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Zoroastrian Society of Ontario

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Events for the months ahead...



Saturday, October 4	7:00pm	Jashne Mehergan (F)
Sunday, October 5	12:30pm	Scouts
Sunday, October 5	2:45pm	Religion Class
Friday, October 10	11:00am	Seniors Bingo
Saturday, October 11	4:00pm	Sports Night (see flyer for details)
Sunday, October 12	11:00am	Ayathrem Gahambar (F)
Saturday, October 18	12:00pm	Seniors Food Fair
Friday, October 24	11:00am	Seniors Event
Sunday, October 26	12:30pm	Scouts
Sunday, October 26	2:45pm	Religion Class
Sunday, November 9	12:30pm	Scouts
Sunday, November 9	2:45pm	Religion Class
Friday, November 14	11:00am	Seniors Event
Sunday, November 23	10:30am	Religion Class Elocution Competition
Friday, November 28	11:00am	Seniors Event
Sunday, November 30	10:30am	Maidyoshem Gahambar (S)*

In addition to the above, "Self-Healing PALM-5 YOGA, an Integrated Mind-Body Wellness Therapy" classes will be held every Wednesday in October at the Darbe Mehr from 6:30 to 8:00pm. For further information, please call Zubin Dotiwalla at (905) 629-2985.

*Due to construction renovations, only chasni will follow the Jashan.

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.

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Executive Committee Corner

With the end of the summer and the start of a new school year for our children, our Religious Education classes at both the east and west end locations have commenced. We are pleased that a total of 35 children have been enrolled at the Darbe Mehr location and 61 in the west end location. We extend a big thank you to all the teachers, their classroom assistants, students, and parents for a record enrollment. In addition, we have a new Scouts season with a total of 86 enrolled in Scouts at the various levels. Thank you to the Scouts leaders and volunteers for fostering the Scout movement and instilling a sense of volunteerism in the next generation.

The ZSO lecture sub-committee organized its first lecture event in September. Members came out in record numbers to listen to a very interesting talk by Professor Mitra Sharafi about Parsi legal culture and history under British colonial rule in India. There was lively interaction with questions and answers at the end of her presentation. The ZSO acknowledged her presence with a gift as a token of appreciation. She also graciously gifted a copy of her latest book to the ZSO Library. Please feel free to borrow this and other books from our Library by contacting the Library sub-committee. Thank you to Dr. Jehan Bagli for organizing the lecture.

The EC, on the recommendation of the Architect, has selected the contractor for the kitchen and washroom renovation project. It will take a few weeks to finalize the terms of the contract. If all goes according to plan, work on the renovations will commence October 20, 2014 and should be completed in January 2015. During the period of renovations, the DM will be open for limited use for those who wish to attend the prayer room as well as for Religious Education classes, Scouts, Avesta classes, yoga classes, etc. Please however note that no washroom or water will be available on either the main level or in the basement. However, the renovated washrooms on the 2nd floor will be available for those visiting the DM. While the construction area will be cordoned off, we request all, especially the elderly and young children, to exercise extreme caution while on the premises.

An update of our EC meeting with the Board of the OZCF will be provided in our next newsletter as at the time of printing of this newsletter the event has not taken place.

Obituary

Mr. Shahrokh Shahrokh, grandson of Arbab Keikhosrow, passed away on September 16, 2014. He is survived by his wife Simin, his son Kourush, and daughter Taraneh Syrus Zomorrody.

Shahrokh Shahrokh was born in India. His grandfather was the legendary Arbab Keikhosrow Shahrokh of Kerman, Iran. Shahrokh, together with Dr. Rashna Writer, edited The Memoirs of Keikhosrow Shahrokh™, published by Edwin Mellen Press in 1994. Sharokh was on steering ZET committee, which launched the Zoroastrian Education Project in 1990 and also on the steering committee that established to ZTFE Reference Library. He was Joint Vice Chair during the 8th World Zoroastrian Congress hosted by the ZTFE in 2005. He also served the Zoroastrian Trust Funds of Europe for over forty years. Shahrokh was well known and respected by Iranian Zoroastrian philanthropists, including the late Arbab Rustam and late Madam Guiv, late Mehraban and late Goli Farhangi, Bahman and Nahid Mobed, and the late Zartoshty brothers Mobed Faridoon and Mobed Mehraban and their families.

