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WHAT'S NEW, PRES?

Under normal circumstances we would have been welcoming the Board's four incoming Directors and giving thanks to the ones who would have ended their terms. However, due to the AGM being deferred to August 30th, this will have to wait. More details on how to attend the AGM are to come. On a positive note we are navigating through the various levels of re-opening and while we are doing so with an added degree of caution, we are certainly looking forward to the Public Health guidelines permitting us to re-open further, keeping everyone's safety as the top priority.

Please look for two separate communications that have been sent and are included in this Newsletter – the first, specifying the protocol to be followed for drop-in visits to the Mehraban Guiv Darbe Mehr effective Tuesday, July 21 and the next one specifically for the time-honoured Shahenshahi Muktaḍ observance for the 38th consecutive year. The Board sincerely thanks the Religious, Muktaḍ and Seniors Committees for their close co-operation in helping us with the re-opening protocols following Public Health guidelines currently in effect. We will also work closely with our Kanoun Board and other Committees on resumption of activities as things progress.

At this time the Board invites and will be very grateful for volunteers to come forward to assist at the Darbe Mehr with the drop-in visits and safe re-opening protocols. Please contact Afreed Mistry (evp@zso.org), Anahita Ogra (vp@zso.org) or Armaity Bamji (secretary@zso.org) from the Board or our House & Garden Committee Chair Mitra Jam (mitrajam@gmail.com) for details.

The Board at its last meeting held Wednesday, July 8th via Microsoft Teams agreed that for many years now a hand-washing sink was sorely lacking for visitors to perform their 'Padyab' prior to entering the prayer room. The current facility of a portable water dispensing canister and bucket to collect 'grey water' were simply too archaic and moreover pose a health and safety risk to the custodian as well as all visitors. The Board therefore unanimously agreed to replace the same with a sink and drain. While the Board recognizes that it would have been ideal to have completed this work before the tiling in that area was replaced, it was not brought up for discussion until now. The Board will ensure the work will be to code and minimally intrusive to the replaced tiles.

With the Darbe Mehr finally re-opening, though we are doing so very gradually, we ask all visitors to comply with all Public Health guidelines in effect and ensure their own as well as others safety. We are grateful for being able to gradually acquaint ourselves with the 'new' normal and while doing so hold dear in our hearts the memory of those who have passed during this pandemic as we begin to cautiously and slowly re-open. We will keep you updated with further developments as they occur. Please also check ZSO's website www.zso.org, Facebook page (Zoroastrian Society of Ontario) and Instagram (@zoroastrian_society_ontario & @zsoyouthevents) for updates.

Till next time, be safe, cool and in the best of health, enjoying the rest of summer... wishing you and your loved ones A Happy Shahenshahi Nowroz and Khordad Sal.

Tandarosti,
Mashya Amroliwalla
President

Darbe Mehr – Stage 3 Re-Opening Guidelines

The city of Toronto is preparing to oversee the safe restart of more businesses and services following the Province of Ontario's announcement as it entered stage 3 of the provincial reopening on Friday July 31st. As a result of this announcement, we are in Stage 3 of reopening by following the changes under the **Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act (EMCPA)** for places of worship with some specific conditions. These conditions include limiting capacity and ensuring that public health measures are followed such as face coverings, physical distancing and environmental cleaning and disinfecting.

As we cautiously and gradually plan the reopening, **participation in religious services is increased to 50 people including the priest(s)**, COVID-19 dedicated volunteers and cleaning crew. Aligning with the social distancing and spacing guidelines, the prayer room capacity continues to remain at a maximum of 20 people.

The MGDM is open for drop in visits with below revised hours of operation outside of the Muktaf Days:

Tuesday 4pm - 8pm

Saturday 9am - 12pm

All visits to the MGDM remain by appointment only and **MUST** be booked at least 24 hours in advance, prior to the day of the visit by contacting **Afreed Mistry** (evp@zso.org) and receiving her confirmation. Please note, **if you do not have an appointment/confirmation your entry will be denied.**

Here is what is allowed as per the COVID-19 Guidelines for stage 3 according to the health and city requirements:

1. Participation of religious services limited to 50 people including the priest(s), COVID-19 dedicated volunteers and cleaning crew
2. Drop in visits to the MGDM are by appointment ONLY o Contact Afreed Mistry (evp@zso.org) to book your visit
3. Wedding ceremonies are permitted following the guidelines
4. Wearing a non-medical mask/face covering is mandatory
5. Maintain a social distance of two meters/six feet
6. Bring your own prayer book and head covering
7. Follow entry and exit signs Use the online self-assessment tool before every visit to the MGDM

Suspended Services:

1. Social gatherings, including those that occur before or after a prayer service remains suspended
2. Navjote and other close contact activities
3. Consumption of food and drink remains suspended
4. Indoor singing, use of instruments and choir service
5. Sharing and distribution of materials and objects such as books, scarves, caps, water, etc.
6. 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.

