http://join.marrow.org/swabforsharmin

Note: The cheek swab sample only adds your tissue types to the registry. Usually it takes six to eight weeks to test the samples. If you come up as a potential match, you need to go for a blood test (takes a few minutes like an annual blood test), and usually the results come in 30 to 60 days. If you are chosen as a perfect match, then after the medical evaluation, you donate through one of the following procedures.

PBSC (Peripheral blood stem cell) donation is one of two methods of collecting blood-forming cells for bone marrow transplantation. This is a nonsurgical and most common way to donate today. You’d receive a drug that increases the number of cells in your bloodstream that are used for transplant. These cells are gathered in an outpatient procedure. Usually donors go back to their normal routine in 1 to 2 days.

Traditional Marrow Donation is outpatient surgical process, performed under anesthesia. After donation you may have some short-term discomfort in your lower back. Usually donors go back to their normal routine in 2 to 7 days.

For more information contact
Gaytri Kapoor @ 281-780-1379
gkapoor@givablood.org

Marrow Donor Registration Drive
March 24th from 7pm to 10pm
Zarathushtri Heritage and Cultural Center
8787 West Airport Blvd
Houston, Texas 77071

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