



## Zoroastrian Society of Ontario

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### WHAT'S NEW, PRES?

Here's wishing one and all A Happy New Year 2021! The past year started ordinarily and I'm sure we can all agree that it has ended extra-ordinarily. What made it extra-ordinary however wasn't the fact that it was a leap year nor was it due to the pandemic or the modified celebrations and observances; it was the resilience of everyone going through it, demonstrating our collective will to overcome the situation and continue doing good for ourselves and one another that made it so. To my mind, that is cause for celebration.

Here are some highlights from 2020 and a glimpse into 2021:

- We held our New Year's dinner dance on December 31, 2019/January 1, 2020, seeing a return of New Year's celebrations at the MGDM after many years
- Religious, Scouts, Children's Classes, Seniors and Entertainment Committees (to name a few) successfully held their events in January and February, as usual
- ZSO began accepting donations in Canada towards the FEZANA UofT Professorship in Zoroastrian Languages and Literature, totaling approximately CAD 121k till date
- In March the pandemic hits and all in-person events are suspended
- The Board and all volunteers act swiftly to move events online where possible and keep the community connected as well as ZSO work progressing, observing health guidelines
- The Board frames a transparent process and follows the same to complete the tiling project in the Main Hall and adjacent areas of the MGDM
- Several volunteers come forward to help in various ways, delivering help to those in need
- Online adoption surged for both event attendance as well as membership & donations
- Limited re-opening of the MGDM facilitated by volunteers following health directives between July and November
- ZSO successfully holds its 50<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting and the first one ever held online and includes the recognition of two volunteer members, the awarding of the Annual Academic Scholarship and remembering community members we lost between April and September who we did not get a chance to pay respects to due to the pandemic
- ZSO donated \$1,000 towards OZCF's Place of Worship, has committed a donation of \$1000 towards the FEZANA Professorship and has donated \$5,000 (from its Medical Aid Fund) to the World Zoroastrian Organization Trust (Mumbai, India) towards the treatment and rehabilitation of a young priest who suffered accidental burns recently
- ZSO appeals to members and the community in general to donate towards keeping up with its ongoing maintenance costs. Please see the appeal online at [www.zso.org](http://www.zso.org) Your donation, large or small, will help ZSO continue to meet its objectives into the future
- Children's Religion Classes and the 100 Toronto Scouts groups resumed their year in September and continue to meet online regularly
- Look out for new online religious, youth and entertainment events as well as updates on the MGDM that we will be sure to communicate

Your Board of Directors wish one and all a Happy, Fulfilled and Healthy 2021!

Tandarosti,  
Mashya Amroliwalla  
President



## MGDM - UPDATE

With the evolving COVID-19 Pandemic and rising cases, the city of Toronto is in a lockdown. Keeping the health and safety of our custodian and members as top priority, as well as following the changes under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act (EMCPA) for places of worship and the specific conditions which include limiting capacity and ensuring that public health measures are followed such as face coverings, physical distancing and environmental cleaning and disinfecting, the ZSO Board of Directors has decided to CLOSE the Mehraban Guiv Darb e Meher (MGDM) until further notice.

All upcoming visits to MGDM are cancelled except for any death prayers with a limited capacity of 10 people including the priest and custodian. These bookings MUST be booked by contacting Hoofrish Patel ([evp@zso.org](mailto:evp@zso.org)).

When visiting the MGDM please be reminded of the following mandatory requirements and guidelines:

- Use the online [self-assessment tool](#) before every visit to the MGDM
- Wearing a non-medical mask/face covering is **mandatory**
- Bring your own prayer book and head covering
- Refrain from bringing Sukhar, loban or other prayer related items from home
- Maintain a social distance of two meters/six feet
- Follow entry and exit signs
- Social gatherings, including those that occur before or after a prayer service remains 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

### Suspended Services

- Drop in visits
- Social gatherings, including those that occur before or after a prayer service remains suspended
- Navjote, weddings 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.

We continue to encourage all our members to watch our prayers online. Please subscribe to the ZSO YouTube channel at the following link and turn notifications ON to be alerted of all upcoming events.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3aC8WOPppyeQFjcTcFcaGQ>

We thank you for your patience and appreciate your cooperation.