Disclaimers and resources:

1. "All visits to the MGDM are voluntary and at the visitor's own discretion. Visitors must comply with applicable guidelines including limits on numbers, wearing of masks and physical distancing. All visitors are responsible for their own health & safety as well as respecting the health & safety of those around them."
2. "Visitors must self-screen with the ZSO volunteer present when entering the MGDM at each visit. The volunteer will record the date, their name and contact information (phone and/or email) and that will only be used for contact tracing for COVID-19 purposes and will only be kept on file for 30 days."
3. Click [here](#) for more details on reopening of **Faith Based Organizations in the City of Toronto.**

ZSO Annual Muktab – 2020 Update

This year's Muktab 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 Muktab this year accordingly. Muktab 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 Muktab Names forms are included in this NL.

The Shahenshai Muktab 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 Udwadia 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 Muktab Form and post it to Hoshang Udwadia 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.

Please refer to the attached flyer for timings and Protocol during Muktab – August 9th to August 16th.

Submitted by Putli Mirza and Ervad Hoshang Udwadia

ZSO AGM 2020 - Update

Further to the notice in the July Newsletter of deferring the AGM to August 30th – the Board is pleased to confirm that the AGM will go ahead on this new date at 11:00 AM.

The AGM package will be mailed out to all members this week. Please note that even though Ontario is in Stage 3 – safety protocols surrounding in person attendance and subsequently is limited to 50 people in the main hall.

The Cyrus Cylinder

The Cyrus Cylinder is one of the most iconic objects of Iranian and World history. In 2013, the Iran Heritage Foundation sponsored and co-organised with the British Museum a travelling exhibition entitled [*The Cyrus Cylinder and Ancient Persia: a New Beginning for the Middle East*](#).

The exhibition toured five different venues across the USA: the Sackler Gallery, Washington DC; the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston; the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York; the Asian Art Museum, San Francisco; and Getty Villa, Los Angeles. The exhibition attracted enormous interest, with over 300,000 visitors, and each venue treated the subject slightly differently.



Clearly the Cyrus Cylinder has different meanings for different interest groups and communities, and at the time of the tour writer and artist Haleh Anvari set out to explore what the Cyrus Cylinder, and also the exhibition, meant to various expatriate Iranian groups. The fascinating results can be seen in her subsequent short film, *7 Sides of a Cylinder*, which can be viewed [here](#).

You can also watch a fascinating [TED talk](#) about the Cyrus Cylinder by Neil MacGregor, then the Director of the British Museum.

Article courtesy of Iran Heritage Foundation

WZO – Medical Appeal for Funds – Cawas Panthaki

WZO has received another genuine and very deserving appeal from the wife of Cawas Panthaki, the CEO of Bombay Parsi Panchayet, BPP, Mumbai, India.

Cawas Panthaki has been going through a severe medical crisis since beginning of 2020. During his first bout in hospital, the expenses were in the region of Rs.25,00,000 which BPP picked up the tab. In the current bout BPP have expressed inability to meet his expenses. For the present hospitalization WZO Trust, Mumbai has paid Rs.500,000 of the Rs.13,00,000 expenses so far and the amount still mounting by the day. **Cawas Panthaki needs our individual help.**

WZO is inviting our worldwide community members to join hands in this humanitarian assistance effort. We call upon each and every one of you to help out. We need your individual donations.

Please donate generously to WZO to assist dear Cawas to obtain the needed medical treatment. With Ahura Mazda's Blessings and your donations, we will enable him to obtain the proper treatment and help recover from his ailments.

Kindly make your donation checks payable to **"WZO US Region"** with a reference to **"Cawas Panthaki"**.

Please include your email address and phone number to facilitate your receipt and mail to:

WZO US Region Ltd.
6943 Fieldstone Drive,
Burr Ridge, IL 60527-5295
kayomehta@aol.com

ZSO-Kanoun Bike/Walk Event

The community spread of COVID-19 in March, saw the province of Ontario enter a state of lockdown. Due to a ban on public gatherings and closure of public facilities, access to exercise and social engagement became limited. Lack of exercise and social isolation negatively influence health and are associated with conditions such as depression, anxiety, cardiovascular disease and obesity.



With the stage 2 of reopening in Ontario, small outdoor events became permitted and ZSO-Kanoun decided to boost moral, rebuild social relations and encourage exercise by setting up the Bike-Walk event. The Bike-Walk event allowed participants to come together and complete a trail path on foot or bike. On Sunday, July 5th, after a short briefing, small groups of less than 10 people were sent on to enjoy the beauties of the Oak Ridges Trail.

