

Zoroastrian Society of Ontario

Newsletter – January 2020 Volume 46, Number 7

JANUARY

| Saturday, Jan. 4 | 10:30am | Khushali Jashan* (see attached flyer for details) |
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| Sunday, Jan. 5 | 11:00am | Maidyarem Gahambar (F) |
| Friday, Jan. 10 | 11:00am | Seniors Event |
| Saturday, Jan. 11 | 6:00pm | Jashn-e-Bahmangan (F) |
| Sunday, Jan. 12 | 2:45pm | Children's Religion Class |

FEBRUARY

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| Saturday, Feb. 1 | 6:00pm | Jashn-e-Sadeh (F) |
| Sunday, Feb. 2 | 12:30pm | Scouts |
| Sunday, Feb. 2 | 2:45pm | Children's Religion Class |
| Friday, Feb. 7 | 11:00am | Seniors Event |
| Saturday, Feb. 8 | 7:00pm | Scout's Valentine's Dinner & Dance |
| Sunday, Feb. 9 | 10:30am | Paitishem Gahambar (S)* |
| Friday, Feb. 14 | 6:00pm | Porseh Hamegani (F) |
| Saturday, Feb. 15 | 11:00am | Hamaspathmaidyem Gahambar (F) |
| Friday, Feb. 21 | 11:00am | Seniors Event |
| Saturday, Feb. 22 | 6:00pm | Jashn-e-Esfandgan (F) |
| Sunday, Feb. 23 | 11:00am | Scouts BP Day |
| Saturday, Feb. 29 | 6:00pm | Sports Night |
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^{*}Please provide names for meals to Ervad Hoshang Udwadia at 416-499-4957.

Note:

All events will be held at Mehraban Guiv Darbe Mehr unless otherwise specified. ZSO, as publisher, is not responsible for content and support of any flyers it has not issued.



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| | <u>Days</u> | Morning Hours | Evening Hours |
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| , | Monday | CLOSED | 4:30PM - 8:30PM |
| Ž | Tuesday | 9:00AM - 12:00PM | 4:30PM - 8:30PM |
| | Wednesday | CLOSED | 4:30PM - 8:30PM |
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| | Sunday | 9:00AM - 12:00PM | 4:30PM - 8:30PM |

WHAT'S NEW PRES?

On behalf of The Board of Directors, I would like to wish you and yours a very Happy New Year! May 2020 be full of hope, unity and joy!

A huge thanks to the Entertainment Committee and Kanoun for a fun-filled and well attended New Years' Eve event! We look forward to many more events together as one community.

While still early, now would be a great time to renew your ZSO membership for 2020-21. It's easy and secure just login to www.zso.org and use your payment method of choice. We also encourage you to receive your Newsletter by email at no extra charge to help ZSO remain environmentally friendly and save costly paper printing and mailing charges. Please contact secretary@zso.org with any feedback or for details.

As mentioned last month, your Board is excited to move forward with some key initiatives in 2020. To effectively execute and be fully transparent on all the initiatives - the Board has unanimously decided to reopen the bidding for the Floor Tiling project. Rather than use only the bids that were originally obtained for the Main Hall and adjacent area flooring, the process would be opened to the entire community to get the best possible outcome for ZSO for the long run. This will mean a change in the approximate timeframes announced last month and subsequently the DM will remain open in January.

A similar approach will be used for all the upcoming initiatives. Stay tuned for updates!

If you are a GenX'er, Millennial or Gen Z, ZSO needs your ideas, enthusiasm and skills to help shape a promising future for our growing community! Contact: asstsecretary@zso.org.

As always, we appreciate all feedback – do let us know what you think we are doing well and what areas need improvement.

2020, here we come...

Tandarosti, Mashya Amroliwalla

LECTURE ANNOUNCEMENT - Dr. Leon Goldman

On Sunday February 9, 2020 after the Paitishem Gahambar Jashan – the ZSO lecture committee will be showing a talk by Dr. Leon Goldman. The talk will commence at 2 pm after lunch. The title of the talk will be "Neryosangh and the Parsi Sanskrit Tradition". This will be a recorded You-tube version of a talk given by Dr. Goldman at World Zoroastrian Organization in UK on June 7, 2015.

