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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: August 9, 2026

Children's Session: The Sunday School session starts at **10:30 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 11:00 a.m. **In person**



AUGUST EVENT COMPLETED

15th August, Saturday - Navroze Humbandagi and Function

UPCOMING EVENTS

21st August, Friday – Library Event – Book Reading Boman Desai
4th October, Sunday – Gahambar
9th & 10th October, Friday & Saturday – Library Event
7th November, Saturday – Play by Shahnaz Sidhwa

REPORTS

LIBRARY REPORT

By: Jangoo Mistry

Book Reading Friday, August 21: You will remember from our previous reports that the celebrated, prolific Zoroastrian author, Boman Desai, has accepted our invitation to come to ZAH again for the third time. For us, he will read from his newly published acclaimed novel, ***Brahms Comes to Dinner***, before settling down in Mumbai. In his previous visits, Boman has captivated us by reading from his earlier works and sharing his classical music compositions.

Boman recently experienced his first podcast, an interview with violinist Leah Robinson at the National Arts Centre Orchestra of Canada, who primarily interviews musicians but occasionally hosts authors. As his supporters, look at the video or hear the interview on:

<https://www.leahroseman.com/episodes/boman-desai>

On Friday, August 21, we will host an evening event starting at 6:00 pm, featuring a book reading by Boman Irani at 7:30 pm. It will be a potluck event, and if past events are any guide, these potlucks will present a huge selection of delectable foods.

Boman would love to hear your comments on the book or the podcast and answer any questions when he is with us.

ZAH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Aderbad Tamboli – Chairman
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Zubin Mistry – Member
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Katrak, Vispi
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Kotwal, Zubin
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Nariman, Viraf
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We would appreciate it if you could give a quick RSVP to Arnavaz Sethna (281) 468-4988 and help us plan the logistics for the event.

SEE FLYER BELOW

ATASH KADEH REPORT

By: Mitra Khumbatta Mistry – Atash Kadeh Committee

July 4th marked the Nation's 250th anniversary with a semiquincentennial birthday celebration. We commenced with a boi ceremony, followed by a nationwide bell ringing ceremony. Each religious organization rang their bells of faith 13 times in honor of the liberation of our 13 founding colonies of the United States.

On July 12 the Houston Zoroastrian Study Group reviewed Yasna 31, Ha 31. In this passage, Zarathustra reiterates that his teachings stem from observation of mankind, and can be implemented by all of humanity. When mankind follows the teachings of Ahura Mazda, the world as a whole progresses towards *frashokereti*.

We rounded out our month with the Aspandarmad Mahino Behram Roj Jashan on July 30th. The sponsoring families include: Persis & Naozer Behramsha, Villi & Ken Bhappu, Bakhtawar & Kershaw Byramji, Nina & Rustom Challa, Nargis & Homi Cooper, Farida & Neville Divecha, Yasmin Medhora and Aloo Tata - (Aapro Block Group). This month celebrates Spenta Armaiti, the Amesha Spenta signifying humility, devotion, and piety. Spenta Armaiti is the Guardian of the Earth, or "Mother Earth" and is viewed as the ultimate physical manifestation of humility: silently enduring, nurturing, and providing life to all vegetation and living beings.

Our AK Team is constantly working in the background to keep our beautiful hall running in full force. Machis and Tandarosti prayers continue each month as always. We also continue to zoom these prayers for the benefit of those who wish to attend remotely.

A special note of thanks as always to our Mobed, Ervad Pervez Gonda, who tirelessly keeps our Atash Kadeh flourishing with the help of Ervad Khushrav Nariman.

An extra thanks this month to Ervad Tehmton Mirza, Ervad Behram Panthaki and Ervad Rustom Vazifdar who provided invaluable guidance and assistance to our AK team as we hosted the Bareshnum Retreat.

You can reach us at AtashKadeh.ZAH@Gmail.com or call any of our committee members if you have any questions, concerns or suggestions.

Committee Members: Khushrav Nariman, Feroze Bhandara, Shernaz Bhandara, Persis Behramsha, Mitra Khumbatta Mistry.

