**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

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

**TIME:** Different timings for each group

**DATE:** November 14, 2021

**Children's Session:** The Sunday School session starts at 11.00 a.m. Join in by Zoom

**Middle Group:** The Sunday School session at 10.00 a.m. - physically & Zoom

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**WE ARE NOW ON CENTRAL STANDARD TIME ON NOVEMBER 7, 2021**

Disclaimer and Authorizations – When attending any events at ZHCC premises, please abide by all the State of Texas and Harris County regulations prevalent on the day. The attendee(s) will NOT hold ZAH or any board member or the organizer(s), responsible for any COVID-19 related or any other sickness, accidents and/or mishaps either to themselves, to their vehicles or any other vehicle(s), person(s) and/or property. All the rules, regulations and disclaimers are effective upon members entering ZHCC premises on the "day of the event" and shall remain effective until they leave the ZHCC premises that day.

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Sunday, November 14, 2021 – Cricket World Cup Finals & ZAH Indoor Sports Day

Friday, December 31, 2021 – New Year's Eve Celebrations

Friday, January 14 & 15, 2022 – Library Event - Celebrating Zoroastrian Authors

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**REPORT**

**LIBRARY Report**  
By: Meheryar Rivetna

The Story of the Zoroastrians: An Historical Perspective  
An Audio Book by Rashna Writer

There are very few scholars who are as qualified as Rashna Writer to give us a panorama of the history of the followers of this ancient religion.

Rashna Writer has created an audiobook titled **The Story of the**
**ZAH EXECUTIVE MEMBERS**

Dungor, Nozer – Chairman  
Gandhi, Kamalrukh  
Hormuzdi, Khursheed  
Katrak, Percy  
Khumbatta, Kershaw  
Dastur, Khursheed – Secretary  
Billimoria, Farokh – Treasurer  
FEZANA Rep – Nazanin Sarkari  

**OUR ERVADS (PRIESTS)**

Boomla, Noozar  
Buchia, Kyrus  
Dastur, Barjor  
Dastur, Darius  
Desai, Adi  
Desai, Farrokh  
Firozgary, Bahrom  
Gonda, Pervez  
Kanga, Neville  
Katrak, Rayomand  
Katrak, Vispi  
Khumbatta, Noshir  
Kotwal, Zubin  
Masani, Dara  
Nariman, Khushrav  
Pavri, Shapur  
Sanjana, Bahmanshah  
Sanjana, Kurush  
Sidhwa, Kayomarz  
Sidhwa, Maneck  
Sidhwa, Yazad  
Unwalla, Peshotan  
Vimaldalal, Freyaan  
Vimaldalal, Khushroo

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**Zoroastrians: An Historical Perspective**. Starting with the Achaemenid dynasty and then moving on to the Parthian and Sasanian eras the book provides an overview of Zoroastrian history. She then moves on to discuss the Arab invasion of Iran, its Islamization, and the impact it had on the Zoroastrians. Rashna Writer shows how the Muslim hegemony in Iran affected the survival of the Zoroastrian religion, its adherents and their subsequent migration to India where their interactions with the British during the Raj led to the community's rise to prominence and contributions to India.

With an academic background in political science, Rashna Writer has held positions in academia, served as a strategic risk advisor to numerous organizations in the U.K., and authored several books. She has participated at international conferences and lectured in the UK, USA, and the Indian sub-continent on Iranian history.

The audiobook is available on Rashna Writer's website: [www.rashnawriter.com](http://www.rashnawriter.com).

**ZAH YOUTH GROUP BLOOD DRIVE**

By Zal Italia

On October 10th, during Ghambar, the ZAH Youth Group held their annual blood drive with Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center. We were able to collect 15 units of blood. Thank you to the 13 adults and teens who donated blood, and helped out with the blood drive!

**ATASH KADEH NEWS – OCTOBER-NOVEMBER 2021**

By Persis Behramsha

We are finally looking at some cool weather now. Hope everyone is taking advantage of getting out and enjoying nature, more often.

The sponsors for our monthly Behram Roj Jashan for November 2021 are families of Roshan & Percy Behramsha, Kamalrukh Gandhi, Yasmin & Sheroy Haveliwala, Jasmin & Percy Katrak and Manek & Khushrav Nariman.

We thank our Mobeds Maneck Sidhwa and Pervez Gonda along with Mobeds Bahmanshah Sanjana, Khushrav Nariman, Noshir Khumbatta and Bahrom Firozgary for participating in the Maidyozarem Ghambhar Jashan prayers.