Dr. Goldman received his B.A. (Hons.) degree from University of Queensland in Australia in 2004 with a focus on Indian Religions and Sanskrit. He then returned to London to pursue his M.A. in Iranian and Zoroastrian Studies at SOAS. In 2012, he received his Ph.D. for his doctoral thesis entitled *Rashn Yasht.: The Avestan Hymn of 'Justice'. Text, Translation, and Commentary.* This was later published by Reichert Verlag. From 2012-2015, he held a Postdoctoral Fellowship from the British Academy, and from 2016-2019 he has worked as part of the Multimedia Yasna (MUYA) Project at SOAS.

The talk will describe the innate differences in the translation of ancient scriptures in Avesta and Pahlavi into Sanskrit. We look forward to your attendance to understand the complexities in scriptural matters.

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Scouts Annual Valentine's Dance - 2020

The 100th Toronto Scouts Group is hosting its annual Valentine's Day fundraiser on Saturday, February 8th at the Darbe Mehr. This year's theme is "Under the Sea". Funds raised will go towards various scouting activities such as outings and for our Beavers, Cubs and Scouts as well as purchasing scouting equipment.

Seats are limited; book your tickets today! Please RSVP by January 31st to Pearl Chothia: 416-917-7402 or Shiraz Tampal: 416-371-3704. See attached flyer for additional details.

If you're unable to attend, you can support the group by sending a donation cheque made payable to "Scouts Canada" and mentioning "100 Toronto Scouts Group" in the memo line or visiting Scouts Canada's website https://scouts.thankyou4caring.org/designateddonations. Tax receipts will be issued by Scouts Canada for donations of \$20 and greater.

Thank you, 100 Toronto Scouts Group.

Zoroastrian Women Named in Fortune India's Most Powerful of 2019







Zarine Daruwala

Nisaba Godrej

Meher Pudumjee

Every year, the prestigious 'Fortune India MPW (Most Powerful Women) Summit' celebrates India's foremost women executives and entrepreneurs, alongside discussions of ideas and issues related to gender, women in the workplace, the economy, and the society at large.

This year, the Fortune India MPW (Most Powerful Women) Summit was held in Mumbai on 8th November, 2019, and recognized the excellence of three extraordinary Zoroastrian women – **Zarin Daruwala** – CEO, Standard Chartered Bank (India); **Nisaba Godrej**, Executive Chairperson, Godrej Consumer Products; and **Meher Pudumjee** – Chairperson, Thermax – amongst India's foremost fifty women, who made it to Fortune India's 2019 Annual ranking of the most powerful women in business who are making an impact by virtue of their business acumen and social and cultural influence.

You can read the full article on www.zoroastrians.net.

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Toronto Star-Scouts Canada Santa Boxes

Once again, this year, the Scout and Guide groups across the Greater Toronto Area (from Durham, Brampton, Toronto and Mississauga) assisted the Toronto Star Newspaper and the other local community newspapers to deliver in excess of 45,000 "Santa Boxes" to the less fortunate children. There were over 2,300 boxes at the depot in North York which got sorted and delivered through public and scouting volunteers.

Many thanks to Scouters Mashya Amroliwalla (President of ZSO) and his two scout daughters, Jia and Burzina, Scouter Ferozeshaw Ogra, his wife Anahita and their Beaver-Scout Avan for helping with the sorting of the boxes. Mashya, Jia and Burzina as well as Cub-Scout Sharmin Chichgar and her mum Aloo - also helped with the delivery of the boxes.



Many thanks to Scouter Khushroo Bharda (Group Commissioner for the 100th Oakville Zoroastrian Scout group) and Scouter Kaiomarz Suntoke for organizing with their Group to deliver the Santa Boxes.

