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SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

TIME: 11.30 a.m. - Middle Group/ 11 am - Children's group.

DATE: May 10, 2015

Children's Session: Sunday School is at 10.30 am this month. Topic for this month – Tribute to mothers through the story of King Faraidoon followed by Mother's Day project.

Middle Group: This group starts at 11:30 a.m. and is for the children in the middle school. If your child falls in this age group, do please bring him/her to the Sunday School. They now have their own "governance" and have officers who are elected by the kids. It is a very interactive group and children have fun while they learn.

Youth Group: Sarosh Collector conducts this session.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, May 31, 2015, 11 am - Maidhyarem Gahambar (Dae mahino). See attached flyer for RSVP details

Jashan Starts Promptly at 11 a.m., Chaasni at 12:15 p.m., Lunch at 1 p.m.

RSVP by May 25, to avoid additional charges. See attached flyer for details

Friday, June 5, 2015, 7 pm - Sports - Casual Sports evening at ZAH

Fri to Sun, June 26 – June 28 - ZAH Z-CAMP 2015. Registration now open. Details below.

Sunday, July 5, 2015, all day – youth Tirgan Festival

Friday, July 10, 2015, 6 pm – Library Event

Saturday, July 25, 2015 – Youth Desi Night

MEETINGS

GOLDEN GROUP	Fourth Sunday of each month. Interested? Please call Zarine Balsara at 281-304-6611
LIBRARY COMMITTEE	First Sunday of each month at 11:00 AM. Interested in helping? Or would like more information, please call Aban Rustomji at 281-493-1275 or e-mail her at aban@coatingindustries.com

REPORTS

EC REPORT

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE RERPORT

By Entertainment Committee

17TH ZAH CARNIVAL

The 17th Annual Carnival celebrating the anniversary of the ZAH Center was held on April 12 after Sunday school. With the combined effort of all present, an impressive sum of **\$7K plus was donated to the ZAH.**

The success of this event was because each of you with your family and friends attended the Carnival, cooked food, purchased food, played games, volunteered your time and donated items. The team work at every stall was super! A very big effort will be made next year to start selling food at the time given in the flier and not earlier (need volunteers at the door).

Bhel, Sev Poori, Dahi Poori, Spicy Green Chutney and Sweet Chutney Maharukh & Rohinton Deputy; Paani Poori Jasmin Katrak; Grilled Chicken Tikkas and Naan Rustom & Fiona Setna; 100 each Turkey Pattice and Paatra Macchi Tanaaz & Edul Chikhliwala; Dhansak dal and rice Minaz & Nozer Dungor; Chicken Farcha and Mango Pie Nikki & Eric Gagrati; Beef Cutlets Arni Ilavia; Chicken Liver Farzana Sidhwa; more Chicken Liver Roshan Gazdar; Pork Vindaloo, Chicken Masala Khitchri and a rich fruit cake Villie Daboo; Chicken Pulav Persis Behramsha; Sali Chicken Tenaz Sunavala; Chicken Curry Diana Balsara; Rice for curry Yasmin Engineer & Yasmin Haveliwala; Masala Potato Kamal Unwalla; Chicken Pulav Persis Behramsha; Raitoo Katy & Nina Eduljee; Beef Rolls Nargis Cooper; Kheemo Pervin Sagar; Masoor Delna Minwalla.

Falooda & trimmings Khursheed Dastur; Parsi Custar 3 trays Tehmi Dastoor; 1 tray custar Arnaz Mistry; Ravo Avan Rajkot; 2 Rum Cakes Roshan N. Sethna Shrikhand, Pista Kulfi, Sweet Yogurt & Tea Yasmin Medhora; Evening Delight (mukhwas) Kati Tamboli; Mava Samosa (from leftover mava at dal poli bake) made by Nargis C, Yasmin M and Martha at Meher Rustomji's kitchen.

2 large trays full of sliced Onions for curry, dhansak and chicken tikka Shernaz Boomla; Boiled Potatoes for bhel 5 lbs. each Nergish Davier, Farida Merchant, Zarina Elavia and Pervin Sidhwa; Kothmir and Mangoes for Bhel stall Ava Bhatena; Onions for bhel, limbo, cucumber, tomatoes for curry/dhansak kachooobar Yasmin M. Thanks to Farida & Neville Divecha for paying for 125 rotlies and 50 poories; Becky & Kershaw Byramji for paying for paper products used at the Carnival; Nosh Medhora for table cloths, décor, to go boxes and to go bags.

