

Presidents Message

I hope the summer seasons that include Tir, Amordad, and Sharivar (Persian calendar) are being enjoyed by all of us. The summer months are the ideal times where we can take the opportunities to gather outdoors at the Mehraban Guive Darbe Mehr (MGDM).

Thank you to those who attended last month's Annual AGM and congratulations to Farah Cooper, and special thanks for all of your support and trust in me to continue to serve as your president for another 2-year term. Thank you to Mehsbad Dastoor and Shahram Bastani for their continued volunteer service to the Zoroastrian community.

Our current 9 board members are the same as the previous year:

President	Mitra Jam	Secretary	Mandana Moavenat
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Assistant Treasurer	Mehrnaz Dehmiri		

It has been an active month for the Zoroastrian communities worldwide as 515 youths from across the world gathered in London, UK for the 8th World Zoroastrian Youth Congress. We are so proud that the ZSO supported over 40 youths from our community that represented the ZSO. We are honored that Fravash Chothia, Tanya Hoshi, Nadia Jam & Armaity Homavazir were invited as speakers at the congress. Based on the feedback I have received thus far, it was an incredibly successful educational, social, and entertaining event which has tremendously helped bring the future generations of Zoroastrians together.

The 9th World Youth Congress will be held in 2027 in India. So, if you will be between 18-35 by 2027, then please mark your calendar, so you don't miss this event.

The paving of the MGDM grounds is planned for this year, but the exact dates are still unknown. We need to warn the community of the limited parking for 2 weeks at the MGDM once the asphaltting begins.

The Mukta prayers will be held from August 11-16, 2023. For details please visit the ZSO website, www.ZSO.org

As we continue to volunteer with cGaming we are still seeking volunteers. As a volunteer, you and a partner simply have to attend a Bingo Hall in Toronto for 2 hours a few times a year to greet people as they walk in. Interested in learning more and volunteering? Please contact Shiamak Katrak (ExecOfficer1@zso.org) and help raise funds for the ZSO.



Yezdi and Mahnaz Sheriar volunteering at Delta Bingo

If you have any ideas or relevant contribution for the monthly newsletter, please email us the WORD document to newslettereditor@zso.org.

The MGDM is now open for private bookings. For availability please contact Hoofrish Patel evp@zso.org.

For MGDM hours and all future events you can always visit www.zso.org.

Wishing you all Tandarosti, **Mitra Jam, ZSO President**
president@zso.org

Upcoming Events



UPCOMING EVENTS

AUG|SEPT

AUG 11-15

Muktad Prayers
Various hours

Hamaspathmaidem Gahambar (S)
4:00pm

Aug 12

AUG 16

Navroz Jashan & Dinner
6:00pm - 9:00pm

Khordad Saal & Dinner
6:00pm - 9:00pm

Aug 21

Sep 03

Farvardegan (S)
10:30am

Dasturji Kukadaroo Baj (S)
6:00pm - 9:00pm

Sep 04

Recurring Events

Table Tennis Fridays
6:00pm - 8:00pm
Senior Fridays (Aug 25 | Sept 08)
11:00am - 2:00pm

Friday Family Fun Night
6:00pm - 9:00pm
Kanoun Senior Tuesday (Biweekly)
9:30am - 11:30am

See the attached flyers for more details or the [ZSO Calender](#)

2023 Shahenshahi Farvardegan Days

The 2023 Shahenshahi Farvardegan days will be observed at the Mehraban Guiv Darb-e-Meher (MGDM) from August 11 – 15, 2023. During these auspicious days, we reflect and pray, remembering our Loved ones who passed away.

Here is what you need to know about the upcoming Farvardegan days in August.

- Lunch will follow the 11:30am Satum prayer
- Dinner will follow the 7:00pm Satum prayer

All of the following prayer performances will be in person.

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

Schedule of Prayers:

Date	Prayer Performance	Time
Friday, August 11, 2023 Monday, August 14, 2023 Tuesday, August 15, 2023	Morning Satum	7:00am
	Afringan and Farokshi	7:30am
	Afternoon Satum	11:30am
	Evening Satum followed by Humbandagi	7:00pm
Saturday, August 12, 2023 Sunday, August 13, 2023	Morning Satum	8:00am
	Afringan and Farokshi	8:30am
	Afternoon Satum	11:30am
	Evening Satum followed by Humbandagi	7:00pm

Including names of deceased in prayers:

Please complete the “**Muktd Prayers Form**” to include the names of your deceased loved ones and send it via email or mail to Ervad Hoshang Udwadia by **August 06, 2023**.

