



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What an exciting month for the ZSO - September 2021 started off with Jashan prayers and celebrations for 50 years of Zoroastrian Society of Ontario. Thanks to Arbab Rostam Guive for his foresight and for donating the Mehraban Guive Darbe Mehr (MGDM) to the Zoroastrian community to gather, celebrate and continue our language and customs, whether being Iranian or Parsi, it's a place where we gather to meet family, friends and a place where my children have made lifelong friends.

It would have been wonderful to have held this celebration in person but as you all know the event was held virtual, on three virtual sites simultaneously. An amazing show was put on with singing and dancing which made us all appreciate the talent within our own community. Thanks to a creative group run by Afreed Mistry as well as Pedram Yazdani and Bahram Jam for composing and putting all the video clips and slides together! If you missed the show, it is still available on YouTube link mentioned in the write up included in this NL.

We were honored that Mayor John Tory congratulated us by sending the ZSO a letter in recognition of our milestone.

As we move forward we are happy to say that the MGDM is gradually opening up its doors. For now the MGDM doors are open every Saturday from 9am-12pm. Please register with Hoofrith Patel at evp@zso.org and you will receive a confirmation. Organized events will also be resuming soon at a maximum of 50 persons in total (including volunteers and the custodian). It will be on a first come basis to ZSO members.

We are excited to announce, that the first organized live and in-person event will be Kanoun's Jashne Mehregan celebration on October 2, 2021. We are also happy to announce that the 100th Scouts will also be resuming soon with only outdoors events for the time being.

Thanks to all those who have registered for the children's religious classes and the volunteering teachers for making this happen.

We are excited that our youth have rallied and organized an outdoor event on October 9, 2021 at Milne Park. Remember to dress warm and please come out to support them. Please contact Fravash Chothia or see attached flyer for details.

On a somber note, the ZSO would like to recognize the tremendous work of Keki Sheroff who peacefully passed away on September 29, 2021. He was truly one of the icons in the ZSO community and among the founding members of the ZSO and the creation of the ZSO constitution. He will always be remembered for his kind heart and generosity to the community. We shall miss him dearly and he will live in our hearts.

Our summer nights have come to an end as we move into the autumn season; let us look towards a brighter future.

Wishing you all well and Tan-dorosti,

ZSO President, Mrs. Mitra Jam

MGDM – UPDATE

Earlier this month, we communicated that in line with all the federal and provincial guidelines for places of worship the Mehraban Guiv Darb e Meher (MGDM) is **open with revised hours and specific conditions for drop in visits once a week ONLY on Saturdays from 9am – Noon**. These conditions will continue ensuring all public health measures are in place including capacity limits, face coverings, physical distancing and environmental cleaning and disinfecting.

Our approach to re-opening the MGDM continues to be "slow and steady" and "data driven, not date driven". Number of determining factors are:

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- Vaccination rates, mandates, and requirements
 - Case counts
 - Impact of variants
 - Government Protocols
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We are happy to announce that we will be resuming some of our social gatherings to our members this fall. We have been doing a lot of work behind the scenes i.e. consulting various medical advisors and community peers to determine the best path forward for faith and religious social gatherings.

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 completing the online [booking request form](#) or by contacting Hoofrishi Patel (email EVP@zso.org or 647-313-9805) and receiving her confirmation. Please note if you do not have an appointment/confirmation, your will be denied entry.

COVID-19 Protocols:

When planning a visit to the MGDM please be sure to follow the mandatory requirements and guidelines for drop in visits and social gatherings:

Drop In visits	Social Gatherings
Submit the online booking request form or contact Hoofrishi Patel (email EVP@zso.org or 647-313-9805)	Social gatherings are restricted and limited to our members only. Attendees will be accommodated on a first come first serve basis based on the MGDM capacity requirements as outlined by public health and government guidelines.

