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SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

TIME: Different timings for each group

DATE: May 14,, 2023

Children's Session: The Sunday School session starts at **11:00 a.m. in-person and by Zoom**

Middle Group: The Sunday School session at **11:00 a.m. – in-person & by Zoom**



Youth Group: The Sunday School session at 10:00 a.m. **In person**



HOMI DAVIER – ANOTHER ZAH ICON PASSES



It is with a heavy heart we announce that **Homi Davier** passed away on Sunday, May 7, 2023. He is survived by his wife Nergish, daughter Jenisteen and sisters Kashmirira Eruch Commissariat and Benaifer Marzi Tarapore.

Homi was a caring individual and had the best interest at heart for his community, in particular the youth. He was very passionate about the Legacy Scholarship Fund and pushed young adults to be on this Committee. Entrepreneur at heart, he was involved with World Zarathushti Chamber of Commerce (WZCC) right from its inception. His last gift to the community is the 2023 Directory where he raised over \$25,000. Homi will be missed by the Community.

May Ahura Mazda grant him Garothman Behesht.

The family requests that instead of flowers, please donate to the ZAH Congress Legacy Scholarship Fund with ZAH.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, May 12, 2023 – WZCC/Library Event - POSTPONED

Sunday, June 4, 2023 - Maidhyarem Ghambar

Friday, Saturday & Sunday – Z-Camp and NAMC AGM
- June 23-25, 2023

Saturday, July 1 through 4 – Atash Kadeh Event

Saturday, July 22, 2023 – Youth Group Fund Raiser

Saturday & Sunday, July 29 & 30 – NAMC Mobed Training
Hosted by ZAH

REPORTS

ZAH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Aderbad Tamboli – Chairman
Percy Master – Secretary
Farokh Billimoria – Treasurer

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Kershaw Khumbatta – Member
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LIBRARY REPORT

BOOK REVIEW - *Of Light and Shadow* by Tanaz Bhathena

By: Aban Rustomji



Tanaz Bhathena, the winner of the Inaugural Bapsi Sidhwa Literary Prize, has a new novel about magic, mayhem, love, and betrayal—the story of a bandit and a prince who change each other in unexpected ways. Please check this book out from our library or order a copy from amazon.com

When they don't give us our birthright, we steal it.

Roshan Chaya is out for justice. Abandoned by her parents at birth and adopted by the kingdom of Jwala's most notorious bandit before his brutal murder, she is now leader of the Shadow Clan, a gang of farmers-turned-bandits impoverished by the provincial governor's atrocities and corruption. Roshan's goal is to avenge her adoptive father and earn back rights and dignity for her people.

Prince Navin has always felt like an outcast. Second in line for the throne, he has never been close to his grandmother, Queen Bhairavi of Jwala. When a night out drinking with friends leads to his capture by the infamous Shadow Clan, Navin schemes to befriend Roshan and use her to escape. His ploy, however, brings Navin closer to the corruption and poverty at the heart of Roshan's province, raising questions about its governor and Navin's own family.

To further complicate things, the closer Roshan and Navin get, the harder it becomes to fight their growing attraction. But how can they trust each other when the world as they know it starts to fall apart? Set in a magical world inspired by the badlands of 17th-century India, this epic fantasy novel is packed with political tensions, dangerous schemes, and swoon-worthy romance that asks the age-old question: can love conquer all?

ATASH KADEH NEWS

By: Persis Behramsha

During Spring time, Texas brings us the natural beauty of wildflower colors to brighten our lives. Hope many of you were able to catch a good glimpse of these wonderful colors.

April began with the Sponsored Behram Roj festivities, hosted by families of Roshan & Percy Behramsha, Aban Chhor, Yasmin & Sheroy Haveliwala, Jasmin & Percy Katrak and Tanaz Sunavala. Thank you to each of you for sponsoring and also for the yummy snacks which were thoroughly enjoyed by all. It is great to enjoy the happy chatter in the foyer while meeting and greeting everyone after the Jashan.