- Email: religiouscommittee@zso.org
- Mail: Ervad Hoshang Udwadia, 1007 – 10 Parkway Forest Drive, North York, Ontario. M2J 1L3.

*Please be reminded that the priests will only recite four names from each form in the prayers. **Names from the previous years will not be carried forwarded automatically.***

MGDM Clean Up:

The MGDM clean-up prior to Farvardegan days is on Sunday, August 6th from 10am to 2pm. We request you all to come in large numbers. We will provide light refreshments and lunch. You can register online on our website or call or text Khushru Chothia (416) 677-7555.

High School Students and Volunteer Hours:

High school students can use this opportunity for their volunteer hours requirements. If you are interested in earning those hours during the Farvardegan days while helping the community, building new friendships and having fun, please contact Pearl or Spenta Chothia at (416) 917-7402.

Donations:

Sandalwood donations are appreciated to help maintain the supply at MGDM. Worshipers are encouraged to bring their own sandalwood offerings when possible.

Donations of fruit, flowers, food (Malido, papri, ravo, mithai, etc.) are gratefully accepted.

For those who cannot visit the MGDM and wish to make an offering, please do so from the ZSO Store by clicking [here](#).

We are grateful to all our donors and well-wishers and request everyone to donate generously using any of the options below;

Cash Donations	Cheque Donations	e-Transfer Donations	Online Donations
Drop off in the ZSO safety deposit box	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Make Cheque(s) payable to 'Zoroastrian Society of Ontario'Complete the donation form and attach it with your cheque<ul style="list-style-type: none">Provide your email address if applicable to ensure timely and accurate issuance of donation receipts.Deliver the cheque and completed form together to our custodian or send it by mail <p>NOTE: Cheques made payable to ZSO are not acceptable by the bank and are rejected</p>	To: payments@zso.org Question: [Enter Your Phone Number] Answer: "ZSO3590" Message: Muktaad donation	Visit the ZSO website and follow the steps. www.zso.org

I'm looking forward to seeing you all at the MGDM during the Farvardegan days and thank you for your continued support and dedication.

Written By: Putli Mirza, Chair – Muktaad Committee

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Free Voice Lessons at the MGDM
*Do you have a passion for singing?
Then come out and join the Asha choir!*



Location: MGDM

Time: Every Tuesday 6pm-8pm

Interested? Please email ShahramBastani@gmail.com and Kanoun@ZSO.org

Navjote of Cyrus and Ariana Rustomji, Children of Fawaz and Pooja Rustomji.

Grand Children of Dinaz and Shahrokh Rustomji, and Shukla and Late Balkrishan Vig, took place on July 2nd 2023 @ Zoroastrian Society of Ontario house.

Written by: Home Rustomji

From the Seniors' corner

Music by Jay Franco

On June 30th our Seniors were treated to an afternoon of music by Jay Franco. He entertained the Seniors to music the Seniors were familiar with. Some Seniors also danced to the tunes. At the end, everyone got up and sang Oh' Canada, and Jana Gana Mana, as well as Chaiye Hame Zarhosti.

While waiting for lunch to be served, Freddy Mirza played the harmonica accompanied by some of our Seniors who sang some familiar tunes and continued to entertain the Seniors.

Delicious lunch consisting of Chicken Dhansak, Vegetable cutlets, and Kachumbar was prepared by Khushnuma Bamboat.

It was a fun afternoon.



Freddy Mirza plays the harmonica and music by Jay Franco

Written by: Yasmin Khory

Grandparents Day

July 14th was celebrated as Grandparents Day by the Seniors. There was a huge turnout of 79 Seniors and 32 grandkids ranging in ages from 6 months to 15 years. The children included:

Cyrus and Luca Mehta, grandchildren of Adi and Beroze Anary

Zafia and Xersis Irani, and Karina Wadia, grandchildren of Piroja Atashband

Dylan Belliappa, grandchild of Yazdi and Guloo Bharucha

Julia and Seamus Dastoor, grandchildren of Noshir and Sarosh Dastoor

Noah, Nina and Shiraz Mulla, grandchildren of Phiroze and Dinaz Dotiwalla

Kashmira and Benjamin Irani, grandchildren of Gulcher Irani

Kamran, Kian and Mila Jivraj, and Azita and Zahra Dean, grandchildren of Farouk and Yasmin Khory



Group picture. Missing from the picture are Zahra Dean, Mila Jivraj, Kaveh Irani, Arianna and Shayaan Tampal.