Mukhtad Clean-up – Thank You!

We would like to thank the following additional people for their valuable time and effort in helping clean up the Darbe Mehr during Mukhtad.

Dickie P. Antia
Navroz D. Antia
Khushroo S. Bagli
Gool Bharucha
Jimmy Kershaw
Aban Pithawala
Darayus Pithawala
Zubin Sethna
Zarir Shroff

Directory for Zoroastrians of Ontario

The new 2014 ZSO Telephone Directory is out and has been well received. Directories will be available for purchase at most ZSO functions at the Darbe Mehr for the next few months (\$10 for members, \$15 for non-members).

ZSO Website

Our ZSO website is now live and can accept memberships online. Please sign up online with your credit card to avoid the hassle of mailing in the cheques. The site is also set up to receive donations. Through this site you can manage your own profile and select your choice of communication methods (auto-dialer, SMS, email).

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Mehrgan Celebrations

Jashne Mehrgan, the celebration that coincides with the month and day of *Mehr* will be held this year on October 4th at the Darbe Mehr. Mehrgan is an ancient festival that at its height in ancient days would be celebrated with grandeur and was equally important as Navroze. In its entirety, Mehrgan is celebrated for 6 days. This festival is also known as the festival of agriculture, as *Mehr* occurs around harvest time. It is a commemoration of *Mehr* (warmth and friendship) and of bounty. We wish all of you a very happy Mehrgan as you get together with family and friends during this period.

New ZSO Logo

We are seeking a new refreshing logo to represent our organization. We encourage healthy competition amongst our members and no age restriction applies. All logos submitted will be displayed on our website and the logo that receives the most "likes" will win.

Requirements are as follows:

- All logos should be in one of the following formats: PDF, jpeg, tiff, or bmp. Hand drawn submissions will be accepted as well.
- Zoroastrian Society of Ontario (ZSO) must be present within the logo.

Deadline for submissions will be October 31st by 11:59pm. Voting will commence on the ZSO website on November 10th and will close on December 12th. The winner's logo will be used effective January 2015. To submit, email execofficer2@zso.org or mail to the MGDM. For more information, contact Meherwan Wadia at (647) 297-6591.



North American Zoroastrian Congress

Early bird registration for the 17th North American Zoroastrian Congress in Los Angeles from December 29-31, 2014 ends on August 31st. Many social events are planned around those dates to make your stay in Los Angeles most enjoyable. Please visit www.nazc2014.org for the program, registration, discounted hotel rates, local LA attractions, and advertising options.

World Zoroastrian Symphony Orchestra

The World Zoroastrian Symphony Orchestra is slated to play at the Congress. If you are a musician and would like to perform at the Congress, please contact Vira Santoke for more information: (714) 963-1301 or vsantoke@verizon.net.

Mini-Congress for Delegates Under 18

There will be a mini-Congress for delegates under age 18. This includes babysitting for those under 4 years, religion classes for those ages 5-12, and teen track sessions for those 13-18 years.

Basketball/Volleyball

Weekly basketball and volleyball sessions will be held for youth and adults on Saturdays and Sundays at the Langstaff Community Centre. For more information, please contact beheshtehfaramarzi@yahoo.com or Atoosa at AsstTreasurer@zso.org.