ZSO Board

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### Upcoming ZSO Live-Stream Prayers

Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 11 am - Maidyarem Gahambar - گهنبار چهره میدیارم در گاهشمار فصلی

Jan 10<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30 am - 2021 Khushali Jashan

Jan 16<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm - Jashn-e-Bahmangan

Jan 30<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm - Jashn-e-Sadeh

All prayers will be streamed live on the ZSO YouTube channel. Please subscribe at link noted above.



## APPEAL FOR KIDNEY DONOR

This is an appeal for a kidney donation for Mr. Ardesheer Kavasji of Toronto. Mr. Kavasji is in dire need of a kidney as his kidneys are failing. His Blood Type is O Positive but according to St. Michael Hospital the Blood Group of the donor is not important as they offer blood type (ABO) incompatible transplant with Glycosorb® technology. Patients can receive a kidney from their living kidney donor even if the blood type is incompatible, with success rates comparable to other living donation transplants. Glycosorb® immunoabsorption is a unique technology that circumvents complications associated with apheresis that is used in older ABOi techniques. St. Michael's offers minimally invasive (laparoscopic) nephrectomy. Laparoscopic surgery allows for shorter hospital stay, less pain and a quicker return to employment for living donors.

Any healthy individual who would like to be a living donor kindly contact [akavasji@yahoo.com](mailto:akavasji@yahoo.com) or at 647-200-1861.

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### **Update on FEZANA U of T Professorship**

Since our last communication with you, we suspended our fundraising campaign in April 2020 due to the Coronavirus pandemic. It disrupted our plan to raise US \$1.5 million by April 30, 2020, so we renegotiated our agreement with UoT.

Our new agreement is to raise US \$1.1 million by April 30, 2021. Once funds are transferred, UoT will match equivalent amount in Canadian dollars up to a maximum of CAD 1.5 million and create an endowment fund in perpetuity in support of a professorship in Zoroastrian languages and literature.

**Currently we have raised a total of US \$820,000 in cash and pledges, with an additional conditional pledge of US \$50,000, to match the last US \$50,000.** We are at the finish line! We ask your help to close the final gap, which is US \$230,000.

For US donations click below to donate on FEZANA's website

[DONATE in US\\$](#)

For Canadian donations click below to donate on Zoroastrian Society of Ontario's website

[DONATE in CAN\\$](#)

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### **NAMC - Public Lecture Series**

The North American Mobeds Council (NAMC) is a consortium of Mobeds of North America dedicated to service the Religious and Spiritual needs of the North American Zoroastrian Community,

The Institute of Zoroastrian Studies is an Educational Arm of NAMC with an objective to train Mobeds and impart knowledge of Zoroastrianism to fellow Zoroastrians and to the general public.

These monthly lectures by learned Mobeds is an initiative of the Institute of Zoroastrian Studies for the enlightenment of the general public.

Please visit <http://namcmobeds.org/wp-content/uploads/NAMC-Institute-Lecture-Series.pdf> for more information.





## FAQs on Zoroastrianism

The Ontario Mobeds Advisory Committee (OMAC) has compiled a list of responses to frequently asked questions about the Zoroastrian Faith. The ZSO will feature a few of these in the newsletters to come.

### What are the major tenets of Zoroastrianism?

#### God: Ahura Mazda

The supreme being is called Ahura Mazda (Phl. Ohrmazd), meaning "Creator of Wisdom". Ahura Mazda is all good, and created a Joyful world and all good things, including people.

The thought process of the Creator - **Ahura Mazda** - follows the Progressive Benevolent Mentality called Spenta Mainyu. This mentality is opposed by **Anghra Mainyu** (Phl. Ahriman), meaning "Destructive Spirit or mentality". Anghra Mainyu is the embodiment of evil and generates all evil thoughts, words and deeds. The cosmic battle between good and evil will ultimately lead to the defeat of all evil.

### Who is a Mobed?

The word Mobed is derived from Pahlavi magapat which means a master Magian. Magians were the priests in Western Iran in ancient times. A Mobed is the one who is ordained through his Nāvar and Murtab ceremony who can perform outer and inner liturgical ceremonies such as Yazashne, Visperad, Vandidād and Bāj. Ontario Mobeds Advisory Committee 6 26)

### Who is a Dastur?

The word Dastur is derived from Pahlavi Dastabar meaning one who exercises authority. A Dastur should combine in himself the best qualities of head and heart. He is expected to be holy, having innate wisdom and spiritual insight which are the two important qualities expected of a high priest.

