



# Zoroastrian Society of Ontario



## November 2022 Newsletter



### Presidents Message

Welcome to November as the cooler temperatures approach us, the fire at the Mehraban Guive Darbe Mehr (MGDM) will continue to burn and keep our spirits warm. Remember that daylight saving time ends on Sunday, November 6th, so make sure your clocks are back by one hour so you can look forward to an extra hour of sleep!

If you have recently visited the MGDM, you would have seen the maintenance work and the improvements to the outside that is close to finishing. In addition, we are having lights along the walkways and paths for your safety. We will begin the repairs on the asphalt on the driveways at both entrances in April 2023. This process will take a few months to complete as once the grounds are dug up, it will require 3 months of settling prior to paving. We appreciate your patience.

We have a special meet and greet with professor Miguel Angel Andres-Toledo at the MGDM from 4 pm - 6:30 pm. He is the first FEZANA professor of Zoroastrian studies at the University of Toronto. This is a joint venture with the FEZANA and the OZCF. The president of the FEZANA, Arzan Wadia, will be present. If you have not yet registered, please do so by emailing [vp@zso.org](mailto:vp@zso.org) or you may simply register directly online by visiting <https://zso.org/event-5007752>.

The 8th World Zoroastrian Youth Congress (WZYC) is coming up in London, England in July 2023. For more information please visit <https://www.8wzyc.com/> ...early bird registration has already begun!

Zoroastrians Got Talent will be held on Saturday, November 12th including dinner and an amazing show. You may purchase your tickets on the ZSO Website or by emailing [entertainment@zso.org](mailto:entertainment@zso.org). Please continue to come out to support the Youth in future fundraising events. If you are unable to attend the fundraising events, donations are always appreciated.

We are also currently looking for a volunteer chair for the Interfaith Committee. This is a very important role as the chair is a representative of our Zoroastrian community. This position requires the individual to be knowledgeable of Zoroastrianism. Please contact me personally ([president@zso.org](mailto:president@zso.org)) if you are interested in discussing this position.

The Iranian Zoroastrian Cultural Kanoun (IZCK) is inviting all ZSO members of all ages to be part of the ZTTC (Zoroastrian Table Tennis Club). The ZTTC are to meet for lessons and practice every Monday from 7 – 8 pm.

If you have any ideas or relevant contributions for the monthly newsletter, please email us the WORD document to [newslettereditor@zso.org](mailto:newslettereditor@zso.org).

The MGDM is now open for private bookings. For availability please contact Hoofrish Patel at [evp@zso.org](mailto:evp@zso.org).

For MGDM hours and all future events, you can always visit [www.zso.org](http://www.zso.org).

Wishing you all Tandorosti, Mitra Jam, ZSO President  
[president@zso.org](mailto:president@zso.org)



### To be Judgemental??

The problem with the world is that intelligent people are full of doubts while the stupid ones are full of confidence: Charles Bukowski (Pardon me) (So very true)

I am not trying  
To be Joan d'Arc  
Nor a heroin  
From the past  
Nor pretend to  
Be member of  
The "Justice League"  
Pause, chill  
Around you  
Take a peek  
As what's being  
Written in our history books  
Each religion trying  
To outdo the other  
Like Zoroastrianism  
Whence comes there such another?

Every religion has its rules  
At every turn there are  
Don'ts & dos  
Ours is the only religion  
Which has neither of the two.

Why disrespect a Good Religion  
Treat it like a "Rag"  
Then one shouldn't  
Crow about being  
A Zoroastrian and brag  
One may hate me, curse me  
Or even label me  
For all I care  
I am just trying  
To reason:  
Why throw away a  
Good Religion: Zoroastrianism?  
Pretend to be called a Zoroastrian  
And professing the Faith  
Turn around & do the opposite  
It is tantamount to Sacrilege!!!

"The hottest place in Hell is reserved for those who remain neutral in times of crisis" - Dante

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## Renovations at the ZSO (Update)

If you've been to the ZSO premises lately, you can see some major renovations happening outside. As exciting as it is, here we have an update to let you know exactly what the ZSO has done, and the plan for the upcoming year.

The Darbe Meher premises was given attention last year when the complete exterior stucco surface was done. All around the building, wooden work was cleaned, treated, and covered with aluminium cladding so the wooden frames are protected, along with all the windows to ensure that these magnificent windows are protected from the weather.