YOUTH REPORT

By: Shireen Anklesaria

On Saturday, July 18, 2026, ZAH's Middle and Youth Groups hosted our annual Youth Fundraiser, Gymkhana Night. We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the more than 200 guests who attended and helped make this event a tremendous success.

YOUTH FUNDRAISER CASINO NIGHT

Poker Table



Spinning Wheel



**Raffle
Scarf by
Avanne**



We are deeply grateful to all our donors and silent auction winners for their encouragement, participation, and generous contributions. Our special thanks to the families who donated items for the silent auction; Edul and Tanaaz Chikhliwala for helping with setup and donating several items; as well as the Narimans, Yasmin Medhora, and Avan Bhatena (AVANNE) for donating raffle items. We would also like to thank our donors for making this event possible, to Sethna Financial Group and Kersi and Thrity Engineer for their generous support of our casino, to Naushad Mehta for providing all the desserts, to Jehanbux and Sille Mehta for their contributions, to Edul Chikhliwala for helping with the silent auction, and to everyone else who played a role in bringing this event to life.

The evening was filled with lively entertainment—casino tables, rounds of bingo, a silent auction, trivia, music by our talented young DJs, and an array of delicious appetizers, dinner, desserts, an assortment of wines, games, and door prizes enjoyed throughout the night.

This fundraiser would not have been possible without the dedication of our ZAH youth, middle group kids, parents, and volunteers who worked tirelessly over the past several months. More than 25 volunteers helped make this event extraordinary and assisted with decorations, setup, food, silent auction items, and more. Thank you to our Youth Mentors – Priyana Sidhwa, Nerius Mehta, and Rayhan Nariman and Sunday School Teachers who guided us throughout the entire process. And finally, we'd like to thank Jasmine Mistry for managing the event, coordinating food, and providing unwavering support to our youth. And thank you to the 20+ parent volunteers who brought their children to practices and assisted with decorations, setup, food, silent auction items, and more.

We are proud to share that this year's fundraiser raised **\$5,503.62** in net profits. The proceeds will support The Parks Youth Ranch, The Faris Foundation, and the East Fort Bend Human Needs Ministry. We are truly grateful for the continued support of our community.

The Raffle Winners are:

Rockets Tickets - Farida Divecha

AVANNE Scarf – Thrity Desai

Purse replaced by a Spa Gift Basket - Shaheen Rustom.

Lastly, we are excited to announce our Youth Officer Team for 2026–2027. We look forward to a wonderful year ahead and cannot wait to see you at our upcoming events.

President: Cyrus Desai

Vice President: Darius Dastur

Secretary: Ariana Anklesaria

Treasurer: Jidina Mory

Historian: Parsa Mondegarian

OBITUARY

Pilloo Bahamansha Daruwalla, husband of Late Alloo Pilloo Daruwalla passed away on August 13, 2026. He is survived by his daughter Shernaz Boomla, son-in-law Affraz Boomla, son Noshir Daruwalla (Pune), grandsons Noozar and Ashtad Boomla, and great grandson Zarvan Boomla.

JULY 4 CELEBRATION U.S. FLAG ON THE STAGE



NATIONAL ANTHEM



LUNCH



GOLDEN GROUP EVENT ORGANIZERS



MISCELLANEOUS

CELEBRATING UNCLE SAM'S 250TH BIRTHDAY

by Jehanbux Mehta

What a wonderful sight it was! 64 members and three guests, all standing with heads held high, most with hands over their hearts singing our national anthem along with our very own Whitney Houston over the public address system and live to the Golden Group choir comprising Helping Hands, with a couple, I included, completely out of tune.

The Hands along with a few volunteers painstakingly made the event a celebration that all who were present will remember. The U.S. tricolours were all over the main hall of our ZAH Centre reminding us what we were celebrating. Motifs heralding "250" and others reminding us of 1776 proudly adorned the colourfully draped round tables facing the main stage on which was unfurled a large flag of our nation, courtesy of the ZAH Entertainment Committee from their July fourth bash. Thanks to them also for the glittering braids and banners proclaiming the birthday.

