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WHAT'S NEW PRES?

On June 28th, the ZSO Youth held their last quiz night of the season - which was as entertaining as it was educational. The youth have been using a platform called Kahoot – a smartphone-based app – that gives participants a level playing field to not only compete for prizes donated by the community but - most of all - for bragging rights! It was a fierce though super-healthy competition. ZSO sincerely thanks the Youth organizers, hosts & donors for stepping up to make these quiz/trivia nights so much fun & also rewarding for all.

Stay tuned as other events, both religious and entertainment are on the way. For now, the warmer weather is drawing people to enjoy the outdoors as much as they can, while keeping safe and following health guidelines.

While the Government of Ontario announces re-opening in stages in different parts of the province, we are not rushing to re-open the Darbe Mehr. We will do so gradually and cautiously to ensure the safety and health of the community and our on-site custodian. Please see information in the email sent to members on June 27th and included in this Newsletter.

Due to the pandemic, the Financials and other documents that were to be mailed in time for the AGM on July 19th have been delayed. Therefore, the Board has decided to defer the AGM to Sunday, August 30th and is working to have the mailings ready in time for the new date. Furthermore, due to the continuing uncertainty of full lifting of restrictions and resumption of normal gatherings, the Board is considering options to hold the AGM either online, in-person or a combination of the two. Details and logistics for the same are being worked out and will be duly communicated. Please see the AGM deferral note in the Newsletter for further information.

This year's Shahenshahi Muktabad will be limited to prayers that will be livestreamed as the Darbe Mehr remains closed at the present time and there remains uncertainty about full lifting of restrictions as noted. Please provide your names for prayers to Ervad Hoshang Udwadia (ReligiousCommittee@zso.org). Details in the Newsletter Muktabad section below and further updates will be provided as developments occur.

If you have not yet renewed your ZSO membership or wish to become a member, please do so online at www.zso.org. It is simple, secure and contactless – something we all value at this time.

The Board is pleased to inform you that work on the Main Hall and adjacent area flooring is now complete and looks amazing! Please look for an update with pictures in the Newsletter. The landscaping initiative is also being reviewed and updates will follow.

As always, we are grateful to our members and volunteers for their devoted support even in this challenging time and know that your Board is only a phone call or email away for any questions or assistance it can provide. We will keep you updated and informed as developments occur.

Here's wishing our home & native land, Canada, A Happy 153rd Birthday! Stay safe and healthy.

Tandarosti,
Mashya Amroliwalla
President

Important Announcement Regarding Darbe Mehr Re-Opening

As you may know, the provincial Government is gradually reopening the province and easing restrictions in communities where it is safe to do so. The MGDM is entering Stage 2 of reopening by following the changes under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act (EMCPA) of places of worship with some specific conditions. These conditions include limiting capacity and ensuring that public health measures are followed such as physical distancing and environmental cleaning and disinfecting.

As part of a cautious and gradual plan for re-opening, the first step we are taking is to increase the participation in religious services held at the MGDM from 5 people including the priest to 10 people including the priest. Please stay tuned for further plans as we diligently work on the next steps for reopening which will include drop in visits to the Darbe Mehr. We thank you for your patience and appreciate your cooperation as we gradually and safely reopen keeping the safety of our custodian and community at large as the top priority.

Please contact evp@zso.org for booking of prayer events BEFORE coming to the MGDM.

Below are the COVID-19 Guidelines for Re-opening as per the health and city guidelines:

DO's	DON'TS
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Participation of religious services is now increased from 5 people including the priest to 10 people including the priest• Wearing a non-medical mask/face covering is encouraged• Maintain a social distance of two meters/six feet• Bring your own prayer book and head covering• Follow entry and exit signs• Use the online self-assessment tool before every visit to the MGDM	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Drop In visits to the MGDM remain suspended• Social gatherings, including those that occur before or after a prayer service remains suspended• Consumption of food and drink remains suspended• Navjote and wedding ceremonies remain suspended• Avoid opportunities for the virus to spread through touch, either directly or indirectly through surfaces and objects, including objects that may be used in rituals or ceremonies.

COVID Updates for ZSO Members - General Assistance Available

The ZSO hopes you are well and safe amidst the COVID-19 outbreak. If you need assistance to be driven or need groceries to be delivered to you in the Greater Toronto Area please contact our ZSO volunteers listed below.

In case of groceries or purchases made on your behalf, please pay the volunteer in cash or by cheque upon delivery. You will get a receipt from them for the purchase total.

Mitra Jam (416)-575-1134	Iraj Jamasbi (416) 402-9063	Fravash Chothia (647) 767-8394
Danesh Patel (416) 439-8444	Sheroy Irani (647) 700-7437	Sherwin Hashemi (647) 708-3608
Khushru Chothia (647) 677-7555	Shezad Paghdwalla (519) 701-8455	Roosbeh Farhadi (416) 809-7669

Accommodation Required

Persis Buhariwala is looking for a room rental in Brampton – please contact her on 905-872-7208 if you have available accommodation.