- All the eavestrough are replaced and covered
- Steel doors that needed replacement are done
- All Fire Safety Systems and Alarms have been incorporated
- This summer we are doing the landscaping of Darbe Meher premises such as new interlocking and walkways so seniors can walk safely with new ramps being built
- Both entrances will be upgraded with blind corners and spots visible



*Interlocking was done by the front entrance*



*Keeping the magnificent tree healthy by re-mulching the base*

- Flower beds and tree beds done with proper lights
- Retaining walls put up, and necessary curbside and railings finishing up with yellow stones
- An extra parking lot has been created which was needed with proper lights and sign boards, along with reflectors placed so visitors can be guided; next summer the Asphalt Driveway will be done.
- A lovely Zoroastrian-style patio with lights and seating arrangements all around the patio with a big Ashofarohar, flower baskets, and bird feeders so it brings in the harmony to pray with nature
- Specifically designed stairs built with smaller steps and railings on both sides of the steps
- Entrance to the caretakers' door upgraded
- Creek side gates and pillars are repaired
- Painting of the railings will be done
- All around the building and driveway proper lights and disabled car parking has been added

This is all thanks to House and Garden Team & ZSO BOARD.

It is especially the efforts of the two ladies who made it possible Mehranz Dehmiri and Khushi Doctor and with the guidance and help of Dara Homavazir.

These projects are funded mainly by donations from our community, if you would like to donate to the ZSO for the projects of tomorrow, you can donate on the ZSO website.

And of course, Lord Ahura Mazda's blessings have always been there with us every step of the way.

*Written by: Kersi Khambatta*



## ZSO Food Fair - Oct 30th

Sunday afternoon was the perfect time for our community to come together and enjoy the delicious food and treats the community had to offer. The ZSO Seniors Committee successfully orchestrated a diverse set of vendors from all across the GTA.

People were selling unique Zoroastrian and Parsi dishes such as Vasanoo, Dar-ni pori, Akuri Cutlets, Chutni Sandwiches, Falooda, Samosas, Chicken Farchas, Macaroons, Ash Reshteh and plenty more mouth-watering dishes, all made by our community in Toronto & GTA.

The hall was packed with people picking up their pre-orders, and looking around to purchase the dish that made their tummy turn the most 😊.

The ZSO Seniors Committee generously donated all additional proceeds that were generated to the ZSO Youth Committee's fundraising campaign to help send over 40 ZSO Youth to the World Zoroastrian Youth Congress in London, England 2023.

Thank you to all the vendors and shoppers for coming out to support the local cooks who continue to make delicious food in our community for everyone to taste, and enjoy.



*100 Toronto Scouts Group at their table after selling out!*

*Written by: Fravash Chothia*

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Following are Seniors' Events Dates for the month of November 2022.

Friday, November 04, 2022.....11:00 am.

Friday, November 18, 2022.....11:00 am.

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## NAMC – Fall 2022 Calendar of Events

*We are excited to announce our upcoming lectures and courses – see attached flyers for details – note that the meeting ID and Passcode used is the same for all lectures - Meeting ID: 824 3218 1448 Passcode: NAMCIZS*

Course - Basic Zoroastrian Prayers - October 15 to November 12, 2022 - Saturdays at 2:00 pm EDT

Course - Ecology in Zoroastrianism - November 19 to December 17, 2022 - Saturdays @ 2:00 pm EST

For enrollment in any course, request a 'Registration Form' for that particular course by emailing [registrar.izs@namcmobeds.org](mailto:registrar.izs@namcmobeds.org).

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## Zoroastrian Table Tennis Club (ZTTC)

The ZTTC has been such a success that we have expanded our events to include other games such as cards and backgammon.

If you cannot play table tennis, it's perfectly okay, as someone can teach you, or feel free to just observe and talk to other players.

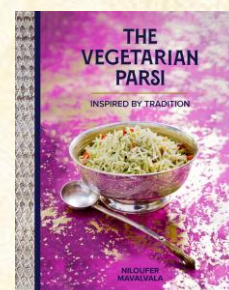
Please join us on Monday evenings from 7 pm – 8 pm for a great social hour. We provide all the equipment.



## Book Launch - The Vegetarian Parsi: Inspired by Tradition

It is a happy and auspicious day for Niloufer's Kitchen. Sharing the traditions that we Parsis would cook, share, and eat on these milestones. These are long-standing ancient traditions that we continue to embrace. To order outside of India please email Niloufer Mavalvala at [thevegetarianparisi@gmail.com](mailto:thevegetarianparisi@gmail.com).