Zoe and Kaveh Irani, grandchildren of Fredoon and Pervin Khory
Shahnaz and Shirin Bryan, grandchildren of Rohinton and Katy Kiash
Advi and Ava Mancherjee, grandchildren of Hosie and Jeroo Mancherjee
Vahistaa and Ariejana Krishna, grandchildren of Vispi and Kanizehn Patel
Cyrus and Arianna Rustomji, grandchildren of Shahrukh and Dinaz Rustomji
Ava and Mya Tampal, grandchildren of Cyrus and Ruby Tampal
Arianna and Shayaan Tampal, grandkids of Sarosh and Shiraz Tampal

The children played a game of passing the bottle, whoever got the bottle had to do something. Some sang a song, hopped on one leg, did pushups, and said a joke. After this they played Simon Says, which was fun for the kids. This was followed by musical chairs, with kids desperately trying to find an empty chair. All the children were handed out a take-home gift.

A special lunch was ordered from Asian Legend, consisting of egg and vegetable fried rice, fried noodles with chicken, general taos chicken, and sauteed eggplant. Cupcakes for the kids, as well as ice cream for everyone.

Children and Seniors all had a great time.



Azita Dean singing Twinkle Twinkle Little Star

If any Senior members of the community like to join the Seniors group, please contact Freny Gandevia at 416-888-8851, Yasmin Khory at 416-733-0699, or Roshan Rabadi at 647-341-6731. This way your name can be put on the telephone list. We meet every alternate Friday, so at least twice a month. The telephone committee calls up the people on their list to inform them about the food and the event. Come and join us if you are interested.

The Seniors Food Fair is on Sunday, October 1st at the Darbe Mehr, from 1:00pm to 3:00 pm. If anyone would like to participate as a vendor, please check out the flyer attached to the Newsletter.

Written by: Yasmin Khory

Note on the use of Artificial Intelligence in the ZSO newsletter

Dear Readers & Writers,

In terms of technological revolution, what a past couple of months it has been. With new Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools on the rise like ChatGPT transforming the way we create content and do work on a day-to-day basis. Whether that be the ability to create/manipulate images, text, video, or audio. New AI tools like ChatGPT has made many publishing organizations rethink the way they display and produce content. To make sure you get the most trusted, accurate, and authentic reading experience, we have outlined some guidelines we will be following moving forward. If you are someone who frequently submits any work to the newsletter, these guidelines are important for you to follow before submitting anything as well.

To start with some general principles:

- It is unacceptable to represent another person's (or machine's) work as your own.
- Information from another publication must be checked and credited before it is used.
- Illustrative and conceptual photography must be labeled "photo illustration."

Writing and Editing

AI tools can be great starting points for things like research and brainstorming on a topic. But any answers resulting from these products have to be treated with skepticism. Since these are tools currently struggling with sourcing and accuracy, the answers can often be unverified due to the way the language algorithms are created. Therefore, AI is not concerned with the truth of matters in the same way we as humans are concerned with right and wrong.

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AI image tools like Midjourney and DALL-E are not to be used for any ZSO Newsletter imagery. We will not accept any pictures from AI-generated image software due to copyright and legal issues, as said above, only basic image editing is permitted. Doing otherwise would risk the newsletter's reputation and could draw into question the accuracy of the other images we publish moving forward. If an image is created entirely by AI, it should be credited as "AI-generated image" or "AI-generated illustration." Finally, any work that's created using AI must abide by that tool's terms of use. If you would like to experiment with something beyond what is mentioned, please reach out to the newsletter editors to verify acceptability.

As young writers and artists come into the journalism space, they're faced with moral, ethical, and factual challenges like this. We are focused on providing you with the best, most accurate, and transparent reading experience. We welcome your comments, and questions, and look forward to reading your wonderful entries that contribute to the success of our community newsletter.

Best regards,

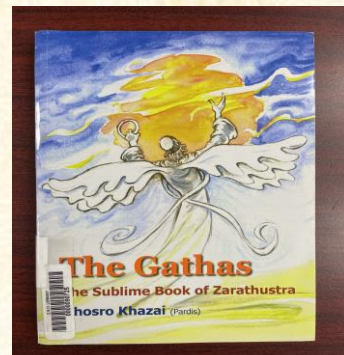
Araash Chothia, ZSO Newsletter Editor

The Library Launch Project started in November 2022. Around 8 youth participated in sorting, cataloguing and shelving the growing ZSO library collection. As part of their volunteer hours, each student also wrote a book review. This month we present...