Gracias to our Youth group who sold Hot Dogs, Brownies, Sodas/colored drinks/water bottles and more. Thanks to all the youth and their parents for contributing towards the expenses and pitching in to help at the stall along with Farzana Sidhwa. Though it rained some, the determined Youth continued with their planned Car Wash and donated all the money they collected to the ZAH.

Kudos to Arzin Italia who coordinated the Atrium games with the help of the Middle Group kids and parents. They also participated in a fun game on the stage to entertain the crowd. "Guess the Weight of the Cake" coordinated by Khursheed Hormuzdi & Sharaine Vakil generated a nice amount. The cake was donated by Naushad Mehta. Thanks to Sheroy Haveliwala who coordinated the Board Dart game which the kids enjoyed.

Vehishta Kaikobad and all the parents of her group donated gifts and managed the Fish Pond stall. Meher & Arish Rustomji and all the parents of Vehishta's group took care of the 2 Pinatas and Egg Hunt which is the favorite of all young and middle group kids. Thanks parents for your team work and generous donations.

The gift certificate walk on the stage was coordinated by Zia Anklesaria. The gift certificates were donated by Homi Cooper. Gary Firozgari took care of the music and announcements all afternoon. Bingo tickets were sold by Meher Rustomji. The fun Bingo numbers for all 3 games were called by Roshan Sethna. The first prize, \$25/each for 2 Bingo games was donated by Naushad Mehta and 1 game by Thrity Engineer. The second prize \$15/each for 2 Bingo games was donated by Kamalrukh & Minoo Gandhi and 1 game by Kersi Engineer. The Third prize \$10/each for 2 Bingo games was donated by Zarir Sethna. Thanks to Roshan S for making several announcements. Thanks to our Arna Sethna and Tehmi Dastoor for Tarot Card reading. This is always a popular stall.

We very much appreciate the generosity of Sillie & Jehanbux Mehta for renting the table and giving a donation of \$400/- to the Carnival from the sale of dal polies, batasas and other parsi goodies. Also thanks to Yezdi & Roshan Engineer for renting a stall and donating \$101/-. They sold yummy green chutney and various plants. The stall also had a grand display of lovely patlas for lagan & navjote and other wood work items. Thanks to Gulmohar & Meheryar Bharucha for cooking yummy food items for their rental stall (sponsored). The Rental table by Rustom Khavarian sold excellent homemade ice cream along with other products. Rental table by Armin & Rohinton Tarapore from New Orleans sold pretty handmade jewelry for donating the amount to their charity.

A big thank you to some donors who gave a check to ZAH towards this event – Homi & Nargis Cooper (\$150/-), Aban & Savi Patel (\$101/-) and Anonymous (\$101/-).

The proceeds collected by each stall were directly given to the assigned Accountants for the day. Thanks very much to our capable Rohinton Deputy and Bomi Gazdar who counted all the dollar notes collected. Kayo Sidhwa our ZAH Treasurer made sure all the calculations tallied.

Our precious dedicated volunteers who helped at the stalls and other work - Arzin, Zara & Zal Italia and Noshir Medhora for setting up the hall the previous day and so many other chores; Zia Anklesaria, Diana Balsara, Fred Bhader, Jamshed Bharucha Aban Chhor, Ava & Noshir Bhathena, Edul & Tanaaz Chikliwala, Pearline Collector, Nargis Cooper, Dara Dastur, Khursheed & Barjor Dastur, Nali Desai, Nergish Davier, Maharukh Deputy, Farida & Neville Divecha, Minaz & Nozer Dungor, Nine & Adil Eduljee, Yasmin Engineer, Abby Erani, Eric & Nikita Gagrut, Kamalrukh Gandhi, Roshan Gazdar, Yasmin Haveliwala, Khoji Irani, Yasmin & Percy Katrak, Zeeba Kayani, Percy Master, Ouvi Mehta, Sonia Rash, Shahrzad Nariman, Pervin Sagar, Nazanin Sarkari, Rustam & Fiona Setna, Sherry Sethna, Farzana & Kayo Sidhwa, Pervin Sidhwa, Tenaz Sunavala, Sanobar Tamboli, Kamal Unwalla, All 3 Sunday School parents and many more.

THANK YOU MERCI GRACIAS DHANYAWAD GRAZIE

MISCELLANEOUS

SUNDAY SCHOOL MIDDLE GROUP COOKBOOK FUNDRAISER

Our Dear Community Members,

We are delighted to inform y'all that our Sunday School Middle Group's Cookbook fundraiser has been a tremendous success so far. This has only been possible with all your help and support and we wholeheartedly thank you for encouraging us and supporting our efforts. We would like to take this opportunity to let everyone know that we have already sold 170+ books out of the 220 books printed and have **collected total proceeds of \$5860** (including donations) so far.

