



## Vision July 2018

### President's Message

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much"

Hellen Keller

Last month we had our Annual General Meeting where a new group of eager and dedicated members became directors. We welcome Ruzbeh Rohinton, Rusi Unvala, Jal Panthaky, and Xerxes Madan as Vice President. Continuing on as directors from the previous Board will be Arnavaz Dhabhar, Jeroo Madan, Khushi Doctor and Morvarid Fereidooni. Cyrus Gazdar our Ex-President, will now assume the role as Secretary, Tauzer Dalal will continue as Treasurer, and Neville Patrawala as President.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Cyrus Gazdar for remaining on the board and offer his experience. This is Cyrus's second term in succession. I would also like to thank Arnavaz Dhabhar, Jeroo Madan, Khushi Doctor, Morvarid Fereidooni and Tauzer Dalal for remaining on the board and continuing to serve as Directors. This is Tauzer's second term in succession as Treasurer. As you can imagine, community service is a massive undertaking which requires sacrificing personal and family time, yet they have worked as a cohesive group over the last 2 years and steered OZCF to a better place.

It was not long ago on the momentous and memorable evening of June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016 that we raised, through the magnanimity of our generous donors, an eye-popping \$2.24 million for the Atashkadeh project. 2 years hence because of the continuing hard work, dedication and perseverance of our dynamic Place of Worship Advisory Committee we are now very close to building the sanctified place of worship. This will be the very first of its kind in North America for Zoroastrians which we believe will prove imperative in preserving our religion, culture and identity.

Zoning By-law Amendment Application and consulting studies have been submitted on May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 and we received confirmation of "Notice of Complete Application" on June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018. The Town of Oakville, Halton Region and Conservation Halton review is currently ongoing, and we anticipate a response in 150 days (November 2018).

Summer is always an exciting and busy time at the OZCF. In the upcoming weeks, taking place will be a Maidhyoishem Gambhar, Muktd Prayers starting on August 12th, Gymkhana Night, India vs Pakistan Cricket matches, Lamb Roast Picnic on August 11th, Navroze Dinner on August 17th, and the Ashta Vahishta Initiative (AVI) Conference on August 18<sup>th</sup> and August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018. For more information, check the OZCF's website for full listings at [www.ozcf.com](http://www.ozcf.com)

Finally, I ask that you pray for and keep within your thoughts, those members of our community who are currently ailing. May Ahura Mazda assist them to a speedy recovery.

Neville Patrawala

President

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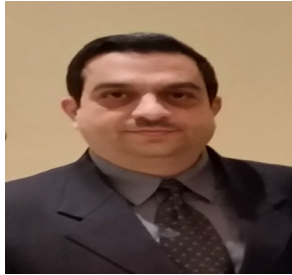
## Introduction of the Board Members

It is with great pleasure that we welcome and introduce to you the OZCF Board of Directors for the term 2018-2020.

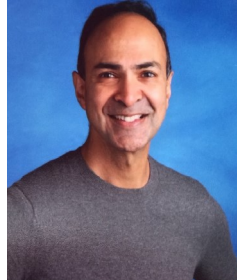
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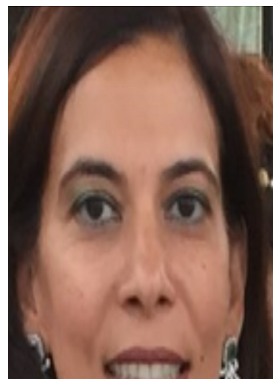
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*Invites you to attend the*

## **NAVROZE JASHAN AND DINNER**

Date: August 17, 2018

Time: Jashan at 7 PM; Dinner at 8 PM

Adult: Members \$15

Non-Members \$20

Child: (5 to 12 yrs) Members \$10

Non-Members \$15

Venue: OZCF, 1187 Burnhamthorpe Road E., Oakville, ON

**No charge for attending the Jashan only**

Please send in your names and payment by August 12, 2018.