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## Condolences

**Manouchehr Shidfar** on December 12, 2020 at the age of 90. He joined his wife, Roudabeh Molaei, who passed away in 2012, in heaven and is survived by his daughters, Soheila Shidfar and Sima Shidfar, his grandchildren, Vahishta Katrak, Sarishta Katrak and Jasmin Varjavand, and his greatgrandson, Nikan Mehin. May his soul rest in Eternity Joy in the House of Songs.

**Pooran Behboodi (Keykhosravian)**, on December 17<sup>th</sup> in her home with her family by her side. Beloved mother of Farshid, Parvin, Farzad and Anahita, adored grandmother of Siyavash, Arsha, Nairika, Armita and Vesta and cherished spouse of the late Jahangir Behboodi. May her soul rest in peace.

**Dinyar Khurshed Jussawalla**, on December 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Beloved husband of Roshan Jussawalla, Brother-In-Law to Freny Engineer, Father of Malcolm & Zubin Jussawalla, Father-In-Law to Delila Law and Late Fioza Jussawalla. Grandfather of Zarna, Samira, Nazreen & Shirin. Sister of Aban Jalnawala. May his soul rest in peace.

**Kersasp Ardeshir Bhesania**, on December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020. He is survived by his wife, Ruby Bhesania their four children, Mehernosh, Teosar, Zubin and Grace, their daughter-in-laws Niloufer, Yesna and Linda and son-in-law Mark, eight grandchildren and their partners and one great grandson. May his soul rest in peace.

**Tehmi Dara Patel**, on December 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Devoted wife of Dara Patel, loving mother to Kersi (Marie-Joelle), Maharukh (Rohin) and Roxy (Rustom), doting grandmother to Farhad, Shirin, Adarvan, Daryus and Adel. May her soul rest in peace.



## Kainaz Jussawalla - Celebrity Host



Step aside all the K Jo's and Ellen's of the Earth - There is a Parsi who is taking over and as they say ( or not) 'never underestimate a Bawil!' Kainaz Jussawalla from Mumbai is a best selling author, blogger, anchor, vlogger and lifestyle columnist. Her book 'Coffee days Champagne nights' was on the Crossword best seller list 2017/18.

Kainaz flies the high skies thanks to a travel career but remains grounded by pursuing her parallel love for journalism and writing. Kainaz is a recipient of three awards, the Shiksha

Ratna; the Asian Literary Award and the Fuzia women achievers Instagram influencers award 2020. An advocate for mental health Kainaz speaks on varied topics by invitation, right from body confidence to anxiety management. She is also a freelance consultant for International Literary events and programmes in the UK. Kainaz holds a TV presenter certificate from Aspire London .

Her Fun Chat show 'Break Free with Kainaz Jussawalla' on her YouTube channel Chai with Kai and other Digi platforms, went on air in November and has an impressive line up of achievers and celebrities for the first season . It's got all the ingredients only a Parsi presented show can have - Humour , laughter and the feel good factor. The best bits of ..each episode is published weekly in the Jame Jamshed .

Enjoy it and catch the first three shows on this link

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCY7nlv1BAzSe1dh7CreV4pA>

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## Ontario Marks International Volunteer Day

December 4<sup>th</sup> - TORONTO — Raymond Cho, Minister of Seniors and Accessibility issued the following statement to mark International Volunteer Day on December 5, 2020:

*"International Volunteer Day is about honouring those exceptional individuals who have chosen to dedicate themselves to helping their local communities.*

*In Ontario, volunteers are making important contributions and helping to improve the lives of people across the province every day. Many organizations and charities owe their success to the countless volunteers who have generously given their time for the betterment of others.*

*This has been particularly important during the COVID-19 pandemic. Now more than ever, we need to find ways to support and uplift the people around us - even the smallest actions can make a big difference.*

*This past spring, my ministry partnered with SPARK Ontario, an online platform that connects volunteers with community organizations. Since the COVID-19 outbreak began, more than 5,000 volunteers have registered to make a difference, benefiting organizations they have signed up to help with. They are supporting others in a variety of ways, such as making deliveries and getting supplies to those in need.*

*My ministry is also working closely with the Ontario Community Support Association and its network of volunteers to deliver the Ontario Community Support Program. This program provides deliveries of food, medicine and other essentials to those who cannot leave their home due to COVID-19. In the last eight months, the program has delivered approximately half a million meals, food hampers and essential supplies to vulnerable individuals.*