- Use the online [self-assessment tool](#) before every visit to the MGDM
- Complete the [COVID-19 screener](#) on the day of visit and show it to the volunteer who will be on-site
- Wearing a non-medical mask/face covering is **mandatory**
- For COVID-19 contact tracing purposes, you will be required to provide your name and contact details *which will only be kept on file for 30 days.*
- Bring your own prayer book, head covering, sandalwood or other prayer related items
- Maintain a social distance of two meters/six feet
- Follow entry and exit signs
- 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

Vaccination Policy:

We want to take this opportunity and remind everyone that vaccines are safe, effective and the best way to protect you and those around you from serious illnesses like COVID-19. Aligning with the Government's announcement as of September 22, 2021, you will need to provide proof of vaccination to access MGDM as required, helping further protect our community from COVID-19 and the Delta variant.

- All individuals visiting the MGDM will be required to provide proof of vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test in order to participate in an event or a drop in visit.
- Individuals must NOT come to the MGDM (drop in visit or event) if they are sick (any illness – not just limited to COVID-19)
- Those who remain unvaccinated will NOT be able to participate in In-Person activities.

Suspended Services:

- Consumption of food and drink remains restricted
- Food and drink sharing is prohibited
- No self-serve buffet-style meals
- MGDM kitchen remains closed for cooking and reheating meals
- Indoor singing, use of instruments and choir service
- Sharing and distribution of materials and objects such as books, scarves, caps, water, etc.

Since the beginning of the pandemic, your health and safety has been our top priority. Thank you to each of you who has done your part in helping to support a healthy and safe environment for all.

The Board of Directors
Zoroastrian Society of Ontario

ZSO 50th Anniversary Virtual Event

ZSO turned 50 years old on Sept. 7, 2021 and there was a Jashan held to commemorate the occasion. Mitra Jam addressed the ZSO members and that was followed by Athavian Bamji, Hoshang Udwadia, Mehbad Dastur and Xerxes Dastur performing the jashan.

To view the jashan: <https://youtu.be/Ozlw1mbjs84>



There was a celebration held online due to COVID-19 restrictions. The celebration was co-hosted by Afreed Mistry and Mandana Bastani. There were video messages from the ZSO Board members and members at large along with entertainment segments of singing and dancing. The performers were: Shahram Bastani, Asha Choir, Mehrnaz Dehmiri, Mahvash Dehmoubed, Beheshteh Faramarzi, Sheila Gheybi, Mehrshad Hormozdian, Shervin Iranizadeh, Tara Jam, Mehrtaj Kaviani, Mojgan Kianian, Roya Khoshsar, Shanaya Patel, Meher Pavri, Homa Rashidi, Afreen Sharifabadi, Ardavan Taraporewala and Jamshed Turel.

A very big thank you to everyone who sent in their photos and videos. We hope we can celebrate together in person in the future.

To view the celebration: <https://youtu.be/Un9wnZeMm1U>

Gen Z Project

We are delighted to inform you about the Gen Z and Beyond Survey (www.genzandbeyond.com), launched on Monday, 16 August 2021 by the SOAS Shapoorji Pallonji Institute of Zoroastrian Studies (SSPIZS). It is being led by Dr Sarah Stewart, SSP Senior Lecturer in Zoroastrianism and Dr Nazneen Engineer, a former student of SOAS, is the Project Manager.

This is an in-depth survey of the global Zoroastrian community that is collecting demographic, behavioural and attitudinal information from participants to gain a greater understanding of the factors that have promoted or inhibited the growth and success of the Zoroastrian community in different contexts across the world. It will provide an accurate and detailed picture of the community as it exists today, identify ways to preserve and perpetuate Zoroastrian identity, belief, and practice, and importantly, generate educational and further research opportunities for the future.

You can view the Gen Z and Beyond promotional film [here](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T30Wp3vv9TY&t=3s) (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T30Wp3vv9TY&t=3s>) and you can sign up for the survey on the Gen Z and Beyond [website](http://www.genzandbeyond.com) (www.genzandbeyond.com). Once you do, you will be sent a unique survey link which will grant you access to the survey and you can pause and return to the questionnaire as and when you wish.

We invite you and your family to sign up to participate in this once-in-a-generation opportunity! The success of the survey depends on the quantity and quality of the data collected, so please sign up today, take the survey without delay, and spread the word far and wide!