The Vegetarian Parsi, with its simple yet elegant presentation, is a cookbook with a focus on vegetarian Parsi food. With distinctive Parsi flavors, these vegetarian recipes showcase the glorious ancient Parsi cuisine at its best.



*The Vegetarian Parsi*  
By Niloufer Mavalvala

## 100<sup>th</sup> Toronto Scouts

### Apple Time!

This month the 100th Toronto Scout Group was very busy with exciting events, including having their annual Apple Day fundraising event. During the October 15th weekend, Scouters and leaders went to the local Food Basics to ask for donations that contribute to scouting events. In return for a donation, they would give an apple as a token of their appreciation. Apple Day was a very fun experience that gave Scouters the opportunity to fundraise and interact with a large number of people. This event was a huge success thanks to all the Scouters and leaders who came, as well as everyone who donated & showed their support!

*Written by: Roya Merchant*



*100th Toronto Scouts Apple Day*



## Link Camp at Blue Springs – 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Over the weekend of September 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>, our 100th Toronto Scouts Group joined a Link Camp with the 100th Oakville Scouts group at Blue Springs Scouts Reserve in Guelph, ON. With over 80 Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, and Leaders.

Troops enjoyed the well planned and fun camp hosted by 100th Oakville Scout Group.

New and young leaders Jason Buhariwala and Kashmira Bulsara, proudly lead our Scout Group.

Leader Avan Appoo did an excellent job taking care of all the sections, and being first aid trained, she treated 3 injuries.



*100th Toronto and 100th Oakville at Blue Springs Scouts Reserve in Guelph, ON*

Group Commissioner Kersi Khambatta lead all the groups with Group Commissioner Khushroo Bharda. Leader Prochi Gazdar and Kersi Khambatta prepared meals for both groups.



*Sitting & chatting by the warm campfire*

We participated in a hike, crafts, sports, an obstacle course, a scavenger hunt, and a campfire which got all of our youth to socialize and have a great weekend.

Highlights of the weekend include; our group-wide hike, the great craftsmanship of the Beavers and Cubs, Christmas spindles, the amazing obstacle races among Scouts, great team efforts throughout a site-wide scavenger hunt, and finally, an amazing campfire engaging all the youth in singing and storytelling, as well as smores and late nights of continuous fun!

They also celebrated the birthdays of Ishaan Prasad and Ronel Banaji. Our Scouters ensured to keep the place clean, and helped out in winding up the campsite.

*Written by: Kashmira Bulsara*

## 100 Toronto Zoroastrian Scout Group Celebrates its 32<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary

**Looking back** ..... 'Tis a summer Sunday afternoon in 1990 and there is the usual crowd at the Darbe Mehr of the Zoroastrian Society of Ontario (ZSO) in Toronto. Some parents are standing outside and chatting, while others are sitting in the hall or in one of the rooms, and chatting. Children of all ages are enjoying, running around the grounds and in and out of the building. A group of parents, all ex-scouts from various Scout Groups in Mumbai start thinking – **why don't we start a Zoroastrian Scout Group for our kids here in Toronto?** And within a few months in September 1990, we have the inauguration of the 100 Toronto Scouts Group, the First Zoroastrian Scout Group in all of North America – the fruit of the foresight and actions taken by



**the Magnificent Seven Founders – (in alphabetical order) Freddy Mirza, Jimmy Mistry, Maneck Sattha, Noshir Dastoor, Noshir Mirza. Phiroz Dastoor and Vispi Patel.**

Affiliated with Scouts Canada, the Group needs a Sponsor and the Board of the ZSO steps up once again and promptly agrees to be the Sponsor of the 100 Toronto Scouts Group and continues to be so to this day. Thank You, ZSO! Very timely that Scouts Canada decides that boys and girls can participate together in the same scout group; and so, we have some 50 plus Zoroastrian boys and girls all participating as “Scouts” of 100 Toronto. (An aside: for good reason, there continues to be an organization “Girl Guides Canada” that is for girls only).



*First Cubs invested in the fall of 1990*



*During the first meeting, Russi Surti addresses the group*

**Fast forward 25 years** ..... and one evening in September 2015, 100 Toronto celebrates its Silver 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at the Darbe Mehr with a **lagan patraa nu bhonu** cooked by our own Scout Leader Chef Kersi Khambatta with his team and served by the Group’s Leaders and Scouts that is thoroughly enjoyed by 150 or so patrons in attendance.