We also celebrated the Adar Mahino Adar Roj Parab Jashan which was sponsored once again by Nazneen & Kershaw Khumbatta and family.

ADARYAN PARABH JASHAN



PAST NAMC AGM



CARNIVAL – YOUTH GROUP TABLE



Mobed Noshir Khumbatta made sure to participate in the prayers and gave a brief highlight of what the Parab means, and how it is celebrated. Adar is the divinity that presides over Fire. It is the Giver of Light and the Giver of Life. Mobeds Khushrav Nariman and Bahmanshah Sanjana also joined Mobeds Pervez Gonda and Maneck Sidhwa for the prayers. Thank you to the family for your generous sponsorship and donation.

Since our Atash Kadeh has a 24-hour wood burning fire a lot of maintenance is constantly required to keep all components functional.

Our special thanks go out to Yezdi Engineer for taking on the enormous task of cleaning the Kebla Exhaust. We value all the time and effort you put in, to coordinate all the pre and post cleaning setup and also for conducting any additional work that needed attention over the Kebla Dome. We thank you for making sure that whatever was required, was completed properly. Yezdi, your efforts do not go unnoticed. We thank you and Jamshed Dudha for your help with this project and we know we can count on you to support our Atash Kadeh always. We also take this opportunity to thank Rustum Challa for taking care of maintenance issues promptly. We appreciate that you constantly check on the Atash Kadeh and take care of whatever is necessary.

We have now installed an Audio System to enable everyone to hear the prayers or speakers in the Prayer Hall as well as the Main Hall. For this, we thank our ever-generous donors Feroze and Shernaz Bhandara for donating the full cost of the Audio System. In addition, we thank Khushrav Nariman, Aderbad Tamboli and Darius Tamboli for installing the complete system which is now ready for use.

NAMC AGM is set for June 24 -25, 2023. Hope to see many of you for the lecture series.

Khushrav Nariman (Chairperson), Feroze Bhandara, Shernaz Bhandara, Rohintan Deputy, Persis Behramsha.

YOUTH GROUP

By: Roshni Chikhliwala

On April 9th, 2023, the youth group participated in the Annual ZAH Carnival. The youth group sold Beef Samosas, Beef Seek/Sheesh kabobs, and Chicken Cutlets. We made approximately \$365 net profit.

A special note of thanks to the following folks: Khursheed Hormuzdi, who generously went out of her way to order and pick up the food items, and Dastur family who sponsored the samosas for us. On the day of the Carnival, the youth group ran the stalls and also sold lamb chops. Thank you to all the youth parents for their support and donations.

Please come out for the Youth Fundraiser on July 22nd. Finally, a big thank you to our Mentors, Teachers, and Youth Group Officers and members.

**GOLDEN GROUP
A DRIVE BY WILDFLOWERS**



WILD FLOWERS



MISCELLANEOUS

GOLDEN GROUP NEWS

By Jehanbux Mehta

BREATH OF FRESH AIR

The younger ones may not have ever heard of it, but we goldies would remember the song which promised flowers in bloom in May after the April showers. But this year, it was in March that it really poured but that was truly god sent as that brought out the beautiful wildflowers around Brenham in early April.

Announcements for outings on April 01 are usually not taken seriously. But on that day Mother Nature played no pranks as the daring among the Golden Group ventured out for a breath of fresh air. To be away from the nauseous air, the horrendous traffic and the madding crowd, if even for just one day, was glorious relief. The sun was out and with a cool breeze comforting us, it was a day made for us.

Three cars with eager riders made off at 10:45 a.m. from ZAH Center to Brenham, 70 miles away. On the sides of the unclogged highway after crossing Chappell Hill, could be seen patches of wildflowers. Pleasing to the eyes but nowhere close to what we were to see later. Walmart on the other side of the town was a welcome comfort stop after 75 minutes of non-stop driving. Here, another car of four who had driven directly to the meeting place joined the others. It was now time to go on the floral safari, driving down the route charted by me. First, behind the supermarket where the largest field of bluebonnets awaited us. Smiles aplenty for the picture ops. Members were advised to stay on trodden paths so as not to trample the flowers and, more importantly, not to disturb the rattlesnakes. Believe me: we have encountered one on one of our trips.

