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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/ 10:30 a.m. - Children's group.

DATE: July 12, 2015

Children's Session: Sunday School is at 10.30 am this month. Topics for this month:

- Learn about the Sassanian Dynasty and/or Famous Zoroastrian women
- Gujarati alphabet, songs

Middle Group: This group starts at 11:30 a.m. and is for the children in the middle school.

Youth Group: Sarosh Collector conducts this session. Age group – Senior school

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, July 5, 2015, 11.30 am onwards – Tirgan Festival. The ZAH youth is hosting this festival which will start at 11.30 am with a prayer led by our Youth Mobeds leading up to fun activities and games filled with lots of water balloons! Please bring one dish to share for the potluck lunch. The kids will have a great time with Slip n Slides and water balloons! Everyone is welcome and attendance is free! Please bring bathing suits/extra clothes, towels, sunscreen, swim shoes/flipflops. Even though the entry is at no cost, please RSVP Vispi Kattrak (vispi.kattrak@yahoo.com) for the purposes of headcount for Pizzas. Donations to help cover the cost of the event are very welcome.

Tir, or more properly, Testar (Av. Tishtrya), is the Yazad presiding over the Star Sirius, brightest star in the sky, and of rain. Testar Yazad is thus especially invoked to enhance harvest and counter drought.

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

Brigadier Behram Panthaki who worked under the Field Marshal, and Zenobia Panthaki his wife, have authored a book *Field Marshal Sam Manekshaw: The Man and His Times*. The authors have visited various cities in the U.S. and have sold many copies of this book. They are coming to Houston on July 10 to make a presentation and promote this book to the Houston community. A major portion of the royalty from purchase of books will be donated to the War Wounded Foundation of India and the War Widows Welfare Association of India.

Saturday, July 25, 2015 – Youth Desi (Dandiya) Night

The ZAH youth is starting to prepare for their annual fundraiser, and they would like to welcome everyone to the Dandiya Night on **July 25th!** Bring your friends from work or school, and let them experience a great night full of Indian culture as well as great food! This year our Youth is guaranteeing something very unique for our ZAH, so we hope you all will come out in great numbers to enjoy and have a great time! Register soon - <http://zah.org/events/youth-desi-night/>. Flyer is below – please share it with family and friends.

Tuesday, August 18, 2015 – Navroze Hambandagi

Saturday, August 22, 2015 – Navroze Celebration

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

LIBRARY REPORT

By Aban Rustomji

Our next event is July 10 and we hope to see *YOU* at our Center.

But first here is an update. On **Saturday, June 27 from 4.20 pm to 5.00 pm CST, on Channel AM 1480**, Brigadier Behram Panthaki (Retired) and his wife Zenobia Panthaki, authors of "Field Marshal Sam Manekshaw, The Man and His Times" will be on a radio talk show the Open Forum. While the Panthakis will be talking about their book, Yasmin Pavri will be our representative and will introduce ZHCC to listeners. Open Forum, as you may know, is a live interactive show, so listeners can call in with their questions on **713-784-1480** when they open it up for Q&A. Outside of Houston, people can listen in on humtumradio.com. Please do call and participate.

On July 10, our evening starts with meet and greet at 6:30 pm. At 7:00 pm the Panthakis will be present a short video followed by a talk about Sam Manekshaw's character traits, honesty, humility, sense of humor, moral and professional courage, respect for men in uniform regardless of rank and the enigma that made up his personality. A book signing and sale, at the discounted price of \$35, will follow. A major portion of the royalty will be donated to the War Wounded Foundation of India and the War Widows Welfare Assn. of India.

Admission is free. Complimentary refreshment will be served. Please see the flyer for further details, and plan on joining us for this unique event.

YOUTH REPORT

Hopefully y'all are as excited about this years' Youth Fundraiser as we are! This year, **ALL PROCEEDS** from the fundraiser will go towards the cost of fixing our **ZAH PARKING LOT**. As mentioned in the previous Eblast, registration will be through our website, through this link: <http://zah.org/events/youth-desi-night/> so please don't wait as seats are limited due to space constraints and will be on a first come first serve basis.

The Desi (Dandiya) night will also include entertainment, dinner, dessert besides a ton of prizes to be won throughout the night. Please try to arrive promptly at 7:00pm when the doors open as there are no reserved seats. Attached is the flyer, please do pass it on to your family and friends as everyone is welcome, thank you!

Really looking forward to see y'all at the Center and participating in this very worthy cause!

Sincerely,
ZAH Youth Group

MISCELLANEOUS

FEZANA'S PERFORMING & CREATIVE ARTS SCHOLARSHIPS - 2015

Applications are invited from students in the field of art, music, dance, graphic arts,

animation and other art forms.