ZSO AGM 2020 - Update

This is to advise of the deferral of the Zoroastrian Society of Ontario's next Annual General Meeting from Sunday July 19th to Sunday, August 30th, 2020.

In the normal course, the AGM notice and accompanying documents, including Financials would have been mailed by June 28th. However, due to the pandemic these have been delayed. The Board has been monitoring developments as well as working on getting the Financials and other documents ready. Your Board is working to have them ready in time for the new date and will keep you updated.

Due to the uncertainty of when restrictions will be fully lifted, the Board is considering options to hold the AGM both online and in-person or a combination of the two. Should conditions require an all-virtual meet, we will advise. Likewise, should conditions permit, we will hold the meeting in-person as normal.

A full set of instructions on how to attend the AGM and how the proceedings will be conducted will be duly communicated to members via email and the newsletter.

Meanwhile, your Board remains focused on conducting the day to day business of the Society, meeting virtually using our Microsoft Teams platform.

Please reach out in case of any questions and stay tuned for further updates. Stay safe and healthy.

Darbe Mehr Tiling Update

The ZSO Board is happy to announce the completion of the tiling project in the main hall of the MGDM.

Attached are some pictures highlighting the work done by PearlKnstruction and their team. Please visit the ZSO website for a video capturing the end to end process.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back to the DM as soon as it is safe to do so.

Thank you all for your support.



FEZANA Scholarships

ZSO encourages all youth to read up on the various scholarships awarded by FEZANA each school year. Applications are now open for all FEZANA scholarships including the following:

Academics
Performing and Creative Arts
Sports
Religious Education
Culinary Arts

For more information – please go to www.fezana.org/scholarships/

Update on FEZANA Professorship at University of Toronto

FEZANA would like to thank those who have written in with questions regarding the FEZANA professorship at the University of Toronto. The FEZANA Executive has put together a list of questions and answers that can be accessed [here](#). A hardcopy is attached for those receiving by post.

Please contact Arzan Sam Wadia at president@fezana.org if you have questions or need additional details.

Tanaz Bhathena – New Book Release



Congratulations to Tanaz Bhathena of Mississauga for publishing her 3rd book – *Hunted By the Sky* – now released on Amazon and Chapters Indigo.

Tanaz has previously published two books for teenagers, including the critically acclaimed *A Girl Like That*, which was named a Best Book of the Year by various outlets including The Globe and Mail, Seventeen magazine and The Times of India. Tanaz has offered to share an excerpt from her latest novel, a young adult fantasy called *HUNTED BY THE SKY*. The book is set in a world inspired by medieval India and Zoroastrian and Hindu mythology. The School Library Journal gave it a starred review and called it “a breath of fresh air in the fantasy genre.” The book is currently available for order in all major retailers, including Amazon and Chapters Indigo. See purchase links below:

Chapters Indigo: <https://www.chapters.indigo.ca/en-ca/books/hunted-by-the-sky/9780735267022-item.html>

Amazon: <https://www.amazon.ca/gp/product/0735267022>

Here is an excerpt from Chapter 1 of the book: <https://www.denofgeek.com/books/hunted-by-the-sky-chapter-excerpt/>

ZSO Scholarship 2019-2020

Attention high school graduates, the application process for the Annual ZSO Academic and Community Service Award is now open. The deadline for receiving completed applications this year is July 20th, 2020. All pertinent details are in the application form which can be found on the ZSO website under the NEWS section at www.zso.org - good luck to all the applicants.

Scouting Report – Spring 2020

Due to the current social distancing in effect, 100 Toronto Scouts group has hosted their meetings through virtual platforms.

Beavers had been given an earth day activity to draw the earth the way they'd like see it followed by a nature walk and drawing/colouring pieces of nature. They later made videos of meaningful campfire songs which were then compiled and presented on May 23rd at the "Virtual Campfire" event organized by Scouts Canada.

The Cub group worked on a stitching badge and discussed the importance of fire safety plans within our homes. Topics included how Cubs should react in the event of an emergency and were also taught the functions and benefits of smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors. This tied into the Home badge to those who adventurously helped with home maintenance, repairs or chores.

In the Scouts section, Manekji assigned scouters a rope work task, crafting a hanging flower basket. Scouts later shared their own designs with plenty of unique ideas presented. Next meeting's activity was to create and present a Tik-Tok style video. Innovative ideas like a Bollywood performance were realized. The following event hosted by Leader in Training Kashmira, presented an interactive game of PANTS (Place Animal Name Thing Song) which was thoroughly enjoyed by the youth. The Leader's in Training, Kashmira, Jason and Delecia in a session hosted dum-charades, where each youth was provided a preset activity and other scouts had to guess what the activity was e.g. building a tent, fire, cooking a meal, sleeping bag, etc. The next event had sharing of custom face masks each Scout had created. They arrived with some innovative ideas like a mask made of an old sock, and some creative artwork. They also brought a survival tools challenge where Scouter Adil gathered /displayed items on a tarp. Scouts had to pick 3 items that they would carry and which they would use to survive in wilderness situations. A grand learning experience.