Next, into the 'wilderness' – a drive down narrow winding streets past ranches to view the gorgeous wildflowers, in particular the orange Indian Paint Brush, displaying their beauty in abundance never before seen before on the several annual pilgrimages made by Sillie and me. Just as well we had planned to go by cars instead of by bus as that gave us the freedom to stop at will for the many forays in the vast fields and, of course, photographs.

A late lunch was taken at the rustic Lone Star Southern Grille beyond Brenham for darn good Western chow, enough to fill not only your appetite but also a doggie bag. There's a helluva lot to see and do in this area: picnicking at the Chappell Hill Lavender Farm, peach picking seated in a horse drawn wagon, the Blue Bell ice-cream factory, farmlands in Washington County with a stop at historic Independence where in 1836 Texas parted from Mexico and viewing from atop the bund the huge Sommerville Lake. We will have to leave these for yet another day as each is a full day's excursion. For now, it was time to head back home to reminisce the wonderful day we had.

CARNIVAL

Faluda etc



Items to go



Chutney and Paatla



Sev & Dahi, Khatai, etc



24th ANNUAL ZAH CARNIVAL

By: Yasmin Medhora

The 24th Annual ZAH Carnival was held on Sunday, April 9, 2023. A total of \$10,578/- was donated to the ZAH. Thanks to each and every one of you who attended the Carnival, cooked food which was sold at the stalls, purchased food at the Carnival and volunteered your time. The hall was buzzing with people as they were shopping, eating and enjoying the peppy music played by our very own DJ Gary. It was very nice to see many young parents bring their newborns to the Carnival. There were many out of towners too this year.

All food items were cooked and donated by various families mentioned below:

Jasmin & Percy Katrak all items and trimmings for Bhel, Sev & Dahi Batata Poori; Nergish Davier, Meher Anklesaria and Zarina Elavia 5 lbs potatoes each and Farida Merchant kothmir onions and green chillies for the chaat area. Minaz & Nozer Dungor Chicken Dhansak and Rice; Shernaz & Affraz Boomla onions for various dishes; Shirin & Bahadur Sarkari Chicken Curry; Yasmin Engineer & Yasmin Haveliwala Rice for curry; Arni & Piloo Ilavia Omlet and Akoori sandwiches; Nikita & Eric Gagrat Chicken Biryani and dal; Tanaaz & Edul Chikhliwala Turkey Pattice, Turkey Cutlets and Paatra Fish with chutney; Aloo Tata and Farida Divecha Goat Jardaloo Gos; Dinaz & Zubin Mory Ras Margi Potato; Pervin Vispi Sagar & Nargis Homi Cooper Grilled Chicken; Nina & Adil Eduljee Naan; Khursheed & Barjor Dastur Goat Meat Kabobs; Pervin Maneck Sidhwa and Avan Noshir Bhathena Chicken Kaleji; Villoo & Pervez Gonda, Yasmin & Rustom Engineer and Roshan Aunty Sethna contributed for Egg Chutney Pattice - Scotch Eggs (made by Gulmohar); Sizzling Turkey Kheema Katy Gandhi & Khursheed Hormuzdi; Kamal & Peshotan Unwalla Rai Potatoes; Tannaz Maachi Batata Vada; Parveen Irani Poories and Rotlies; Maharukh & Rohintan Deputy Sev & Dahi; Tehmi & Firdaus Dastoor, Arnaz & Jehangir Mistry Parsi Custard; Roshan & Percy Behramsha Falooda with Ice cream; Firozi & Rustom Sabawala Batasa packets; Yasmin Medhora Mango and Pistachio Kulfis; contributed for Khatai (made by Baria), cook books sale, signs, to go boxes, bags, table cloths, paper products, etc.