The original plan was to celebrate the occasion with a typical BBQ lunch from the well known pitmasters, Pappas of Houston, but as ZAH's evening on the fourth had a lavish Texas style BBQ dinner, it made no sense repeating it a mere week later. What then could be equally good? What a silly question! Parsi style function, of course! And, so it came to be. Typical it is for Parsis, to start a party with *chanto-pani*. On arriving, a mandatory stop at the self-serve "bar" for ice cold beer or wine, or something softer for the nays among us. Boisterous shouts of *tanderosti* filled the air. Fortified with a glass of a fine red, compliments of Mani Surkari, I welcomed our group, introduced the guests and requested my colleague, Anita Kavina, to remind us all the significance of the establishment of the United States of America. I felt so proud, and I am sure all the others must also have, to be a citizen of this great country. Uncle Sam, thank you for having us.

Parsi style, it very much was! A birthday that too! Appropriately, lunch comprised dhandar, jinga-no-patio and soft puri with masala potatoes, a la Gulmore Bharucha, served smilingly by our Helping Hand, Diana Balsara and assisted by our ever willing volunteer, Parveen Irani and, of course, ubiquitous Bibianna and colleague. The piece de resistance was the dessert(s): what more Parsi than sagan ni sev prepared by Kati Tamboli, Kamal Unwalla and Shirin Sarkari which went very well with mtthu dahi, the entire lot by Farida Divecha. Not to forget the tasty ravo from the kitchens of Tehmi Dastoor and Sillie Mehta. Thank you ladies for unhesitatingly offering to prepare the delicious items and not charging a penny for it.

Lest some succumb to a nap after a satiating meal— a very Parsi thing, indeed — Anita handed out quiz papers to tickle our minds, followed it up with several rounds of Bingo and ended with a raffle, winners presented with lovely prizes.

Before taking tea, Farida Divecha was requested to accept on behalf of her not present hubby, Neville, treasurer of ZAH a donation of \$500 (five hundred) for ZAH on behalf of all members of Golden Group, as a small token of appreciation for allowing us use of the premises when requested.

BARESHNUM RETREAT AND SEMINAR

Ervads Mirza & Panthaky



Prepping for Nahn



Ervad Khushrav



Thanks also to Pervin Sagar and her BMSC team for reserving the premises for us when asked to, often at short notice.

And, so ended another enjoyable event. Now, off to plan and organize our next one, which will be on August 29 to commemorate Labor Day. What shall we have for lunch? The eagerly awaited Texas BBQ, of course.

4-DAY BARESHNUM RETREAT AND SEMINAR

By: Persis Behramsha – Atadsh Kadeh Committee

The North American Mobed Council (NAMC), in conjunction with the Bhandara Atash Kadeh hosted a 4-day Bareshtnum Retreat and Seminar Series, from July 8, 2026 to July 11, 2026. This was a well-attended, informative and enlightening event.

The purpose of this Retreat was to simulate the actual process of the 28-day Nahn purification by demonstrating it through a quick recap, during the short retreat. All participants had to adhere to strict guidelines, just as one would, as if they were going through the actual purification process.

The Seminar included several stimulating topics such as Zoroastrian History, Purification Ceremonies, History of Mobeds, Jashan and Gatha overviews, Traditional Zoroastrian Celebrations, Calendars, Shahnameh, Zarathushtra's teachings, Life Cycle Ceremonies, Yasna Ceremonies, Achievements & Legacies of Zoroastrians, Influence of Zoroastrians on other faiths, Zoroastrianism in North America and Present day Iran, etc.

These educational topics were well articulated by distinguished presenters to captivate the audience. Open interaction allowed for questions and answers to appease or oppose the topic in question.

NAMC President Ervad Tehemton Mirza, along with Ervad Brigadier Behram Panthaki, Ervad Rustom Vajifdar and Ervad Khushrav Nariman, conducted the Ritual Purification Ceremony after which the participants followed their set of rules to abide by the rituals and practices necessary to complete the Bareshtnum.

This was the first event of its kind in North America; a milestone in the making. A big shout-out to all our dedicated volunteers Aban Chhor, Roshan Engineer, Viloo Gonda, Piloo Ilavia, Hufrish Irani, Cyra Kanga, Nazneen Khumbatta, Yasmin Medhora, Manek Nariman, Avan & Jehangir Shroff and Mani Surkari for all their help during this event. We are so fortunate to have had the privilege of hosting this at our Atash Kadeh.