We encourage ALL youth to invite their friends to the Scouting activities being held virtually – in the hopes that they will in turn become members of our Group.

Please contact the following section leaders for more info on virtual Zoom meetings and for registration:

Scouter Pearl - (Beaver-scouts: 5 to 7 years) ("kpfreedom@me.com,")

Scouter Avan - (Cub-scouts: 8 to 10 years) ("dr.avan.aga@gmail.com")

Scouter Adil - (Scouts-11 to 13 years) ("asbulsara@gmail.com")

CYBER-SAFETY TIP OF THE MONTH

Always check the senders name AND email address, as spammers can disguise the name to look like it comes from a genuine source (example: Microsoft Technical Support or Canada Revenue Agency), however the email address will give away the actual origin of the sender/spammer.

- Example: a sender can mimic the name "Canada Revenue Agency", however they CANNOT mimic the CRA's email address.
- Example: email from "Amazon <**admin@offclue.online**>". Note that the name in bold appears to indicate a genuine source (Amazon), however the email address in < > brackets does NOT.

Members are reminded that legitimate emails from ZSO are always sent from an email address ending with **@zso.org** such as: **communications@zso.org** or **admin@zso.org**. If it comes from other email services such as Gmail, Hotmail, Yahoo!, etc. it was NOT sent by or on behalf of ZSO. Beware of and report such spam to your email service provider, disregard its contents and do NOT click on any links or open any attachments.

Please reach out to secretary@zso.org for any additional information regarding ZSO email protocols

Ervad Bomansha Kotwal – More than a Milestone



Ervad Bomansha Kotwal turned 90 on June 23rd, 2020. The community celebrated his Milestone birthday with a car parade and small gathering on his driveway. The event was organized by the Dhabar family.

Ervad Bomansha came to Canada, with his wife Silloo and daughter Vera in 1967. Bomansha quickly became involved with the community and took up an active role in the on-going religion classes with Silloo. He taught Navjote prayers to children and helped to prepare them for their Navjotes. Bomansha has performed countless

weddings and Navjotes. He guided many community members at funerals and all the ceremonies that needed to be done after the Pydast for our departed souls.

In 1982, he initiated the observances of Muktads for five Gatha Days with the help of other volunteers. He was in charge of the prayers and organized the Mobeds for those days. Eventually, due to health reasons, he had to give up this role. The Muktads are continued to be observed, under the leadership of Ervad Hoshang Udwadia.

Our first book of Funeral Procedures, written in consultation with Bomansha and others, was published in 1988. Since then, two more editions of the booklet have been published and it is used by many of the associations across North America. Bomansha also helped with the syllabus that had to be made for the 4 levels of the “Religion in Life” badge for Scouts and Guides of Canada. The efforts to create this badge was led by Putli Byramjee, who worked tirelessly to establish this badge. These badges are still earned by the children in the scouting and Guides movement. Bomansha also spearheaded and initiated many of the Shahensai Religious observations in which we continue to participate. These events include Jashans for Navroze, Khordad Sal, Dastoor Jamshedji Kukadaru Saheb’s Baj, Atash-nu-Parab, Zarthost-no-Diso, Homaji-ni-Baj. In 1997, Bomansha also initiated the Gahambars.

Furthermore, Ervad Bomansha collected funds for the poor Zoroastrians in Navsari. Food rations, Sudras and Kustis were distributed in various villages near Navsari. He also collected funds for the Navsari Atash Behram repairs.

Bomansha and Silloo have been married for 57 years and together they have accomplished so much and contributed to our Zoroastrian community in full measure. We have been blessed to have them in our lives. A community recitation of Tandarosti was held on June 24th, spearheaded by Ervad Mehsad Dastur.

We wish Bomansha health and peace for the rest of his life. He has fully earned our love, respect and gratitude.

His sense of humour and “young at heart” spirit has endeared him to the community that he has guided throughout his life. Ahura Mazda Bless him and his family with Health and Happiness.

Submitted by Putli Mirza

Hitting a Century – Keki Illava



Happy 100th Birthday to Keki Pirojshah Illava, of Mississauga - father of Aspi, father-in-law of Tanaz and grandfather of Sherezad and Nekzad!

Keki Pappa – as he is lovingly known - was born in Mumbai on June 7th, 1920.

He moved to London, England permanently at the age of 45 working at Heathrow Airport for over 37 years. After retiring in 2002 he moved to Canada to be with his son and family.

He is a perfect example of Strong Will Power - at the age of 98 despite having a very bad back he travelled the gruesome journey to Mumbai, India to attend his grandson Nekzad's Martab ceremony. He refuses to use a walker and likes to be independent.

This young at heart and full of life Keki Pappa has seen everything, gone through 10 decades, 36,500 days and has a whole century worth of memories to share. MAY AHURA MAZDA continue to shower you with his blessings for a healthy and happy life with your family and friends!