We will have the After Life Prayers rate schedule on the web site shortly, so please refer to that and let us know if you have any questions or comments.
Example:
Prayers for the first 4 days after passing
Cost = $1,000 to $1,250, per Mobed
This includes 2 to 3 Sarosh Prayers, Uthamnno Prayers and Pathli Raat Prayers. Sukhar, Loban, and Prayer Utensils are included.

This month, we had a generous donation of Sukhar & Loban from our community members. Thank you to Roshen & Nano Daroowala, Pervin & Vispi Sagar, Aban & Eric Umrigar. We now have a supply of Sukhar that we earnestly needed, thanks to all of you.

We thank our youth Natasha Kanga, Natasha Dungor, Ariana Anklesaria and Jidina Mory for participating in the Humbandagi prayers. We love your participation and hope many more youth can join. Special thanks to Natasha Kanga for volunteering on her own to pray on several occasions and also for selecting appropriate prayers for each weekend. We commend you on your interest and eagerness to participate.

Please save the Zoom link below for your quick access. Remember that if you ever need it in the future, it is always available on ZAH.org under the Atash Kadeh drop down menu.

We have also posted the Jashan Calendar as well as Rates and other information for quick review. Please check out the web site and give us your input.

ZOOM LINK:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4192191997?pwd=JASHAN
Zoom meeting ID: 4192191997
Password: JASHAN

Our committee members are happy to be of service any time. Please reach out to any one of us and we will be happy to answer your questions. You can always email AtashKadeh.ZAH@gmail.com or call Persis Behramsha 713-294-7747, for more information.

CONGRESS 2000 LEGACY
By: Homi Davier

Dear Students:
The application for the 2021 ZAH Legacy Awards is uploaded and here is a link.
http://zah.org/congress2000legacy-2/

Do note that the last day to submit your applications is January 15, 2022. Also these Awards are not just for New Grads going off to college. Some Awards also allow students in college or doing post grad studies to apply too (providing they have NOT won Legacy Award before). We urge more to apply.
BOOK STUDY GROUP
PRESENTLY STUDYING
ZARATHUSHTRA:
THE MAN AND THE MESSAGE

For the past two years there has been a dearth of applications and had you applied & met the criteria, then you could have been an awardee?

Recognizing our achievers … every month we wish to showcase one of our students and feature their journey from winning their award to entering the work environment they studied for. If you are a past winner, send us 15-20 lines on what you have done, what you are doing now and what is your aim for a lovely future.

Finally, the Award time is here again and if you wish to set up an award with the name of a loved one, NOW IS THE TIME TO MAKE YOUR MOVE!

YOUR LEGACY TEAM
HOMI DAVIER
VISPI SAGAR
FARZAD SUNAVALA

STUDY GROUP

In our July Manashni report, ZAH Library had announced the start-up of a religious discussion group for ZAH members interested in enhancing their knowledge and understanding of Zoroastrian principles and teachings. We proposed to commence with Meheryar Rivetna's recently published book *Zarathustra: The Man And The Message*. This Study Group has started and meets the third Sunday of every month. Here are the links for September and October:

**SEPTEMBER**
https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/Yod6j0I54N52TmQpdoAdB2rTYPC51u-y3G6H4278zNrVGuQMu-JaqHzPFVH6GBnw.cck5xrzdne0wnjD
Passcode: UdUp%&51

**OCTOBER**
https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/Yod6j0I54N52TmQpdoAdB2rTYPC51u-y3G6H4278zNrVGuQMu-JaqHzPFVH6GBnw.cck5xrzdne0wnjD
Passcode: &FGkr*?8

If interested, please contact Arnavaz Sethna at ahsethna@yahoo.com

WE HAVE MOVED

Lyla, Danny, Darius & Xerxes Aga have moved. Their new address:
2414 Silent Brook Trail
Round Rock, TX 78665

Berzin & Peredi Bhandara have moved. Their new address:
2 Bending Oaks Lane
Houston, TX 77024
It was 1893 when Ervad Jivanji Modi traveled for months and across continents to serve as a representative of the Zoroastrian faith to attend the 1st Parliament of the World’s Religions.

And in October 2021 the 8th Parliament of the World’s Religions, 100 Zoroastrians registered and participated as attendees or presenters from the comfort of their homes.

And while we were thrilled to see Lord Karan Billimoria, Zerbanoo Gifford, Vada Dasturji Khurshed Dastoor address the Plenary Session we are immensely proud of Mahtab B. Dastur who effortlessly and skillfully moderated the session on the “Waters of Life: Zoroastrian Ecological Tenets” on 18th October, 2021.