We thank Ervad Tehemton Mirza for giving us the opportunity to demonstrate our capabilities for such an important ritual.

Congratulations to all the 4 participants Farida Bhesania, Jerroo Captain, Arnaz Mistry and Jasmine Mistry for completing the Bareshtnum successfully.

What an eventful, hectic, yet fulfilling 4 days we all experienced!!
The Atash Kadeh Committee

REFLECTION ON MY BARESHNUM CEREMONY

Spepcial Session with Ervad Mirza



Participants having secluded lunch



Prayer Session with Ervad Mirza



A Narrative and Reflection on My Bareshnum Ceremony

By Jasmine Mistry:

In July 2026, I had the privilege of undergoing the **Bareshnum Ceremony** at the Bhandara Atash Kadeh in Houston, TX—a five-day, four-night experience that deepened my understanding of purification, discipline, and spiritual intention within our Zoroastrian tradition. Although I had studied the Bareshnum through readings and community teachings, experiencing it firsthand revealed dimensions of devotion that only emerge through lived practice. While this milestone was profoundly meaningful, it does not confer the role of Mobedyar or Athravan; those paths require an additional 1.5 years and 3 years of study and testing, respectively, as outlined by the North American Mobed Council (NAMC).

Entering the Sacred Space

From the moment I arrived, the atmosphere of the Atash Kadeh felt transformative. The quiet dignity of the prayer hall, keblah, the Atash, and the guidance of **Ervad Tehmton Mirza**, **Brigadier Ervad Behram Panthaki**, **Ervad Rustom Vazifdar**, and **Ervad Khushrav Nariman** created a space where the outside world seemed to fall away. The structure of the Bareshnum—its rituals, timings, and boundaries—was grounding and intentional.

The Discipline of the Ritual

The daily rhythm of the Bareshnum was humbling and illuminating. Prayer, seclusion, and ritual cleansing required patience and mindfulness, reinforcing that spiritual renewal unfolds through steady practice.

On the first day, we began with the main outdoor **Bareshnum Nahn**, reciting the Nahn prayers with Ervad Mirza, chewing pomegranate leaves, and sipping pomegranate juice symbolizing *nirang*. We then stepped through **nine purification stations** (*karsh* or *pav-steps*) laid in a straight line. At each step, we were purified with ash and water, then we touched the ear of a dog for *Sagdid*, and moved forward. At the final station, we poured a full bucket of water over ourselves before performing our kusti.

The remaining days began with mini Nahn ceremonies, followed by a shower and the **collective recitation of prayers**, which fostered a powerful sense of unity. Together, we recited the **Kusti Prayers**, **101 Names of Dadar Ahura Mazda**, **Din-no-Klamo**, **Sarosh Baj**, and the relevant **Gahs**. During **Havan**, **Rapithwan**, and **Uzirin Gah**, we prayed the **Khorshed** and **Meher Niyaesh**; in **Aiwishuthrem Gah**, we recited the **Sarosh Yasht Vadi**; and in **Ushain Gah**, the **Sarosh Yasht Hadokht**.

We concluded each day with **Doa Nam Satayeshne**, **Patet Pashemani**, and/or **Patet Ravan ni**. In addition, we recited the appropriate Baj at every meal, snack, drink of water, and each time we used the restroom. These prayers became the heartbeat of the retreat—anchoring each day and reminding us that purification is as much spiritual as it is physical.

Community, Guidance, and Gratitude

Although the Bareshnum is a personal journey, I never felt alone. The knowledge, kindness, and steady presence of the mobeds were invaluable, allowing me to participate with confidence and reverence

BARESHNUM PARTICIPANTS LUNCH SEPARATE TABLE



BARESHNUM RETREAT ERVADS MIRZA & PANTHAKY



BARESHNUM RETREAT PARTICIPANTS



Equally meaningful was the support of local volunteers who cared for us from early morning until late at night, even preparing our beds before leaving. Their quiet dedication ensured that we could focus entirely on the spiritual purpose of the retreat.

