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SUNDAY SCHOOL

PLACE:ZHCC

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DATE: December 8, 2024

Children's Session: The Sunday School session starts at **10:30 a.m. in-person and by Zoom**

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



Youth Group: The Sunday School session at **11:00 a.m. In person**



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Friday, March 21, 2025, 6:30 pm – Nowruz/Navroz Hambandagi
- Saturday, March 22, 2025, 7:30 pm – Nowruz/Navroz dinner event
- Sunday, March 30, 2025 – ZAH Annual General Meeting (AGM)
 - Lunch 12 pm; AGM – 1 pm
- Sunday, April 13, 2025 – Annual Carnival
- Friday, July 11 to Sunday July 13, 2025 – ZAH Z-Camp 2025
- Friday, August 15, 2025 – Navroz Humbandagi
- Saturday, August 16, 2025 – Navroz Function
- Sunday, September 28, 2025 – Fasli Mehrgan Gahambar

REPORTS

LIBRARY REPORT

By: Aban Rustomji

Zoroastrian Day at Rice University: A Celebration of Heritage and Scholarship

The past few months have been filled with enthusiasm as we showcase artifacts from our library collection. The exhibit at MFAH has been extended until December 2025, so this is your chance to visit or revisit it. March took us to the State Capitol in Austin, where Zoroastrian Day was commemorated, and a copy of the *Tamam Khordeh Avesta* was placed at the chapel.

On Wednesday, March 6, Rice University hosted Zoroastrian Day, an event orchestrated by Mahtab B. Dastur, a freshman at Rice University. The event was a remarkable celebration featuring distinguished speakers, delicious food, and a thoughtfully curated exhibit. The exhibit, displayed at Brown Library, Fondren, was a collaborative effort with Woodson Archives, showcasing Bapsi Sidhwa's collection, a mini-poster series titled *Cyrus and The Zoroastrian Ethos* by Nauzer

ZAH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Aderbad Tamboli – Chairman
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Zubin Mistry – Member
Fiona Setna – Member
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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
Vimadalal, Freyaan
Vimadalal, Khushroo

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LIBRARY EVENT

**MEET-N-GREET WITH PROF. TOLEDO
AT THE CENTER**



Bilimoria, books from our library collection, and a unique set of handwritten recipes for *rava* by Darayus Kola’s mother, which garnered significant attention.

A highlight of the event was a fireside chat between Professor Miguel Ángel Andrés-Toledo and Aban Rustomji, where they discussed Zoroastrian heritage, its academic significance, and its future in modern discourse.

To conclude the week’s festivities, a Meet-and-Greet session with Professor Toledo was held on Friday, March 6, in conjunction with a WZCC event. This gathering allowed attendees to engage with the esteemed professor in an informal setting, enriching their understanding of Zoroastrian history and culture. All who attended thoroughly enjoyed the event, further reinforcing the excitement and dedication to preserving and promoting Zoroastrian heritage.

With such successful events behind us, we look forward to more opportunities to highlight our rich cultural history through exhibits, discussions, and community engagements.

ATASH KADEH NEWS – MARCH 2025

By: Persis Behramsha

We are almost into Spring and getting excited about experiencing some beautiful weather and the amazing wildflowers we will get to enjoy in Texas.

Though February 2025 had no Behram Roj Jashan, due to the fact that two Behram Roj days fell in January, we still had a lot of visits to the Atash Kadeh for Machis, Jashans, Tandarostis, etc..

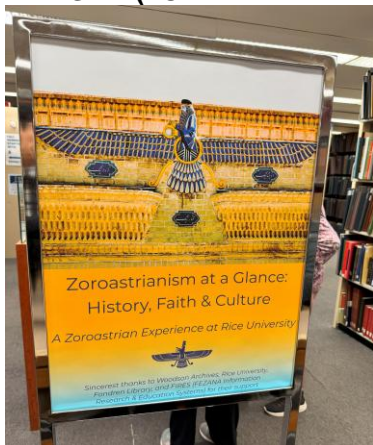
Jashne Sadeh was celebrated on February 1, 2025. After the evening Boye at the Atash Kadeh, a short procession with a small Afarganyu fire was taken to the site of the Bonfire. The procession was led by Ervads Pervez Gonda and Khushrav Nariman, who were followed by a group of youth and adults holding candles. The Bonfire was lit after the recitation of the Atash Niyayesh prayers led by our Ervads. This was indeed a beautiful sight to witness.