A special thanks to the following Scouts and their parents from the 100th Oakville Zoroastrian Scout Group who came out on December 1st, driving through snow pellets and freezing rain: Behzad and Yazad Karai; Yohaan Bacha; Jehan and Khushi Khambatta; Meher Birdie; Shirzad Panthaky and Cub-Scouts Jasmin and Sean Aderbehman; Zane Kavasji and Nyreeka Chichgar.



Collectively, the 100th Oakville helped in putting a smile on nearly 160 kids' faces (or approx. 100 families); an experience of a lifetime which neither the receiver nor the deliverer will forget!!! Here is a report from Scout Mehroo Birdie:

"Even though it was an icy, snowy day, I still enjoyed the learning experience. I realized how fortunate and lucky I am to have everything I want. I wanted to deliver these boxes because seeing the smiles on the kids' faces when they saw my family and me at the door, brought me joy. In those boxes were warm clothes to wear, books to read, a toothbrush and a small toy to play with. I was so happy to be 'Santa' for the kids. I learnt that we should always 'think' before we 'do'. This amazing experience gave me the opportunity to practice good thoughts, good words and good deeds. I hope you decide to be a volunteer of the Santa Clause fund and help others in need."

(Report submitted by Scouter Freddy Mirza, North York Depot Co-ordinator for the Toronto Star-Scouts GTR Santa Boxes)

100th Toronto Scout Group Report - November 2019

November was another busy month for all the sections of our Group.

The month started with the Beaver-Scouts visit to the nearby Fire Station (near Bayview & Cummer) on November 3rd where they learned about the emergency drill - namely how to react when there is a fire, whom to call and, most importantly, how to avoid fires in the first place. The Beaver-Scouts also had the opportunity to sit inside the fire truck. The fire crew then showed the children what they wear when they attend to a fire. They both had a race as to who dresses up first. It took them 35 secs to get ready. Our parents would be more than happy if their kids can dress up in even 35 minutes!!! They also called out a fake fire drill call to show how it sounds and what they do when they get a call. Coincidentally – this was followed by an actual fire alarm and the scouts got to see an actual fire call where – in under a minute - the firemen left the fire station to attend the call. Overall it was a great experience for all.





While the Beaver-Scouts were out learning about fire prevention and dealing with fire related emergencies, the Cub-Scouts learned the fundamental basics of First Aid. The Cub-Scouts learned about the management of bleeding by bandaging each other's hands, forehead and arm. They learnt about safety as a First Aider by wearing protective gear like gloves, facemask and the importance of hand washing. Overall the cubs enjoyed the hands-on training and were very receptive to learn more. Many thanks to Akela Avan, and her team of leaders for the session.

The weekend of November 8th to 10th, the scouts had a camp at the MGDM, entirely organized by the Youth Leaders Kashmira Bulsara and Jason

Buhaiwala. In addition to organizing and preparing all the meals by the scouts, the highlight of the camp was a visit to the nearby Cummer Community centre swimming pool in the afternoon and watching the light show at the Toronto City Hall in the evening after sunset. The youths enjoyed both the activities including the travel to downtown by public transport. Kudos to the Youth Leaders for their excellent organizing skills. The scouts were also taught about taking care of the tents. They opened, cleaned and inspected the tents which they received from the organizers of the Scouts Canada Hosted Hospitality ("Ho-Ho") Camo during the past summer.

On Sunday Nov 17th, the Beaver-Scouts and the Cub-Scouts went to a nearby park and did some mini ziplining as well had fun at an obstacle course. Upon return to the Darbe-Meher, they were treated to a delicious lunch prepared by the scouts. In addition to preparing lunch for the youths, the scouts did their community good turn at the Darbe Meher by bringing the firewood to the Daadgah and arranging the same. Later, the scouts had a mini session in archery by making their own bows and arrows from PVC plastic pipes.

(Report submitted on behalf of the 100th Toronto Scout Group by Freddy Mirza)

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Interfaith Committee Report



On Sunday, November 24th, Sam Vesuna, Farishta Dinshaw and some of the members from our community attended a "Peace Meal" organized by MOSAIC at the Temple Har Zion, 7360 Bayview Ave, Thornihill, ON.