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For more information and to sign up: www.genzandbeyond.com
Watch the Gen Z and Beyond launch video here: www.youtube.com/watch?v=T30Wp3vv9TY

Birth Announcement

Son, Austin, born to proud parents Farah and Piran Commissariat in Toronto on July 3, 2021. Baby brother to Layla and grandson to Kashmira Commissariat (Mumbai) and Katy Panthakee and Dara Panthakee (Toronto). Congratulations to the whole family!

Condolences

Shroff, Keki Boman, on September 29th, in Toronto. Keki was brother to late Naju B. Shroff but loved by all within the Zoroastrian community. He will be missed dearly. May his soul rest in peace.

Engineer, Freny, on October 2nd. Freny was a beloved sister to Roshan Jussawalla, sister-in-law of late Dinyar Jussawalla, aunt to Malcolm & Zubin Jussawalla and Delila Law. Grand aunt to Zarina, Samira, Nazreen and Shirin Jussawalla. Freny was a large-hearted loving person who lived a full life and will be remembered for her generosity. 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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Please copy Hoofrish Patel at evp@zso.org for approval.

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Miscellaneous

ZSO Contacts:

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Messages on the auto-dialer: Pedram Yazdani at admin@zso.org

- Please copy Mitra Jam at president@zso.org for approval

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

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شما را ای اهورا مزدا، ای اشا و ای وهومن، باشد که با این دهش ها هرگز آزرده نسازیم. ما که در پیشکش بهترین ستایش ها به شما کوشا هستیم. شما که دارای برترین نیروی فرمانروایی و قدرت مینوی هستید.

جشن مهرگان بر همگان شاد باد!

روز مهر و ماه مهر و جشن فرخ مهرگان - مهرافزای ای نگار خوب چهر مهربان

جشن مهرگان یکی از مهمترین و قدیمی ترین جشن های ماهیانه گاهشماری زرتشتی است. این جشن با برابر شدن نام روز مهر با ماه مهر بنابر گاهشماری زرتشتی جشن گرفته می شود. مهرگان همانطور که از نامش پیداست با ایزد مهر در ارتباط است. این ایزد در اوستا به عنوان ایزد «عهد و پیمان» ستایش شده است و نگهبان «عهد و پیمان» میان مردمان است. از سوی دیگر با شروع پاییز این جشن را می توان جشن فصل پاییز و اعتدال پاییزی هم نامید.

به طور سنتی جشن مهرگان با مراسم های فاص دینی برگزار می شده است. امروزه و مخصوصا در کشورهای غربی، زرتشتیان با گردهم آیی و اجرای برنامه های فرهنگی-دینی، تفریمی و شعر و سرود مهرگان را جشن می گیرند.

امسال به دلیل محدودیت های ناشی از همه گیری کووید ۱۹، این جشن به صورت بسیار محدودی در محل درمهر گیو در تاریخ **شنبه ۲ اکتبر ۲۰۲۱** برگزار می شود و به دلیل محدودیت تعداد افرادی که می توانند در محل گردهم بیایند، در دو نوبت بین **ساعت های ۵ تا ۶ پسین و ۷ تا ۸ شب** فواهد بود. برای امکان حضور در این برنامه متما باید با شماره 647-909-5374 پیام (تکست) بفرستید. برای ورود به درمهر (عایت مواردی که در تارنمای انجمن آمده است (<https://www.zso.org/covid-19-updates>) الزامی می باشد.

گهنبار ایاسرم گاه

براساس گاهشماری زرتشتی گهنبار ایاسرم گاه از ۱۲ تا ۱۶ اکتبر فواهد بود. این گهنبار چهارمین گهنبار سال جدید است. گهنبارها شش بار در سال و هر بار در مدت پنج روز برگزار می شده اند.



امروزه مخصوصا در کشورهای غربی، زرتشتیان برای گهنبار در سالن درمهر جمع می شوند و ابتدا اوستای بایسته توسط موبد فوانده می شود و پس از آن از افراد پذیرایی می شود و افراد با یکدیگر دیدوبازدید دارند. افرادی از جامعه هزینه های مربوط به هر چهره گهنبار را پرداخت می کنند و شرکت کنندگان در گهنبار هم فیراندیشی ها خود را برای درمهر پیشکش می کنند.