Youth Stall Arzin & Sorab Italia Goat Chops. Chicken Cutlets, Chicken Samosa and Beef Sheesh Kabobs purchased from Farida Begum – arrangement to order and bring items Khursheed & Yezdi Hormuzdi. Water was sold too. Thanks to all Youth students and parents for helping out in various ways.

Middle group Dilnaz Mory Lamb Kheema rolls; Firozi Sabawala fried Bhajias and made Masala Chai at the Center; Banafsheh Mondegarian regular Chai; Arnavaz & Noshir Kharas Chicken Salad Sandwich; Khursheed & Barjor Dastur Vada Pao; Parynaz & Khushroo Vimadala Chicken Wings; Nazneen & Mehelle Warden Chicken Pattice; Anahita & Shahrzad Nariman Vegetable Samosas and Simin & Karl Masani Chocolate Chip Cookies & Fudge Brownies. We loved the way Toshar Mondegarian went around the hall with the chai kettle on a cart similar to the way they sell chai in India on the railway stations. Thanks to Nazneen Khumbatta, all Middle group students and parents for helping out in various ways.

Hand Made Envelopes



Enjoying the food and Take away



Kids Enjoying a Game



Food, Food & more Food



Vehishta Kaikobad and Khursheed Dastur's Sunday school kids had the popular Fish Pond stall, Easter Egg Hunt, Ring Toss game and Blossom Tree activity. Thanks to all students and parents of this group for pitching in to buy the toys, etc. and helping at the stall.

Delna Surveyor with the encouragement of her parents made a cross stitch frame and candles and donated \$435/- to ZAH. Cake Walk was a lot of fun and the Gift Certificates were donated by Zia & Rustom Anklesaria. Helpers for this game Tannaz Maachi and Khursheed Hormuzdi kept the kids happy with prizes and candies. Piñata filled with yummy candies was donated by Meher & Zubin Vakil. The kids had a blast. As usual Bingo was played and the winners were given gift certificates donated by Nazanin & Rohinton Sarkari, Naushad Mehta and Thrity & Kersi Engineer. Pervin Sagar and Tannaz Machhi sold the bingo tickets and called out the numbers. The Cake for the "Guess the Weight of the Cake" game was also donated by Naushad Mehta. Balloons for décor were donated by Parveen Irani and Banafsheh Mondegarian. By popular demand the Tarot Card Reading was back this year by Arnavaz Sethna. She put in long hours that afternoon for sure!

Thanks to the following for renting tables - Yezdi & Roshan Engineer (paatla, chutney, plants); Delna Minwalla (jellies, masalas, etc); Rashna & Niraj Oak (handmade envelopes, fancy gift bags, etc.) and Mitra & Zubin Mistry (yummy smooth MCBC brand Chocolates).

All proceeds collected by each stall on the day of the Carnival were directly given to our Accountants for the day, Kayo and Farzana Sidhwa. Ultimately all the cash and checks collected along with the details of money made on each table was given to the ZAH Treasurer Farokh (Bill) Billimoria. Thanks to the Web Team, BMC team and Arnavaz & Khursheed for sending the several reminders via eblasts. Also thanks to Percy Katrak and Percy Behramsha for taking pictures during the Carnival.

Thanks also to volunteers not mentioned above – Fred Bhader, Persis Colah, Natalya Katrak, Kermeen Kanga and many more college and working young adults who helped at the Carnival.

Last but not the least ZAH appreciates the generosity of the following families for their cash donations: Ruby & Bejan Anklesaria, Diana & Adil Balsara, Villi & Ken Bhappu, Becky & Kershaw Byramji, Maharukh & Rohinton Deputy, Jehanbux & Shireen Mehta and Delna Minwalla.