There were speakers from various faiths including Christianity (Natalie Doucet), Hinduism (Dr. Ragini Sharmar), Islam (Dr. Hussein Khimjee), Judaism (Rabbi Jerry Steinberg) and Zoroastrianism (Farishta Dinshaw).

The keynote speaker was Rev. Michelle Singh, Deputy Director of Faith & the Common Good. The presentations were followed by a

blessing over the bread (each speaker did a traditional blessing) and a vegetarian potluck.

On Thursday November 21st, Freddy Mirza attended a "Silent Lunch" at the Fo Guang Shan (Buddhist) Temple in Mississauga, ON.

To respect the oath of silence taken, invitees received instructions via headsets provided. There was a retreat of the Buddhist monks in progress at the temple and hence the invitees sat with the monks in the dining room. The meal was blessed by the Venerable Abyss of the Temple who gave specific instructions on how the meal should be eaten. The bowl of rice had to be on the right-hand side, the soup on the left and the plate of vegetables in the centre. The meal should begin with three spoons of rice and the thoughts to be related to peace. During the meal, one had to contemplate on the meal and the efforts of the various people who harvested the plants, cooked and served the meal. If a person required a second helping, the dish had to be placed at the edge and the server would refill it. After the meal, everyone left in single file. It was truly a unique experience and comparable to the "Jamvani Baj" in our Faith.

The "Silent Lunch" was followed by the Annual Meeting of the Members of the Interfaith Committee of Peel (ICP AMM), where Faith leaders and representatives in the Peel region attended. Our Faith was represented by Ervad Kobad Zarolia and Freddy Mirza. The Key Note speaker was Mr. Richard Landau, TV and Radio host, who gave an excellent presentation on the challenges faced by the minority groups and ways to handle the same.

(Report submitted on behalf of the Interfaith Committee of the ZSO).

The Iranshah Initiative

As 2019 comes to an end, FEZANA is happy to announce yet another amazing initiative that we are involved in. This is even more important as this is a completely youth driven initiative that FEZANA has the privilege to partner with. **Global youth leader Tinaz Karbhari** of New Zealand and Hong Kong transformed her vision into reality. The website was launched at the recently concluded Iranshah Udvada Utsav.

What is the Iranshah Initiative?

The vision is to provide a continuous stream of global financial support to perpetuate the legacy & timeless heritage of Iranshah, Udvada. One of the goals is **TO PRESERVE** the Sanctity of Iranshah by honoring, helping and supporting all those who take care of this great spiritual powerhouse with utmost dedication and selfless commitment...

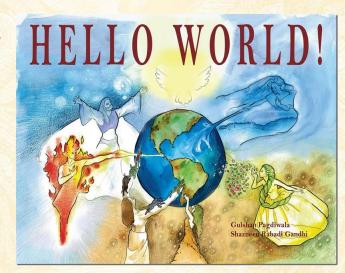
Please visit the website at <u>www.iranshahinitiative.com</u> for more details and how you can get involved.

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Hello World! - A retelling of the Zoroastrian Creation Story

Hello World! is a re-telling of the Zoroastrian Creation Story as told in the *Bundahishn*. It makes a great gift for children and adults alike because it tells a story that continues to this day! The story comes to life with reproductions of original watercolor paintings by Gulshan Pagdiwala in a modern style.

The book has garnered good reviews on amazon (US), in Parsi Khabar, in the FEZANA Journal, in Parsiana, and Jame Jamshed.



Email an.inspired.world.book@gmail.com to order your copy. (Also available on amazon.com)

Health and Fitness

Sports and exercise classes arranged by our Iranian Cultural Kanoun on Sunday afternoons at the Langstaff Community Centre, 155 Maple Red Road, Richmond Hill, ON, L4B 4P9 (Telephone: 905-882-4295).