This awe-inspiring trail is located in the city of Richmond Hill and runs through the Oak Ridges Corridor and Conservation Reserve. Scenic grasslands and mixed forests surround the trail on both sides. Additionally, the trail goes around to Bond Lake, providing views of the water. The Bikers started their journey from Bond Lake Public School and pedalled through the trail, passing Bond Lake towards Philips Lake on Jefferson Side Road.

The walking group journeyed on a shorter path stopping at Bond lake and returning to Bond Lake Public school. While maintaining social distancing, individuals got the chance to reconnect with friends and enjoy an active summer day outdoors. Laughter was in the air, smiles were everywhere to see and hope was amplifying in this grim era. The event came to an end when the bikers and walkers re-grouped at Bond Lake Public School for a group photo and refreshments. Well wishes and hopes of eternal health dominated the theme of goodbyes in the parking lot as cars pulled out and the event came to an end.



Submitted by Avi Pour-Bemani for Kanoun

Covid Classic Award – Kayishmand Hormuzd Chothia

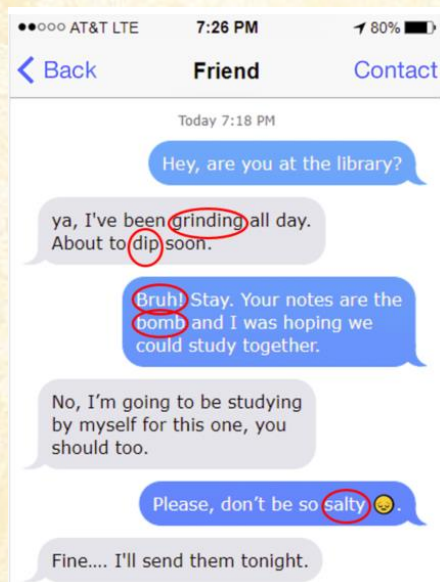


The award is meant to celebrate those who continuously go above and beyond with their contributions especially during the Covid Pandemic - a time when going above and beyond is much needed.

“The Visual Arts Recipient for this year’s Covid Classic Award is Kayishmand Chothia. She has gone above and beyond to use her art skills to better both our school and the greater Georgetown community. She has participated in events that support senior citizens, connecting them with arts students and she has helped kids with art initiatives. Furthermore, She has also gone above and beyond to stay connected with the art department during these stressful quarantine months,

creating beautiful art that she shared for the visual art department to use on our social media. Her community rocks were a real highlight!”

GenZ Dictionary:



Gen-Z terminology, definitions and common usage:

1. Grinding: A verb commonly used to describe working hard.
 - Other definitions: A style of intimate dancing popular at nightclubs.
2. Dip/To Dip: A verb describing the action of leaving or disappearing from a physical or a virtual space.
3. Bruh: A alternate form of the word “Brother/Bro” that is used to address a peer casually or while being frustrated and shocked.
4. Bomb: An adjective describing an object that is explosively great and outstandingly good.
5. Salty: An adjective describing one’s repulsive behaviour.
 - Synonym: Mad,

GenZ and Beyond – A Global Zoroastrian Survey



INTRODUCTION: It is imperative to initiate a global dialogue amongst Zoroastrians worldwide, especially amongst the younger generation, about the future of our community. The Global Zoroastrian Survey will question Zoroastrians worldwide to provide up-to-date, accurate, substantive and authoritative data so as to inform, guide and balance our thinking, discussions and initiatives to help us secure and shape the future of our community, its aspirations and identity.

MISSION: To document and engage the global Zoroastrian population by generating an all-encompassing database and drawing a comprehensive set of facts, insights and ideas to inform and inspire local, regional and national Zoroastrian communities to develop future projects that will secure, strengthen and further the wellbeing of the community and religion.

Full details are attached to this NewsLetter – or go directly to www.genzandbeyond.com for additional details including timelines and how you can get involved.

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.

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**

Renting MGDM hall (for post-funeral prayers/rituals or for private functions): Afreed Mistry at evp@zso.org

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مژدا، هنگامی تو را توانا و آفریننده شناختم که دریافتم تو با دستهای خود یاری می کنی و به هر دو گروه، هم دروغکار و هم راستکار، پاداش می دهی. فروغ ترا راستی نیرو می بفتد و من از گرمی آن تاب و توانایی منش نیک را می یابم.

گردهمایی همگانی و انتخابات کانون فرهنگی زرتشتیان انتاریو

با توجه به فرا رسیدن زمان انتخابات کانون فرهنگی زرتشتیان انتاریو، از همکیشان گرامی که تمایل دارند تا با همراهی دیگر هموندان کانون در برگزاری و پابرجا نگه داشتن آیین و مراسم زرتشتی همکاری نمایند فواہشمنندیم فرمهای لازم را تکمیل و به یکی از هموندان کانون تمویل دهد. زمان و نحوه برگزاری انتخابات با توجه به شرایط کنونی و محدودیت های بهداشتی کوید -۱۹ به آگاهی همکیشان فواہد رسید.