Sadeh is an Iranian festival that dates back to the Achaemenid Empire. *Sadeh* is celebrated 50 days before Nowruz. **Sadeh** in Persian means "hundred" and refers to the one hundred days and nights remaining to the beginning of spring. It was a festivity to honor fire and to defeat the forces of darkness, frost, and cold.

The Behram Roj Jashan for March 2025 was sponsored by Anahita Kanga. We are always so grateful to our generous sponsors for helping us continue with our monthly Behram Roj Jashans for the last 6 years.

We are thrilled that most of the 2025 monthly Behram Roj Jashans have already been added for sponsorship this year, and that energy is in full swing as several families have also signed up for quite a few Parabs this year. One unusual Parab will be Bahman Mahino – Bahman Roj when we will have the first Ghee Khichri Ritual in June 2025. All Jashans are such a fun celebration and the Bahman Month ritual promises to be just as exciting.

The ZOROASTRIAN EXHIBIT AT RICE UNIVERSITY (FONDREN LIBRARY)



The February Gatha Study was held on February 9, 2025. In this session, Meheryar Rivetna discussed the following: *Zarathustra stresses that Truth and Virtue are the only means to reap the benefits of a good life. Those who believe in and practice ideologies outside of his teachings are the false teachers (daevas).*

Zarathustra urges his followers to propagate his religion, along with its knowledge and inherent wisdom, to all humankind so they may not just understand it, but also practice it.

Looking forward to the onset of Navroze.

THE GOLDEN GROUP

VALENTINE'S DAY TEA PARTY

by Jehanbux Mehta

“What? A tea party at a Golden Group event?” the skeptic in me cried out. Not many will want to attend, I warned. Surely my team mates, the Helping Hands, had flipped. My own wife too! Bowing to the inevitable, with trepidation I penned the circular announcing the event. I had to eat my own words when the responses started flowing in. Seventy-seven were keen on attending this bold venture of Golden Group.

What a treat it was! The sight that greeted us, the sound of familiar soothing music and, of course, the tea time snacks. To set the theme for the afternoon was a round table covered with a Valentine motif table cloth right in the centre of the dance floor, displaying an antique tea set recovered by Anita Kavina from the depths of her cabinet. Balloons boldly proclaiming love peeked out from vases placed on each pink draped table at which guests were seated. Strains of “Love is in the Air” and other romantic songs transported the guests to a bygone era, reminding them of the days when they danced cheek to cheek with their loved ones.

It was high time for high tea. Chicken and chutney-cheese sandwiches, nihari and veggie patties, Thai style chicken croissants, turkey cutlets with picante sauce, cholay and pastries, all from Naushad’s kitchen, were laid out on tables adorned with table cloths bearing heart motifs. Our team of Helping Hands and volunteers personally served the snacks to the guests. Hot tea and coffee was self-serve basis.

After explaining the significance of Valentine’s Day, introducing new members and welcoming outstation guests, I surrendered the microphone to Anita to conduct the games. Flocking on to the floor were our members unashamedly behaving like teenagers to play “Four Corners”. Musical chairs also drew a large crowd, but restricted to only the fair sex. The gentlemen’s offer of laps to sit on was summarily dismissed by the judges conveniently forgetting that it was Valentine’s Day. The participating ladies should have demanded a new team of judges. And, of course, a ten question quiz appropriate to the occasion compiled by Anita. Door prizes too. We are very thankful to Yasmin Medhora for donating several gift cards by way of prizes to the winners.