Book review By Zubin Bharucha Title of Book: The Gathas Author: Khosro Khazi Genre: History Pages: 168

Summary:

The Gathas is a non-fiction story of the history of The Gathas (The Sacred songs of Zarathustra). The Gathas, which were created by Zarathushtra about 4000 years ago, consists of 17 songs and have been passed down from priest to priest. 600 years after the Persian Empire collapsed many new religions formed such as Judaism and Christianity.



The Gathas: The Sublime Book of Zarathustra by: Khosro Khazi

Opinion (What did you think of the book? Why?):

The book is very interesting and describes the history of The Gathas which was written in an ancient language that no one knows how to read. The Gathas give a brief history of our religion which helps others understand the prayers of our religion.

Recommendation (Would you recommend this book to others? Why?):

I would recommend the book to others as it's quite interesting to read about the history of our religion and the history of The Gathas.

Written by: Zubin Bharucha

Return to Roots is Back in India December 22nd - Jan 4th

Zoroastrian Return to Roots is pleased to announce the opening of applications for Return To Roots 7 tentatively scheduled for Dec 22nd, 2023 to Jan 4th 2024. Applications from any part of the world are encouraged.

All applicants need to fulfill all four of the following conditions. These terms are non-negotiable.

- Applicants to be between the ages of 22 and 35 years old as of Dec 15, 2023.
- Applicant must be a practicing Zoroastrianism.
- At least one parent of the applicant is a Zarathushti.
- All applicants have had their Navjote/Sudreh Pushi ceremony performed.

To apply: <https://zororoots.org/apply/application/> for more information go to: <https://zororoots.org/>

THE PARSEES OF INDIA

*A poem written by a Britisher and something
for all parsees to be so proud of:*

*The Parsees of Bombay
Are special in every way
In their work or in their play
Always happy and gay;*

*To help their fellow man
They do the best they can
They're honest to the core
And always help the poor;*

*The Parsee community
Has a unique identity
Most from Heaven sent
The rest of Persian descent;*

*Some are crazy, but really sweet
Loud and boisterous, not discreet
Watching them is such a treat
The best people you can meet;*

*Some have really funny names
Playing pranks and silly games
Handsome guys and pretty dames
They all fit in their Parsee frames;*

*With complexions rosy pink
They love their food and drink
Before you can even think
Parsee pegs go down with a wink;*

*In every field they take the lead
Nation building is their creed*

*They're fun loving and true
And excel in all they do;*

*From industrial to nuclear yield
They've excelled in every field
Music, art, theater, media too,
There is nothing they cannot do;*

*From Homi Babha to J R D
Zubin Mehta to Freddy Mercury
Adi Marzban to Pearl Padamsee
From Bacchi Karkaria to Busy Bee;*

*From Shariyar Atai to Boman Irani
Hafeez Contractor to Sharpoorjee
Farook Khambata to Cyrus (wala)Tody
Nari Contractor to Nagarwala Hirjee;*

*Godrej and Wadia are up there with the best
Pardiwala and Golwala don't seem to rest
Nana Palkhiwala lives on in our mind
A non productive Parsee is truly hard to find;*

*They spread joy wherever they go
They're the nicest people to know
They have parties all the time
And stay far away from crime;*

*Their numbers dwindle every year
They may one day disappear
Hope that day never comes
To India's finest daughters & sons!*

An Ode by: Sir Ernest Joseph Flanagan

8WZYC in London Called - We Picked Up

The 8th World Zoroastrian Youth Congress (8WZYC) in London, UK began on July 21st with the spirit of meaningful discourse and reigniting connections. With 515 delegates attending from all around the world, these five days were not only special for the delegates attending but for our Zoroastrian community as a whole. From the delegates, Canada had a profound representation of 20% of the population with 100 delegates from all over Canada, and through the subsidy program the Zoroastrian Society of Ontario (ZSO) helped send over 40 from Toronto, with the Ontario Zoroastrian Community Foundation (OZCF) supporting another 17 delegates to London.

The panels and talks covered a wide range of important subject matter. With hot topics discussed like religious conversion, the role of mobeds today, and how we can better support them. The congress allowed for meaningful debates to take place in search of answers to help contextualize Zoroastrianism's role in the 21st century. Some of the panelists representing the ZSO included Fravash Chothia, Armaity Homavazir, Tanya Hoshi, and Nadia Jam.