Submitted by Meher Panthaky

The Wonderful Life of Jamshid Jam



Our beloved Jamshid Jam passed away in his home on the night of June 20th, 2020 in his sleep at age 87. He spent his day with his wife Parvin Jam and his 3 children Manochehr, Bahram, and Mandana around him. He had also collected a few ZSO membership forms that day which was his passion and an excuse to call and speak to people he loved.

He continues to be adored by all his grandchildren Nadia, Tara, Roxana, Yasmin, Sam, Tina, Arya and Kourosh, with the fondest memories.

He was given an award by the Zoroastrian Society of Ontario and the Iranian Zoroastrian Cultural Kanoun for his services and contributions to the community.

He was adamant about not wanting a funeral service where people would mourn his passing but for people to remember his stories and celebrate his many positive life lessons, such as *"Enjoy the beauty of nature"*!

So please, he wanted everyone to know that he had lived a fulfilled life with no regrets and pure love. He lived by Good thoughts, Good words, Good deeds but his most famous words were *"Don't worry, be happy"*.

You may view the Jamshid Jam [documentary](#) and leave a comment in the YouTube video section to commemorate him.

[Jamshid Jam Documentary video](#) (with English subtitles):

[Jamshid Jam Documentary video](#) (in Farsi only):

[Jamshid Jam life celebration at Darbe Mehr June 2019 video](#)

Obituary for Pervaze Rabadi



On Friday May 15th, 2020 Pervaze Rabadi passed away peacefully at North York Hospital. Pervaze is survived by his wife Roshan, his son Neville, and his grandchildren Yazdan, Yasna, and Delnaz. He is also survived by his younger sister Kamal, having lost his older brother Feroze some years back.

Pervaze was born in Navsari, India on May 24th, 1934 and later lived in Nagpur. He studied Electrical Engineering and started his career in India at the Nagpur Electric Company. In 1967 Pervaze, Roshan, and Neville immigrated to Canada to begin a new life in the year of Centennial celebrations and Expo. Pervaze began his professional career in Canada at International Telephone and Telegraph (ITT), first in Montreal and then was transferred to Guelph, Ontario. In the early 1980s he transitioned to Nortel in Brampton, Ontario. He celebrated his 65th birthday and retirement amongst friends and family at the Mehraban Guiv Darbe Mehr Community Center in 1999.

The Zoroastrian community was always central to Pervaze's heart as he strived to contribute in the ways he could. As the community came together under the banner of the Zoroastrian Society of Ontario (ZSO), his efforts became more focused over many years having been Chair of the Membership Committee and serving on the Entertainment and Senior's Committees respectively. More recently, he was very active with the ZSO Building Capital Campaign giving generously of his time and volunteering to do any task at hand and ensuring that it was done perfectly. This passion for detail and perfection is most notable in his efforts to create and successfully publish three editions of the ZSO Directory. This directory that included Zoroastrians of Ontario and their families, also included listings of priests, Zoroastrian Organizations in North America and India, and a venue of Zoroastrian businesses to promote themselves. Pervaze had the foresight to recognize that such a directory was needed to allow the community to communicate and thus be stronger. He made it a reality with meticulous detail despite the challenges of his failing eyesight.

Pervaze always had an interest in technology and gadgets. He prided himself in building his own HiFi system and television while living in Guelph. Later, computers became his personal interest. He enjoyed many projects over the years as a "do-it-yourself" handyman.

Pervaze was always proud of Roshan, his wife of 60 years. He also was a proud father and grandfather (Grandpa) as well. Pervaze's family would like to acknowledge the outpouring of support from the community in what are challenging circumstances. Lastly, they also acknowledge the compassion and professionalism of all the staff at North York Hospital. In conclusion, we are sad to say goodbye to Pervaze Rabadi, a man of principle who strove to improve the lives of his community and family.

Submitted by Neville Rabadi

ZSO Annual Muktaḍ – 2020 Update

This year's Muktaḍ prayers will still go ahead – but with a few changes. Prayers will be livestreamed from the MGDM and the process for submitting names for the priests to recite has an additional email option as mentioned below. Please note dates for the Muktaḍ this year accordingly. Muktaḍ ceremony details are still subject to COVID Restrictions and additional details on protocols to be followed during this time will be communicated later. Both the Donation and the Muktaḍ Names forms are included in this NL.

The Shahenshai Muktaḍ prayers will take place from Tuesday, August 11th to Saturday, August 15th. Prayer schedule listed below:

Tuesday, August 11 - to Friday, August 14th:

7:00 AM - Morning Satum

7:30 AM - Afringan and Farokshi

11:30 AM - Afternoon Satum

7:00 PM - Evening Satum

Saturday, August 15th:

8:00 AM - Morning Satum

8:30 AM - Afringan and Farokshi

11:30 AM - Afternoon Satum

7:00 PM - Evening Satum.

People have two options to submit names of the deceased:

1. Email the deceased names to Hoshang Udvadia at the "religiouscommittee@zso.org" email address and make a donation online at the ZSO website "www.zso.org".