Dr. Sharafi Lecture at the ZSO

A lecture on Parsi legal culture in British India was given by Professor Mitra Sharafi on September 21st at the MGDM. The talk started out describing how Parsi lawyers in the early 20th century were familiar figures in Bombay courts. Professor Sharafi went on to describe the Parsi's assimilation to the western ways to such a high extent that it unsettled the British colonizers. Parsi lawyers were so deeply involved in the colonial law that it enabled them to create a degree of autonomy within the nucleus of the legal institutions. They seemed to work from within rather than outside the colonial state. The Parsi world of law generated legislations and litigation in the field of marriage, inheritance, religious trusts, and defamation suits that brought the impact of Parsi values on the law. Despite being a minority in the city of Bombay, the community had significantly high number of cases, almost one third of which were intragroup litigations that were brought to the state court. The talk was accompanied by the presentation of the caricatures of famous Parsi industrialists and judiciary personalities with dates and their involvement in the Parsi legal history. In particular the talk touched upon the historic case of *Petit v Jijibhai* regarding the rejection of non-Zarathushtis in the Parsi Zoroastrian community. It was particularly interesting to note how the judgment process shifted midway through the trial, by a change of position of Justice Davar and the expert witness J.J. Modi partly influenced by the veteran solicitor Vimadalal. The whole story of this case is described in a paper published by Professor Sharafi. Overall it was a very informative and interesting lecture.



Miscellaneous

- In an attempt to save postage and paper, the ZSO requests those who do not wish to receive the newsletter by mail and who are prepared to accept the same online only, to please email with your full name to 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 the Darbe Mehr. The ZSO will gladly pay for the *sukhar*.

Contacts

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Renting the MGDM hall (for post-funeral prayers and rituals or for private functions): Meherwan Wadia (416) 455-6514 or execofficer2@zso.org

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Tuesday	9:00am to 12:00pm; 4:30 to 8:30pm
Wednesday	9:00am to 12:00pm
Thursday	Closed
Friday, Saturday, Sunday	9:00am to 12:00pm; 4:30 to 8:30pm

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

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اشتودگات - یسن ۴۵ - بند ۱۰

آنرا با ستایشهای آرامش درونی خود بزرگ می دانم که همواره اهورامزدا، خدای دانا، نام دارد. او است که از راستی و منش نیک خود و در شهرپاری خویش به مردم رسایی و جاودانی می بخشد. بشود که او برما تندرستی و توانایی ارزانی دارد.

همازوری در گهنبار

گهنبار چهره ایاسرم در روز یک شنبه ۱۲ اکتبر برابر با روز اشتاد از ماه مهر، از ساعت ۱۱ در سالن مهربان گویو برگزار می گردد. همراهی و همازوری شما را آرزومندیم .

ابراز همدردی

هموند گرامی آقای تورج رهنمون درگذشت پدر گرامیتان، روانشاد سیروس رهنمون را به شما آرامش باد گفته و دیربوی و تندرستی بازماندگان را از درگاه اهورامزدا آرمان داریم.

تماس با ما

انتقادات، نظرات و پیشنهادات سازنده خود را با ما با آدرس kanoun@zso.org در میان بگذارید.

ورزش و سلامتی با یوگا

در راستای سلامتی و درمان ذهن و بدن، کلاسهای یوگا هر چهارشنبه از ساعت ۶:۳۰ تا ۸:۱۵ بعد از ظهر در سالن درب مهر مهربان گویو برگزار میگردد. این کلاسها در روزهای ۱، ۸، ۱۵، ۲۲، ۲۹ اکتبر برپا می باشد.

دهشمندان

نام بردن از خیراندیشان گرامی، کوچکترین پاسداشتی است که می توان از این هموندان گرامی داشت. به این منظور دهشمندان و خیر اندیشان را به کانون kanoun@zso.org معرفی نمایید تا بدین وسیله از آنها تشکر و قدردانی شود.

پاداش نیک خیراندیشان را از اهورامزدا خواستاریم.

کلاسهای ورزشی - دینی

همانند سالهای گذشته کلاسهای بسکتبال و والیبال و دوره جدید کلاسهای دینی-ورزشی در روزهای شنبه و یکشنبه در مجتمع فرهنگی (Langstaff) برگزار می گردد. امیدواریم که با آگاهی رسانی داخلی بین همکیشان این دوره نیز با استقبال خوبی همراه باشد.