Tanya Hoshi's panel on Zoroastrians in The Media included panelists from different aspects of the media industry who came together to discuss what it's like to represent oneself as a Zoroastrian in the media. Ms. Hoshi is a TV producer who moderated the panel wonderfully and spoke alongside Bollywood actor Shreya Pardiwala from India, who spoke about his journey of how difficult and rewarding acting can be in the Bollywood industry acting in big movies like *Yaariyan*, *Sweetiee Weds NRI*, and *Sanam Re*. He also spoke about his recent fame during COVID-19 lockdowns where he quickly became an online sensation by posting TikTok and Instagram videos doing Parsi bawabaw impersonations, which spread like wildfire all over the internet not excluding hundreds of WhatsApp chats - you can check out some of his videos [here](#). Jasmine Dotiwala and Ava Patel both were TV producers who talked about how young Zoroastrians are able to use modern technology to be exactly who they want to be in the media and in their personal life. They encouraged attendees to use the power of social media to spread more awareness about our religion by posting and creating unique stories about the faith and culture.

A powerful talk was later given by our own Nadia Jam who sat down with Darius Parekh and answered thought-provoking questions during her panel *Spirituality Fireside Chat with Nadia Jam* like "What is spirituality?", "What can we do every day to become more spiritual?" and "How does it relate to us as Zoroastrians?". Nadia spoke about her journey toward spirituality, and how we can all be in touch with our spirituality as well. A quote from Nadia that stood out was, "We are not human beings having a spiritual experience but spiritual beings having a human experience". We asked multiple people on day two what they thought was their favorite talk, and multiple people said Ms. Jam's talk was the most thought-provoking panel they've been in.



Toronto youths sent through the ZSO Youth subsidy program

During day three, delegates had the privilege to purchase add-on tickets to attend the prestigious Guildhall, a place known for its history and beautiful architecture. Here, UK Royals have been hosting house dinners, events, court trials and more since the year 1440. This extraordinary event was filled with glamor, inspiration, entertainment, and an appetizing dinner. We had the honor of having Cyrus Todiwala, a Michelin Star Parsi Chef who's cooked for the Taj Hotel and the Royal family and has been awarded many honourable cooking awards. The reception was followed by an opening keynote speaker, the HE High Commissioner of India to the UK - Mr. Vikram K. Doraiswami, followed by Lord Karan Billamoria CBE, DL who spoke about how having a strong Zoroastrian community has helped him in his career, and the importance of making strong connections around the world. At the Guildhall, our very own Fravash Chothia, the ZSO Youth Committee Chair, spoke about his journey in building the youth community over the past four years and how taking small leadership roles in the community can change the local organization in unimaginable ways. You can watch the speech on Youtube [here](#). His talk was directed to the leaders of tomorrow and those who will be supporting them.



Selfie at the Zoroastrian Center in London after a panel

All 3 speeches were filled with inspiration and knowledge while the night ended with performances from Alyza Zack a young classically trained musician living in London and attending the Guildhall University's junior program for aspiring musicians and Delraaz Bunshah, a Mumbai based musician who has been in musicals such as - The Sound of Music, Sing India Sing and Disney's Aladdin to name a few. They performed crowd favorites by Adele, Tina Turner, and of course the fan favorite - Freddie Mercury.

This Youth Congress was a place where the youth opened up conversations about various modern topics such as mobed pay, religious identity, Zoroastrian scriptures - their interpretations, Zoroastrians in business, and youth leadership - locally and globally. Ervad Sheherazad Pavri, a young Yaozdathregar Mobed from Mumbai, India, who completed his priestly training at the Dadar Athornan Institute in 2010 was advocating for better pay for mobeds. He expressed that the mobed's salaries around the world are either unstable or are not keeping up with modern wages leading to new mobeds taking up ceremonies only part-time, or not taking up priesthood altogether instead of considering it as a full-time career. Mr. Pavri expressed deep concern over some organizations and people not following the North American Mobed Councils' compensation recommendations when it comes to adequately paying their priests. Stating that experienced priests now are giving up their duties in order to make a decent wage to provide for their families. Panels that Mr. Pavri was on called *Many Voices, One Fire: Zoroastrian Priesthood in the 21st Century*, was one of many panels leaving people more curious to understand these when getting back to their local associations.

Armaity Homavzir took the stage alongside ZYNA Co-Chair Kimiya Shahzadi and Farzin Avari to discuss the importance of the words used in our scriptures and common ancient words we use in our daily life. Some examples are Nowruz and Vohukhshathra. She discussed the FEZANA Glossary and the importance of spelling the words in a uniform way so that the preservation and integrity of the words carry on appropriately through the next generations. During the talk, Ms. Homavzir engaged the audience through fun language games to test their knowledge and spelling on some of the most popular words and phrases. You can find the entire glossary on the [FEZANA website](#).