I was also fortunate to share this experience with three remarkable fellow participants: **Jerbanu (Jeroo) Captain**, **Farida Bhesania**, and **Arnaz Mistry**. Our shared prayers, reflections, and moments of stillness created a bond rooted in mutual respect and spiritual intention.

In addition to the ritual guidance, I am deeply grateful to **Ervad Tehmtan Mirza** for organizing a series of thoughtful and relevant lectures. Each speaker offered well-prepared presentations that expanded our understanding of Zoroastrian theology, history, and practice. My favorite was his interactive talk, **Fly First Class to Heaven**—an inspiring and humorous exploration of faith and righteous living.

This retreat reaffirmed how fortunate we are, as Zoroastrians in Houston, to have a consecrated space where such rituals can be practiced with authenticity and devotion.

Spiritual and Personal Reflections

The Bareshnum offered perspective as much as purification:

- **Physical and spiritual cleanliness** — recognizing how both shape daily living.
- **Asha** — reconnecting with truth and righteousness.
- **Continuity of tradition** — appreciating rituals that have guided our community for centuries.
- **Intentional pauses** — valuing moments that allow us to realign with purpose and clarity.

By the end of the fifth day, I felt lighter, clearer, and profoundly grateful. The ceremony did not change who I am, but it refined how I understand myself within the framework of our faith.

Carrying the Experience Forward

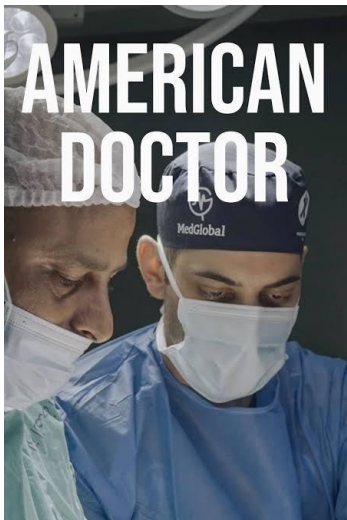
The true impact of the Bareshnum lies not only in the days spent in ritual but in how its lessons accompany us afterward. I left our Houston Atash Kadeh with a renewed commitment to prayer, mindfulness, service, and spiritual integrity. The ceremony strengthened my connection to our traditions and reminded me of the quiet power of purification—not as an obligation, but as a gift.

This experience will remain one of the most meaningful spiritual milestones of my life. I am deeply thankful to the Bhandara Atash Kadeh, the sponsors of the retreat, our mobeds, and the dedicated volunteers guided by **Shernaz Bhandara** and **Persis Behramsha**, who made this sacred journey possible.

SS – MIDDLE GROUP TIRGAN POOL PARTY



DOCUMENTARY AMERICAN DOCTOR



DASTURJI DHALLA



TIRGAN POOL PARTY – MIDDLE GROUP SUNDAY SCHOOL

By: Cyrus and Neville Masani

Last month, our middle group gathered for a pool party at the Khumbatta residence to celebrate **Tigran**, a traditional Persian festival that honors water, joy, and gratitude. It was a wonderful opportunity to learn about a meaningful cultural tradition while enjoying an afternoon of swimming, games, and fellowship. Students spent time getting to know one another, strengthening friendships, and sharing plenty of laughter. The celebration included pizza, ice cream, and cake, making it a memorable afternoon for everyone. We are grateful for these moments that help our students grow in community and deepen relationships.

SUPPORT OUR OWN: 'AMERICAN DOCTOR'

We encourage our community to support the upcoming showing of *American Doctor* at the River Oaks Theatre, running August 28 through September 2.

American Doctor is a 2026 documentary film directed by Poh Si Teng. The film follows three American physicians of diverse backgrounds who travel to Gaza to provide medical aid during the conflict.

Among the three physicians featured is Dr. Feroze Sidhwa, son of Shahnaz and Yezdi Sidhwa, valued members of our community.

Having one of our own featured in this important documentary makes the screening a special opportunity for our community to come together and support Feroze.

Please consider attending and encouraging your family and friends to see this important film.

