



# ZOROASTRIAN SOCIETY OF ONTARIO

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# NEWSLETTER

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3590 Bayview Avenue, North York, Ontario, Canada, M2M 3S6

*June 2014*

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

|                   |                       |   |
|-------------------|-----------------------|---|
| Sunday, June 1    | @ 10:30am             | Maidyarem Gahambar  |
| Thursday, June 5  | @ 7:00pm              | Homaji-Ni-Baj   |
| Friday, June 6    | @ 11:00am             | Seniors – Yoga by Zubin Dotiwalla                                 |
| Friday, June 13   | @ 11:00am<br>@ 6:00pm | Seniors - Guest Speaker<br>Scouts Parent Evening and Registration |
| Saturday, June 14 | @ 12:00am             | Scouts sleepover at Darbe Mehr                                    |
| Monday, June 16   | @ 7:00pm              | Meherban Guiv Death Anniversary                                   |
| Friday, June 20   | @ 7:00pm              | Gatha Studies (Persian)   |
| Friday, June 27   | @ 11:00am             | Seniors – Games   |

**Note:** In addition to the above, "Self-Healing PLM YOGA, an Integrated Mind-Body Wellness Therapy" classes will be held each Wednesday (June 4, 11, 18, and 25) at the Darbe Mehr from 6:30 pm to 8:15 pm. For any further information, please call Zubin Dotiwalla at (905) 629-2985.

**Note:** All events will be held at Mehraban Guiv Darbe Mehr, 3590 Bayview Avenue, unless otherwise specified. ZSO, as publisher, is not responsible for content and support of any flyers not issued by them.

### **ZSO MEMBERSHIP FEES:**

Please note that ZSO membership fees for 2014-2015 are due immediately. Members are requested to pay their fees and request family and friends to join the ZSO. Please forward your cheques to the Treasurer, payable to *The ZSO*.

#### **Fee Schedule:**

- \$100.00 F = Family (married or single, includes children under 18)
- \$60.00 I = Individual (non-student over age 18)
- \$30.00 YS = Youth Student (full-time student, age 18 to 25 years)
- \$30.00 ISR = Individual Senior (age 65 and over)
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**EXECUTIVE CORNER:** With the warmer weather upon us, we have been busy cleaning our Darbe Mehr premises this past month. You will note repairs and facelifts in progress to our upstairs washrooms, professional cleanup of the crawlspace debris in the basement as well as removal of old and broken furniture. Furniture will be replaced on a gradual basis.

With respect to our upcoming major renovations in September, the tender process for contractors has commenced with a tender closing date of June 30, 2014. New signs for the Darbe Mehr have been ordered and we are looking to ordering three outdoor table and bench sets for the garden area and expect to have them in use by the end of the month.

At the recent FEZANA Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Seattle, Dr. Jahan Bagli graciously volunteered to represent our organization and presented our report and slide presentation of the past year's activities to the assembly. The EC wishes to recognize and thank Dr. Bagli for his representation of the ZSO at the AGM.

We wish you all a great summer! Ushta Te.

**DEATH ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

On April 22, 2014, Ms. Mehroo Tehmton Mody in Mumbai, India, wife of Tehmton Jimmy Mody, mother of Hoshedar Tehmton Mody (Toronto), Pervez Tehmton Mody (Germany), and Delna Tehmton Mody (Mumbai).

On May 5, 2014, Mr. Hoshang Darabshaw Pavri in Colorado Springs, Colorado, husband of Margie, father of Eric (Christina), brother of Katayun “Kate” (Parvez) Pavri (Toronto), Coomi (Dhun) Patel (Virginia), late Roshan (Howard) Burns (Toronto), and Dinyar (Dinar) (San Francisco).

On May 16, 2014, Mr. Minoo Daruwalla in Ajax, Ontario, husband of Katie, father of Mehrshad and Farzeen.

On May 19, 2014, Mr. Rustom Homavazir in Toronto, Ontario, husband of Naju and father of Aspi.