In preparation for this session, Mahtab and her team from around the world (India, UK, Singapore, Canada, US) met every Saturday from 6:30-8 am CDT for about 6 months to collaborate, discuss and create a collective presentation which would capture their audience as well as inform them regarding the importance of water in Zoroastrian religion and the Tanka System. The panelists talked about the ancient Qanats and the Tanka system in Bharuch. The Tanka system is a rain-water harvesting system, invented many years ago in Iran to preserve water for use during long, arid summers when water was scarce. Many centuries later, many are facing the same problem - lack of clean, drinking water. The goal of the presentation was to apprise the audience of a potential solution to water scarcity that is easy to implement and adopt. The team hopes that, as a result of this session, the word will spread and more effort will be made across the globe to provide potable water for those who don't have it.

Mahtab was extremely grateful for the experience and the opportunity to work with such an intelligent, kind, and caring group of people (Kavas Kapadia, Karishma Koka, Vanshika Singh, Vispi Kasad, Shernaz Cama, Behram Pastakia, Afreed Mistry) from around the world. She felt that one of the most rewarding moments was when audience members asked questions to understand more about the Tanka System. She says this was rewarding, because it meant people were really listening and actually considering the massive impact rain-water harvesting systems, such as the Tanka could have to combat water scarcity. This also made her feel like she was contributing towards the betterment of humankind.

Another session at the Parliament of the World’s Religion was Interfaith Perspectives on Ecology, Climate Change, and Sustainability at which Farzad Sunavala was a Panelist.

This panel discussion explored the perspectives of various religious groups on environmental issues, particularly global climate change and sustainability. Panelists shared the teachings from their various faiths on this matter and provided their perspective on how their faith inspires and guides them to address modern-day environmental issues.
California Zoroastrian Center ran a drawing contest. The contestants had to read a story that was provided and do a drawing pertaining to that. Two ZAH children won this drawing contest. Here are the results as announced by Artemis Javanshir of CZC.

Artemis writes:
Many thanks to all the contestants for their amazing entries, our contest judges, CZC Board of Directors, Chehreh Nama Magazine, Mr. Parviz Manoochehri our webmaster, Ms. Shania Ghassemi and Ms. Azadeh Hormozdiari for making our flyer, all the individuals and organizations who helped distribute our flyer.

Top drawings in each group will be awarded $100 and a certificate. The honorable mention’s score was extremely close to the top drawing and will be awarded $50 and a certificate.

All the drawings will be show cased on our website in a few days for everyone’s enjoyment. 
http://www.czc.org/contest

In the age group of 12 – 16 years old:

Ms. Natasha N. Dungor from Spring, TX

After her mother’s demise, Golnaz faced a dilemma. She enjoyed learning poetry and longed to go to Tehran University, but had to take care of her younger siblings. But what was the right thing to do? Follow her passion or fulfill her responsibility towards her family. Should she sacrifice her dreams for tomorrow to the realities of today?

Honorable mention: Ms. Arnaz Irani from Sugar Land, TX

In my illustration, I have drawn different moments that lead up to Golnaz’s better life after the loss of her mother. I have included Ms. Bastani on the right to represent all of the moments Golnaz spent working with her, the ice cream in Donya’s hand to depict the time the three sisters went out for ice cream, and their uncle who helped take care of them after they met. I also drew Golnaz studying, and her ability to retrieve her mother’s rug after she was able to earn more money. Golnaz struggled with her life at first, but in the end, her destiny led her to a life she was content with.
Cricket World Cup Finals and ZAH Indoor Sports Day

As some of you already know, the Cricket World Cup fever has caught on again so we are planning to watch the **FINALS of the T20 Cricket World Cup on Sunday, November 14th from 9 am to 1:30 pm**. Please sign up here >>>>>Cricket World Cup Finals & ZAH Indoor Sports Day – ZAH to avoid missing all the FUN. As a cherry on top, if Pakistan and/or India are the finalists it will be a blast for sure with some very patriotic Zoros going against each other with some flowery language and friendly banter. As Zoros, we can never ignore food, so we have arranged for breakfast, tea, etc. as well as some **delicious mouth-watering Mutton Dhansak, Kababs and Kachumber for lunch catered by our very own Naushad Mehta**.