Avesta Class is in Farsi.

| Date | Basketball & Avesta - Gym 'B' | Volleyball – Gym 'C' | Futsal – Gym 'C' |
|--------|-------------------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| 05-Jan | 2:30 to 4:00 | 3:00 to 4:30 | 4:30 to 5:30 |
| 12-Jan | 2:30 to 4:00 | 3:00 to 4:30 | 4:30 to 5:30 |
| 19-Jan | 2:30 to 4:00 | 3:00 to 4:30 | 4:30 to 5:30 |
| 26-Jan | 2:30 to 4:00 | 3:00 to 4:30 | 4:30 to 5:30 |

Helping Hands Corner

- A Caregiver is available to look after Seniors in their home.
- Needed someone who can stitch Sadras.

For any of the above – please contact Khurshid Engineer on 416-520-8325. Please contact Minoo Bharda at <u>m2bharda@hotmail.com</u> for any other items or to request any assistance.

Shahrzad Shahriari is a registered social worker and provides free psychotherapy services to the community. Interested members can contact Shahrzad on 647-405-7706.

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Newsletter Requests

Please note that the deadline for receiving submissions for the ZSO newsletter is the 20th of each preceding month. Any materials received after this date will be published on a best-effort basis.

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Please note that all requests for inclusions in the ZSO NL should be emailed to newslettereditor@zso.org
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Messages on the auto-dialer: Mashya Amroliwalla (647) 285-2105 or president@zso.org

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اهنودگات – پسن ۱۴ – بند ۱۲

پروردگارا، کداه است آیین پیشرفت، و میست اراده تو؟ مه نیایش و پرستشی سزاوار تست؟ ای مُداوند مُرد، آن را به ما آشکار به نما، تا با پیروی از دستورات تو، از یاداشی که نوید داده شده است بهره مند گردیم. پروردگارا در پرتو راستی، راه پاک منشی و غود شناسی را به ما بياموز.





کانون زرتشتیان (نتاریو همانند سالهای پیشی، امسال نیز جشن سده را با شکوه هر چه تمامتر در

درب مهر مهربان کیو برکزار می نماید با باشندکی و همیاری فود این جشن را با کرمی برپا نماییم.

زمان: شنبه ۱ فوریه ساعت ۴:۰۰ یسین

ورودیه: زیر ۱۲ سال : رایگان

بزرگسالان: اعضا ١٠ دلار ، غير عضو ١٠٠ دلار

مكان: درب مهر مهربان گيو

Date: Feb. 1st at 6:00 PM

Fee: Under 12: Free

Adult: ZSO-Member \$10, Non-Member \$15

Location: Drab-e-Mehr Mehraban Guiv

گهنبار مهره میدیاری

ورزش و سلامتی

گهنبار مهره میدیاری از روز مهر از ماه دی تا روز ورهرای از ماه دی برابر با μ دسامبر - η ژانویی می باشد. بنابراین در یاسداشت برگزاری مراسم و آیین های دینی، وام پشت گهنبار مهره میدیارم در روز یک شنبه ۵ ژانویه (Jan. 5th) از ساعت ۱۱:۰۰ در سالن مهربان گیو برگزار می گردد.

با هموندی و همازوری فود این مراسم را با شکوه برگزار نمایید.

هما زور بیم و هما زور هما اشو بیم



همانگونه که آگاهی دارید ورزشهای سالنی والیبال، فوتسال در رده سنی موانان و

بزرگسالان و بسکتبال در رده

سنی کودکان و نوجوانان در مجتمع فرهنگی ورزشی (Langstaff) در روزهای یکشنبه هر هفته برپا می باشد. دیدار و ساعات شادی را با دیگر همگیشان داشته و با ورزش کردن سلامتی فود را بیمه نمایید.

گردهمایی ماهیانه بانوان

بانوان زرتشتی در اولین سه شنبه هر ماه از ساعت ۱۲۰ ظهر در درب مهر مهربان كَيو كَرد هم مي آيند. شركت براي همكَان آزاد مي باشد.