*Our condolences to the bereaved families.*

**WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT:** On May 1, 2014, Farah, daughter of Dara and Katy Panthakee of Toronto, with Piran, son of late Erach and Kashmira Commissariat of Mumbai. *Congratulations to the newly married couple!*

**MEMBERSHIP FEES:** If Mar-14 is printed on the address label of your newsletter envelope, you have not paid your membership fee for 2014-15. No further newsletters will be mailed to you until your fee is received.

Additionally, members whose fee for the year 2014-15 is not received at the Darbe Mehr by 13<sup>th</sup> July 2014 will not be permitted to attend the ZSO AGM on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2014.

Please support your organization and mail your 2014-15 membership fee to the Treasurer.

**DIRECTORY OF ZOROASTRIANS OF ONTARIO:** The 2014 edition of the Directory has been received. Only a limited number of copies have been printed and these will be available for sale at ZSO functions at the MGDM under the following rules:

- a) Only 1 copy per household to those members who have paid their 2014-15 ZSO membership fee. Cost \$10 per copy.
- b) Members who have not paid their 2014-15 membership fee will be permitted to buy 1 copy per household (at \$15 per copy) **only after** all members who have paid their 2014-15 fee have had the opportunity to purchase their copy.
- c) Any copies left over will then be offered for sale at \$15 per copy.

**2014 DIRECTORY CORRECTION:** We regret an error in the surname of a family whose details are given in the newly published Zoroastrians of Ontario 2104 Directory. On page 24 of the Directory, *Amouyan Mashya P & Dina* is incorrect and should correctly read as **Amroliwalla Mashya P & Dina**. The address and phone numbers shown are correct

**CLEAN UP IN THE MGD M BASEMENT CRAWL-SPACE:** In late April a licensed contractor hired by the ZSO successfully removed old insulation (that may have contained asbestos) on the hot-water pipes running through the crawl space. After the clean-up, air quality throughout the MGD M was tested by a government accredited laboratory and a clean bill of health was received.

**SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE:** The ZSO Scholarship Committee will be responsible for overseeing and managing the scholarship application program for the society. Forms for the inaugural ZSO Academic and Community Service Excellence Award for High School Students are available on the ZSO website ([http://www.zso.org/documents/ZSO\\_Scholarship\\_Application\\_2014\\_2015.pdf](http://www.zso.org/documents/ZSO_Scholarship_Application_2014_2015.pdf)). The deadline for this year's scholarship application is July 13, 2014. For questions about the scholarship application process, please contact Daraius Bharucha at [xermgr@rogers.com](mailto:xermgr@rogers.com).

**NORTH AMERICAN ZOROASTRIAN CONGRESS:** The 17<sup>th</sup> North American Zoroastrian Congress will be held in Los Angeles from December 29-31, 2014. Hosted by the Zoroastrian Association of California, in collaboration with the California Zoroastrian Center, the theme of the Congress is *Faith and Unity*. Separate programs are geared towards children, youth, and adults, while social and entertainment programs have been organized for all ages to enjoy. The Congress will culminate in an extraordinary New Year's Eve Gala. Please visit [www.nazc2014.org](http://www.nazc2014.org) for the program, registration, discounted hotel rates, local LA attractions, and advertising options.

**ENTERPRISE DUBAI BUSINESS CONTEST:** Enterprise Dubai presents a business competition for individuals or teams with ideas for starting a business, product line, or service. Entrants can come from any industry, and all businesses must be for profit. The contest is looking for innovative ideas. Interested applicants must apply by July 31, 2014. For more information, please visit [www.wzcongress.org/enterprisedubai](http://www.wzcongress.org/enterprisedubai).

**DR. DHUN NORIA LIFE-TIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD:** Dr. Dhun Noria was honored on May 10<sup>th</sup> with the Global Lifetime Achievement Award for her exceptional professional accomplishments and community services. Dr. Noria is the second person in The Scarborough Hospital's history to receive the honour.