With the final night being a traditional night, all the bawas and bawis dressed up in the Dugli's and Sari's. With traditional persian food being served up, the crowd was pleased by the tasty catering. On the dancefloor, the DJ booth was taken over by California's very own 25-year-old Shayan Mehrshahi by the crowd's ardent request who played all the Persian favorites along with classic Bollywood music and English music to a jam-packed dancefloor. The night was embellished with calls for Iranian freedom and revolution for their homeland. The 25 Irani youths whose visas got rejected on their request to London were all remembered along with their home country.

The congress is also a place where youth are exposed to other Zoroastrians across the world, where they gather to talk about their lived experiences as delegates and can learn from others while building lifelong connections.

We would like to thank the 8th World Zoroastrian Youth Congress Committee for opening up the global stage for us to come together as a community. Please check the 8th World Zoroastrian Youth Congress Instagram ([@8wzyc 2023](#)) as they have done a great job successfully documenting the Congress. Follow the ZSO Youth Instagram ([@zsoyouth](#)) who have photos posted on their Instagram to see more. This congress would not have been possible without the support of youth in Toronto and our amazing community for helping us raise \$40,000.



Group picture at Traditional night

With the help of the community, all 40 youth were able to come together and represent the Toronto community as a whole. On behalf of all of us, we want to thank each and every one from our community, and we are looking forward to seeing you at our future events. - Till next time!

Keep an eye out in the next month's edition for more 8WZYC content.

Written by: Araash Chothia and Fravash Chothia

Edited by: Tahsheen Daruwala

Zoroastrian Shahenshahi calendar

Looking for a fun and colorful way to follow the roj each day? Do you enjoy adorable illustrations that brighten up your day? Then you need the new calendar from Crispy Doodles!

This calendar features 13 original and charming illustrations of Zoroastrian kids and scenes that will make you smile every month.

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Kanoun Representatives for September 2022-2023 are as follows, if you have any questions please contact these individuals for Kanoun events:

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اینک در آغاز زندگی، این دو راه اندیشه، دو طرز فکر همزاد ولی در کار خود آزاد، خود را در اندیشه و گفتار و کردار چون بهتر و بد هویدا می سازند. از این دو آن فرزندگان هستند که درست را برمی گزینند، نه بدانشان.

پیام فرنشین انجمن

امیدوارم که فصل تابستان که در گاهشماری ایرانی ماه های تیر، مرداد و شهریور را شامل می شود، برای همه لذت بخش باشد. ماه های تابستان بهترین زمان برای جمع شدن به دور هم در فضای بیرون درمهر مهربان گیو است.

سپاس از کسانی که ماه گذشته در مجمع همگانی انجمن شرکت کردند. شادباش به فرح کوپر و سپاس از این که از من پشتیبانی و اطمینان کردید تا برای دو سال دیگر فرنشین انجمن باشم. سپاس از مهربد دستور و شهرام باستانی برای کارهای داوطلبانه مستمرشان برای جامعه زرتشتی.

۹ عضو هیات رئیسه انجمن همانند گذشته هستند:

فرنشین: میترا جم جانشین اجرایی فرنشین: هوفریش پتل جانشین فرنشین: آناهیتا اگر

خزانه دار: خسرو تاراپور دستیار خزانه دار: مهرناز دهمیری منشی: ماندانا معاونت

دستیار منشی: فیروزشاه اگر عضو اجرایی: سیامک کاتراک عضو اجرایی ۲: فرح کوپر

ماه گذشته ماهی بسیار فعال برای جامعه زرتشتی در همه جای جهان بود زیرا ۴۷۰ جوان از همه جای جهان در کشور انگلیس و شهر لندن به مناسبت هشتمین کنگره جهانی جوانان گردهم آمدند. بسیار خوشحالیم انجمن بیش از چهل نفر از جامعه امان را پشتیبانی کرد تا نماینده انجمن باشند. باعث افتخار است که فروش چوتیا، نادیان جم و آرمنیتی هموزیر به عنوان سخنران در کنگره دعوت شده بودند. براساس بازخوردهایی که تاکنون به من رسیده است، این کنگره از نظر آموزشی، اجتماعی و تفریحی بسیار موفق بوده است و توانسته کمک بسیار بزرگی باشد برای این که افراد زرتشتی نسل آینده را گرد هم بیاورد.