Thus ended the afternoon. Many thanks from us 114 members to BMSC and the EC for allowing us use of the premises. Their cooperation is a big factor in making our events possible and enjoyable.

JASHN-E-SADEH
Ervad Khushrav Nariman and Ervad
Pervez Gonda



Golden Group – Valentine’s Day Tea Party



PERSIAN ZODIAC ANIMALS FOR NOWRUZ

By Scheherazade Aresh

In ancient Persian culture, **Nowruze, the Persian New Year, is symbolically linked to the 12 animals of the zodiac. These animals represent the natural cycles of life and the cosmos.** This tradition dates back thousands of years, with its origins in ancient Persia, during the **Achaemenid Empire (550– 330 BCE)**. Rooted in Zoroastrian philosophy, the practice reflects the faith’s emphasis on cosmic order and the cycles of nature. Over time, it has been passed down through generations, blending astrological and cultural elements with the celebration of **Nowruz**.

The Persian zodiac animals associated with Norooz are often linked to specific colors each year, and the colors carry symbolic meanings rooted in Persian culture, Zoroastrian traditions, and astrology.

Cultural and Spiritual Symbolism: The animals reflect traits that people aspire to embrace or focus on during the year, serving as moral and spiritual guides.

Connection to Zoroastrianism: In Zoroastrian cosmology, the harmony between humans, nature, and animals is a key principle.

The association of animals emphasizes respect for all living beings and their roles in the natural world.

Celestial and Astrological Influence: The cycles of the zodiac are believed to influence the fortunes and spiritual energies of the year, encouraging individuals to align with these traits for personal growth.

Below is the order of the animals and their symbolic significance:

- 1. Mouse (Moosh), Colors: Silver or Grey** – Symbolizes resourcefulness, agility, and adaptability. This creature's association signifies an industrious and clever start to the year, with ability to blend into its environment.
- 2. Ox (Gav); Colors: Earthy Brown or Golden** – Represents strength, patience, and resilience, reminding people of the importance of hard work and perseverance, with earthy tones representing stability and grounding
- 3. Tiger (Babr); Colors: Orange with black stripes** – Symbolizes courage, power, and protection. Its association marks a bold and brave year ahead. The tiger’s vibrant orange reflects energy and determination.
- 4. Rabbit (Khargoosh); Colors: White or pastel shades** -Represents gentleness, peace, and purity. It indicates a year focused on nurturing and harmony. Lighter colors signify calmness and nurturing qualities.
- 5. Dragon (Ejdeha); Colors: Fiery Red or Gold** – Symbolizes wisdom, strength, prosperity and ambition. A dragon's year may bring opportunities for significant achievements. Red symbolizes energy and strength, while gold represents achievement and wealth.
- 6. Snake (Maar); Colors: Green or Black** - Associated with transformation, renewal, and adaptability. It signifies overcoming challenges. Green symbolizes growth, while black suggests mystery and resilience.
- 7. Horse (Asb); Colors: Chestnut or White** - Represents freedom, endurance, and speed, reflecting a year for progress and exploring new paths. White suggests purity, while chestnut represents vigor and determination.
- 8. Sheep (Goosfand); Colors: Cream or Soft Beige** – Symbolizes harmony, compassion, and gentleness, marking a year of peace and goodwill. Soft tones evoke feelings of comfort and warmth

Musical Chairs to celebrate Valentine's Day



ZOROASTRIAN DAYS



Zoroastrian Contingent at the Texas Capitol



Re. Bhojani with the Z-Day organizing Team



9. Monkey (Maimoon); Colors: Yellow or Gold – Represents intelligence, curiosity, and playfulness. A monkey's year encourages innovation and creativity. Yellow symbolizes creativity, while gold reflects prestige and success.

10. Rooster (Khorus); Colors: Bright red or multicolored plumage - Symbolizes vigilance, hard work, and awakening. It reminds people to stay alert and proactive. Red emphasizes alertness and strength, while multicolor suggest diversity and adaptability.