Previously, Dhun was the recipient of the University of Toronto's 25-year service award and was named businesswoman of 2004 by the Indo-Canada Chamber of Commerce. Recently she also received the Presidential Award from Ontario Medical Association representing 14,000 doctors as well as Queen Elizabeth's Diamond Jubilee Medal in recognition of outstanding service to Canada. *Congratulations Dr. Dhun Noria!*

**ZOROASTRIAN PRE-SCIENTIFIC TEXTS:** Recent scientific discovery has led to evidence of the Big Bang, which is believed to have created our universe over 13 billion years ago. While this discovery no doubt has great significance for the future of science, Almut Hintze, professor of Zoroastrianism at the University of London proclaims that Zoroastrian texts on cosmology read like a pre-scientific summary of the Big Bang. The Bundahishn, a Zoroastrian Middle Persian text from the 10<sup>th</sup> century CE based on older traditions reads, "At the beginning of time Ohrmazd created the world out of his own substance, which is eternal light." Professor Hintze explains that the Zoroastrian pre-scientific explanation of the universe origins pre-empted the scientific discovery; he urges us to recognize that pre-scientific explanations of the Big Bang are present in religious traditions and it is necessary to take a holistic view of science and humanities when considering the origins of our universe.

**INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC URBAN ART COMPETITION:** To commemorate the highly successful tour of the Cyrus Cylinder at museums in five American cities, the Farhang Foundation is sponsoring an urban public art competition and the artwork selected will be gifted to the City of Los Angeles on behalf of the Iranian American Community. The theme of the competition is *Freedom: A Shared Dream*. For more information and official rules please visit [www.farhang.org/freedom](http://www.farhang.org/freedom).

**APPEAL FOR ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION:** It is a well-known fact that there is a serious shortage of donated organs, and recipients have to wait for long periods to receive an organ transplant that they desperately need.

If you would like information on how to register as an organ donor, please contact Meher Panthaky at [meherpanthaky@yahoo.ca](mailto:meherpanthaky@yahoo.ca).

**100 TORONTO SCOUT GROUP:** We had tons of activity in April, in addition to the Link Camp with 100 Oakville that was reported in the May newsletter. On April 13<sup>th</sup>, the Willow Valley Area Commissioner and the Area Team visited us at the Darbe Mehr. Our little Beavers did a small craft, brushed up on their Law, Motto and Promise, and then went outside to play in the great weather. Some Cubs earned the Cyclist Badge, played games with bikes, and did some fire lighting outdoors with the Scouts. The Area Commissioner was extremely satisfied with the turnout and activities and praised the Section Leaders for their dedication in helping our youth grow up to be good and productive Canadian citizens.

Along with 3,000 other youth and leaders, our Scouts participated in the Great North-South American Camp. They brought home a Ribbon plus an Award for best Patrol, and 10/10 for both Compliance and Youth Participation. Kudos to our Scout Leaders for their untiring efforts over the years for our youth!

Sears Canada is a proud Sponsor of Scouts Canada, and on April 26<sup>th</sup> offered some space at their downtown Toronto store for Scout Groups to take a table and speak with Sears' customers about Scouting and what it does for our youth. In return, the customers were free to donate whatever they wished. Our Scout Group seized this opportunity, set up a table with 100 Toronto and other scout artifacts, and greeted customers and answered their queries. Our 16 youth and 5 Leaders did a fantastic job and collected over \$600 - the entire amount that Sears Canada has graciously donated to 100 Toronto via Scouts Canada!

Then on April 27<sup>th</sup>, several of our youth and leaders went for Tree Planting at the Rouge Area Conservation in Markham. We planted different types of trees. Our eager Beavers got help from the older kids and they enjoyed planting and giving back to Mother Earth. They were taught how bigger trees should be spaced, and how smaller ones should be shielded to protect them from inclement weather and animals. There was immense joy and satisfaction among the scouts to be able to be part of giving back to the environment they live in. The weather was absolutely perfect, and a very good and educational outdoor activity for our children.



### **MISCELLANEOUS:**

- In an attempt to saving postage and paper, the ZSO is requesting those who do not wish to receive the newsletter by mail and are prepared to accept the same on-line only, to please email with your full name to [secretary@zso.org](mailto:secretary@zso.org).
- The ZSO requests persons coming from India to please bring with them at least 1kg of *sukhar* to replenish the stock at our Darbe Mehr. The ZSO will gladly pay for the *sukhar*.
- Traditional wooded *paatlaas* (made without nails) and German silver *ses* polishing services are available for a nominal fee right here in the GTA. Please contact Pervez Masani at (416) 282-2615.