نهمین کنگره جهانی جوانان در سال ۲۰۲۷ در هند برگزار خواهد شد. پس اگر سنتان بین ۱۸ تا ۳۵ سال خواهد بود، لطفا تقویمتان را علامت بزنید تا این گردهم آیی را از دست ندهید.

برنامه ریزی شده است که سنگ فرش محوطه درمهر امسال انجام شود، اما زمان آن دقیق مشخص نیست. نیاز است که در مورد محدود بودن پارکنینگ برای دو هفته هشدار بدهیم.

برنامه های موکاتات از ۱۱ تا ۱۶ آگوست اجرا خواهند شد. برای جزئیات لطفا به تارنمای انجمن مراجعه نمایید.

انجمن در حال ادامه برنامه سی گیمینگ است و برای همین نیاز به داوطلب می باشد. به عنوان داوطلب، شما و همراهتان فقط برای ۲ ساعت با به یک سالن بینگو در تورنتو بروید و به افرادی که وارد می شوند خوش آمد بگویید. اگر می خواهید داوطلب شوید یا بیشتر بدانید لطفا با سیامک کاتراک تماس بگیرید ExecOfficer1@zso.org. این کار باعث می شود که کمک هزینه آیی برای انجمن پرداخت بشود.

اگر هر نوع ایده یا نوشته آیی در ارتباط با خبرنامه دارید، لطفا آن را در یک متن وارد و به نشانی ایمیل newslettereditor@zso.org بفرستید.

درمهر برای هر نوع رزرو برنامه های خصوصی قابل دسترس است. برای این لطفا به هوفریش پتل evp@zso.org بنویسید.



با آرزوی تندرستی برای همه شما، میترا جم، فرنشین انجمن، president@zso.org

خبرنامه

گردهم ایی ماهیانه سالدیدگان

سالدیدگان ایرانی در محل درمهر در روز سه شنبه ۸ آگوست از ساعت ۹:۳۰ گردهم می آیند. این دورهمی با گفتگو، دیدوبازدید و صرف چای و شیرینی خواهد بود.
با شرکت در این دورهمی دیدوبازدید با دوستان داشته باشید.

گردهم ایی ورزشی!

جمعه ۴ آگوست از ساعت ۷ پسین گردهم ایی ورزشی در درمهر برگزار می شود. می توانید برای بازی تنیس روی میز در این برنامه شرکت کنید یا این که برای تماشا و دیدوبازدید به درمهر بیاید. اگر می خواهید تنیس یاد بگیرید، هم می توانید در این برنامه شرکت کنید.
در این گردهم ایی ورزشی و دیدوبازدید شرکت کنید.

بازگشایی درمهر مهربان گیو

روزهای باز بودن درمهر عبارتند از: دوشنبه (بعدازظهر)، سه شنبه (صبح و بعدازظهر)، چهارشنبه (بعدازظهر)، جمعه (صبح و بعدازظهر)، شنبه (صبح و بعدازظهر) و یکشنبه (صبح و بعدازظهر). 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.

پشتیبان مالی انجمن را به یاد داشته باشید

با پرداخت حق عضویت خود و نیز تشویق جوانان و افراد دیگر زرتشتی به عضویت، به وضعیت مالی انجمن کمک کنید.
همینطور با شرکت در برنامه ها و نیز رفتن مرتب به درمهر تلاش کنید که بخشی از نیازی های مینوی و اجتماعی خود را برآورده کنید.
امیدواریم مانند همیشه پشتیبانی و کمک شما اعضای انجمن ادامه داشته باشد. کمک های مالی خود را با فرستادن چک یا پرداخت آنلاین انجام بدهید.

انتقادهای، نظرها و پیشنهادهای خود را با کانون فرهنگی زرتشتیان ایرانی با ایمیل kanoun@zso.org در میان بگذارید.

با پیوستن به گروه تلگرامی کانون و آگاهی رسانی درباره آن به دیگران، از برخی اخبار و برنامه ها آگاه شوید.

<https://t.me/zsokanoun>



Save the Date

SEPT 16th 2023- FISH BONANZA

OCT 14th 2023 - BINGO NIGHT

NOV 18th 2023- To Be Announced

DEC 31st 2023- NEW YEAR

Look out for flyers.
Details to follow..





Zoroastrian Society of Ontario

Navroze Jashan & Dinner

Tuesday, Aug 16, 2023

Mehraban Guiv Darb e Meher

Jashan: 6:30pm followed by dinner

Members \$20 | Non Members \$35

Children under 5 yrs Free.