شبیه به یاد ماندنی (همراه با ورزش، تفریح، شام و رقص)

- ✓ زمان: شنبه ۱۱ اکتبر ۲۰۱۴
- ✓ مکان: درب مهر مهربان گویو
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 - اجرای رقص زیبای لاتین توسط یک گروه رقص حرفه ای - ۹,۰۰-۱۰,۰۰ شب
 - رقص دسته جمعی همراه با دی جی و رقص نور و صدا - ۱۰,۰۰-۱۲,۰۰ شب شام:
 - غذای با گوشت: خورشت قیمه همراه با کاری میگو با سیب زمینی سرخ کرده، برنج با سبزیجات و سالاد فصل
 - غذای بدون گوشت: کاری سبزیجات با سیب زمینی سرخ کرده، برنج با سبزیجات و سالاد فصل
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سدره پوشی همگانی

کانون ایرانیان زرتشتی انترپو تصمیم به برگزاری یک سدره پوشی همگانی در ماه سپتامبر و یا بعد از آن را دارد. از والدین محترم که تمایل دارند فرزندان خود را با بستن کشتی و پوشاندن سدره هم پیمان دین زرتشتی گردانند خواهشمند است تا با هموندان کانون kanoun@zso.org تماس گرفته تا آگاهی های لازم را جویا شوند.

کلاس موسیقی دَف

در راستای برگزاری کلاسهای آموزش موسیقی و آواز برای همکیشان عزیز، از علاقه مندان یادگیری دَف خواهشمند است با kanoun@zso.org تمایل خود را برای شرکت در این کلاس به اطلاع کانون برسانند.

۱۰ مهر (۲ اکتبر)، روز مهر از ماه مهر، جشن مهرگان بر همگان خجسته باد.



جشن مهرگان

مهرگان یا جشن مهر یکی از بزرگترین جشن‌های ایران است که در روز مهر از ماه مهر برگزار می‌شود. «مهرگان» پس از نوروز بزرگترین جشن ایرانیان باستان بوده‌است.

مهرگان از روز مهر، شانزدهمین روز مهر، تا روز رام، بیست و یکمین روز مهر آغاز می‌شود و شش روز به طول می‌انجامد (۱۰ تا ۱۶ مهر خورشیدی). روز اول را مهرگان عامه و روز آخر را مهرگان خاصه می‌نامند.

مهرگان یکی از کهن‌ترین جشن‌های ایرانیان و هندوان است که در ستایش و نیایش مهر یا میترا (ایزد روشنایی، پیمان، دوستی و محبت، و دین و آیین مهری) برگزار می‌شود. این جشن در دوران پس از اسلام پس از نوروز بزرگ‌ترین جشن ایرانی است. حال آنکه احتمالاً در ایران باستان، هم رده یا برتر از نوروز بوده است. جشن مهرگان، جشن کشاورزان نیز بوده و است. مهر برابر است با پایان فصل برداشت کشاورزی. از این رو زمان مناسبی برای جشن و شادی و استراحت کشاورزان که عمده مردمان دوران کهن بودند، نیز است.

جشن مهرگان را با رویدادهایی مانند قیام کاوه آهنگر علیه ضحاک ماردوش نیز نسبت می‌دهند. روایت است که در این روز فریدون شاه پیشدادی به رهبری کاوه آهنگر بر ضحاک ستمگر چیره شد و ضحاک را در کوه دماوند حبس نمود و فریدون تاج پادشاهی بر سر نهاد. فرشتگان در جشن مهرگان به یاری فریدون آمدند و در آخرین روز جشن که روز رام می‌باشد ضحاک در کوه دماوند به زندان افتاد. مهرگان همچون نوروز دارای اعتدال کیهانی است. اندازه شب و روز در مهر برابر می‌شود و شاید از همین رو این ماه را به نام مهر که ایزد داوری و عدالت و دادگستری است گذاشته اند.