If the deceased names are the same as last year, please just say in the email one line to "carry forward the deceased names from last year",

OR

2. Fill in the Muktaḍ Form and post it to Hoshang Udvadia at 1007 - 10 Parkway Forest Drive, North York, ON M2J 1L3. Then complete a ZSO Donation Form and mail your cheque with the ZSO Donation Form to ZSO, 3590 Bayview Avenue, Toronto, ON M2M 3S6.

Submitted by Putli Mirza and Ervad Hoshang Udvadia

CONDOLENCES

Dhun Minoo Doctor, on Tuesday, June 9th, 2020 at 10.54pm in Mumbai, India at the age of 80. Dhun was loving wife to Late Minocher Doctor, daughter-in-law of Late Nergish and Dorabji Doctor, mother to Kaivan and Nozer. Loving grandmother to Jenai, Tanushka and Khairaz. Mother-in-law to Yasmin and Rukhshana. May her soul rest in peace.

Jehangir Faramroze Sattha, on June 19th, 2020 in Mumbai. Beloved brother of Guloo Pesi Tamboli of Hamilton and Maneck Sattha of Toronto and husband of Mahzarine and father of Paulad and Kayome. May his soul rest in peace.

Mehroo Dara Pithawala, on June 26th, 2020. Wife of Late Dara Pithawala, loving mother of Minocher (Shahnaz), Nancy (Jerome), Jamshed (Hutoxi). Beloved grandmother to Taronish, Farishte, Jason, Jennifer, Aban, Jasmyne, Darayus and Darya and 7 great grandchildren. May her soul rest in peace.

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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Messages on the auto-dialer: Rostam Khosraviani (416) 277-7416 email: autodialler@zso.org

- **Please copy Mashya Amroliwalla at president@zso.org for approval**

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بھترین نیکی به کسی برسد که راه راست سودمند را در زندگانی مادی و مینوی، که برآستی به جایگاه خدا می رساند، نشان می دهد. او چون فدای دانا، آزاده و دانا و افزاینده می گردد.



"گل زنبق" - گل ویژه امرداد

جشن امردادگان نخست باد



پیاده روی و دوچرخه سواری

کانون زرتشتیان انتاریو در نظر دارد به منظور زنده نگه داشتن و یادآوری مراسم زیارت پیر سبز برنامه پیاده روی و دوچرخه سواری را برای تمامی گروههای سنی در روز ۵ جولای در ساعت ۱۰ بامداد برگزار نماید.

شایان به ذکر است که تمامی شرکت کنندگان ملزم به رعایت فواصل اجتماعی و تمامی پروتکل های بهداشتی می باشند. امیدواریم شاهد حضور تمامی همکیشان و دوستان در این برنامه باشیم.
آدرس:

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245 Old Colony Rd, Richmond Hill, ON L4E 5B9

زمان: ۵ جولای ساعت ۱۰:۰۰ بامداد



ورزش و سلامتی

با توجه به درخواست وزارت بهداشت کانادا و به منظور جلوگیری از گسترش ویروس کرونا در بین افراد جامعه همه گردهمایی ها و رویدادهای ورزشی برگزار نخواهد شد امید داریم که با همکاری و رعایت دستورالعمل های بهداشتی هر چه زودتر این بیماری ریشه کن و دوباره با سلامتی به دور هم گرد ایم .



کانال تلگرام کانون فرهنگی زرتشتیان انتاریو

کانون فرهنگی زرتشتیان انتاریو در راستای هماهنگی و به روز رسانی هازمان (جامعه) کانال تلگرامی را راه اندازی نموده است. از همه شما گرامیان خواهشمندیم تا در جهت گسترده نمودن این کانال لینک و نشانی این درگاه را به دوستان، آشنایان و خواستاران دیگر آگاهی رسانی نمایید. مُشنود فوایم شد تا پیشنهاد های خویش را به ایمیل آدرس kanoun@zso.org برای ما ارسال فرمایید. <https://t.me/zsokanoun>

گردهمایی ماهیانه بانوان

با توجه به درخواست وزارت بهداشت کانادا و به منظور جلوگیری از گسترش ویروس کرونا در بین افراد جامعه همه گردهمایی ها و رویدادهای ورزشی برگزار نخواهد شد

تماس با ما

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

یادی از روانشاد جمشید جم



سال پیش در همین شماره ژولای خبرنامه، گزارشی از برگزاری بزرگداشت یکی از خادمین هازمان (جامعه) زرتشتیان انتاریو را داشتیم و شوربختانه در این شماره باید تنها یادی از او داشته باشیم. همانگونه که آگاه شده اید شادروان آقای جمشید جم پس از ۴۰ سال خدمات ارزنده برای هازمان (جامعه) زرتشتی تورنتو، در روز ۲۰ ژوئن ۲۰۲۰ در سن ۸۷ سالگی فوت نمودند.

همکیشان ساکن تورنتو، از سالها کوشش و خدمات ارزنده روانشاد جمشید جم در درب مهر مهربان گیو، انجمن زرتشتیان انتاریو (ZSO) و کانون فرهنگی زرتشتیان انتاریو آگاه هستند و هرگز فاطرات آن روانشاد از یاد همکیشان تورنتو ممو نخواهد شد.