همازور بیم و هما زور هماشو بیم

جشن شهریورگان فرخنده باد

تبریک و چشم روشنی

با شادی فراوان، قدم نورسیده آریا فرزند آتوسا جوانمردی و آبتین ظهرابی در تاریخ ۱۱ ژوئن ۲۰۲۰ (June 11, 2020) را شادباش می گوئیم.

با شادی فراوان، قدم نورسیده راستین فرزند پریسا ورجاوند و اشکان دهقان در تاریخ ۳۰ ژوئن ۲۰۲۰ (June 30, 2020) را شادباش می گوئیم.

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 فواہشمنندیم تا در جهت گسترده نمودن این کانال لینک و نشانی این درگاه را به دوستان، آشنایان و فواہستاران دیگر آگاهی رسانی نمایید. مُشنود فواہیم شد تا پیشنهاد های فویش 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 پهنهادات سازنده خود را با ما با ایمیل آدرس kanoun@zso.org در میان بگذارید.

گزارشی فرتوری (تصویری) از مراسم یادبود پیرسبز



همکیشان زرتشتی انتاریو در پاسخ به برنامه ریزی انجام گرفته از سوی کانون فرهنگی زرتشتیان انتاریو و یادبود مراسم پیر سبز، در روز ۵ جولای گرد هم آمدند و ساعات شادی را با پیاده روی و دوچرخه سواری با دیگر همکیشان سپری کردند. به منظور جلوگیری از گسترش ویروس کرونا، این مراسم با رعایت مسائل بهداشتی و فاصله گذاری اجتماعی برگزار گردید. در ادامه فرتورهایی از این مراسم:



دعوت به همیاری در شورای کانون فرهنگی زرتشتیان ایرانی ائتاریو

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 ائتاریو، 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 ائتاریو

اینتجانب یکی از هموندان انجمن زرتشتیان ائتاریو (ZSO) و ساکن شهر.....

و استان اوتتاریو 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 ائتاریو)، 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.



همکیشان گرامی،

پیرو اعلامیه استان انتاریو در رابطه با ورود به مرحله سوم بازگشایی استان در روز جمعه ۳۱ ژوئیه، شهرداری تورنتو در حال آماده سازی و راه اندازی بیشتر مشاغل و خدمات شهری با ایمنی بیشتر می باشد. در مرحله سوم بازگشایی اماکن با در نظر گرفتن مقررات قانون مدیریت اضطراری و حمایت از قانون مدنی (EMCPA)، امکان دسترسی به مکانهای مذهبی با شرایط ویژه بوجد آمده است. این شرایط شامل محدود کردن تعداد افراد و اطمینان از این که اقدامات بهداشت عمومی مانند پوشش های صورت، فاصله گذاری فیزیکی و نظافت و ضدعفونی مکانها اجرا می گردد، می باشد.

بنابراین ما نیز با احتیاط و به تدریج تصمیم به بازگشایی درب مهر نموده ایم. بدین منظور تعداد باشندگان مراسم های مذهبی به ۵۰ نفر شامل موبدان افزایش می یابد. ولی تعداد باشندگان در اتاق آتش و داخل معبد همچنان حداکثر ۲۰ نفر می باشد. اقدامات بهداشت عمومی مانند پوشش های صورت و فاصله گذاری فیزیکی در تمام زمان مضور باید رعایت شود.

همچنین درب مهر برای دیدارهای زیارتی نیز با شرایط و پروتکل های جدید و ویژه در ساعات معین برای همگان باز خواهد شد: ساعات ویژه درب مهر مهربان گیو (MGDM) روز های سه شنبه ۴ تا ۸ سپین و شنبه ۹ بامداد تا ۱۲ ظهر می باشد.

تمام بازدید ها تنها با قرار ملاقات خواهد بود، بدین منظور ۲۴ ساعت پیش از روز ملاقات باید با آفرید میستری (Afreed Mistry) و با ایمیل (evp@zso.org) تماس گرفته و هانگ نمایید. توجه داشته باشید که در صورت عدم هماهنگی از ورود شما به درب مهر مهربان گیو جلوگیری خواهد شد.

پیشاپیش از شکیبایی شما سپاسگزاریم و از همکاری شما در جهت بازگشایی تدریجی درب مهر قدردانی می کنیم. فقط ایمنی خادمین درب مهر و دیگر همکیشان اولویت برتر همه دست اندرکاران می باشد.