شوربفتانه در وضعیت کنونی امکان گردهم آیی وجود ندارد اما معمولا به صورت آنلاین اوستافوانی انجام می شود که می توانید به صورت زنده از کانال یوتیوب انجمن زرتشتیان انتاریو ببینید. با فرستادن چک یا به صورت آنلاین مبالغ فیراندیشی خود را به انجمن ارسال نمایید.

انتخابات هیات مدیره کانون فرهنگی زرتشتیان ایرانی



کانون فرهنگی زرتشتیان ایرانی زیرمجموعه ایی از انجمن زرتشتیان اونتاریو است که بیشتر بر بخش ایرانی و به ویژه زبان فارسی تمرکز دارد. این کانون در طول سالیان تلاش کرده که جشن ها و فرهنگ ایرانی را در بین خانواده ها و به ویژه نسل جوان زنده نگه دارد. امسال با وضعیت پیش آمده و نبودن امکان گردهم ایی، کانون تلاش کرد تا باز هم از راه آنلاین جشن ها و مراسم را اجرا کند.



براساس برنامه همیشگی، انتخابات هیات مدیره جدید کانون در تاریخ ۱۷ اکتبر ۲۰۲۱ ساعت ۱۱ صبح آنلاین برگزار خواهد شد که لینک آن را دریافت خواهید کرد. بسیار خوب است که همکاری بیشتری در کانون داشته باشید. برای عضویت در هیات مدیره کانون تا تاریخ ۱۰ اکتبر آمادگی خود را با فرستادن ایمیل به kanoun@zso.org اعلام نمایید.

کانال تلگرامی کانون فرهنگی زرتشتیان اونتاریو

با پیوستن به گروه تلگرامی کانون فرهنگی زرتشتیان ایرانی از اخبار و برنامه های جامعه آگاه شوید. نشانی این کانال تلگرامی را به آگاهی دیگران هم برسانید. نشانی کانال تلگرامی: <https://t.me/zsokanoun> با کانون به نشانی kanoun@zso.org نیز می توانید در تماس باشید و نظرها، پیشنهادها و فبرها را بفرستید.

ورزش و سلامتی



با توجه به در فواست وزارت بهداشت کانادا و به منظور جلوگیری از گسترش ویروس کرونا هیچ گردهمایی و رویداد ورزشی برگزار نخواهد شد. اما می توانید در برنامه هفتگی یوگا هر چهارشنبه به صورت مجازی شرکت کنید. هر هفته زمان و نشانی پیوند را در ایمیل خود دریافت می کنید. با شرکت در آن به سلامتی خود اهمیت بدهید.



پشتیبان مالی انجمن را به یاد داشته باشید

به دلیل وضعیت موجود در پیوند با ویروس کووید-۱۹، محل درمهر و انجمن بر روی عموم بسته می باشد. این وضعیت تا آگاهی رسانی دولت استان اونتاریو ادامه خواهد داشت. با توجه به عدم حضور افراد در محل درمهر، کمک های خیراندیشی نیز کاهش یافته است، در حالی که هزینه های ثابت انجمن و درمهر باید پرداخت شوند. امیدواریم مانند همیشه پشتیبانی و کمک شما اعضای انجمن ادامه داشته باشد. کمک های مالی خود را با فرستادن چک یا پرداخت آنلاین ادامه بدهید.

با توجه به اقدام دولت اونتاریو در بازگشایی مرمله به مرمله مکان های عمومی و تجاری، انجمن زرتشتیان اونتاریو نیز در حال برنامه ریزی برای بازگشایی مرمله به مرمله درمهر است. فبرهای در این زمینه را از راه ایمیل انجمن دریافت خواهید کرد.

کمک مالی به انجمن های ایران

شوربختانه به دلیل همه گیری کووید ۱۹ در همه جای جهان و به ویژه ایران، وضعیت اجتماعی و اقتصادی بسیار نابسامان شده است. با وجود دفترهای انتقال پول می توانید به راحتی به حساب انجمن های زرتشتی ایران برای کمک به نیازمندان خیراندیشی کنید. بسیار مهم است که در این زمان مبلغی راهر چند کم به طور مرتب به این امر اختصاص بدهید.