11. Dog (Sag); Colors: Black, White or Brown – Represents loyalty, protection, and faithfulness. This year's association highlights the importance of trust and security. These colors symbolize reliability, trustworthiness, and a strong moral foundation.

12. Pig (Khook); Colors: Pink or Light Grey – Symbolizes prosperity, honesty, and generosity, marking a year of abundance and selflessness. Soft tones reflect warmth and kindness.

Zoroastrian Days in Texas: A Celebration of Heritage & Dialogue

By Ava Damri and Mahtab B. Dastur

On March 5-6, 2025, Zoroastrians from across Texas gathered in Austin and Houston to celebrate Zoroastrian Days in Texas—a two-day event dedicated to honoring Zoroastrian heritage and community impact. The event aimed to inform, articulate, and advance awareness of causes positively affecting Zoroastrians in the North American diaspora. Organized in partnership with FEZANA and led by members of the Zoroastrian Association of North Texas (ZANT) and the Zoroastrian Association of Houston (ZAH), the celebration highlighted both political advocacy and cultural exchange.

Day 1: Zoroastrian Day at the Texas State Capitol, Austin, TX - March 5, 2025

Texas Zoroastrians were welcomed to the State Capitol by House Representative Salman Bhojani (HD-92, Euless), a ZANT Board member and advocate for interfaith dialogue. Rep. Bhojani, known for sponsoring legislation that promotes religious diversity in Texas, played a key role in the day's proceedings.

House Resolution 404: Honoring Zoroastrians

The day commenced with [Rep. Bhojani reading HR 404](#) on the floor of the Texas House of Representatives, recognizing the contributions of Zoroastrians in Texas. Attendees stood in the House Gallery, marking this historic moment of acknowledgment. Following the reading, participants met with Rep. Bhojani and co-sponsor Rep. John Lujan (HD-118, San Antonio) in the [Historic Texas Supreme Court](#), where they shared additional remarks and took a group photo.

Khordeh Avesta in the Texas State Capitol Chapel

Later, the group proceeded to the Capitol Chapel, where FEZANA President Ervad Kayomarz Sidhwa and Ava Damri placed the *Tamam Khordeh Avesta* by Ervad Dr. Ramiyar P. Karanjia alongside texts from other faiths—a first for Zoroastrians in the U.S. A second copy was

Khordeh Avesta placed at the Capitol



Z-Day Proclamation from Houston City Council Member Abbie Kamin



Fezana President Er. Kayo Sidhwa speaking at Rice University



ZAH President Aderbad Tamboli speaking at Rice University



Dr. Bahrom Firozgary (RiceU Alumnus) speaking via Zoom at Rice University



presented to Rep. Bhojani for his office. The day concluded with a commemorative photo on the Capitol steps, a private Capitol tour, and lunch at the Capitol dining room.

Day 2: Zoroastrian Day at Rice University, Houston, TX - March 6, 2025

A Taste of Culture

While the first day emphasized political engagement, the second day focused on cultural exchange and academic dialogue. The event welcomed Rice University scholars, students, Texas Zoroastrians, and local Houstonians. Attendees enjoyed sandwiches and pastries from Cillie's Cakes & Snacks (owned by Naushad Mehta) and a strong cup of chai.

A 66-year connection: Zoroastrians & Rice University: Mahtab B. Dastur, a Rice University student, opened the program with an introduction to Zoroastrianism and an anecdote about [Adi Desai, the first Zoroastrian in Houston](#), who graduated from Rice with his master's degree (1959-61).

City & State Support

A representative from Council Member Abbie Kamin's (Houston City Council, C) office presented a proclamation declaring March 6 as Zoroastrian Day at Rice University. A spokesperson from Rep. Ann Johnson's (HD - 113 Houston) office also expressed support for the Zoroastrian community.

Celebrating Diversity

FEZANA President, Ervad Kayomarz Sidhwa welcomed all attendees on behalf of FEZANA and recapped the previous day's events and the significance of both day's proclamations. Afterward, Catherine Clack, Associate Vice Provost and head of Rice's Multicultural Center, gave a powerful speech, emphasizing the role of dialogue in fostering curiosity and innovation. ZAH President Aderbad Tamboli closed with gratitude for the support and participation.