Eligibility and other requirements can be found on Fezana's web site:

<http://fezana.org/scholarships/performing-creative-arts/>

Deadline for applications is July 1st 2015. Applications to be sent to: To be sent to Nazneen Spliedt, 12 Skypark Circle, South San Francisco , CA 94080

THE ABUWALA PARSİ INFIRMARY - NAVSARI

The Abuwala Parsi infirmary was established in 1948 at Navsari at the Abuwala family bungalow. It currently houses about 60 elderly parsi patients who are cared for 24x7. Some of the residents are bed-ridden, some are emotionally challenged. Most residents who are living there are in good health. They are provided 2 whole meals and 2 snacks during the day.

The infirmary has facilities such as visiting doctors, chefs, its own ambulance service, water purification plant, giant washing machines for clothes etc. It has a dedicated team of 4 supervisors and 28 staff 24x7, to attend to the needs of the elderly residents. The cost per resident each month is about Rs. 9000 (Indian Rupees). About half the residents stay there free of charge and the other half are charged highly discounted fees. The Abuwala Parsi Infirmary is reaching out to our Zarathushti community to request for a helping hand in terms of donations, so that they can continue to provide this service to the elderly of our community. Please watch this [short 3.5 minute video](#) to learn more about the Infirmary.

For donations, please contact: Hon. Secretary: Mr. Yazdi J Kasad; Mobile - +919825945167; Email: parsiinfirmarinavsari@gmail.com; Address: 3/663-665, Rustom Wadi, Navsari 396445; Tel No : +91-2637-257311

BOMBAY IN THE AGE OF DISCO: CITY, COMMUNITY, LIFE

Tinaz Pavri is a professor of Political Science at Spelman College in Atlanta. Tinaz has just published a book: **Bombay in the Age of Disco: City, Community, Life.** <http://www.amazon.com/Bombay-Age-Disco-City-Community/dp/194077117X>

Synopsis: By the early nineties, India's economy had taken its first faltering steps towards liberalization, and globalization's reach had found and touched significant swathes of its society. The decades-long post-independence era of Nehru and Gandhi was finally and firmly over, and Bombay had become Mumbai. Bombay in the Age of Disco is a personal and historically powerful memoir that weaves together the experiences and aspirations of a young girl and a city on the cusp of this transformation. Tinaz Pavri captures Bombay's pre-global guise as the city moves inexorably towards the dizzying sea-change that comes after she leaves its shores.

This book is a moving, lovingly etched remembrance of a city and its people that molded the author into the person she became, nurtured her dreams, taught her its wisdom and held in its arms her friends, family and community. It gives us an insight into the life of Bombay's Parsis, Persian-descended refugees who became wound through centuries into the fabric of the city's life. Pavri's memoir is a keenly observed, affecting, and often humorous account of India's changing social structure, economy, and politics over the last several decades, giving voice to the last of its pre-global generation. Readers will be as enthralled by Pavri's family, friends, and community as they will be by the city's momentous challenges and regenerating charm.

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OUR GRADUATES

College Graduates

Josh Balsara graduated from University of Texas in Austin (UT) in Bachelors of Petroleum Engineering May 2015

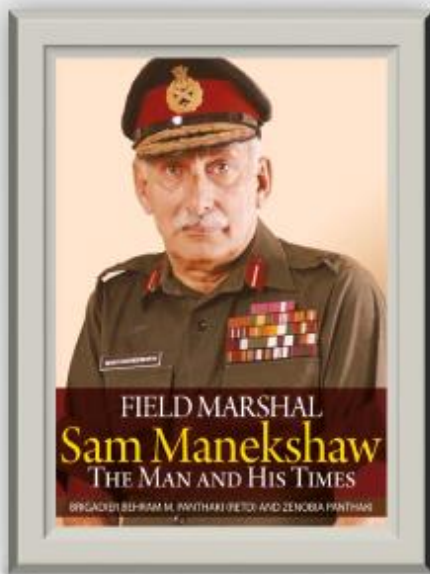
Heartiest Congratulations Josh and Best Wishes

NAVJOTE

Natasha N. Dungor, daughter of Minaz and Nozer N. Dungor, granddaughter of Farida & Late Noshir B. Dungor and Roshan & Behram F. Bhamgara had her Navjote Ceremony on Sunday, June 28 in Spring, TX.

Congratulations and Best Wishes to Natasha on her initiation into our glorious Zarthushti religion.





India's First Field Marshal Sam Manekshaw The Man and His Times

Authors

BRIGADIER Behram Panthaki & Zenobia Panthaki

Coming to ZAH on

July 10, 2015

The book "Field Marshal Sam Manekshaw—The man and his times" is dedicated to men in uniform who laid down their lives defending their country and to the widows whose sacrifice is in equal measure.

The authors will speak about their close association with Sam Manekshaw: his ability to hold politicians' feet to the fire, his love for the simple soldier, his unpredictable use of the carrot and stick and his unique and often wicked sense of humor.

Book sale is at a discounted price of \$35 during this promotion and authors will be pleased to autograph copies. A major portion of the royalty will be donated to the War Wounded Foundation of India and the War Widows Welfare Association of India.

Don't miss this event!

PROGRAM

6:30 PM—Meet & Greet

7:00 PM—Program



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Light refreshments will be served