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

جن بهمگان بر مگان خبسته باد



روز بهمن امشاسیند و ماه بهمن به مناسبت یگانگی روز و ماه، مِشن بهمنگان نام دارد. در نوشته های یهلوی "بهمن" نفستین آفریده ی پروردگار است، در جهان مینوی

وهومن امشاسیند در چهره ی نیک منشی و فرد و دانایی غداوند و از ویژگی های برجسته ی اهورایی است اما در جهان فاکی نگاهبان بشر و عاربایان است. به همین دلیل پس از روز اورمزد، بهمن روز است. این مشن پشتیبان مردان درستکار است.

برای گرامیداشت مردان و به ویژه یدران، از چندی پیش به گفته ی روانشاد موبد رستم شهزادی و انجمن موبدان، روز جشن بهمنگان را روز پدر می دانند. از آنجایی که بهمن نماد فرد ورزی و اندیشه ی نیک است و این اندیشه ی نیک پندی است که پدران به فرزندان فود می آموزند، یس بایسته است که این روز را با نام روز مرد و روز پدر جشن بگیریم. این روز می تواند در کنار روز گرامیداشت جانداران سودمند، روز مردان مشن بهمنگان، مشن پدران و مردان آزاده، نیک اندیش و درست کردار و روز پدر گرامی و فمسته باد درستکار و روز پدر هه باشد.

گزارش تصویری





ZSO is pleased to hold it's Annual Khushali nu Jashan this year on

Saturday, January 4, 2020

MEHRABAN GUIV DARBE MEHER 3590 Bayview Avenue, Toronto, Ontario. S.W. Corner of Bayview & Steeles Ave.

Time: 10:30 am

Followed by Lunch: Dhun Dar Patio & Salli Murgi with chappati,

Followed by dessert.

Members: \$10 Non- Members: \$15 Children under 5 free

Please refer to the January 2020 newsletter or the ZSO website www.zso.org . We look forward to seeing the community come together for the annual Khushali nu Jashan in 2020!

Cheques must be received by January 2, 2020.

Please adhere to this deadline & avoid last minute disappointment.

Mail cheques to Guloo Bharucha (payable to: Zoroastrian Society of Ontario)

24 Trafford Crescent, Markham, ON. L3R 7H9
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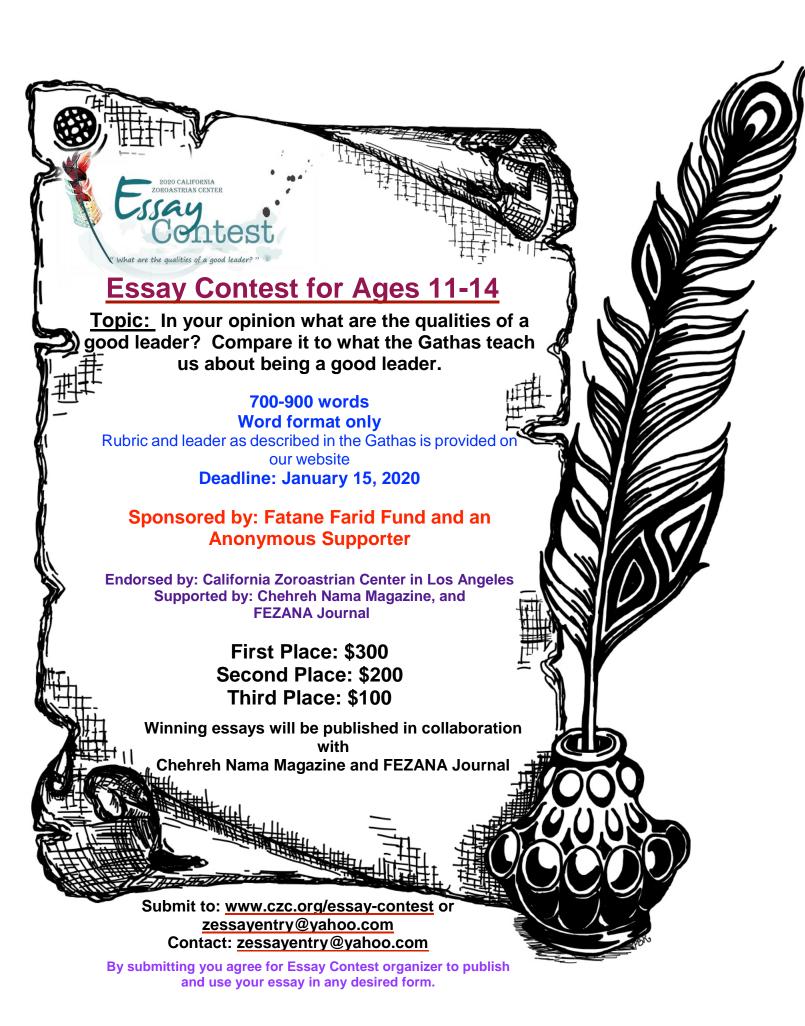
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"Write a story in which a Zoroastrian relies upon the teachings of the faith to help them resolve a challenging situation or achieve a goal."