We have received rave reviews for the recipe book from our community members in Houston as well as outside Houston. So please hurry and place your orders if you have not done so, to avoid disappointment.

The cookbook has almost 200 tried and tasted recipes contributed by our kids and other community members besides many useful tips & tricks. All the funds raised will be utilized towards the contents needed for the new Middle Group room which is part of our ZAH expansion plans that will help our present and future generations. Our Cookbook is very aptly titled "Our Favorite Dishes From ZAH's Kitchen" and we assure you that this Cookbook will be a great addition to your library as these recipes are individually picked favorites of our children and our well known community Iron Chefs.

Please place your orders by letting us know at sorabitalia@yahoo.com (Arzin Italia) or kaysid67@yahoo.com (Farzana Sidhwa). **Checks should be made payable to "ZAH" with "Cookbook Fundraiser" in the memo field of the check. The Cookbooks are priced at \$15 each and as always, donations are most welcome.**

Once again, a big thank you to all our generous donors and to those who bought our books and we hope to make this fundraiser a complete success.

Thank you!

Your Cookbook Fundraising Committee Members:

Arzin Italia, Farzana Sidhwa, Sharaine Vakil, Khursheed Hormuzdi, Sharmeen Irani

AN EVENING WITH JIMMY ENGINEER AT HARVARD UNIVERSITY, BOSTON

Talk by Pakistani Artist and Social Worker Jimmy Engineer at Harvard University Boston was organized by Harvard Pakistan Student Group and South Asia Education Collaborative on April 15, 2015.

Jimmy has dedicated his life to bringing awareness towards poverty and special needs children in Pakistan.

He expresses himself through his paintings and commitment to bring awareness. This talk was moderated by Masood Shaikh, a friend of Jimmy and a member of the Pakistani American community of the greater Boston area.

Read the entire article at this [link](#)

PARLIAMENT OF WORLD RELIGIONS

The [Parliament of World's Religions](#) is from October 15-19 at Salt Lake City. The focus of the parliament is on climate change, violence, and the wealth gap with attention to women, indigenous communities and youth.

Approximately twenty Zoroastrians are already going and hoping to participate in various panel discussions and presentations.

If you register between now and June 30, the regular registration fee is \$475; however, FEZANA is willing to provide two tickets at a discounted price of \$425 (first-come, first-serve).

Through presentations, display tables, prayer, and participation, FEZANA representatives can educate others about the Zoroastrian religion, culture, and customs at this international interfaith forum.

If you have further questions regarding the parliament or are interested in joining us in October, please contact me at sjminwalla@gmail.com.

congress2000legacy - DEADLINE IS AROUND THE CORNER

Send in your application on or before June 1, 2015.

This year we have two ZAH Legacy Awards of \$3000 each & one Cyrus R Desai award of \$3000 for the person going off to college for the first time!

So, start working on your apps..... they can be downloaded off the ZAH website. Call us for any information or question that you may have?

DO CHECK OUT THE FAQ'sthey help you understand the application process better.

SASANIKA PROJECT

Sasanika project, is dedicated to promoting research and study on the history of the Sassanian dynasty. Emanating from southern Iran's Persis region in the third century AD, the Sassanian domain eventually encompassed not only modern day Iran and Iraq, but also the greater part of Central Asia and the Near East, including at times the regions corresponding to present-day Israel, Turkey, and Egypt. Please read attached flyer on the Sasanika Project. To learn more about the Sasanika Project, please visit: sasanika.org. To provide support and enhance Sasanian studies, please contact Nicole Balsamo, senior director of development, at nbalsamo@uci.edu or 949-824-2923.

FEZANA

FEZANA IS providing subsidies of \$500 per person, to 40 (Forty) Zarathushti youth from USA & Canada to attend the 6th World Zoroastrian Youth Congress (6WZYC2015) in Auckland, New Zealand in December 2015.

Eligibility Criteria:

Recipients of this SUBSIDY must be:

- a.) Individuals practicing the Zarathushti faith
- b.) Citizens, legal residents holding status in USA or Canada
- c.) Young Zarathushtis between the ages of 15 to 35 years*.