دستورات اجباری و بهداشتی مورد نیاز کوید ۱۹ (COVID-19) برای مرحله سوم بازگشایی به شرح زیر می باشد:
خدماتی که اجازه انعام دادن آنها داده شده است:

- برگزاری مراسم دینی محدود به ۵۰ نفر شامل موبدان و داوطلبان و افرادی که در تمیزی مکان فعالیت می نمایند
- بازدید روزانه از درب مهر تنها با قرار قبلی با آفرید میستری (Afreed Mistry) و با ایمیل (evp@zso.org)
- پوشیدن ماسک غیر پزشکی - پوشش صورت اجباری است
- فقط فاصله اجتماعی دو متر (6 Feet)
- آوردن کتاب اوستا و پوشش سر مورد نیاز
- پیروی از علامتهای ورود و خروج

استفاده از [ابزار خود ارزیابی](#) آنلاین قبل از هر بازدید از درب مهر

فدماى كه هنوز اجازه انجام دادن آنها نمى باشد:

- گردهمايى هاى اجتماعى كه پيش و يا پس از مراسم دينى برگزار مى شد همچنان برپا نمى باشد
- پذيراي و مصرف غذا و نوشيدنى همچنان ممنوع مى باشد
- مراسم سدره پوشى و نامزدى و عروسى همچنان برگزار نمى گردد
- ايجاد امكان براى انتشار ويروس از طريق لمس سطوح به طور مستقيم يا غير مستقيم و يا اشيا كه ممكن است در مراسم مورد استفاده قرار گيرند

سلب مسئوليت و منابع:

- "همه بازديد كنندگان داوطلبانه و به سلامتيد فود به درب مهر وارد مى شوند. تمامى بازديدكنندگان بايد مطابق با دستورالعمل هاى قابل اجرا از جمله محدوديت تعداد بازديد كنندگان ، پوشيدن ماسك و رعايت فاصله فيزيكى مى باشند. همه بازديد كنندگان مسئول سلامت فود و ايمنى و همچنين احترام به سلامت و ايمنى كسانى كه در اطراف آنها هستند، مى باشند.
- "بازديد كنندگان بايد همكارى لازم را با افراد داوطلب در زمان ورود فود به درب مهر به نمايند. شفص داوطلب تاريخ، نام و اطلاعات تماس (تلفن و/يا ايميل) بازديد كنندگان را يادداشت فواهد نمود. اين اطلاعات تنها براى رديابى (COVID-19) مورد استفاده قرار فواهد گرفت و تنها براى ۳۰ روز نگهدارى فواهد شد
- براى جزئيات بيشتر در مورد بازگشايى سازمان ها و مكانهاى دينى در شهر تورنتو [اينجا را كليك كنيد](#)

MUKTAD – Stage 3 GUIDELINES

The city of Toronto is preparing to oversee the safe restart of more businesses and services following the Province of Ontario's announcement that Toronto can enter stage 3 of the provincial reopening on Friday July 31st. As a result of this announcement, we will enter Stage 3 of reopening by following the changes under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act (EMCPA) for places of worship with some specific conditions. These conditions include limiting capacity and ensuring that public health measures are followed such as face coverings, physical distancing and environmental cleaning and disinfecting.

As we cautiously and gradually plan the upcoming Shahenshai Farvardegan days, participation in religious services during these days (Aug 11th – 15th) will be limited to 50 people including the priest(s), COVID-19 dedicated volunteers and cleaning crew. The MGDM will be open for visits **by appointment only** with revised hours of operation and protocols to follow.

The MGDM revised hours during Farverdegan Days (Aug 11th – 15th) are daily **6 AM to 9 PM**.

All the following prayers will be performed and live streamed during the Farvardegan days:

- Three Satoom sessions (morning, afternoon, and evening),
- Afringan
- Farokshi in the morning
- Evening Satoom and Hum Bundagi

The ZSO Board is seeking for **2 volunteers** to work at the MGDM each day during the Fravardegan days. If you are interested, please email Afreed Mistry (EVP@zso.org).

All visits to the MGDM will be **by appointment only** and MUST be booked in advance, a minimum 24 hours prior to the day of the visit, by contacting Afreed Mistry (EVP@zso.org) and receiving her confirmation. Please note if you do not have an appointment/confirmation your entry will be denied.

As you all are aware this has been a tough year for all communities including ZSO in terms of revenue generation, we request everyone to donate generously by visiting our website (www.zso.org). Cash donations should be dropped off in the ZSO safety deposit box. If you wish to donate by cheque, please be sure to attach the completed [donation form](#) with your cheque made payable to 'Zoroastrian Society of Ontario'. Cheques made payable to ZSO will be rejected and not processed.

We thank you for your patience and appreciate your cooperation as we gradually and safely reopen, keeping the safety of our custodian and the community at large as the top priority.