Register Online at www.zso.org

Contact Guloo Bharucha: 905 475 8894 | entertainment@zso.org

Space is limited. Book early and avoid disappointment

Khordad Saal Jashan & Dinner



Monday, August 21, 2023

Mehraban Guiv Darb e Meher

Jashan: 6:30pm followed by dinner

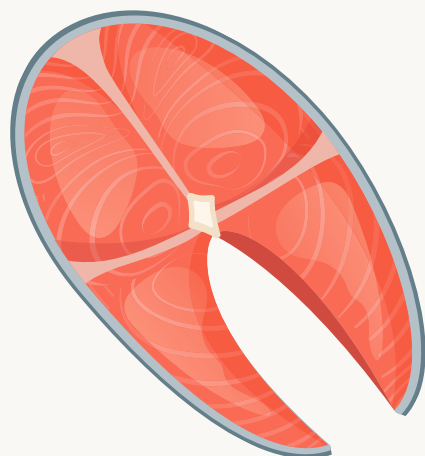
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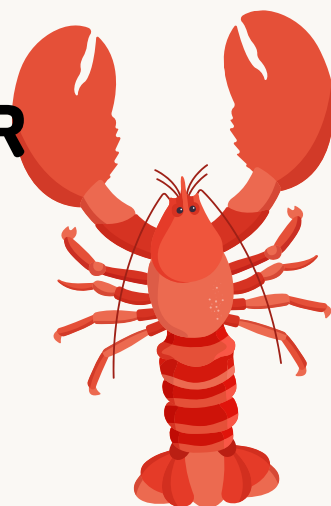
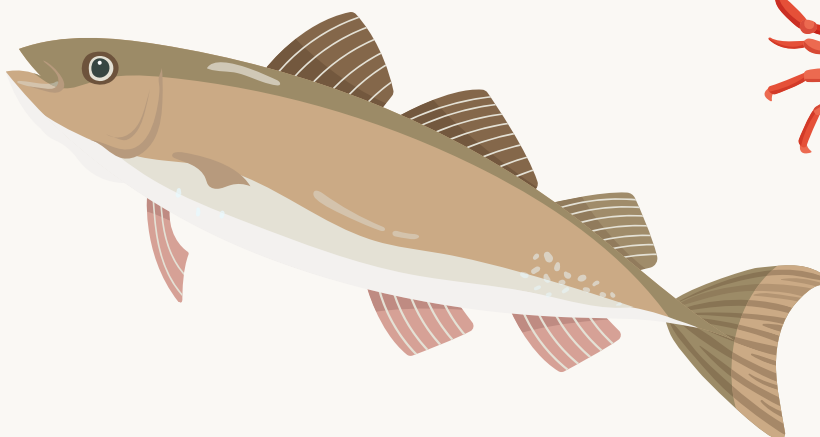


SEPT 16, 2023



7:00PM ONWARDS

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Mehraban Guiv Darb e Meher

Join your friends and community
for a fun filled session

Alternate Fridays 11:00am - 2:00pm

ZSO Members: \$10/person | Non Members: \$15/person

includes entertainment and meal

To book your spot , gather more information
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Meher Khandadia: 647-628-6094 | Katy Panthakee: 647-347-3334



ZOROASTRIAN SOCIETY OF ONTARIO

3590 BAYVIEW AVENUE, TORONTO, ONTARIO M2M 3S6

MEMBERSHIP FORM

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

Membership Category/Fees

<input type="checkbox"/> Family	<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	<input type="checkbox"/> Student	<input type="checkbox"/> Senior	<input type="checkbox"/> Senior Couple
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) and/or E-Mail or *Letter Mail

Auto dialer voice messages: ☐ No ☐ Yes: __ (____) _____ - _____

Newsletter: ☐ Email _____ ☐ Spouse Email: _____ ☐ *Letter Mail

(*Newsletter by Letter Mail are only for Senior or Senior Couple members)

Total Enclosed: Cash \$ _____ Cheque \$ _____

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

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

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

Existing ZSO Member

Print Full Name _____

Signature _____

Existing ZSO Member

Print Full Name _____

Signature _____

Approved by the ZSO BOD

☐ Yes ☐ No

Signature _____



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Address: _____

City _____ Province _____ Postal Code _____

Donation Amount: \$_____

Please mail cheques to : Zoroastrian Society of Ontario
Attn: Treasurer
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North York, ON, M2M 3S6

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