**Cheques payable to OZCF:**

**Mail to: Jeroo Madan**

**33-2550, Thomas Street, Mississauga, ON, L5M 5N8**

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## ANNOUNCEMENT—OBITUARIES

### **Mrs. Nargis Rohinton Jasavala** **October 20, 1936 – June 27, 2018**

It is with great sadness that the Jasavala family conveys the passing of beloved mother Mrs. Nargis Rohinton Jasavala at the age of 81, daughter of Rati and Dina Bulsara, and wife of late Mr. Rohinton Jivanji Jasavala on Wednesday June 27, 2018, 1:15 a.m.

Survived by loving brothers Daras and Roni Bulsara, and sister, Naju Wadia, Mr. and Mrs. Jasavala are also survived by their loving children and in-laws, Rayomand & Armaity, Farshogar & Jasmine, Jehanbakhsh, Yesna & Teosar, Hutokshi & Tobin, their ten grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Nargis Jasavala was born in Zanzibar, Tanzania, East Africa and immigrated to Philadelphia Pennsylvania, USA in 1968 and on to Ottawa, Ontario in 1972. After moving to the GTA in 1974, Nargis and Rohinton with family started a catering business, Jasavala & Sons (& Daughters) that served the Parsee community for over twenty years. Many in the community will remember Nargis as a person with much empathy as people shared moments talking about their own lives and their family's history, the significance of the celebration to their family.

Food was love and service to the community for Nargis and Rohinton; using Nargis' formidable cooking skills and talent, they did their best for each family. Nargis and Rohinton not only celebrated the growth of their own children and their grandchildren from Navjotes, to weddings and then Navjotes for the next generation; they were happy witnesses to the same journey for many families in their community.

Nargis would want to thank the many "clients" that were in reality, life-long friends. It was a life full of trials and tribulations; but always with time and many opportunities to share lots of laughter, quiet joy, and much happiness with family, friends and community. A full life well lived.

May Ahura Mazda bless Nargis Jasavala.

The OZCF prayer room and facility is not open regularly. For personal requests, you may contact the following:

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#### **NEED A MOBED**

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**OZCF Fundraising Committee**  
***invites you to the***

***Annual Lamb Roast Picnic***

Come join us for a fun filled day at ZRCC. Enjoy the barbequed lamb & chicken, the vegetarian option and a selection of salads, rolls and watermelon.

Besides the delicious BBQ, we have organised games, and a bake sale donated by the enthusiastic OZCF members. Donation for Bake sale items will also be appreciated! Come out with your deck chairs and be ready to have a lot of fun.

There will be DJ and Cash Bar!

**Date:** Saturday August 11, 2018; **Time:** 11 am. onwards  
**Venue:** OZCF Grounds, 1187 Burnhamthorpe Rd E, Oakville  
**Price:** Members \$30; Non-members \$35; Children 4-10 \$20;  
**For Tickets Call:** Gulrukh Patel @ 905-542-0237

# Religious Events For Upcoming Months

## Shenshai Muktaḍ from Sunday August 12<sup>th</sup> to Thursday August 16<sup>th</sup>

Shenshai Muktaḍ ceremonies will be held at ZRCC, 1187 Burnhamthorpe Rd. East, Oakville, from Aug 12<sup>th</sup> to Aug 16<sup>th</sup>.