RESISTANCE TO EVIL

Excerpted from *Our Perfecting World*

By Dastur Maneckji Dhallal

To be good and eschew evil are passive virtues; to further good and to fight evil are active virtues, says Zarathushtra. Personal salvation is the basic principle, the motive power that inspires all religious life. Zarathushtra insists that every man's duty is to seek the salvation of all mankind. To secure individual salvation, and leave others to their fate, without working and struggling for their salvation, is to fail in one's duty towards his fellow-men. To be good, but not to make others good ; not to be evil, yet not to resist the evil caused by others, are merely negative virtues. Everyone can contribute his or her mite, in the manifold walks of life, to the grand end of bringing about the final victory of good and the utter defeat of evil.

O, SAOSHYANT! WHERE ART THOU?

By: Meheryar N. Rivetna

The term “Saoshyant” is commonly believed, by a segment of the Zoroastrian community, as a savior coming at “the end of time” to cleanse the world of all evil, thus, perfecting it. Before the last Saoshyant, it is hypothesized that two such saviors will be born to rid the world of iniquities.

However, according to Zarathustra’s Gathic doctrines (Ys 46.3 and Ys 48.12), a Saoshyant is *any* individual inspired by a Good Mind bringing betterment to the world who advances the principles of Ahura Mazda’s laws of Asha. Not just at the end of time, but at any point in time. So, where does this idea of tripartite saviors come from?

Zoroastrian clerics, after Zarathustra, instituted a belief that the putative saviors will be born of the seed of Zarathustra preserved at the bottom of a lake watched by the *fravashis* of some divinities. When the world nears perfection (*frashokereti*), a virgin will bathe in the lake and be impregnated by Zarathustra’s seed bearing a son—a Saoshyant—who will be named *Astvat-ereta*, meaning: “Maker of Resurrection” or “one who embodies righteousness”. The term is borrowed from the Gathic Ys 43.16: *astvat ashem khyat* (may righteousness be embodied). The Farvardin Yasht (Yt 13.142) names the virgin who bathes in the lake *Eredat-Fedhri*, meaning: “She who brings fulfillment to the father”. In the same Yasht, she is also called *Vispo-taurvairi*, meaning: “the mother who destroys all malice”.

This inexplicable belief stems from some postulate that the future Saoshyants must be descendants of Zarathustra. This enigmatic conception of the Saoshyants evolved centuries after Zarathustra’s passing and the adoption of his faith in western Iran. The western Iranians, perhaps under Babylonian influence, fabricated a world “history” around the Saoshyant concept.

According to their theory, history was divided into a succession of millennia (varying in versions from six, nine or twelve). In line with the Zoroastrian tendency to create triads, it was believed that two Saoshyants, brothers of *Astvat-ereta* will precede him. History was concocted to show that at the beginning of the 10th millennium of the Zoroastrian world calendar around 9970, a virgin will bathe in the lake and conceive the first Saoshyant, *Ukhshyat-ereta* (“He who makes righteousness grow”), aka Hoshedar. He will be 30 in the year 10,000 at which time evil will be on the rise and he will lead the forces of good against all iniquity bringing joy and happiness to all.

Evil will gain strength again and in the year 10,970, the second Saoshyant *Ukhshyat-namah* (“He who makes reverence flourish”) aka Hoshedarmah, born of another virgin conceiving Zarathustra’s seed, will be challenged by greater evils than his brother and be victorious in defeating impiety. Finally, in 11,943, *Astvat-ereta* will be conceived and when he turns 30, he will lead the forces of good against evil supporting the *yazads* in their battle against the *daevas*. The battle will last for 27 years and in the year 12,000, *frashokereti* will be achieved. The mothers of the first two Saoshyants are called *Srutat-fedhri* and *Vanghu-fedhri* (Yt 13.128).

This artificial scenario became part of the Zoroastrian priestly tradition transmitted from one generation to the next. The details of this fabrication seem to be overlooked in favor of the believers awaiting the coming of *Astvat-ereta*, the last savior, who is simply known as the “Saoshyant.”

The belief in the coming of a Saoshyant became a source of strength for the Zoroastrians after the Arab invasion of Iran. With the death of Yazdegerd III, the last Sasanian monarch, his son Peroz III fled to China. The Zoroastrians yearned for the coming of a savior—a Saoshyant, hoping that the messiah will come from China, Peroz III having sought refuge there.