Rice + Zoroastrian Connection

While the connection between Zoroastrians and Rice University began with Adi Desai, it has strengthened over the decades. Ava Shroff, a ZAH member, recalled a pivotal 1976 meeting at Rice that helped shape the Houston Zoroastrian community. This event marked the second Zoroastrian Day at Rice University, with the first held 11 years ago. Attendees reminisced about that initial celebration, highlighted by guest speaker Dr. Bahrom Firozgary, a Rice alum who had hosted the first event. Joining virtually from a clinic in California, Dr. Firozgary reflected on his journey as a Rice Owl and a Zoroastrian, emphasizing the community's support in his path to becoming a sports medicine doctor.

FIRESIDE CHAT WITH PROF. TOLEDO AT RICE UNIVERSITY



Cillie's spread at Rice University



Placing of the Khordeh Avesta at the Capitol



A Fireside Chat

Aban Rustomji, ZAH member and FIRES founder, moderated a discussion with Prof. Miguel Ángel Andrés-Toledo, the first FEZANA Professor of Zoroastrian Languages & Literatures at the University of Toronto. The conversation centered around Prof. Toledo's work translating ancient Avestan texts, sparking thoughtful questions from attendees.

Zoroastrianism at a Glance: History, Faith & Culture

Attendees were then shown a new exhibit at Fondren Library which showcased Zoroastrian history and culture. Carefully curated by Debra Kolah, K. Sarah Ostrach, Aban Rustomji, and Mahtab B. Dastur, the exhibit featured items from Cawas Mody's collection, FEZANA Journal periodicals, historical artifacts, and religious garments.

Film Screening:

The event concluded with a screening of [Persepolis Recreated](#) by filmmaker Farzin Rezaian.

A Special Thank You

A heartfelt thanks to all who contributed to the success of these events: the FEZANA Advocacy and Communication teams, Ervad Kayomarz Sidhwa, Aban Rustomji, Rep. Salman Bhojani and team, Rep. Ann Johnson, Council Member Abbie Kamin, Catherine Clack, Aderbad Tamboli, Dr. Bahrom Firozgary, Prof. Miguel Ángel Andrés-Toledo, Debra Kolah, K. Sarah Ostrach, Fondren Library, Woodson Archives, Rice University, Cillie's Cakes & Snacks, ZANT Board, ZAH Board, and all participants and attendees. Your dedication and support made Zoroastrian Days in Texas a memorable celebration of heritage and dialogue.

OBITUARY

Soona Keki Machhi passed away in Mumbai on February 25, 2025. She is survived by her son Kersi (Mumbai) and daughter Tannaz (Houston), Son in law Debasish, Daughter in law Dilnaz. Grandchildren Zenia, Delzeen, Rohan, Ashish, Sameer. Other family members include her younger brother Georgi Kumana. Nephew Jimmy Kumana (Houston), Sarosh Kumana (San Francisco), Kaizad Machhi (Wisconsin), Kamal Belihomji (New Jersey), Kaizad Kumana (Mumbai) and Khushrow Machhi (San Diego).

MANASHNI and its readers convey their heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family.

IN MEMORIAM

MOBED MEHRABAN FIROZGARY

It is with a very heavy heart we announce the passing of Mobed Mehraban Firozgary. He is survived by his sons Farrokh and Mehrdad, daughters-in-law Mahnaaz and Azita, grandchildren Gohar, Ervad Bahrom and Yasmin, and other relatives residing in the USA and other countries.



MOBED MEHRABAN FIROZGARY
Born: Dec.21, 1935. Exp: Mar. 7, 2015

Mobed Mehraban Firozgary was a distinguished Zoroastrian priest, deeply revered for his unwavering dedication to the spiritual and cultural preservation of the Zoroastrian community. His wisdom and kindness touched many lives. He leaves behind his family and countless admirers, who will immensely miss his illumined mind, his infectious smile, and his unwavering service to our community.