نزدیکان و فویشان خود را به پیوستن به انجمن برانگیزید

با پرداخت حق عضویت خود، هم انجمن را از نظر مالی پشتیبانی کنید و هم این که همزوری خود را با انجمن و جامعه نشان بدهید. حق عضویت خود را می توانید به صورت آنلاین از تارنمای انجمن یا با فرستادن چک و پر کردن فرم مربوط پرداخت کنید. فرزندان تان که به فوشمالی بزرگ شده اند و زندگی جدیدی تشکیل داده اند و دوستان و آشنایان خود را برای پیوند به انجمن از راه پرداخت حق عضویت برانگیزید.

نشر نوشته در بخش فارسی فبرنامه

در صورتی که مایل به انتشار نوشته هایی کوتاه در مورد تاریخ، دین، سنت یا موضوع های اجتماعی هستید می توانید نوشته خود را به فارسی و حداکثر در هفت خط برای انتشار در بخش فارسی فبرنامه به نشانی ایمیل کانون بفرستید. در صورت طولانی بودن، این نوشته ها می توانند در چند بخش و در هر شماره منتشر شوند. طبیعتاً این نوشته ها در صورت نیاز پس از نظرخواهی و داوری افراد متخصص منتشر خواهد شد. انتشار نوشته به مجله فبر فبرنامه هم بستگی خواهد داشت.

مناسبت ها و رخدادهای ماه گذشته

گهنبار پشته شهیم گاه



گهنبار پشته شهیم گاه در محل درمهر برگزار شد و از کانال یوتیوب انجمن به صورت مجازی پخش شد. با سپاس از موبد و افرادی که در برگزاری این گهنبار همزوری کردند. ضبط شده این برنامه را می توانید در کانال یوتیوب انجمن

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2rMQyHqpqVH8&t=2318s>

ببینید.

پنجاهمین سالگرد بنیانگذاری انجمن زرتشتیان اوتاریو برگزار شد

پنجاه سال پیش و در سال ۱۹۷۱ میلادی زرتشتیانی که از ایران و هند به کشور کانادا و استان اوتاریو و شهر تورنتو مهاجرت کرده بودند، انجمن خیریه ای را بنیان نهادند که انجمن زرتشتیان اوتاریو نامیده شد. در سال ۱۹۸۰ میلادی روانشاد ارباب رستم گیو و همسرش مروارید خانم به نامگانه پسر برادر خود، مهربان گیو، که در نوجوانی درگذشته بود، سافتمانی را برای فعالیت مداوم این انجمن اختصاص دادند. برنامه پنجاهمین سالگرد بنیان این انجمن به صورت مجازی در دو روز برگزار شد که می توانید فیلم آن را در کانال یوتیوب انجمن و نیز گزارشی از آن را در پیوند زیر ببینید.

<https://amordadnews.com/92017/>

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Message from the Mayor

It is a pleasure to extend greetings and a warm welcome to everyone attending the virtual celebration of the 50th anniversary of the founding of The Zoroastrian Society of Ontario.

I am pleased that you have found a way to stay connected despite the challenges of the pandemic. Best wishes to all attendees as you take part in this milestone celebration.

The Zoroastrian community in Toronto, one of the largest outside of India and Iran, contributes so much to the diversity of our city.

As one of the world's most diverse cities, Toronto is a model city where all religions, faiths and beliefs are respected and accepted.

On behalf of Toronto City Council, I extend my best wishes for a wonderful event.

Yours truly,

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Coffee Chat with International Zoroastrian Youth – Zerkxis Bhandara



“Get involved and stay involved! Whether it’s fundraising, cleaning, planning, or even setting up chairs for an event. Don’t do it just for community service hours and letters of recommendation. Oh, and always wear your sudreh kustī, kids!” – Zerkxis

Hi Zerkxis! Welcome to our coffee chat and we’re excited to have you as our fifth guest in this series!

Can you please tell us a bit about yourself?