**Fast forward another five years** ..... and 100 Toronto would like to celebrate its 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. But alas, the global pandemic puts paid to any such celebration. So we wait patiently for another two years and when Covid-19 restrictions are lifted, on a Sunday afternoon on **4<sup>th</sup> October 2022, 100 Toronto celebrates its 32 Anniversary**. About 140 persons comprising of parents, past and present Leaders, and Scouts assemble once again at our Darbe Mehr to celebrate this auspicious occasion. To inaugurate the celebration, Scouts form a circle, hoist Canada’s National Flag, sing the National Anthem and recite 2 Yathas and 1 Ashem. This is followed by Jashan Prayers recited by Ervads Khushru Bharda, Mehbhad Dastoor, and his son Xerxes.

ZSO President Mitra Jam congratulates the Scout Group on its services to our youth over these past 32 years. In turn, 100 Toronto thanks ZSO for steadfastly having been its Sponsor all these years. We have been fortunate because many scout groups have folded when churches or schools have had to pull their sponsorships primarily for financial reasons.

And so, the 32<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary festivities continue with 100 Toronto Commissioners and Co-Chairs, Ferozshaw Ogra and Kersi Khambatta **welcoming Chief Guest Ms. Natalia Rutchanka, Scouter from Toronto 69<sup>th</sup> Group, aapro** Khushroo Bharda (Group Commissioner of our sister Group, 100 Oakville that has OZCF as its Sponsor), and some past Scouters of 100 Toronto.



*Scouts forming a circle, recite 2 Yathas and 1 Ashem*

Scouter Natalia hands out several Merit Awards, notably to the 3 Founders in our midst, Freddy Mirza, Noshir Dastoor, and Vispi Patel. Alas, Father Time has taken its toll and Merit Awards are handed out to the families of our Founders who have since **“Gone Home”**: Jimmy Mistry, Maneck Sattha, Noshir Mirza, and Phiroz Dastoor.



ZSO member, Dara Homavazir recalls the achievements of his dear grandfather, Ardeshir Byramjee Homavazir, Founder member of the 11<sup>th</sup> CBDA Central Bombay District Association Scout Group. And finally, to THE event of the afternoon – a scrumptious storm served up by none other than **aapro** Master Chef Scouter Kersi Khambatta and Firozshaw with his merry band of helpers: Greek Potatoes with a notch of Coriander (aka, **Pilaa-mai na papetaa**), Margrett style Butter Chicken served with Saffron Rice, salad, Anniversary Cake, Cup Cakes, Sev Ravo, Dahi, and fruits and nuts from the chasni.

It's difficult to list here the many names of our Leaders and friends who helped put together a most memorable afternoon, **but special mention needs to be made of Anahita Ogra for her tireless efforts towards the success of this event.**

*May the blessings of Ahura Mazda be on 100 Toronto Scouts Group as it marches on to its 40<sup>th</sup> and thereafter to its Golden Anniversary!!*

*Written by: Russi Surti*

### ZSO Library Committee Announcement

The library is going through a new, exciting overhaul! With the donation of new books, reviving the old collection, and the addition of new shelves, we would like our community to become more aware of the treasures we have! We are looking for volunteers to support the ZSO library with small tasks. If you can read Farsi or Gujarati, that would be a great asset as well!

Please contact Aban Amroliwalla at [abanpa@yahoo.com](mailto:abanpa@yahoo.com) or Armaity Homavazir at [rmyt3993@gmail.com](mailto:rmyt3993@gmail.com) for more information.

### Shared Hospital Lab honors founding member Dr. Dhun Noria.



*Dr. Dhun Noria, second from the left, accepts her plaque with her family*

Healthcare trailblazer, Dr. Dhun Noria, Chief of Laboratory Medicine at Scarborough Health Network (SHN), was recently awarded the Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee Award - Medal. Presented to her by Han Dong Member of Parliament, Don Valley North. She has made a significant contribution through volunteerism, public service, local advocacy, and leadership which has left a long-term positive impact.

Founded in 1996, Shared Hospital Lab is a partnership between SHN, Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre, Michael Garron and North York General Hospital to provide high-quality microbiology lab services. Dr. Noria's critical role in establishing SHL and ongoing contribution to the

organization's success was celebrated at Sunnybrook's Bayview Campus as a group of her family, close peers, and esteemed colleagues joined in for the event.