May his soul find Eternal Peace and may his memory continue to inspire us.

The obituary below courtesy FEZANA:

Mobed Mehraban Firozgary, born on the 1st of Dey month, 1314 (Persian calendar) in Yazd, passed away in Tehran on Friday, the 17th of Esfand month, 1403 (Persian calendar).

Mobed Mehraban Firozgary was a distinguished Zoroastrian priest, deeply revered for his unwavering dedication to the spiritual and cultural preservation of the Zoroastrian community in Iran. For over four decades, he served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Tehran Anjuman e Mobedan (Council of Mobeds), playing a pivotal role in guiding religious practices and upholding traditions.

Renowned for his profound knowledge of the Avesta and Yasna prayers, Mobed Firozgary was instrumental in the ordination of new priests through the Nowe Zooty (Navar) ceremony, ensuring the continuity of priesthood in Iran. His commitment to religious education inspired many young Zoroastrians to embrace and perpetuate their ancestral faith.

Beyond his religious duties, he was appointed by the Iranian Justice Ministry as the Chief Registrar for Zoroastrian marriages in Tehran, reflecting the trust and respect he garnered within both the religious and broader communities.

His lifelong dedication to the Zoroastrian faith and his community has left an indelible mark, ensuring that the rich traditions and teachings of Zoroastrianism continue to flourish.

The FEZANA community mourns his passing and extends heartfelt sympathies to his family, friends, and the entire Zoroastrian community in Iran. May his soul find eternal peace in the light of Ahura Mazda.

**Notice of the Annual General Body Meeting of the Members
And
Election of Officers to the ZAH Executive Committee
And Atash Kadeh Committee
2025**

The Annual General Body Meeting (“AGM”) of the Zoroastrian Association of Houston (“ZAH”) will be held on **Sunday, March 30, 2025 at 1 pm** at the The Zarathushti Heritage and Cultural Center, 8787 W. Airport Boulevard, Houston, TX 77071 (“ZHCC”).

Please note :

TO VOTE, SUBMIT NOMINATIONS, AGENDA ITEMS AND/OR TO ATTEND THE AGM, ZAH MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2023 SHOULD BE PAID IN FULL BY SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 2025. NO MEMBERSHIP CHECKS WILL BE COLLECTED AT THE AGM.

Lunch will be served prior to the AGM.

The schedule of events for 30th March 2025 is as follows:

12PM – Lunch

1PM – ZAH AGM 2025

AGENDA ITEMS: Members For 2025 (as defined below) wishing to include any items for discussion may forward the subject matter to the ZAH Secretary, by e-mail at percyMMaster@gmail.com by **Sunday, March 9, 2025** so that they can be included in the agenda. **Please note that no new agenda items will be accepted after the due date or entertained from the floor at the AGM.**

NOMINATIONS FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OPEN POSITIONS: The following positions on the Executive Committee are up for election in 2025:

Aderbad Tamboli	President	Completed one 2-year term	Eligible for re-election
Percy M, Master	Secretary	Completed one 2-year term	Elected to not run for re-election
Zia Anklesaria	Member	Completed one 2-year term	Eligible for re-election
Fiona Setna	Member	Completed one 2-year term	Eligible for re-election
Open Position	Interim Member	To complete the remaining term of member who resigned	Eligible to complete one 1-year interim term, and two 2-year terms thereafter
Nazanin Sarkari	FEZANA Rep	Completed two 2-year terms	Term limited and not eligible for re-election

NOMINATIONS FOR ATASH KADEH COMMITTEE OPEN POSITIONS: The following positions on the Atash Kadeh Committee are up for election in 2025:

Rohintan Deputy	Member	Completed interim 4-year term	Elected to not run for re-election
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PROCEDURE FOR NOMINATION OF MEMBERS: A [Nomination Form](#) is included with this notice. Only members who have paid their 2025 dues may send any completed and signed Nomination Forms by Sunday, March 9, 2025 by e-mail, to the ZAH Secretary, percyMMaster@gmail.com. If you do not have access to email, please post mark your nomination by the deadline and mail to the ZAH Secretary at ZHCC. **No nominations will be accepted after the deadline and no nominations will be accepted from the floor during the**

AGM. The nominating member, nominee and seconder must all sign the Nomination Form for it to be valid, and must all have paid their 2025 dues by March 9, 2025.