Following is the schedule of Prayers:

### **Sunday August 12<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 am Morning Stoom & Baj;  
8:00 am Afringan & Farokhshi;  
11:30 am Afternoon Stoom;  
7:00 pm Evening Stoom & Hum Bundagi

### **Monday Aug 13<sup>th</sup> - Thursday Aug 16<sup>th</sup>**

6:30 am Morning Stoom & Baj;  
7:00 am Afringan & Farokhshi;  
11:30 am Afternoon Stoom;  
7:00 pm Evening Stoom & Hum Bundagi

If you wish to give the names of your dearly departed for daily prayers, please complete the attached form and send it along with your donation cheque payable to O.Z.C.F to reach Ervad Nozer Kotwal by August 9<sup>th</sup>. **PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE IT UNTIL THE LAST MOMENT. NAMES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED OVER THE TELEPHONE**

Donation of fruits, dry fruits, flowers, Sukhad, Loban, Tachho, etc. is always welcomed. If you wish to sponsor a meal and/or donate food e.g. Malido, Papri, Bhakhra, Puri, Batasa etc. Please contact Shirin Chaturvedi at 647-407-4824 or [eshirinm@hotmail.com](mailto:eshirinm@hotmail.com) We also require volunteers to thoroughly clean the Prayer Room, House and Hall before the start of Muktaḍ as well as regular cleaning during the Muktaḍ days. Please contact Ervad Kotwal at (905) 820-0461 if you wish to help.

### **Navroze (S) Friday August 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Jashan** at 7pm; **Dinner** at 8pm

Adults \$15 (non members—\$20 and Children 5-12 yrs—\$10 (non members \$15

Contact Jeroo Madan on 647-339-0052 or [jeroomadan@ozcf.com](mailto:jeroomadan@ozcf.com)

### **Khordad Sal (S) Wednesday August 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Khordad Sal Jashan will be held on Wednesday August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 pm at Z.R.C.C. 1187 Burnhamthorpe Rd. East, Oakville, followed by Chasni.

### **Farvardegan (S) Tuesday September 4<sup>th</sup>**

Farvardegan prayers will be held on Tuesday September 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at Z.R.C.C. 1187 Burnhamthorpe Rd. East, Oakville, followed by Chasni.

### **Dasturji Kookadaroo Baj Wednesday September 5<sup>th</sup>**

Prayers for Dasturji Kookadaroo Baj will be held on Wednesday September 5<sup>th</sup> at Z.R.C.C. 1187 Burnhamthorpe Rd. East, Oakville. The Jashan will commence at 7:00 pm followed by dinner. The cost of attending the Baj & dinner is \$5.00 per person; children up to the age of 20 years are free. If you plan to attend please give your name to Ervad Nozer Kotwal (905) 820-0461 stating how many adults and/or children, veg. or non-veg., will be attending, a.s.a.p. but not later than September 2<sup>nd</sup>. Donation of fruits, dry fruits, flowers, Sukhad, Loban, Tachho, etc. is always welcomed at these prayer meetings. Please also volunteer to clean up after the event.

# Religious Events For Upcoming Months

## Paitishahem Ghambar (F) Saturday September 15<sup>th</sup>

We will be celebrating Paitishahem Ghambar (F) on Saturday September 15<sup>th</sup> at Z.R.C.C. 1187 Burnhamthorpe Rd. East, Oakville. The Ghambar Jashan will commence at 11:00 am followed by lunch. The cost of attending the Jashan & lunch is \$5.00 per person; children up to the age of 20 years are free. If you plan to attend please give your name to Ervad Nozer Kotwal (905) 820-0461 stating how many adults and/or children, veg. or non-veg., will be attending, a.s.a.p. but not later than September 12<sup>th</sup>. Donation of fruits, dry fruits, flowers, Sukhad, Loban, Tachho, etc. is always welcomed at these prayer meetings. Please also volunteer to clean up after the event.

If you and/or your friends wish to sponsor this Ghambar or any other religious event in the future, please let Ervad Kotwal know.

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### Thank you from Aban and Gulshan Vazir

Gulshan and myself would like to Thank the entire community for all your Love and support during the most difficult time of our lives. We would like to Thank all our dear Mobeds who prayed sarosh prayers at ZSO and OZCF and many thanks for all who attended with so much love and affection. Thanks to Meher and Jal Panthaky for making it special by playing Percy's favourite song. The more we understand death and its predestined day and time, it's easier to cope with the loss. I would like to Thank all my friends who have showed so much love and affection to our dear Percy for years and I know how much people used to enjoy his jokes and his fun-loving nature.