To add to that, the ZAH Sports Committee has planned a very exciting afternoon/evening with an **Indoor ZAH Sports tournament planned for Table Tennis / Carom tournament starting at around 2 pm**. Please sign up at the above link for accurate headcount. We know a lot of community friends play **indoor games like Mahjong, cards, etc.** so we will be very happy to accommodate them as well by providing a dedicated area from 2 pm onwards as long as all register appropriately. As it’s Sunday School Day, all kids, parents, teachers and guests are cordially invited to sign up and have lunch with us as well as participate in the ZAH Indoor Sports tournament.

If paying by check, please make sure it reaches ZAH by Nov 11th 2021

**Program for the Day:**
- 9:00 am - Start of Cricket Match Finals
- 9:30 am - Breakfast with Tea
- 1:00 pm - Lunch
- 1:30 pm - End of Cricket Match Finals
- 2:00 pm - Start of ZAH Indoor Sports Tournament
- 4:30 pm - Tea and Snacks
- 6:30 pm - Finals of the ZAH Indoor Sports tournament

The registrations will close on Nov 9th or earlier once capacity is reached with no walk-ins allowed due to catering and other time constraints.

Let’s make this a great FUN DAY on Sunday at the ZHCC.

Regards
ZAH Sports Committee and Cricket Aficionados
Dear Community Members,

As most of you know, we launched our Raffle drive for the **beautiful Royal Purple Hand Embroidered Gara Saree with studded pearls designed by our world renowned Ashdeen Z. Lilaowala** during the Gahambar this past Sunday, Oct 10th (Flyer attached). A lot of you were inquiring about purchasing the Raffle tickets, so we have created a page on our website to enable you to buy the Raffle tickets. To buy the tickets please click [HERE](#).

This is a great opportunity for all to add this gorgeous Hand Embroidered Gara Saree (with a blouse piece included) to your collection. The Raffle Winner drawing will be during the Navroze function on March 26, 2022 and you do not need to be present at the event to win. The Gara Saree will be shipped to the winner free of cost within the United States so please send this link to all your family members, friends and acquaintances across the United States. Raffle tickets are currently being printed and will be given to all the buyers in due course.

**PLEASE NOTE:** All those who have already purchased the raffle tickets during the Gahambar need not input their tickets again on our website as we will register your tickets on our website.

Thank you all for your generosity and support in advance and hope to have a very successful Raffle drive.

Sincerely
NAZC2024 Committee
NEW YEAR’S EVE CELEBRATIONS
By: NAZC2020 Committee

As y’all know we have started registrations for our New Year’s Eve GALA on Dec 31st 2021 and we already have a great response. Due to difficulty with securing personnel (maids, security, bartenders, etc.) on New Year’s Eve day we have limited capacity and will have to close registration much sooner than expected so please do not wait until the last minute. Please register soon to avail of the EARLY BIRD prices and avoid disappointment. The details are mentioned in the NYE2021 FLYER and to register, please click here NEW YEAR’S EVE CELEBRATIONS. NO WALK-INS will be allowed.

We promise you a night filled with great fun and surprises as we create a true "VEGAS EXPERIENCE" never seen before and bring in 2022 with a BIG BANG!!! It will include separate lounge areas with dance music and Gaming Vegas style, an OPEN BAR, a delicious mouthwatering delectable spread of Fusion Cuisine which includes food for every palate as well as an after-Midnight snack, Balloon drop, party favors, Champagne toast at midnight, Fabulous Door prizes, etc....

During registration please do not forget to buy your raffle tickets and to view the flyer click here NYE2021 RAFFLE TICKETS. Prizes include a convertible laptop, designer necklace and our famous very own Cillie’s yummy goodies. Also, we have only limited “RESERVED TABLES so book them soon to sit with your family and friends.

We are looking for Sponsors/Donors as well as $25 & $50 gift cards/restaurants vouchers so if you would like to become a Sponsor or donate, please call Yasmin Medhora at (713) 301-1521 or Kayo Sidhwa at (832) 802-3036.

Thank you and we look forward to making this event another huge success with your participation and support.
NAZC 2024

New Year Eve 2021 Raffle

Win awesome prizes
Drawing at New Year Eve Gala
12/31/2021

Tickets: 1 for $10 or 3 for $20 or 10 for $50

Diamond & Blue Topaz Necklace in 14 Karat white gold.
0.39 c Diamond & 7.42 c Topaz

Acer Convertible Laptop
Intel Celeron N4020,
11.6" HD Touch screen

Cillie’s Basket
Filled with delicious goodness.

For tickets contact Yasmin Medhora at (713) 301-1521
or Kayo Siddha at (832) 802-3036
Drawing on 12/31/2021 @ NYE Gala.
Do not have to be present to win.
Free Shipping for winners outside Greater Houston