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An Early Bird Bonus of \$75 per person is offered if booking deposit of \$250 is received by September 26th 2014.*

This price is guaranteed with a minimum of 20 guests

September 1, 2014

Day 1/ March 14: Toronto-Lima

Board Air Canada's direct flight to Lima.

Day 2/ March 15: Lima (B, D)

Welcome to South America!

Arrive in Lima, and transfer to your hotel (early check-in included) to relax for the remainder of the night. In the afternoon you will enjoy a city tour covering The **Plaza Mayor**, **San Isidro** and **Miraflores**. The tour will end at your hotel, and a Welcome dinner awaits you.

Overnight at **Doubletree by Hilton El Pardo Lima**.

Day 3/ March 16: Lima-Cusco-Sacred Valley (B, L, D)

We take the morning flight to Cusco and transfer to the valley for a full day tour of **Awanacancha**, an Andean textile center. This is followed by a delicious lunch at **Wayra restaurant** and a **Peruvian Paso horse** demonstration. We end the day with a visit to the Incan fortress and citadel of **Ollantaytambo**. Dinner and overnight at the **Sol Y Luna Hotel in Sacred Valley**.

Day 4/ March 17: Sacred Valley-Machu Picchu-Cusco (B, L, D)

Full Day **Machu Picchu** visit in **Vistadome Train**. We start at Ollanta station to go to the Aguas Calientes Station. You will see the changing landscapes as we travel from the Andean highlands to the "eyebrow" of the jungle for a 20 minute bus ride up to the citadel of Machu Picchu, the Lost City of the Incas. Buffet lunch at the **Machu Picchu Sanctuary Lodge** restaurant after the excursion, and a train journey back to Cusco.

Overnight and dinner at the **Casa Andina Private Collection Cusco Hotel**.

Day 5/ March 18: Cusco- Lima (B)

Transfer to Cusco airport for the flight to Lima. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure exploring Lima at your own pace.

Overnight at **Doubletree by Hilton El Pardo Lima hotel**.

Day 6/ March 19: Lima-Buenos Aires (B)

We arrive in Buenos Aires, arrive early in the evening and transfer to our hotel to relax and refresh. Free evening to discover the vibrant area around our hotel.

Overnight at **Intersur Recoleta Buenos Aires Hotel**.

Day 7/ March 20: Buenos Aires (B, L)

City Tour & Lunch Excursion.

The city tour includes attractions such as the 9 de Julio Avenue, the Obelisk, Corrientes Street and other major landmarks. Then we continue towards the most traditional neighborhoods of **San Telmo**, **La Boca**, **Puerto Madero** and **Palermo** - Last stop on the tour is **Recoleta**, which is one of the most elite neighborhoods of Buenos Aires. We return to our hotel in the same neighbourhood after an exciting day.

Overnight at **Intersur Recoleta Buenos Aires Hotel**.

Day 8/ March 21: Buenos Aires (B, L, D)

Full Day Fiesta Gaucha (at Santa Susana) Excursion.

This is a visit to a typical "estancia" (farm) located in the pampas about 110 km from the city, one of the most fertile natural prairies. Upon arrival we will be served delicious warm "empanadas" (meat pastries). We will then have free time to relax, explore the ranch, go horseback riding, or ride horse driven carriages. This is followed by a delicious BBQ lunch, good Argentine wines, music and folkloric dance. We will see a typical "Ring Race and appreciate the skill of the riders. At night we proceed for our formal evening at the **Café de Los Angelitos Dinner and Tango show**. This is a live show of more than one hundred years of Buenos Aires history.

Overnight at **Intersur Recoleta Buenos Aires Hotel**.

Day 9/ March 22: Buenos Aires-Iguazú (B, D)

We will have some free time in the morning before we fly to Iguazú. Our Iguazú hotel is strategically located at the junction of three South American countries! Spend the evening relaxing

at this lovely hotel!

Dinner and overnight at **Amerian Portal del Iguazú Hotel**.