*It is inspiring to see so many Ontarians devoting their time to support individuals and families province-wide. The dedication of our volunteers makes Ontario strong and resilient, especially during these difficult times.*



## **Volunter Day cont'd.**

*On behalf of our government, I'd like to thank every person who has volunteered across our province. We hope you'll continue to demonstrate compassion for each other and make a positive and lasting difference in your community.*

*The work you do is key to maintaining the excellent quality of life in our cities, towns, villages and hamlets across the province."*

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## **Scouts Report November 2020**

On November 1<sup>st</sup>, the Beavers attended a Zoom session filled with activities led by Katy. Scouter Avan led the cubs in an exercise aimed at survival in the wilderness. The cubs did an experiment to understand direction using equipment available whilst camping and in the absence of a compass. They were taught how to use a leaf, a needle and a bowl of water to find their direction if lost in the wilderness with no markings to guide them. The cubs also learnt about understanding directions based on the position of the sun at any given time of day to know which direction they were heading towards. All in all, it was an educational and interactive session for all present. Each cub was then assigned an individual task to prepare and present to the group at the next cubs meeting.

There was a Cubs meeting held on November 15, 2020 which was attended by 3 cub leaders and 4 cubs. The Cubs were tested on knots that they had learned at an earlier session that scouter Zruvan had conducted in October 2020. After the testing, each cub individually presented their assigned task to demonstrate survival skills which was a follow-up to the November 1 meeting. Each cub was prepared with their demo which ranged from a fishing rod by using things from nature to identifying plants for keeping bugs away, building a tent for shelter to using things in nature to light a fire. This exercise had a dual purpose...it familiarized cubs with camping and survival techniques and it also built their self-confidence in making group presentations. Everyone had a great time showing off their projects.

Final Cubs meeting was held on December 13, 2020 with 3 cub leaders and 4 cubs were present. This was a cub led event with cub Zofia leading the meeting with an artwork. The project was to create a Santa Claus mask keeping in theme with the upcoming holiday season. All the cubs had a great time and were very pleased with the masks that they finally created. This was in line with the art badge and keeping in mind that when cubs are more engaged or lead the meeting, they build their self-confidence and self-esteem.



*Report submitted by Zruvan Chothia*

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***"This 2021...Pursue Peace. Pursue peace over your deepest understandings. For within it there is freedom: over all things mistaken, over broken conversations, over all the things you'd thought would hold a little stronger and grow a little longer than they did. Let it be peace that reels you in reminding you: it is okay to trust that the story is still being written, even without knowing how it will end."***



## Kane-Jerrett Funeral Homes Update

The transition to Kane-Jerrett Funeral Homes is complete and R. S. Kane is closed effective November 30, 2020. No other changes to arrangements for the Zoroastrian community.

The contact details for Kane-Jerrett are as follows:

Kane-Jerrett Funeral Homes

8088 Yonge Street

Thornhill, Vaughan ON L4J 1W3

Phone: 905-889-8889

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## Interfaith Committee Report - Sept to Dec 2020

The 2020/2021 Interfaith Committee members are: Freddy Mirza (Chair), Sam Vesuna (Past Chair), Ev. Jehan Bagli, Ev. Athavian Bamji, Ev. Hoshang Udawadia, Ev. Mehsad Dastur, Momedyar Mahshad Khosraviani, (ZSO BoD 1<sup>st</sup> Exec. Officer & Liaison), Bahman Moradian, Farishta Dinshaw and Percy Surti. They represent our faith at the events organized by the Canadian Multifaith Federation, Toronto Area Interfaith Committee (TAIC), MOSAIC, Peel District School Board (PDSB) Faith Leaders Forum and Interfaith Council of Peel (ICP). All the meetings were virtual.

Nov 10<sup>th</sup> – ICP's Annual Meeting of the Interfaith leaders, representatives and service providers. Guest speaker was scheduled to be the Peel Region's Police Chief, Nish Duraiappa, but, due to a last minute call for duty, the Deputy Chief Mark Andrews attended and was accompanied by Suleha Khan from their Diversity and Inclusion Department. Peel Police now has a special unit to deal with incidents involving people with a mental health problem.

Nov 25<sup>th</sup> – PDSB meeting. These meetings are held every 3 months to inform the faith leaders of the changes in the PDSB's curriculum and the activities of the Board, in order to obtain their suggestions. Discussions included: Indigenous equity; Empowering Modern Learners with Modern tools-Equity Support to African and Indigenous students.

Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> - An hour long conversation with the Rt. Hon. Justin Trudeau, the Prime Minister of Canada regarding the "Contribution of Faith Communities in a Pandemic" attended by nearly 434 people. The conversation was organized by 3 organizations, namely, the Cdn. Council of Churches, the Cdn. Interfaith Convention and the Cdn. Multifaith Federation. The PM thanked all the faith leaders for their important work in fulfilling the spiritual needs of their respective communities as well as providing help through their volunteers. There were speakers from the Jewish, Christian, Islamic, Hindu, Buddhist, Sikh, Baha'i and Indigenous faiths. Others expressed their concerns in the "chat box" which will be compiled and sent to the Office of the PM. PM was requested to consider the faith leaders as "essential front line worker" because they fulfil a very important role of providing a mental peace through spiritual ceremonies and prayers.

Dec 8<sup>th</sup> - ICP meeting with 3 Mayors from the Peel Region: Mayor Bonnie Crombie of Mississauga, Mayor Patrick Brown from Brampton and Mayor Allen Thomson of Caledonia. Dr. Lawrence Loh, Peel Region Health Advisor was present. There were 100 participants. All the Mayors addressed the challenges faced by the places of worship due to the present lock down and restrictions on the number of worshippers. They also addressed the issue of the vulnerable seniors in the Long Term care homes. They were also concerns raised relating to the small businesses and retailers followed by an interesting Q&A.

Activities of the various interfaith councils are posted on the social media websites (Facebook, Twitter and Instagram).

*Report submitted by Freddy Mirza*



## 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.

o Example: a sender can mimic the name “Canada Revenue Agency”, however they CANNOT mimic the CRA’s email address.

o 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. Always verify the source of emails, beware of and report suspected spam, 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.

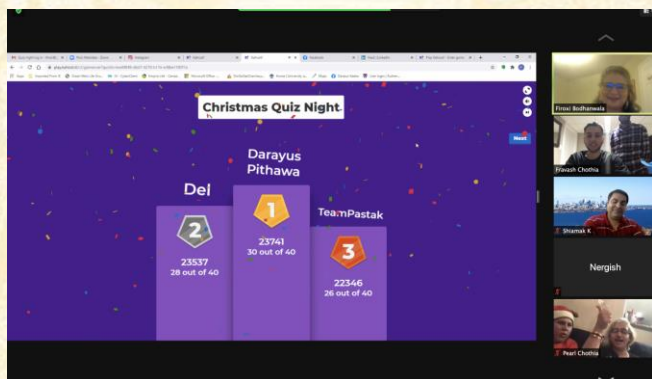
Here's a fun Youtube video from James Veitch on receiving unsolicited email. Watch and enjoy.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KU0JBOIOAA>

Here's a fun Youtube video from Mayim Bialik who plays "Amy" (Sheldon's nerdy girlfriend) on "The Big Bang Theory" with her 5 Tips for Cybersecurity Safety.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZOtQ21hXJ7k>

## Merry Quizmas!



What's the highest-grossing Christmas movie of all time? Hint: it's the one with the kid bullying two burglars. If you guessed Home Alone, you would be right (sorry Grinch, better luck next time). If you didn't get this one, try again at our next quiz. This Quiz Night, organized by the Youth Committee was hosted by Firoxi Bodhanwala, who curated 41 Christmas related questions to test the people's holiday genius. With exciting questions, and only 15 seconds to answer each question, people were answering quickly and waiting for the next one to pop up on their screens whilst trying to take the lead. Using Kahoot and explaining the

answers, Firoxi was teaching us something new about December festivities that most people weren't aware of. With 30 participants, this event was a great close to the year of events hosted by the ZSO Youth Committee and gives an optimistic view for attendance at the events next year. A special thanks to all the participants and congrats to Darayus Pithawa for coming in first place!

If you missed this Christmas one, don't fret, the Committee is hosting many more events in the coming year including our first Valentine's Day Quiz Night on February 14th. If you like the events and want to help keep them going, go to the [ZSO.org](https://zso.org/) website and click the donate tab and under the comment section write "Quiz night" or "Youth committee" before donating, every bit adds up and we hope to see you at our future events.