برای یادبود روانشاد جمشید جم ویدیو کلیپهایی در یوتیوب در دسترس همگان می باشد که دوستاران می توانند آنرا مشاهده نمایند

- ویدیو زندگی نامه روانشاد جمشید جم با زیرنویس انگلیسی (with English subtitles) [اینجا را کلیک کنید](#)
- ویدیو زندگی نامه روانشاد جمشید جم تنها به زبان فارسی [اینجا را کلیک کنید](#)
- ویدیو بزرگداشت خدمات روانشاد جم در درب مهر مهربان گیو [اینجا را کلیک کنید](#)

روانش شاد و یادش گرامی



دعوت به همیاری در شورای کانون فرهنگی زرتشتیان ایرانی اتاریو

نیاز به اندیشه های جوان و تازه و ایده های نو در جهت مدیریت کردن و راهبردهای کارآمد برای داشتن یک جامعه سالم و قدرتمند یک امر بدیهی و اجتناب ناپذیر می باشد. با توجه به فرا رسیدن مجمع عمومی کانون فرهنگی زرتشتیان اتاریو، بدینوسیله از همکیشان گرامی و جوانان خواهشمندیم تا با پیوستن به شورای کانون، اندیشه ها و خواسته های تسل جوان را به شورا وارد کرده و یک جامعه سالم، هماهنگ و نیرومند را برای خود، فرزندان خود و دیگر همکیشان و همسالان خود بوجود آورید.

به یاد داشته باشید که ما زرتشتی و وارث دین بهی و یادگار اشوزرتشت هستیم. به یاد داشته باشیم که پدران و پدربزرگان ما چگونه و با چه سختی این آیین را پاس داشته و پاسبانی کرده اند تا به من و شما برسد. بنابراین با هموندی خود فکر جدید، مدیریت جدید، و دانش روز را به شورای کانون بیاورید و یک جامعه متناسب با نیازهای امروز و فردای جوانان خود به پا نمایید.

دگران کاشتند و ما خوردیم ما بکاریم و دیگران بخورند (ملک الشعراى بهار)
پیشاپیش هم یاری و همگامی شما را سپاس داریم.

به خشنودی اهورا مزدا

فرم هموندی شورای

کانون فرهنگی زرتشتیان ایرانی اتاریو

اینجانب یکی از هموندان انجمن زرتشتیان اتاریو (ZSO) و ساکن شهر.....

و استان اتاریو هستم و آمادگی خود را برای هموندی و همکاری داوطلبانه در شورای گردانندگان کانون اعلام می کنم.

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تلفن، ایمیل،
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تاریخ، امضا،
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ما امضا کنندگان زیر (هموند کنونی کانون فرهنگی زرتشتیان ایرانی اتاریو)، هموند نامبرده را یک همکیش زرتشتی

خوش نام می شناسیم و او را برای هموندی و همکاری داوطلبانه در شورای گردانندگان کانون پیشنهاد می کنیم.

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توجه، تکمیل شده این برگه باید تا پیش از انتخابات کانون به دست یکی از هموندان کنونی شورای کانون برسد.

Invitation to Iranian Zoroastrian Cultural Kanoun Election

We need new and fresh ideas to operate and manage the Kanoun and to work for the betterment of our community. As the General Meeting of the Iranian Zoroastrian Cultural Kanoun approaches, we hereby invite you, particularly the younger generation, to step in and share your thoughts and aspirations and help the Kanoun's Council further its objectives and promote a healthy and harmonious society for ourselves, our children, and our peers. Remember that we are Zoroastrian, the inheritors of Zarathustra's message, and our ancestors have struggled hard to pass on this religion to us. By joining the Council you can work together, bring new management, knowledge and ideas to create a community that aims to fulfill the needs of today's and tomorrow's generations.

Appreciate your understanding and your participation

In The Name of Ahura Mazda
Nomination Form of
Iranian Zoroastrian Cultural Kanoun

I,, am a member in good standing of the ZSO and Kanoun, and resident of the City of, Province of Ontario. I am ready to volunteer on the Council of the Iranian Zoroastrian Cultural Kanoun.

My Goals and plans if elected to the Council are:

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Phone: E-mail:

Date: Signature:

We, the undersigned, being members in good standing of the Iranian Zoroastrian Cultural Kanoun, declare the candidate a Zoroastrian, and nominate the person to serve on the Council of Kanoun.

First/last Name: Date: Signature:

First/last Name: Date: Signature:

Note: This form must be completed and delivered to one of the current Council members of the Iranian Zoroastrian Cultural Kanoun before the Election Day.

FAQs: FEZANA UoT PROFESSORSHIP PROPOSAL

Frequently Asked Questions regarding the Establishment of the FEZANA Professorship in Zoroastrian Languages and Literature (the “FEZANA Professorship”) at the University of Toronto (UoT)

1. **What were the Financial Terms of the Original Proposal?**

If FEZANA raises \$1.5 million USD by April 30, 2020, UoT will contribute \$1.5 million Canadian to create an endowment in perpetuity for the FEZANA Professorship.