Day 10/ March 23-Iguazú (B, D)

Argentinian Falls Excursion

The Iguazú Park is a huge tropical rainforest which has been declared a World Heritage Site in 1984. From a 1,000-meter footbridge, we will be able to admire the majestic Iguazú Falls or go up an elevator to the Salto Floreano viewpoint. We will stop at different viewpoints and travel for a short ride on the Ecological Jungle train. We will experience bird's eye views and spectacular close-ups to appreciate the true beauty of nature at its finest!

Dinner and overnight at **Amerian Iguazú hotel**.

Day 11/ March 24: Iguazú- Rio de Janeiro (B, D)

(Brazilian Falls Excursion)

The Brazilian Falls are located on the western side of the Parana State in Brazil. They were declared Natural World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1986. The Brazilian Park and the Argentinian National Park are divided by the Iguazú river. There are four main rapids to see here. We then transfer to the Foz do Iguacu airport for our flight to Rio de Janeiro. Overnight and dinner at the **Golden Tulip Regente hotel** on Copacabana Beach.

Day 12/ March 2 Rio de Janeiro (B)

Half day **Sugar Loaf** and city tour.

In the morning explore a panoramic tour of downtown Rio. We will see other famous city highlights and travel to the top by cable car. The first cable car takes us to Urca Hill, a vantage point 215 meters high from which offers beautiful views of Guanabara Bay, the Rio-Niterói Bridge and Corcovado Mountain. Then we go up 395 metres to the top of Sugar Loaf Mountain to see other splendid views of Rio.

Overnight at **Golden Tulip Regente hotel**.

Day 13/ March 26: Rio de Janeiro (B, D)

Corcovado Excursion

Our drive will take us through the city and we will pass the Lagoa Rodrigo de Freitas on our way to the Cosme Velho Train cog station, the base of Corcovado Mountain. Here, we will take the ride through the dense Tijuca rain forest to the 38m tall Christ Redeemer Statue.

Rio nights are electric! You will feel the energy in the air! This excitement is brought to life at the Farewell dinner at **Plataforma's nightly Carnival Parade!** Indulge in a traditional Brazilian Barbecue dinner followed by the tantalizing Plataforma 1 Samba Show, with live music, brilliant costumes, rhythmic drumming and unbelievable dancing!

Overnight at **Golden Tulip Regente hotel**.

Day 14/ March 27: Rio de Janeiro (B,)

Enjoy your last free day in Rio and get ready to depart in the evening for your flight back home. **Adios South America!**

B=Breakfast L=Lunch D=Dinner

Prices quoted are in Canadian dollars
 Detailed itinerary available upon request

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DEPOSIT SCHEDULE

First deposit of \$250 is required upon booking.
 Early Bird bonus applies if \$250 is received by Sept 26, 2014*
 Second deposit of \$1250 is due by October 24, 2014
 Balance payment due before January 9, 2015.

*\$75 per person Early booking bonus will be deducted from final payment.

If Final payment is paid by cheque or bank draft, there will be a 2% price reduction

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MARCH 14, 2015

Package price from Toronto on Air Canada	CAD \$7,545
Land Only (Includes 5 internal flights)	CAD \$6,795
Single Supplement	CAD \$1680

PACKAGE PRICE INCLUDES

- Round trip economy air from Toronto on Air Canada
- Domestic Airfares with taxes
- Airport transfers
- Accommodation at 4/5*star hotels
- Train tickets to Machu Picchu
- Licensed English speaking guides
- Daily buffet breakfast in hotels
- Meals as specified
- Admission fees to sites as per itinerary
- All hotel service charges and taxes
- Deluxe A/C coach
- Portage services

PACKAGE PRICE EXCLUDES

- International air taxes and fuel surcharge (approx. \$300 can only be confirmed once ticketed)
- Airport transfers for "Land Only" guests
- Early check in, late check out
- Visa and reciprocity fees
- Meals not described in the itinerary
- Optional sightseeing and shows
- Travel insurance (mandatory)
- Drinks during meals, hotel extras and personal spending
- Tips (discretionary)



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