### **ZSO NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING RATES**

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**MEHRABAN GUIV DARBE MEHR HOURS:**

|                                      |   |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| <b>Monday</b>                        | 4:30 pm to 8:30 pm                        |
| <b>Tuesday</b>                       | 9:00 am to 12:00 noon; 4:30 pm to 8:30 pm |
| <b>Wednesday</b>                     | 9:00 am to 12:00 noon                     |
| <b>Thursday</b>                      | Closed all day                            |
| <b>Friday, Saturday &amp; Sunday</b> | 9:00 am to 12:00 noon; 4:30 pm to 8:30 pm |

**TELEPHONE:** (416) 225-7771**CONTACTS:**

- **Emergency situations:** Khushru Chothia at (416) 677-7555
- **Messages on the auto-dialer:** Anahita Ogra at (647) 404-1388 or Mehsad Dastur at (416) 235-2627
- **Bookings of private functions or special events at the Darbe Mehr:** Meherwan Wadia at [ExecOfficer2@zso.org](mailto:ExecOfficer2@zso.org) or (416) 455-6514
- **Renting the MGDM hall and Dadgah for post-funeral prayers and rituals:** Meherwan Wadia at (416) 455-6514. Please note there is a charge of \$100 per day.

**ZSO NEWSLETTER INFORMATION:**

**Deadlines:** Please note that the deadline for receiving submissions for the ZSO newsletter is the 15<sup>th</sup> of each preceding month. Any materials received after this date will be published in the following newsletter.

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# Zoroastrian Society of Ontario

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## MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please check mark one box that applies and write clearly

- APPLICATION FOR NEW MEMBERSHIP
- MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL INFORMATION
- CHANGE NOTIFICATION

April 1<sup>st</sup>, 201\_\_ to Mar 31<sup>st</sup>, 201\_\_

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| Last Name                       |          | First Name                             |  | Middle Ini                    | Date of Birth<br>dd   mm   yy |  |
| Spouse's Last Name if different |          | Spouse's First Name                    |  | Date of Birth<br>dd   mm   yy |                               |  |
| Apt or Unit #                   | Street # | Street Name                            |  |                               |                               |  |
| City                            |          | Prov / State                           |  | Postal Code / Zip Code        |                               |  |
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| Cell #<br>- - - - -             |          | Sp Cell #<br>- - - - -                 |  | Pri Email                     |                               |  |
| <b>CHILDREN (under 18 yrs)</b>  |          | <b>YOUTH (over 18 yrs, same addr.)</b> |  | <b>DATE OF BIRTH</b>          |                               |  |
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Please check appropriate box/es for Membership Dues (rates as of 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2013)

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Are you a member of any Zoroastrian Organization which belongs to FEZANA  Y  N

If Yes, then my ZSO Membership is  Primary  Secondary

Cheque for the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ payable to "Z.S.O." is attached

MAIL TO "Z.S.O. Membership" to the above address

Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
dd mm yy (Applicant only)

**NEW MEMBERS** must be introduced by two ZSO Members in GOOD STANDING and approved by ZSO EC.

**NEW IMMIGRANT** in past 12 months  Yes  No if Yes, arrival date \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_  
dd mm yy

1 - Proposed by \_\_\_\_\_  
(member in good standing) Print full name Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_  
dd mm yy

2 - Proposed by \_\_\_\_\_  
(member in good standing) Print full name Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_  
dd mm yy

Approved by ZSO E.C.  Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_  
Signature & Position dd mm yy

**NOTE:** The personal information given will be kept confidential. This information is required to provide better service to our members. Your co-operation is requested.



## اهنودگات - یسن 31 - بند 4

هنگامی که کسی راستی را می طلبد، خداوندان خرد و اندیشمندان با نیکی و آرامش به کمک وی می آیند. پس ما با بهترین دانش خود، خواهان شهرپاری نیرومند خدایی هستیم تا با گسترش آن، بر دروغ و آزار پیروز گردیم.