Application Procedure

Application form is available on the FEZANA website (May 9, 2015) or by email from the members of the Subsidy Committee. The application form with all attachments (including essay), must be submitted by **June 10, 2015** to:

SHERAZADE MEHTA

FEZANA – SUBSIDY COMMITTEE

TEL: 972-385-4847

EMAIL: sherazadem@yahoo.com

With a copy to:

Saghar Javanshir

TEL: 214-355-7572

EMAIL: sjbehroozi@verizon.net

Registration for the **9TH ZOROASTRIAN UNITY CUP SOCCER TOURNAMENT** will be open on **May 20, 2015**. This year, the event will be held in beautiful Redondo Beach, California. This tournament will be held on **Labor Day Weekend, September 5 and 6, 2015 at Redondo Beach, CA.**

More information can be found at: www.zathletics.com

The FEZANA Bulletin for April 2015 can be viewed at http://fezana.org/wp-content/uploads/FEZANA_Bulletin_2015_04.pdf. Past FEZANA Bulletins are available at: <http://fezana.org/publication/bulletinarchives/>. If you would like to receive a free copy of the FEZANA Bulletin delivered to your e-mail Inbox, please contact FEZANA Administrator at admin@fezana.org

WEDDING

Nadine Kanga daughter of Cyra Kanga and Rustom Kanga, married **Daniel Weatherall**, son of Dr. and Mrs. Paul Weatherall, on May 9, 2015.

Heartiest Congratulations and Best Wishes to Nadine and Daniel.

OBITUARY

Feroze B. Kharas husband of late Thrity F Kharas, father of Nazneen K Khumbatta, and Noshir and Yezdi F Kharas, peacefully passed away on Saturday, April 18, 2015 at 8:30 a.m.

Mrs. Golbanou Bastanizadeh passed away on Sunday May 10, 2015 in Sugar Land, Methodist Hospital. She was the mother of Shahin, Shahnaz, Dariush and Shahriar Darayan. She also was Gitty and Marjan's mother-in-law.

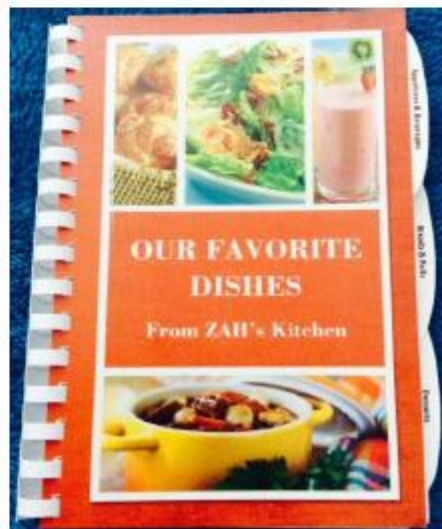
MANASHNI and its readers convey their Heartfelt Condolences to the bereaved families



The ZAH Sunday School Middle Group
Proudly presents the first-ever
ZAH COOKBOOK
"Our Favorite Dishes From ZAH's Kitchen".

**All proceeds from the sales will benefit our ZAH
Sunday School Middle Group Room which is a part
of the ZAH Phase IIIA expansion plans.**

*The Cookbook has around 200
mouthwatering tried and tasted recipes
given by our ZAH kids and parents. The
Cookbook is priced at \$15 + \$3 for
shipping & handling. You can place orders
and mail your checks to:*
Farzana K. Sidhwa or Arzin S. Italia
ZAH, 8787 W Airport Blvd,
Houston, TX 77071
Email: kaysid67@yahoo.com / sorahitalia@yahoo.com
*Checks should be made payable to "ZAH"
with "cookbook" mentioned in the memo.*





Maidhyarem Gahambar (Dae Mahino)

WILL BE CELEBRATED ON SUNDAY MAY 31, 2015

JASHAN STARTS PROMPTLY AT 11:00 A.M.

If registered 10 for adults

Children up to 3 years gratis.

Ages 4-10: \$7 - Please specify Pizza or Regular Food.

Starting 5/26 thru 5/30 charges for all \$15

[CLICK HERE TO RSVP](#)

**ZAH COMMUNITY GRATEFULLY THANKS OUR ERVADS FOR
PERFORMING THE GAHAMBAR JASHAN**

SPONSORED BY:

ZIA & RUSTOM ANKLESARIA

NALI & DANESH DESAI

ARZIN & SORAB ITALIA

NAZNEEN & KERSHAW KHUMBATTA

ELVIA & RONNIE PATEL

SONIA & RON RASH

SHARAINA & ZUBIN VAKIL

NAZNEEN & MEHELIE WARDEN

For questions please call

Yasmin Medhora at

713-466-3908 or email at

Chiefyas1@sbcglobal.net

**Donations to ZAH for
the Gahambar are
welcome. Thank you!!**



Our goal remains to keep these functions as affordable as possible so you as a ZAH member 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 most families life cycles. 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 your own community members and your own association a thousand times over. Please note this is only available to current ZAH Members in good standing.