## Newsletter Requests

Please note that the deadline for receiving submissions for the ZSO newsletter is the 20<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:newslettereditor@zso.org)  
Please copy Hoofrish Patel at [evp@zso.org](mailto:evp@zso.org) for approval.

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

- **Please copy Mashya Amroliwalla at [president@zso.org](mailto:president@zso.org) for approval**

Renting MGDM hall (for post-funeral prayers/rituals or for private functions): Hoofrish Patel at [evp@zso.org](mailto:evp@zso.org)

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## اهنودگات - یسن 43 - بند 8

آن گاه چنین پاسخ داد: من زرتشت دشمن سر سفت دروغ و دروغگویان هستم و تا آن جا که مرا نیرو و توان است با آنها پیکار خواهم کرد ولی با تمام قدرت یاور و پشتیبان درست کرداران خواهم بود. پروردگارا بشود که از نیروی معنوی و بیکرانت برافرودار گردم و همیشه سرسپرده و ستایشگر تو باشم ای مرزا

## بر فروهر پاک اشوزرتشت اسپنتمان درود باد



### گهنبار چهره میدیارم گاه

مراسم گهنبارخوانی چهره میدیارم گاه در روز یکشنبه 3 ژانویه (Sun. Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>) در ساعت 11:00 بامداد در درب مهر مهربان گیو برگزار می شود. با توجه به شرایط کنونی و محدودیت های بهداشتی کوید -19، مراسم اوستا خوانی آن همزمان از کانال یوتیوب انجمن زرتشتیان انتاریو برای همکیشان پخش می شود. برای دسترسی روی این لینک کلیک نمایید:

[https://youtu.be/O889\\_cgo9Ng](https://youtu.be/O889_cgo9Ng)

هما زور بیم و هما زور هما اشو بیم

### شب یلدا

در تاریخ 20 دسامبر به همت آقای بهرام جم و اعضای کانون و دیگر عزیزان جامعه، بصورت آنلاین برنامه ای بسیار زیبا، پرمحتوا و شاد تدارک دیده و مراسم شب یلدا برگزار شد که مورد توجه و استقبال تعداد زیادی واقع شد.

### تبریک

فخر پیوند موبدیار مهشاد فسرویانی با فرزانه تاپکرا، بعد از مدتها اخبار کورنا و مسائل مربوط به آن، خبری بسیار شاد و مسرورکننده بود.

### ابراز همدردی

اریستنام اوروانو یزمیده یا اشه انام فروشی یو

به روان و فروهر همه در گذشتگان پارسا درود باد.

با اندوه فراوان درگذشت شادروان خانم پوران بهبودی (کیفسروان) و شادروان آقای منوچهر شیدفر را به آگاهی همکیشان می رساند و شادی روان برای تازه درگذشتگان و دیرزیوی و تندرستی برای بازماندگان ان روانشادان آرزو مندیم.

### درخواست

بیشتر از هر وقت دیگه ما از شما عزیزان قدردان و متشکر هستیم که در همه این سالها در بهمر و ZSO رو پشتیبانی و همراهی کردید. امسال با همه مشکلات پیش آمده، بانجام آیین و مراسم بصورت آنلاین تمام افراد والتیر بیشتر و گسترده تر تلاش کردن تا جامعه رو کمک کنند. ولی ZSO امسال بدلیل بسته بودن در بهمر، برای مفارغ ضروری و همیشگی که از قسمت فیریه توسط شما عزیزان کمک میشد، به مشکل خورده و قادر به پرداخت نمیشد.

هدف ما جمع آوری ده هزار دلار تا آخر ژانویه 2021 میباشد. جهت پرداخت آنلاین دهش به آدرس <https://www.zso.org/Donate> مراجعه فرمایید. همیشه کانون و ZSO متشکر از همراهی و پشتیبانی شما عزیزان میباشد.



## **REQUEST TO SUPPORT YOUNG MOBED ZAHAAN TUREL**

Dear Donors, Friends, Well Wishers,



Er. Zahaan Turel, 14 years of age, a student of Dadar Athornan Institute, presently with his family at Surat due to the lockdown, was performing Boi ceremony at the Goti Adarian, known for its many miraculous incidents, when his priestly attire – Jama – caught fire resulting in Zahaan receiving 48.5% burns on various parts of young frame.

After receiving initial treatment at Surat, Zahaan was rushed to Mumbai where he has been admitted to Masina Hospital, where burns treatment, is one of their many specialities.