While making your nomination, please be guided by the following:

- All nominees for the ZAH Executive Committee must be regular members for a period of at least six (6) months prior to the election and must be eighteen (18) years of age or older. This means that they should have paid their 2024 membership dues already and would need to pay their 2025 dues by 9th March 2025.
- All “Member – (Mobed)” position nominees for the Atash Kadeh Committee must be a North American Mobed Council (NAMC)* member and must be residing in Houston or its surrounding areas for at least 5 years prior to the election and a ZAH member and would need to have paid their 2025 dues by 9th March 2025.
- ***Note -** In the event an NAMC member is not available for election, then an ordained Zoroastrian priest, recognized by the NAMC, shall qualify for election with all other requirements remaining unchanged. In the event an NAMC member or an ordained Zoroastrian priest is not available for election, a Zoroastrian member shall qualify for election with all other requirements remaining unchanged.
- All “Member” position nominees for the Atash Kadeh Committee must be regular members for a continuous period of no less than ten (10) years prior to the election and must be eighteen (18) years of age or older. This means that they should have paid their membership dues (continuously from year 2015 to year 2024) and would need to pay their 2025 dues by 9th March 2025.
- No two members of an immediate family shall serve on the Executive Committee at any one time.
- No member of the Atash Kadeh Committee shall simultaneously serve on the Executive Committee.

Voting will be by secret ballot. Proxy votes will not be accepted.

ONLY MEMBERS FOR 2025 ARE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE, SUBMIT NOMINATIONS, AGENDA ITEMS AND/OR TO ATTEND THE AGM. TO BE A “MEMBER FOR 2025” ZAH MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2025 SHOULD BE PAID IN FULL BY SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 2025.

Lunch will be served prior to the AGM.

[Click here to download the AGM2025 Executive Committee / Atash Kadeh Committee Nomination Form](#)

NOWRUZ – MARCH 22, 2025

ZAH NoRouz Celebration
SATURDAY MARCH 22, 2025 at ZAH CENTER
Join Us for a Fun Filled Evening!!

Please click on RSVP link provided separately
Elaborate Menu Catered From Mehzban Restaurant

Questions? Contact:
Khurshed B. Dastur: (281) 948-5319
Text messages preferred

BYOB

RATES: RSVP Deadline 3/16/25

ZAH Member: (12 years and up) - \$40 / \$65**
 ZAH Non-Member: (12 years and up) - \$70
 Member Children (5 – 11 years): \$28 / \$45**
 Non-Member Children (5 – 11 years): \$45
 (Under 5 years **Gratis**)
 ** Rates After RSVP Deadline

If paying by check, your check must be received by 3/16/25, at:

ZAH
 Attn: ZAH NoRouz 2025
 8787 West Airport Blvd
 Houston, Texas 77071

PLEASE WRITE (IN THE MEMO FIELD):
 - No. of ZAH members/non-members (12 years and up)
 - No. of ZAH member/non-member children (5 – 11 years)
 - Please write “ZAH NoRouz 2025” on the envelope

RSVP DEADLINE: 3/16/25
AFTER RSVP DEADLINE AND AT THE DOOR:
 \$85 (12 years and up) \$60 (5 – 11 years)

There will be no boxed meals to go. Only guests present will have meals served. Leftovers (if any) will be sold once all guests have eaten. Thank you.

** Membership rate applies if 2025 membership has been paid. Individuals over 18 years must have separate membership from their parents
 - Member rates apply to out-of-town house-guests of members (if online RSVP, online payment, and check (if applicable) is received by 3/16/25)
 - 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