## گرامیداشت کسری وفاداری

در روز یکشنبه 28 اردیبهشت برابر با May 18<sup>th</sup> یاد و خاطره روانشاد کسری وفاداری در درب مهر مهربان گویو گرامی داشته شد. در این مراسم که با حضور جمعی از همکیشان اوتاریو برگزار گردید، پس از برگزاری مراسم گاتها خوانی، خلاصه ای از زندگینامه و فعالیت های اجتماعی و فرهنگی انجام گرفته توسط آن روانشاد برای باشندگان مراسم یاد آوری گردید. پس از آن نیز فیلمی از زندگینامه آن روانشاد برای باشندگان مراسم به نمایش در آمد. در انتها نیز از باشندگان با چای و شیرینی پذیرایی گردید.

## کلاس موسیقی دَف

همانگونه که آگاه هستید کانون ایرانیان زرتشتی اوتاریو تصمیم به برگزاری کلاسهای آموزش موسیقی و آواز برای همکیشان عزیز را دارد. کلاس دَف، اولین کلاسی خواهد بود که از ماه September شروع خواهد شد. از علاقه مندان عزیز که تمایل حضور در این کلاس را دارند خواهشمند است با اعضای کانون تماس گرفته و یا با [kanoun@zso.org](mailto:kanoun@zso.org) تمایل خود را برای شرکت در این کلاس به اطلاع کانون برسانند.

## سپاسداری - افتخاری دیگر برای زرتشتیان تورنتو

مطلع شدیم که گروهی از زرتشتیان استرالیا در راستای برگزاری مراسم سدره پوشی نونهالان خود، از موبدیار مهشاد خسرویانی جهت آموزش اوستا و برگزاری این مراسم دعوت به همکاری نموده اند. این مراسم در اواخر سال میلادی برگزار خواهد گردید و طی آن تعداد 4 نونهال زرتشتی با پوشیدن سدره و بستن کشتی به آیین نیاکان خود می پیوندند. در راستای این هدف، ایشان در چندین نوبت و با باشندگی خود در استرالیا، آموزش های لازمه را برای آماده سازی این نونهالان انجام خواهند داد. با تبریک زود هنگام به این نونهالان، و همچنین تبریک به موبدیار مهشاد خسرویانی که با همت خود، قدمی دیگر در راستای برگزاری مراسم مذهبی بر می دارند.

## ساعاتی شاد بر روی کروز

کانون ایرانیان زرتشتی اوتاریو در حال برنامه ریزی یک گردهمایی شاد و به یاد ماندنی برای همکیشان عزیز بر روی کشتی تفریحی بر روی دریاچه اوتاریو (کروز) می باشد. این گردهمایی در اواخر August و قبل از شروع مدارس و بازگشت به تحصیل جوانان عزیز خواهد بود. اطلاعات دقیق و آگاهی های لازم در خبرنامه های بعدی به اطلاع شما عزیزان خواهد رسید.

## آرامش باد

درگذشت روانشاد مهین جاماسبی را به فرزندان آن روانشاد و خانواده جاماسبی آرامش باد گفته و شادی روح آن روانشاد را از اهورامزدا خواستاریم.

## تماس با ما

انتقادات، نظرات و پیشنهادات سازنده خود را با ما با آدرس [kanoun@zso.org](mailto:kanoun@zso.org) در میان بگذارید.

## آگهی

کتاب راهنمای تلفن و مشاغل زرتشتیان آماده ارائه شدن به همکیشان عزیز می باشد. این کتاب به قیمت \$10.00 برای اعضای ZSO به فروش می رسد. برای در اختیار داشتن آن با آقای جمشید جم تماس بگیرید.



**ZSO presents**

# *Parsi New Year Dinner & Dance*

*On Friday, 22 August 2014*

*at 7:30pm*

**Come and enjoy a great night out...have delicious dinner, enjoy drinks from our cash bar and dance to the sound of the DJ all night long.**

***Tickets: \$30 per person***

**(5 years & older)**

**For tickets contact:**

**Pearl Chothia ☎416-917-7402 ✉ [kpfreedom@me.com](mailto:kpfreedom@me.com)**

**Zubin Sethna ☎905-780-1726 ✉ [entertainment@zso.org](mailto:entertainment@zso.org)**

**Percy Daruwala ☎416-879-5784 ✉ [info@mystikfood.com](mailto:info@mystikfood.com)**

**Location:**

**New Jaasmin Banquet Hall**

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