At the dedication ceremony, a plaque was unveiled in the gardens, **The Dr. Dhun Noria SHL Staff Wellness Courtyard**. The plaque reads, "Named in recognition of Dr. Noria, MD, FRCPC, O. Ont., a previous Chair of the Board of SHL, her personal story of inspiration and her commitment to patient care and the Ontario health system is unsurpassed. She envisioned, championed, and was the driving force behind the creation of SHL."

"Shared Hospital Lab has been an important part of my professional life for 26 years," Dr. Noria explained during her remarks, attributing the success of SHL to an incredible and selfless team of visionaries and healthcare workers. "I am truly proud and honored to work with our forward-thinking team. These people are not just frontline workers, to me they are warriors and they are soldiers in this epic Covid-19 battle", she continued.

Shared Lab presented Dr. Noria with a special commemorative portrait, which will be hung in the Board Room, "in recognition of the tremendous contributions Dr. Noria has brought to healthcare across the province."



SHL has played an instrumental role in the fight against COVID-19 by conducting and processing PCR COVID-19 tests for SHN patients and three million across Ontario. SHL has also provided Covid –19 testing for Public Health Ontario Laboratory and 20 other healthcare facilities across Ontario. In addition to her contributions to SHL and advancing healthcare for Scarborough, Dr. Noria has been a steadfast supporter of the SHN Foundation.

As one of the founding physicians of the Birchmount Hospital, Dr. Noria's philanthropy and leadership has helped position SHN as a leader in healthcare. Throughout her 30+ years of support, Dr. Noria and her husband Farokh Noria have donated over \$1 million cumulatively to SHN Foundation. SHN is tremendously grateful to Dr. Noria for her ongoing support, and we are proud to recognize her as one of SHN Foundation's original donors.

#### **About Dr. Dhun Noria**



Dr. Noria has built a career on an unwavering commitment to excellence in health care, and her work has had a significant impact on Ontario's health care system.

Dr. Noria was a founding board member of Birchmount Hospital and a member of the core planning team that brought together Birchmount and General in 1999. Appointed by Premier and Lt. Governor in Council as Chair of Metro Toronto District Health Council with a mandate to Restructure 44 Hospitals in Metro Toronto. Dr. Noria was also a founding member of the Shared Hospital Laboratory.

Dr. Noria's enthusiasm has been recognized nationally and internationally. She has earned many awards for her commitment to the healthcare field in Canada, including the Order of Ontario Award - the province's highest honor; Queen Elizabeth's Diamond Jubilee Medal; Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee Medal; a star in the Scarborough Walk of Fame; Presidential Medal from the Ontario Medical Association; and Professional and Business Woman of the Year through the Canada-India Business Council.

*Written by: Shared Health Lab*

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### **Zoroastrian Games 2023 Postponed**

With sincere thanks to everyone who has participated in the planning for the Z Games, and everyone who has shared their enthusiasm for and anticipation of the Z Games in the summer of 2020, 2021, and most recently, 2023, the ZAMWI Board of Trustees regrets to share the postponement of the Games.

Due to the pandemic, the Games were postponed in 2020 and 2021. To avoid scheduling conflicts with the World Congress in 2022, the Games were to be held in July 2023. However, the parallel scheduling of the World Youth Congress in the summer of 2023 in London, the lingering threat of COVID, and the challenges of maintaining a large group of volunteers to plan and implement the Games over the past 3 years, unfortunately, means we will not be able to hold the games this coming summer.

We want to thank the members of the Zoroastrian Sports Committee and the FEZANA leadership, whose support and encouragement have been outstanding. We also want to thank the leadership and members of ZAMWI's Z Games Committee who worked hard over the past three years to try to bring the Games to the Metropolitan Washington, DC region.

Zoroastrian Sports Committee (ZSC) is evaluating options for the next Z Games and will make an announcement at an appropriate time in the near future.

Sincerely Yours,  
ZAMWI Board of Trustees  
*in conjunction with*  
Zoroastrian Sports Committee, FEZANA, and the FEZANA Executive.