Below are the COVID-19 Guidelines for stage 3 as per the health and city requirements:

Use the online [self-assessment tool](#) before every visit to the MGDM

| Allowed | Suspended Services |
|--|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Participation of religious services limited to 50 people including the priest(s), COVID-19 dedicated volunteers and cleaning crew• Drop in visits to the MGDM are by appointment ONLY<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Contact Afreed Mistry (evp@zso.org) to book your visit• Wearing a non-medical mask/face covering is mandatory• Maintain a social distance of two meters/six feet• Bring your own prayer book and head covering• Follow entry and exit signs | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Social gatherings, including those that occur before or after a prayer service remains suspended• Navjote and other close contact activities• Consumption of food and drink remains suspended• Indoor singing, use of instruments and choir service• Sharing and distribution of materials and objects such as books, scarves, caps, water, etc.• 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. |

Disclaimers and resources:

- *"All visits to the MGDM are voluntary and at the visitor's own discretion. Visitors must comply with applicable guidelines including limits on numbers, wearing of masks and physical distancing. All visitors are responsible for their own health & safety as well as respecting the health & safety of those around them."*
- *"Visitors must self-screen with the ZSO volunteer present when entering the MGDM at each visit. The volunteer will record the date, their name and contact information (phone and/or email) and that will only be used for contact tracing for COVID-19 purposes and will only be kept on file for 30 days."*
- [Click here](#) for more details on reopening of Faith Based Organizations in the City of Toronto



MUKTAD PRAYERS 2019

Kindly include the following names in the daily prayers during the forthcoming Muktaḍ ceremonies:

Names of the Deceased

Name of His/Her Father/Husband

1. E O Oi B K _____ E O B _____

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.

PLEASE NOTE: IF YOU WANT TO INCLUDE THE NAMES OF YOUR LOVED ONES THIS YEAR, YOU MUST COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM. NAMES WILL NOT BE AUTOMATICALLY CARRIED OVER FROM LAST YEAR.

No names will be accepted over the telephone.



Farvardegan Prayers Schedule

August 11th – 16th, 2020

Live Streamed via ZSO [YouTube Channel](#)

August 11, 2020:

- 7:00 AM - Morning Satum ([Click here](#))
- 7:30 AM - Afringan and Farokshi ([Click here](#))
- 11:30 AM - Afternoon Satum ([Click here](#))
- 7:00 PM - Evening Satum ([Click here](#))

August 12, 2020:

- 7:00 AM - Morning Satum ([Click here](#))
- 7:30 AM - Afringan and Farokshi ([Click here](#))
- 11:30 AM - Afternoon Satum ([Click here](#))
- 7:00 PM - Evening Satum ([Click here](#))

August 13, 2020:

- 7:00 AM - Morning Satum ([Click here](#))
- 7:30 AM - Afringan and Farokshi ([Click here](#))
- 11:30 AM - Afternoon Satum ([Click here](#))
- 7:00 PM - Evening Satum ([Click here](#))

August 14, 2020:

- 7:00 AM - Morning Satum ([Click here](#))
- 7:30 AM - Afringan and Farokshi ([Click here](#))
- 11:30 AM - Afternoon Satum ([Click here](#))
- 7:00 PM - Evening Satum ([Click here](#))

August 15, 2020:

- 8:00 AM - Morning Satum ([Click here](#))
- 8:30 AM - Afringan and Farokshi ([Click here](#))
- 11:30 AM - Afternoon Satum ([Click here](#))
- 7:00 PM - Evening Satum ([Click here](#))

August 16, 2020:

- 4:15 AM - Night Afringan and Satum ([Click here](#))
- This prayer is a live stream ONLY*

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Khordad Saal 2020

August 21, 2020

6:00 PM

You Tube
LIVESTREAM

CLICK HERE 

In person attendance, is ONLY limited to 50 people

- ❖ Priority will be for seniors with no access to technology
- ❖ Rest of the community will be accommodated on a first come first

Mandatory requirements for in person attendance

- ✓ Advance booking is a MUST for in person attendance
- ✓ Mask or face covering is Mandatory
- ✓ Bring your own prayer book, scarf or hat
- ✓ No Food, drink or chashni allowed
- ✓ No Social gathering allowed before or after the jashan





Navroz Jashan 2020

August 16, 2020

6:00 PM

You Tube
LIVESTREAM

CLICK HERE

In person attendance, is ONLY limited to 50 people

- ❖ Priority will be for seniors with no access to technology
- ❖ Rest of the community will be accommodated on a first come first serve basis

Mandatory requirements for in person attendance

- ✓ Advance booking is a MUST for in person attendance
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- ✓ Bring your own prayer book, scarf or hat
- ✓ No Food, drink or chashni allowed
- ✓ No Social gathering allowed before or after the jashan

Contact Afreed Mistry
(evp@zso.org) to make
arrangements

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July 21, 2020

Kanoun and
Zoroastrian Society of Ontario,
3590 Bayview Avenue,
Willowdale, ON, M2N 3S6

Invitation To Join "100 Toronto Scout Group"

Dear Parents and Youths,

The Zoroastrian Society of Ontario in its wisdom sponsored the '100 Toronto Scout Group' on the principle of this Youth Program is 'of the Zoroastrians, by the Zoroastrians, for the Zoroastrians'.