Organized By: ZAH Entertainment Committee

ZAH Z CAMP 2015

June 26th – 28th 2015

Registration Now Open

<http://zah.org/events/zah-z-camp/>

Calling all Kids ages 5-25....Yes, we mean 25!!!

Join all your friends for a weekend camp full of fun, games, sports and more...

Test your noodle and learn new skills, like Bollywood Dance, ZAH Iron Chef, Fashion Innovation, Tool Time, Improv, Drama and more....

Friday June 26th @ 9:00 PM onwards Pre-Camp Sleep Over for Outstation participants, ZAH Youth Group and Older participants ONLY

When : Saturday June 27, 2015 10:00 am – Sunday June 28th, 2015 4:00pm

Ages 10 and Up – Camp overnight (Bring your sleeping bag and pillows)

Ages 5-9 – Day Camp Only (Sat 10:00am – 11:00pm and Sunday 9:00am – 4:00pm)

Parents please join us on Sunday June 28th @2:30pm for wrap-up, awards and more...

Cost: \$25 per person

Online Registration closes on June 14th, 2015. No late registrations allowed!!! Please fill in the name of the Campers and their T-shirt size

DONATIONS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME. PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL KAYO SIDHWA at (610) 504-5154

or kaysid@hotmail.com IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE A SPONSOR OR DONATE TO THE CAMP

Call or email the Z Camp 2015 core team if you have any questions

Z Camp 2015 Core Team

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Studies of Ancient Iran Receive Support from Farhang Foundation

Foundation Pledges Yearly Support of UC Irvine's Sasanika: Late Antique Iran Project



LOS ANGELES, May 12, 2015 - Farhang Foundation, a non-religious, non-political and not-for-profit foundation established in 2008 to celebrate and promote Iranian art and culture, has generously pledged to support UC Irvine's [Sasanika: Late Antique Iran Project](http://www.sasanika.org) with a yearly, recurring gift.

Administered by the UCI Dr. Samuel M. Jordan Center for Persian Studies and Culture and housed within the School of Humanities, the Sasanika project is dedicated to promoting research and study on the history of the Sasanian dynasty. Emanating from southern Iran's Persis region in the third century AD, the Sasanian domain eventually encompassed not only modern day Iran and Iraq, but also the greater part of Central Asia and the Near East, including at times the regions corresponding to present-day Israel, Turkey, and Egypt.

"Ancient Iran is a field that is little studied. I am happy that the Farhang Foundation can help in the serious study and understanding of this important period in Iran and world history," said Ali Razi, chairman of Farhang Foundation.

Dr. Touraj Daryaei, established the Sasanika project in 2004 while he was vice-chair and associate professor of history at California State University, Fullerton. He brought the project to UC Irvine when he joined as faculty in 2007.

"We are grateful to the Farhang Foundation for their support of Sasanika. At a time when there is little support for the study of ancient Iran, it is great to know that the foundation is supporting serious research into the past," said Dr. Touraj Daryaei, Maseeh Chair in Persian Studies and Culture and director of the Dr. Samuel M. Jordan Center for Persian Studies and Culture.

The Sasanika website maintains archaeological reports and timelines, recorded lectures from experts in ancient Iran, and features the latest information related to Sasanian studies across the globe.

"Farhang Foundation has been a staunch and continuous supporter of the Sasanika Project. Farhang's generosity provides us with some of the financial resources required to produce high-quality articles and conduct valuable research in our field," said Dr. Haleh Emrani, project director. "This is the only research project in the world that concentrates on Sasanian world."

To learn more about the Sasanika Project, please visit: [sasanika.org](http://www.sasanika.org)

To provide support and enhance Sasanian studies, please contact Nicole Balsamo, senior director of development, at nbalsamo@uci.edu or 949-824-2923.



About Farhang Foundation

Farhang Foundation is a non-religious, non-political and not-for-profit foundation established in 2008 to celebrate and promote Iranian art and culture for the benefit of the community at large. The foundation supports a broad range of academic activities in Southern California by funding university programs, publications and conferences. The foundation also supports diverse cultural programs such as the celebration of Nowruz and Shab-e Yalda, theater, dance performances, film screenings and poetry reading in Southern California. And, in cooperation with various cultural and academic institutions, Farhang Foundation funds major programs and exhibitions about Iran and its culture. However, the content, viewpoints or biases expressed by individual artists, academics, institutions or events supported by the foundation belong solely to each individual party and do not necessarily reflect the views of Farhang Foundation. For more info visit [Farhang.org](http://www.farhang.org).