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

Z-CAMP 2023 – REGISTRATION OPEN

Dear Kids & Parents

We are so excited to announce that the ZAH Z-Camp will be back better than ever this year from June 23rd-25th, 2023. We are holding a "Camping Under the Stars" theme this year and will be integrating this theme throughout the camp sessions

PAST Z-CAMP PICTURES



SWETA SETHNA



Registration for the Z-Camp 2023 is now open, and you can register [HERE](#).

Online registration closes on June 10th, 2023 or earlier if capacity is reached. Due to safety protocols, no late registrations will be allowed with only 20 (over 12 yrs) out-of-town spots available so please register early.

- When: Saturday, June 24th, 2023 9:00 am onwards – Sunday, June 25th 2023 3:00 pm
 - Friday, June 23rd: 8:00 PM onwards for out-of-towners and Youth Group attendees ONLY
- Ages 12 and Over: Camp overnight for two nights (Bring your sleeping bag and pillows)
- Ages 5-12: Day Camp Only (Sat 10:00am – 10:00pm and Sun 9:00am – 3:00pm)
- Cost: \$30 per Z-Camp attendee
Camp Dinner with Kids (Sat evening Gala) - \$15 per person

For parents/grandparents and guests, due to limited capacity, please join us on Saturday, June 24th at 7:00 pm for the Auction and "Camp Dinner with Kids" (registration required) and on Sunday June 25th at 2:30 pm for the final event, awards, and more! All kids, ages 5-25, come see your old friends and make new ones at a weekend camp which has always been great fun.

Thank you to all those who have already shown interest, although if anyone, between the ages of 22–28 yrs., wishes to volunteer for the Z-camp, please get in touch with Kayo Sidhwa as soon as possible.

As the prices are extremely subsidized, please consider being a Sponsor or Donating to the camp. If interested, please email Kayo Sidhwa at kaysid@hotmail.com. We look forward to seeing you at the Camp!

AWARDS & ACCOLADES Sweta Sethna Honored

Hearty congratulations to our very own Sweta Sethna for recognition for achievements in her career. Sweta is a 2023 honoree of the 25 Influential Women in Energy. All distinguished honorees were celebrated at the Sixth Annual Women in Energy luncheon on February 7, 2023, at the Hilton Americas-Houston in downtown Houston. This blue-ribbon award honors professional women who have excelled in sectors of the oil and gas industry, including exploration and production, acquisitions and divestitures, oilfield services, midstream, finance, ESG and the energy transition. As you know, besides having a successful career as an attorney, Sweta has been an active member and volunteer of ZAH and has also served on the ZAH Board. We are proud of Sweta and wish her continued success.



NAMC Institute of Zoroastrian Studies

Presents an on-line course:

ZOROASTRIAN CONCEPTS

On-line classes: Each Saturday at 2 pm ET starting May 6th, 2023 to June 10th, 2023.

Explore Zoroastrianism through its concepts. Understand their importance in all aspects of cognition. Learn how these concepts influenced the succeeding religious traditions. Build on them to understand the complexity of humanity and spirituality.

<u>Class Schedule:</u>	<u>Topic:</u>	<u>Instructor:</u>
May 6 th , 2023	Zoroastrian Cosmology	Meheryar Rivetna
May 13 th , 2023	Asha – Righteousness	Khushroo Mirza
May 20 th , 2023	Monotheism Vs Dualism	Meheryar Rivetna
June 3 rd , 2023	Responsibility & Fravashi	Kayomارش Mehta
June 10 th , 2023	Life after Death	Meheryar Rivetna

On-line registration at <https://forms.office.com/r/c3vyA0B1Xz>

For Registration form or more information, please email: registrar.izs@namcmobeds.org

ENTERTAINMENT, FOOD, BINGO, GAMES
AT THE NEXT....

YOUTH FUNDRAISER

When: Saturday, July 22nd, 2023 at
7:00 PM

Where: Zarathushthi Heritage and
Cultural Center

Admission fee: \$35

SEE YOU THERE!