Incidentally, the Turel family have been serving the Goti Adariyan for 9 decades, generation, with Zahaan being the 7<sup>th</sup> generation of Turel family serving the holy fire.

Zahaan's family is in need of funds for the treatment which will be a rather long drawn affair.

### **Family Details:**

1. **Meherzad Turel** (Father; 41 years): Works in a bank at Surat and does Mobedi at the family's ancestral Goti Adaryan, (650 year old Agiary) at Surat.
2. **Farzin Turel** (Mother; 38 years): Homemaker.
3. **Zahaan Turel** (14 years): who is the burns victim! He is a student in Std. X at DPYA school, Mumbai and resides at Dadar Athornan Institute (Priests Seminary), having completed the priestly training of Navar & Maratab at a young age of 12 years.
4. **Zhian Turel** (10 years): Student at DPYA school, Mumbai and resides at Dadar Athornan Institute (Priests Seminary) undergoing Priestly training.

### **Expenses Estimated:**

The family has received offers for support from various individuals, **but have not accepted any so far**, as they had family medical insurance of Rs.600,000 plus Rs.300,000 medical insurance for Priestly families that was set up a few years earlier for Priests by a donor. Some amount of 'bonus' has also accrued bringing the total insurance amount available to Rs.1,200,000.



Based on discussions had with Dr. Vispi Jokhi, CEO of Masina Hospital, we (WZO Trust) have been informed that billing as on November 23, 2020 has been to the tune of Rs.1,220,000, which means that the clock has started ticking for the Parents to arrange for payments. Dr. Vispi Jokhi has conveyed that of the Rs.1,220,000 expenses so far, nearly Rs.700,000 have been for the medicines, injections, treatment costs.

To offset expenses for the treatment the always ready to assist Zoroastrian Charity Funds of Hong Kong, Canton & Macao have confirmed they will extend support to the tune of Rs.600,000 for the treatment.

**Masina Hospital have estimated that total expenses for a stay of 51 days, which would include all expenses would be Rs.2,013,100 approx.**

#### **Additional Expenses – Incurred & Estimated:**

Zahaan's father has informed us they have earlier paid Rs.30,000 to the hospital at Surat where Zahan was admitted for a day. A further Rs.25,000 was paid to the critical care ambulance for transporting Zahan to Mumbai.

Post discharge, Zahaan is going to require physiotherapy for an extended period, regular massages, application of creams and lotions. There will be additional expenses for regular post discharge medication.

Zahaan will need to wear pressure clothing 24 hours for the next one year (365 days). The cost is not known at present but is expected to be steep.

Zahaan's father has conveyed that the webbings of his left hand palm have fused and surgery could be required if they are not loosened with treatment.

Zahaan is presently suffering from 'Why Me' syndrome and will require regular counselling from a trained counsellor.

#### **Other Factor:**

A yet unknown factor that could possibly come into play would be if the family is required to relocate to Mumbai for next few years if regular medical follow up should become necessary. In such an event, the family will require temporary accommodation at Mumbai for a few years; if Zahan's father does not get a transfer to Mumbai, his mother will have to temporarily relocate which will entail additional financial burden on the family.

#### **In Conclusion:**

Our personal assessment is that the rehabilitation of young Zahaan is going to be a long haul affair with expenses exceeding the estimate given by the hospital, for which funding from community Associations in different countries is going to be essential.



We look forward to receiving your support for the young Mobed and his family in their time of difficulty.

Cheques made in the name of:

**The World Zoroastrian Organisation Trust,  
C-1, Hermes House, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor,  
Mama Parmanand Marg,  
Opera House,  
Mumbai 400 004.**

Donations can also be made directly into our bank accounts, details of which are:

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Account title: The World Zoroastrian Organisation Trust.	Account title: The World Zoroastrian Organisation Trust – FCRA.
Account No: 400004259620019	Account No: 400004284180028
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**Very Sincerely,**

**Dinshaw K. Tamboly,  
Chairman,  
The World Zoroastrian Organisation Trust.**





# 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.

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First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Donation Amount: \$\_\_\_\_\_

Please mail cheques to : Zoroastrian Society of Ontario  
Attn: Treasurer  
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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 1<sup>st</sup> 20\_\_\_\_ - March 31<sup>st</sup> 20\_\_\_\_

### Membership Category/Fees

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Family</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Individual</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Student</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Senior</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Family senior</b>
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

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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](http://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 \_\_\_\_\_