The Group Committee of the '100 Toronto Scout Group' are of the strong opinion that, now is a good time for our Community Youths to mix together and enforce bonds of friendship, understanding and camaraderie.

The Scout Program utilizes outdoor adventures, nature, camps and meetings to help the Youth become self-confident, disciplined, appreciate and care for the environment, learn skills related to problem solving as well as develop a team spirit. The Youth becomes self motivated and turn out to be effective leaders.

We hope the Parents will encourage their children to join our '100 Toronto Scout Group' as it is a small investment of time for their success, pleasure and enjoyment.

We hope, the Zoroastrian Youth will avail the benefits of Scouting, by joining the '100 Toronto Scout Group' to have fun, enjoy, make friends and be happy.

Registration for Scouts Canada starts September 2020. www.scouts.ca

Our vision and mission: "Give us your Youth and we will help them become confident Leaders".

Sincerely,

Kersi Khambatta
Co-Chair,
100 Toronto Scout Group

Rohinton Kiash
Co-Chair,
100 Toronto Scout Group



INVITATION FOR ZOROASTRIANS TO JOIN 100 TORONTO SCOUT GROUP

The Zoroastrian Community of Ontario are united under one Ahura Mazda and bound by the English language as Canadians. It is the Scouts Canada movement that can bring our Irani and Parsee youths together and develop mutual understanding, respect and camaraderie. In is time that our youths born or settled in Ontario, Canada are brought together in an environment that enforces friendship.



Scouts: Link Camp 2019

The environment was created by the 'Zoroastrian Society of Ontario' in September 19th 1990, when it sponsored and helped the founding of the 'First Zoroastrian Scout Group'. The 'First Zoroastrian Scout Group' is identified as the '100 Toronto Scout Group' and is affiliated with 'Scouts Canada'.

The '100 Toronto Scout Group' is open to children with both or one parent of the Zoroastrian or Zarthosti faith.

The time has come for our Toronto Zoroastrian Community to assimilate our Irani and Parsee youth through the Scout Program.

What is the Scouts Canada Program?

'Scouts Canada' programs are designed to help the youths in developing Spiritual, Physical, Intellectual, Character, Emotional and Spiritual elements, a.k.a. SPICES.



Cubs: Virtual Meeting - April 2020

The elements of SPICES are achieved through 'youth led' programs involving camping, hiking, swimming, archery, cooking, biking and visits to the places of interest.



Cubs & Beavers: Sleep Over Ripley's Aquarium - May 2019

We help the youth to take on challenges, develop their abilities to think critically and use the information in an original way.

Outdoor discovery, community service, physical activity and hands-on learning are at the heart of our Scouting program.

What are the advantages or merits of the Scouts Program?

Some parents hesitate to let their child participate in group activities on the assumption that he or she will feel humiliated because the child is shy or timid or weak or not of the mixing type.

Experience has shown that the same type of youth after joining the Scouting movement changes and grooms oneself to be self-confident, smart, responsible, sociable and reliable. They turn out to become leaders.

Scout: Camp



The Scouting program leads the youth on a journey to become the best. This is achieved by focusing on youth-led planning and adventures.

Scouting creates hands-on learning experience a pleasure. The youth will discover his or her potential in a safe, adventurous and inclusive way with fun.

Scouting will teach numerous skills and create opportunities to try new and great adventures.

The memories of Scouting adventures like camps, sleeping in tents, campfires and attending Jamborees with fellow Scouts will be remembered and cherished throughout the youth's lifetime.



The youth will become independent, confident and a well-rounded person.

Community service is the important aspect of the Scouting program. This teaches the youth the value of making contributions to society. Some of examples of community service are maintaining a bee farm, fund raising, crafting Christmas Cards and Santa Boxes. The community has appreciated the Scouts contribution through dedicated service.

Scouts most important effect on the youth is to be disciplined and obey orders.

Scouts: Outdoor Activities

The skills acquired by the youth through Scouts helps the youth become a responsible individual, self-confident and a patient person.

Scouts helps the youth develop social skills, talk to people in a polite manner and present oneself with dignity.

In today's world, Scouts teaches the child to respect and preserve the environment.

When is your child eligible to join the Scout Movement?