- **What is the current status of FEZANA’s Fundraising?**

FEZANA has accumulated pledges, donations, and commitments, of US \$800,000 approximately as of MAY 31, 2020. Out of this approximately \$295,000 has been received in FEZANA bank account or at ZSO (for Canadian donations).

- **What happens now since FEZANA did not raise \$1.5 million USD by April 30, 2020?**

FEZANA’s membership must vote on [this Agreement](#) which modifies the original proposal. If approved by the membership, the agreement will be executed on behalf of FEZANA and we can continue to pursue this incredible opportunity.

- **What are the terms of the Agreement?**

- **Deadline Extension Granted:** FEZANA has now agreed to raise and donate US \$1.5 million to the UoT to establish an endowment in perpetuity for the FEZANA Professorship **by April 30, 2021 or a mutually agreed date after that deadline**. On receipt, the UoT will contribute CDN \$1.5 million to the endowment.

- **Collection of Funds:** After the full execution of the agreement, FEZANA will call upon all individuals and organizations who have pledged funds to deposit their donations with FEZANA.

- **Transfer of Funds:** Within 60 days of the execution of the Agreement, FEZANA will transfer the collected funds to UoT, which will invest them in its [Long Term Capital Appreciation Pool](#). These funds will begin to collect interest. According to FEZANA attorney, Sean Elavia, these arrangements are consistent with prudent fiduciary practices.

- **Equivalent Contribution from UoT & Creation of Endowment:** Once FEZANA's transfer of funds equals US \$700,000, UoT will make an equivalent contribution in Canadian dollars to establish the Endowment for the perpetual FEZANA Professorship. For example, if FEZANA transfers \$700,000 USD (which amounts to about \$1 million CAD), then UoT will contribute \$1 million CAD and an endowment in perpetuity worth \$2 million Canadian dollars will be established for the Professorship.
- **FEZANA continues fundraising and earns UoT matching contributions:** FEZANA will continue to raise and contribute funds to the Endowment until its total contribution is USD \$1.5 million. At every transfer of funds to the UoT, the University will contribute equivalent amount in Canadian dollars until the contribution of the UoT reaches CAD \$1.5 million thereby realizing the original goal.
- **Income from Endowment used for a professorial appointment:** Until FEZANA completes its commitment of donating USD \$ 1.5 million, only the income from the endowment will be used for a professorial appointment in Zoroastrian Studies at the Department of Near & Middle Eastern Civilizations if FEZANA decides to start the process before the full \$1.5 million US is raised. The principal amount will always remain intact. FEZANA is seeking clarification on what constitutes a "professorial" appointment from the UoT.
- **FEZANA can give input regarding the appointment:** FEZANA will have the right to appoint, remove and replace 2 members in perpetuity on an Advisory Committee for the Professorship. This is an Advisory Committee that advises the Dean of the department. The Advisory Committee will consist of a board of 7 individuals at the maximum.
- **FEZANA will not have a majority on the Advisory Committee:** Although the FEZANA team has raised the issue with UoT, the role of FEZANA on the Committee is not negotiable due to the University's position on academic freedom. The department is not bound by the advice of the advisory board. Further, UoT will not agree to allow a donor to have a majority seat on the advisory committee as this would compromise their academic independence and credibility. Among well reputed, academic institutions, it is common practice to take donor opinions into account, but not be bound by them. Furthermore, UoT's Provost's rules set forth in the [advisory bodies policies](#) strictly prohibits giving donors a majority on the Committee.
- **Reporting by the FEZANA Professor:** Annual report of Professor's teaching and research activities and an annual statement of the Fund will be provided to FEZANA.

- **Limits on what the Endowment can fund:** For the next 50 years UoT is obliged to use the funds of the Endowment for the specific Professorship and course of study envisioned by the Agreement. If, after 50 years, the University's academic priorities change, it must consult FEZANA to use the funds for a different area of study within only the field of Zoroastrian Studies. FEZANA has requested the UoT to consider extending the duration to 100 years.
- **How does the professorial appointment mentioned in the Agreement compare to the FEZANA Professorship that would have been established if the endowment was fully funded?**
FEZANA is requesting specific information from UoT regarding the manner in which the professorial appointment will differ from the fully funded FEZANA Professorship. We will update this answer as soon as we have this information. However, the fundamental aspect of this project – to establish a professorship that will last in perpetuity – remains unchanged. In essence, all funds raised and donated toward this cause will be used to establish an endowed fund (in perpetuity) that will support a professional position with UoT.
- **How will this University of Toronto program benefit our community?**
- **The opportunity to learn more about Zoroastrianism:** The UoT program will create both an opportunity and a venue for further learning for our community members and anyone else with a genuine interest in Zoroastrianism. That is our first responsibility: to create the possibility.
- **Economical learning for Zarathushti students:** Our second responsibility is to make it possible for our community members to be able to avail themselves of this opportunity. In this regard, we have already had discussions with UoT about possible online courses, visits by the Professor to our communities, and regular publications of new research – all of which are economical options available to our community members.
- **Funding Zoroastrian students:** Additionally, our scholarship funds which have expanded considerably in the past four years are available to any Zoroastrian student who needs financial assistance with a course of study at the University. Even beyond these funds, who in our community wouldn't aid a Zarathushti student wanting to study our religion?
- **Annual Retreat:** A fund could be created to support an annual retreat to the UoT for our young Zoroastrians to exchange ideas, have discussions, etc. as part of this Professorship.
But none of these benefits will be realized if there is no Professorship to begin with.