While the expectation of a redeemer persists among a few, the Saoshyant is not some savior to come. Zarathustra’s creed is clear in that the Saoshyant concept is a call for all humans to be Saoshyants in their own right. We must strive for our own and our community’s ethical perfection by following Zarathustra’s universal doctrines of righteous living, rather than await some supernatural intervention.

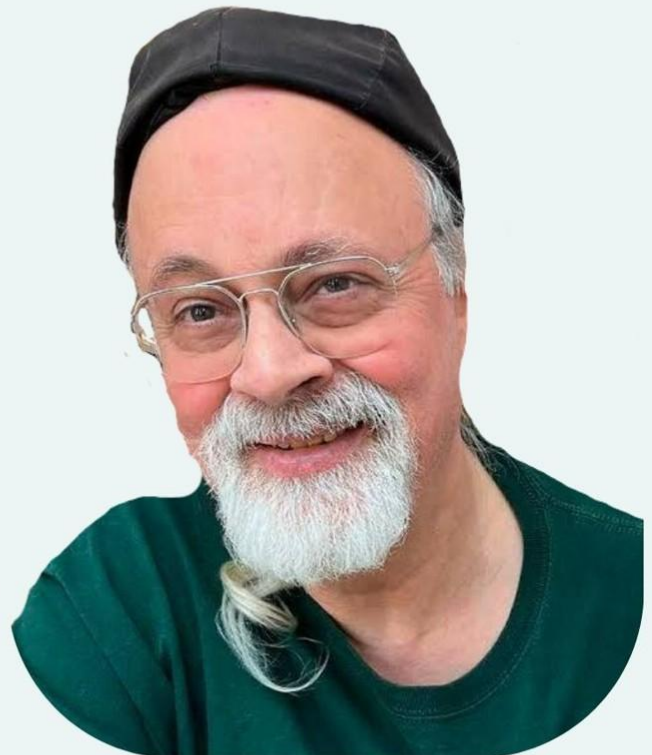
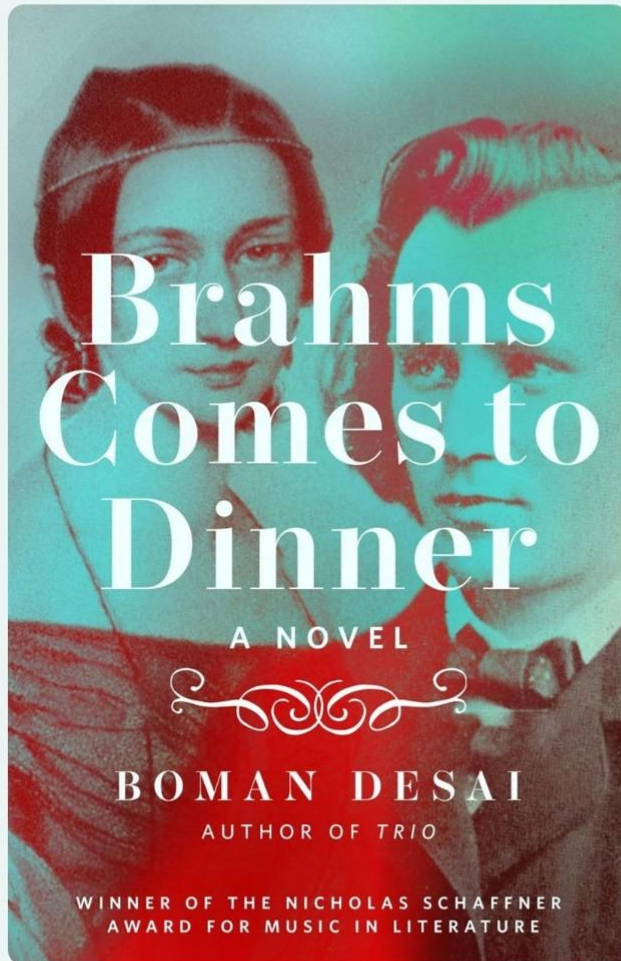
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Boman Desai: New Book Release!

Friday, August 21st, 2026

@ ZAH, The Zarathushti Heritage and Cultural Center



Potluck dinner at 6:30 PM

Reading at 7:00 PM

To attend, register by emailing

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