The '100 Toronto Scout Group' is divided into three groups. Children from age of 5 to 7 years of age enrol in the Beavers-Scouts. The children between 8 to 10 years of age form the Cub-Scouts. The Scouts is for youth between the ages of 11 to 13. There are options to form Venture-Scouts for youth of the age 14 to 17 and Rovers for the age 18 to 24.



Beavers: Zoom Meeting - June 2020

Is the Scouts Program good for your child?

Yes! It is a good program and activity that is all fun and pleasure. Ask any person who has been a Scout.

In the past, several Youths from the Kanoun have been through our Scout Program. They have exhibited excellent leadership qualities and been successful.

Why does the Scout Program make your child good?

A Scout makes a Promise on his or her investiture.

SCOUT PROMISE:

**On my honour,
I promise to do my best,
To do my duty God and Queen,
To help people at all times and
Carry out the spirit of the Scout Law.**

SCOUT LAW:

**A Scout is helpful and trustworthy,
Kind and cheerful,
Considerate and clean,
Wise in the use of all the resources.**

FOR ANY FORM OF ASSISTANCE, PLEASE CONTACT:

Kersi Khambatta, Co-Chair and Group Commissioner
Phone: 416 496 8285 (M) Email: goldkk101@hotmail.com
or
Rohinton Kiash, Co-Chair and Group Administrator
Phone: 647 444 4967 (M) Email: rohinkash@gmail.com



DONATION FORM

Please complete the form below and send it along your donation cheque. This form will ensure we have your correct mailing address to send your tax receipt.

Tax receipts will be issued for donations of \$20 and higher.

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____ Province _____ Postal Code _____

Donation Amount: \$_____

Please mail cheques to : Zoroastrian Society of Ontario
Attn: Treasurer
3590 Bayview Ave
North York, ON, M2H 3S6

****All cheques payable to Zoroastrian Society of Ontario**



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: _____
Spouse Last Name: _____ Spouse's First Name: _____
Address: _____ Apartment/Suite# _____
City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____
Home Phone: (____) - ____ - ____ Cell Phone: (____) - ____ - ____
Email: _____ Age: _____ Signature _____

Dependent Information:

| First & Last Name | Age |
|-------------------|-----|
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Select your communication methods: Auto dialer (US & Canada), E-Mail and SMS Messages (SMS within Canada Only)

Auto dialer voice messages: ☐ Home ☐ Cell ☐ Spouse Cell: _____

SMS Messages: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Newsletter: ☐ Email _____ ☐ Spouse Email: _____ ☐ Regular Mail

(Regular mail will incur a \$5/month charge – payable annually for a total of \$60. Please include this cost in your membership fees total below.)

Total Enclosed: Cash \$ _____ Cheque \$ _____

(All cheques payable to "Zoroastrian Society of Ontario" and mailed to Attn: ZSO Treasurer (Membership Form) 3590 Bayview Avenue, Toronto, ON, M2M 3S6). Please note the bank will **NOT** accept cheques payable to "ZSO".

☐ 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

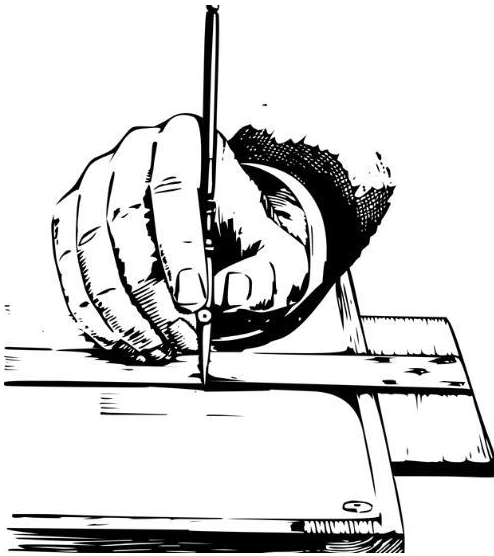
☐ Yes ☐ No

Signature _____

Drawing Contest

Ages 5-20

Deadline for submissions: September 1, 2020



Drawing Guidelines:

Size: 5x8 inches

Color: Black and white

Medium: Computer graphics or non-smearing medium on good quality paper

Format: High resolution (300 dpi or larger) PDF or JPEG

Please note:

By submitting your drawing, you give the Drawing Contest organizer the right to publish and use your drawing in any desired fashion.

Procedure:

- 1.) Visit www.czc.org/contest
- 2.) Read the story
- 3.) Submit a drawing best visualizing the story
- 4.) Email it to zessayentry@yahoo.com OR mail it to:

PO BOX 572966

Tarzana, CA 91357

- 5.) Include your full name, age, email address, mailing address, and phone number in your submission



1st place prize: \$50