- **Why fund this Professorship when there are many others in the world?**

This is a misconception. Teaching programs focused exclusively on Zoroastrianism, like the one to be established at UoT, are rare. The only program in existence today is at the SOAS in London. The SOAS Program is focused on history, culture and language. The UoT program would be primarily focused on Zoroastrian languages and literature. Professor Almut Hintze of SOAS was delighted to hear of the UoT program because, in her opinion, it would complement the work being undertaken at SOAS.

Furthermore, to say that there is already one professorship of Zoroastrianism in the world so why should there be another is to not give the study of our religion and its universally relevant applications enough credit. It is impossible to do justice to the study of a 3,500-year plus tradition with one person or at one institution. Also, for a variety of economic and cultural reasons FEZANA must create a position in North America and not simply rely on SOAS, especially as Brexit is causing major financial stresses for UK academic institutions. As has been the lamentable situation in India, the lack of funding has led to no university level post that can service *local* needs.

8. Why support this Professorship when there are many other projects that need funds?

Yes, the available resources are not infinite. But FEZANA supports all worthy causes. There are MANY causes that are worthy of financial support. It is up to individuals to choose where to spend their philanthropic dollars. FEZANA is merely making people aware of this opportunity and soliciting their support. We believe this to be a worthy cause that will benefit our community in perpetuity. If other Zoroastrian organizations or member associations would like to raise funds for causes they deem worthy, they may do so. FEZANA is happy to support all such endeavors.

As our history in North America has shown, by working together as a community we can accomplish many things. Let us therefore come together and raise \$1.5 million even before April 30, 2021. If we do not, we will lose once in a lifetime chance to establish a Professorship in Zoroastrian Languages and Literature for not only our North American, but the world, Zoroastrian community in our history! As our numbers shrink and people forget our contributions to global history we run the risk of no longer finding academic partners that are willing to subsidize this field of study and so the UoT opportunity should not be passed on.



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2. E O Oi B K _____ E O B _____

3. E O Oi B K _____ E O B _____

4. E O Oi B K _____ E O B _____

I am enclosing herewith my contribution of \$ _____ to defray costs. (*Please make cheque or money order payable to Zoroastrian Society of Ontario and mail to Treasurer at Darbhe Meher or deposit in the safe box in the dadgah room – please annotate with “Muktaḍ Fund”.*)

Thank you.

Full Name

Telephone number

* The first names of the deceased are always recited together with their father/husband's name along with their status (i.e. Ervad, Osta, Osti or Behdin as per Zoroastrian custom)

E= Ervad (male who was a Navar)

O= Osta (Male from a priestly family but not a Navar)

Oi= Osti (Female from priestly family)

B= Behdin (male/female from non-priestly family)

K= Khud (child whose navjote was not performed)

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM IN BLOCK LETTERS, ENSURING THAT THE RIGHT STATUS HAS BEEN CIRCLED AND MAIL TO ERVAD HOSHANG UDWADIA BY AUGUST 5TH AT THE ADDRESS BELOW:

Ervad Hoshang Udwadia, 1007 – 10 Parkway Forest Drive, North York, Ontario. M2J 1L3.

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Attn: Treasurer
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North York, ON, M2H 3S6

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ZOROASTRIAN SOCIETY OF ONTARIO

3590 BAYVIEW AVENUE, TORONTO, ONTARIO M2M 3S6

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Membership Application: ☐ Renewal ☐ New Member Membership Year April 1st 20____ - March 31st 20____

Membership Category/Fees

<input type="checkbox"/> Family	<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	<input type="checkbox"/> Student	<input type="checkbox"/> Senior	<input type="checkbox"/> Family senior
Includes children under the age of 18	Non-student over age 18	Full time student age 18-25	Age 65 and over	Both spouses age 65 and over
\$100	\$60	\$30	\$30	\$50

Applicant Information

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____
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☐ I have reviewed the ZSO Constitution & Bylaws* and agree to abide by them (*available on the ZSO website zso.org)

NEW MEMBERS must be introduced by two ZSO members in good standing and approved by the ZSO Board of Directors (BOD).

Existing ZSO Member

Print Full Name _____

Signature _____

Existing ZSO Member

Print Full Name _____

Signature _____

Approved by the ZSO BOD

☐ Yes ☐ No

Signature _____