2000-3000 words Word format only

Rubric is provided at our website **Deadline: January 15, 2020**

First place winner: \$300 Second place winner: \$200 Third place winner: \$100

A signed copy of "A Clawed and Feathered Spell" will be awarded to the winners

All stories begin with characters who desire something, but who face obstacles to getting what they want. Sometimes the obstacles are weaknesses inside the characters and other times the obstacles are forces outside the characters. Characters use their knowledge, will, beliefs and talents to try to overcome those obstacles. Because of their struggles, they are changed by their experiences.

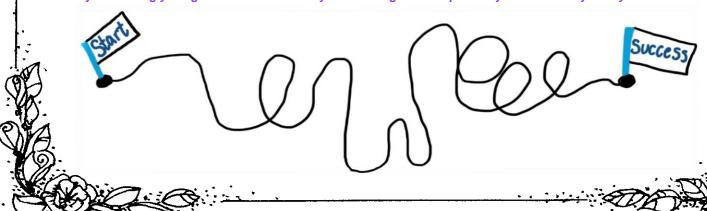
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Winning short stories will be published in collaboration with Chehreh Nama Magazine and FEZANA Journal Submit to: czc.org/essay-contest or zessayentry@yahoo.com

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By submitting you agree for the Short Story Contest organizer to publish your short story in any desired form.



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Dr. Martin Luther King, Junior



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"Building upon the legacies of Dr. Martin Luther King and others in the face of contemporary challenges."

Presentation by Dr. Mark Persaud

Mark M. Persaud is a Canadian lawyer, social entrepreneur, civic leader, and public figure. Persaud was born in British Guiana (now Guyana) in South America where he grew up and attended high school. He was active in politics as a student and eventually departed to Canada alone as a youth in the 1980's as a result of civil and political unrest. He started life in Canada as a homeless youth on the streets of Toronto. In 1986, three years after arriving in Canada, he was nominated and short listed for the Toronto Man of the Year in the Toronto Star newspaper for his work with refugees. He has been a dedicated human rights activist for over three decades. Working on refugee protection, racial and gender equality and homelessness.

Light refreshments will be served following the program
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FEBRUARY 08

7:00PM-11:30PM

Mehraban Guiv Darb e Mehr

Adults \$30 | Children (5-12) \$20 | Under 5yrs Free



Non Veg Menu

Seashell tomatoe salad with a noth of crabs

Sea toasted garlic bread

One pan shrimp pulao

Grilled honey garlic chicken with onion notched potatoes

RSVP by January 31st Shiraz Tampal: 416-371-3704 Pearl Chothia: 416-917-7402



Veg Menu

Seashell tomatoe salad

Sea toasted garlic bread

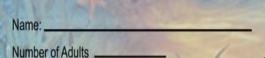
One pan vegetable pulao with notch of eggs

Seaweed chutney with mixed vegetables

Dessert Menu

Bread butter pudding notched in Seahorse sauce

Please fill out all the details and send it along with your cheque to Pearl Chothia 241 Kingscross Drive King City, ON, L7B 1E7



Meal Choice Non Veg _____ Veg

Number of children ____



Mermaid Kisses

Starfish Wishes

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