### 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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**اشتودگات - یسن ۲۹ - بند ۹**

آنگاه روان جهان باز بگریست: چه مرد توانایی را با آن آواز ناتوانش به سروری خود بپذیرم؟ من فرمانروای پرزوری را می خواهم. کی آن روز خواهد دمید که او با باروان توانای خود مرا کمک کند؟

**جشن آذرگان شاد!**

جشن آذرگان را باید یکی از اولین جشن های آغاز زمستان نامید. این جشن که نام دیگری برای «آتر» و «آتش» است، یادآور زمستان های سرد و طولانی است که آتش بسیار لازم است. بنابراین این جشن بزرگداشت این پدیده طبیعی است. این جشن از جشن های ماهیانه است که روز **آذر با ماه آذر برابر می شود و برابر با ۲۴ نوامبر** است. هرچند که امروزه این جشن از جشن های معروف ماهیانه نیست، اما احتمالاً زمانی بسیار مهم بوده است.

**کلاس های دینی کودکان و نوجوانان**

از **جمعه ۴ نوامبر از ساعت ۶ پسین در محل درمهر** کلاس های دینی کودکان و نوجوانان توسط کانون فرهنگی ایرانیان برگزار می شود. این کلاس های آموزشی به همراه برنامه های آموزشی و تفریحی خواهد بود و در اولین جمعه هر ماه ادامه می یابد. **با شرکت فرزندانان در این برنامه ها آنها را با دین و فرهنگ خود آشنا کنید.**

**کلاس های آموزش اوستا و دینی برای بزرگسالان**

از **جمعه ۴ نوامبر از ساعت ۶ پسین در محل درمهر** کلاس های آموزش اوستا و دینی برای بزرگسالان توسط کانون فرهنگی ایرانیان برگزار می شود. این کلاس های آموزشی برای آشنایی هر چه بیشتر بزرگسالان با دین و فرهنگ زرتشتی خواهد بود و در اولین جمعه هر ماه ادامه می یابد. **با شرکت در این برنامه ها دین و فرهنگ خود را بهتر بشناسید.**

**گردهم ایی ورزشی!**

هر **دوشنبه از ساعت ۷ پسین** گردهم ایی ورزشی در درمهر برگزار می شود. می توانید برای بازی پینگ پنگ در این برنامه شرکت کنید یا این که برای تماشا و دیدوبازدید به درمهر بیاید. اگر می خواهید پینگ پونگ یاد بگیرید، هم می توانید در این برنامه شرکت کنید. **هر دوشنبه در این گردهم ایی ورزشی و دیدوبازدید شرکت کنید.**

**بازگشایی درمهر مهربان گیو**

با توجه به شرایط، از ماه مارچ درمهر در روزهای بیشتری از هفته: **دوشنبه (بعدازظهر)، سه شنبه (صبح و بعدازظهر)، چهارشنبه (بعدازظهر)، جمعه (صبح و بعدازظهر)، شنبه (صبح و بعدازظهر) و یکشنبه (صبح و بعدازظهر)** باز می باشد. ساعت های باز بودن درمهر را حتما از روی تارنمای انجمن ببینید. **بسیار مناسب است که مانند گذشته رفتن به درمهر را در برنامه هفتگی خود بگذارید.**



### پرداخت حق عضویت

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 می‌توانید به صورت آنلاین از تارنمای انجمن یا با فرستادن چک و پر کردن فرم مربوط پرداخت کنید. فرزندان تان که به خوشحالی بزرگ شده‌اند و زندگی جدیدی تشکیل داده‌اند و دوستان و آشنایان خود را برای پیوند به انجمن از راه پرداخت حق عضویت برانگیزید.

#### پشتیبان مالی انجمن را به یاد داشته باشید

به دلیل وضعیت موجود در پیوند با ویروس کووید-۱۹، برنامه‌ها و گردهم‌ایی‌های در محل درمهر و انجمن هنوز مانند گذشته برگزار نمی‌شود. با توجه به عدم حضور افراد در محل درمهر، کمک‌های خیراندیشی نیز کاهش یافته است، در حالی که هزینه‌های ثابت انجمن و درمهر باید پرداخت شوند. امیدواریم مانند همیشه پشتیبانی و کمک شما اعضای انجمن ادامه داشته باشد. کمک‌های مالی خود را با فرستادن چک یا پرداخت آنلاین ادامه بدهید.

انتقادات، نظرها و پیشنهادهای خود را با کانون فرهنگی زرتشتیان ایرانی با ایمیل [kanoun@zso.org](mailto:kanoun@zso.org) در میان بگذارید.

با پیوستن به گروه تلگرامی کانون و آگاهی‌رسانی درباره آن به دیگران، از برخی اخبار و برنامه‌ها آگاه شوید.