I am 26 years old California born and raised Parsi Zarathushti. Most people know I am an ordained mobed having completed my navar at age 11 and martab at age 12 and I have been serving the community as a priest ever since. In my secular life I completed my BA in Religious Studies in 2018 from UC Santa Barbara and am currently working on my MA in the same from CSU Long Beach. Currently, I am also applying for doctoral programs in the same field.

With your strong academic background in religious studies, can you tell us a bit if Zoroastrianism is taught in the US and how in-depth does it go?

Both the Religious Studies programs I have been a part of have no experts in Zoroastrian Studies per se, yet all my professors are aware of Zoroastrianism’s philosophical and hegemonic contributions to other faiths. As a result of not having an expert to work with, I have had to carve out my own plan of study, playing both student and teacher to be able to focus on Zoroastrianism. However, I believe change is on the horizon since North America will now have two fully endowed chairs in Zoroastrian Studies.

We met each other briefly at the World Zoroastrian Youth Congress in your home state of California. The attendees had discussions on wide-ranging topics, but in your opinion how do you think the youth can get more educated on our religion, especially with tons of different thoughts and practices being followed globally?

I think we have more resources and means to learn about our religion than ever before in history. The internet is an amazing place! As a student of religion, I see so much information available about different religious doctrines, their sects, and various opinions on platforms such as YouTube. I think Zoroastrians can really use platforms as such to make learning content available to all. For example, the Iranian Zoroastrian community has a huge presence on Instagram, which has not only created a knowledge-pool but a knowledge-network of curious individuals. We can also do fun things like “Things that just make sense in my Zoroastrian house” for Tik-Tok or I have often thought of making shorts of pagri tying as a priest and titling it “The Mobed Life”. All in all, we as youth can do more to learn and teach about our religion than we think possible!

What kinds of gatherings, functions, and events do you have for the Zoroastrian community in Southern California?

We have movie nights, game nights, ladies club, weekly humbandagis, BBQs, but more than anything we have rituals. Every month we have at least two Jashans including the parabh and one more usually. We also have muktads for ten days, which include the daily rituals such as 5 bois, 4 satums, one Jashan, and 2 baaj ceremonies every single day. Additionally, we frequently have machis and other private prayer ceremonies.

You know how we have widely believed myths/superstitions about our faith and customs, can you name a few and what the actuality is?

This question is quite relevant to my current research. Personally, I try to see the sense and purpose of our rituals, traditions and customs as passed down by our ancestors through the oral tradition. In our religion every practice finds deeper meaning through spiritual, hygienic, or ontological reasoning. Regarding our ancestral practices as myths, superstition, or old wives' tale is an effect of Colonialism, where Enlightenment thought has made it normal to question our indigenous beliefs in support of the hegemony of the colonizer. Our notion of logic and common sense finds its basis in Western forms of reasoning which do not always allow us to fully understand the deeper meanings behind our cultural practices. I believe we must view the knowledge of our ancestors with humility rather than hubris to regain our heritage's integrity in a Post-Colonial reality.

What are some of the aspects of being a Zarathusti you are most proud of?

Just thinking about our religion's legacy is something to be proud of. Having survived this long despite forced migration and persecution is something to reflect on. Despite it all, Zoroastrians have been leaders and entrepreneurs in education, business, medicine, the arts, and so much more. I think for me personally as a priest, the fact that we have preserved so many of the liturgies practiced in Sasanian times in their pristine form is an accomplishment of my forefathers for which we are forever indebted.

Lastly, what message do you have for our young members reading this and in what ways can they make an impact?

Get involved and stay involved! Whether it's fundraising, cleaning, planning, or even setting up chairs for an event. Don't do it just for community service hours and letters of recommendation. Make your community center your second home and the organization an extension of yourself. Come to Jashans and rituals, these are not just meant for seniors! Help the Mobeds set up and help cut chaasni after. Even if you don't understand the liturgies and Avestan language - come experience and immerse yourself in the religion. Oh, and always wear your sudreh kusti kids!

Thank you Zerkxis! We wish you the best for your further studies and community service!

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Presented by ZSO Youth Committee

Saturday, October 9th at 12:00 PM

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