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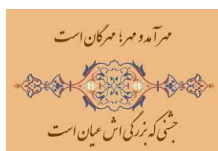
### مناسبت‌ها و رخدادهای ماه گذشته

با سپاس از همه افرادی که در برگزاری این مناسبت‌ها هم‌زوری کردند.

ضبط شده برخی از این برنامه‌ها را می‌توانید در این آدرس ببینید: <https://www.youtube.com/c/ZoroastrianSocietyofOntario>

### جشن مهرگان گرامی داشته شد.

جشن مهرگان در اولین روز ماه اکتبر برگزار شد. امسال هر چند که امکان گردهم آمدن وجود داشت اما با توجه به مشکلاتی که در کشور عزیزمان ایران در جریان است؛ جشن مهرگان با گردهم‌ایی و اوستاخوانی برگزار شد.



### گهنبار ایاسرم گاه

گهنبار ایاسرم گاه در روز یکشنبه ۱۶ اکتبر از ساعت ۱۱ صبح در محل درمهر برگزار شد. در این گهنبار نیز مانند گذشته افراد گردهم آمدند و با شرکت در اوستاخوانی و نیز دیدوبازدید و پذیرایی این مراسم را برگزار کردند. با سپاس از همه خانواده‌هایی که زحمت تدارک و هزینه‌های این گهنبار را پذیرفته بودند.





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# **ZOROASTRIANS GOT TALENT**

## **ZSO YOUTH FUNDRAISING EVENT**

**DATE: SATURDAY NOV 12TH, 2022**

**TIME: 6PM ONWARDS**

**PLACE: (ZSO) 3590 BAYVIEW AVE,  
NORTH YORK**

**MEMBERS: ADULT: \$25; UNDER 10: \$15**

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# 8th World Zoroastrian Youth Congress

THE ZSO IS RAISING FUNDS



Scan the QR Code to apply for  
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*"The valuables we have may impress others, but the VALUE we hold is enough to inspire others!"*

*"Help where you can, Give what you can".*

The Zoroastrian Society of Ontario's (ZSO) Youth committee is actively hosting fundraising events to keep the youth engaged and involved in building a stronger community together. This year most of our activities are focused on raising funds to provide the youth an opportunity to attend the **8<sup>th</sup> World Zoroastrian Youth Congress (8WZYC) in London, UK (July 21 – 26, 2023)**.

The World Zoroastrian Youth Congress begun 25 years ago with a mission to bring together the Zoroastrian youth from around the world. It happens once in every four years. Over the years these congresses have brought together hundreds of Zoroastrian youth and enabled them to interact with others, as well as collaborate and work towards the challenges we face as a community. The intended age of these youth ranges from 18 to 37 years of age.

With your generosity and support, we are confident that once again we will be able to support our youths to discover new adventures and achieve experiences they would not have elsewhere. These social and engagement opportunities develop them into capable, confident, and successful individuals focused on giving back to their community and helping others.

Our goal is to raise \$40,000 to subsidize between 30-40 youths to give them an opportunity to engage and enhance their knowledge of our religion, create everlasting friendships with Zoroastrian youth from all over the world, and expand their connectivity within Toronto, and their greater worldwide network. The ZSO Youth have a fundraising vision to aid every youth from the ZSO to attend the 8WZYC. The total trip expense is likely to be over \$2,500 CAD per person (including airfare and accommodation).

As a token of appreciation, all official promotional sponsors (Bronze \$500+, Silver \$1,500+, Gold \$5,000+) will have their logo printed on the back of T-shirts given to all the ZSO youth attending the congress. For more information on sponsorship please contact Sohrab Bhiwandiwalla [email: [Youth@zso.org](mailto:Youth@zso.org) | Call: +1(289)-886-2309].

Here is how you can donate;

1. **Online:** [www.ZSO.org/donate](http://www.ZSO.org/donate) → Select the option "ZSO Youth 8th WZYC Fundraiser". Electronic tax receipt will be issued right away.
2. **Cheque:** Payable to "Zoroastrian Society of Ontario". In the memo section kindly, mention "ZSO Youth 8WZYC Fundraiser". Please be sure to complete the [donation form](#) and attach it with your cheque. This will ensure we have correct mailing address to send the tax receipt.

We look forward to your continued support.

Thank you,

ZSO Youth Committee





# 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 \$25 and higher.

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

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