Percy will always remain in our hearts and will surely guide us and watch us from above. He is in a better place now and has no pain anymore and it's nice to be unselfish and see his happiness with his family who must have welcomed him.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts, with lots of Love and Hugs from Gulshan and Aban

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### Lecture Announcement

There will be a lecture at **ZSO Dar e Mehr (MGDM) - 3590 Bayview Ave., North York, on September 30, 2018 after the Shenshai Maidyozarem Ghambar Jashan** by Ervad Tehemton Mirza. The talk will commence at **2 pm after lunch**. The title of the talk will be **"Live your prayers"**.

Ervad Tehemton underwent rigorous religious training at the M.F. Cama Athornan Institute and was ordained Navar and Maratab at Udvada Atash-e-Behram. His professional carrier took him from Mumbai to Iran to Indonesia and he finally settled in London, Ontario, Canada where he and his wife Zenobia own and operate a CPA practice.

As a Mobed, Tehemton volunteers religious and spiritual services to Zoroastrians in southwestern Ontario and Michigan.

In addition to being a recreational pilot and a marathoner, Tehemton has published articles on Zoroastrianism in North American publications and lectured on Zoroastrian topics at various Zoroastrian associations throughout North America. Currently Tehemton serves as Vice President of North American Mobeds Council.

Tehemton believes Zoroastrianism is a way of life. Zoroastrians are expected not just to say or chant their prayers, but to understand them, learn from them and, most importantly, live them. Time-tested instructions of a happy and prosperous life are preserved in Zoroastrian prayers. Discover this ancient treasure of wisdom in basic Zoroastrian prayers and apply them to your present-day life.

We look forward to a large audience of Zarathushtis for this very appropriate Zoroastrian topic.

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## **ONE CAR RIDE FOR A PERSON CAN CHANGE EVERYTHING**

When senior citizens come to Yoga or Zumba on Wednesdays, they laugh, socialize with others and feel alive and stimulated.

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Please contact Minnie Mirza at (905) 825-8188 or email at [minnie.mirza@gmail.com](mailto:minnie.mirza@gmail.com)

## Go Team Canada! Go Sofia Go!

Sofia Dell, daughter of Roshni and Daren Dell of Oakville Ontario, is a 16 year old Martial Artist who recently qualified to represent Canada on the WKC National Team. She medaled in 4 divisions at the National Championships which allows her to travel to Dublin in October to the World Championships and to Guatemala in February to the Pan-American Championships.



Sofia recently graded for her first degree black belt and will be presented with it in August. She has done karate for 8 years and continues to train regularly.



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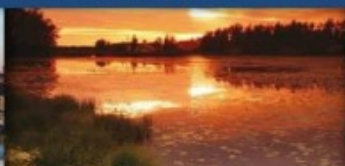
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# **Asha Vahishta Initiative (AVI) Conference 2018: May 5, May 26, Aug 18, Aug 19**

## ***Re-Imagining Faith and Re-Claiming Fellowship in Diaspora: The Asha Vahishta Initiative (AVI)***

### **Acknowledgements:**

*The AVI is dedicated to the memory of Arbab Rustam Guiv (1888-1980). The magnitude of his generosity was for fulfillment of a vision, that faith and fellowship would become vibrant, dynamic, relevant, and rooted within diaspora. Faith is a constant re-imagining of fellowship, not a mummification of attitudes under the guise of preservation. The AVI acknowledges the work of Dr. Kaikhosrow Irani (1922-2017). His diasporic re-imagining of faith began to reconceptualise a 'Mission Statement' for an anjuman centred 'Zoroastrian Operating System'.*

*The AVI is aware that North American Zoroastrians are guests of First Nations Peoples, and must act accordingly.*

***You are invited to attend the AVI Conference (AVIC)! All sessions revolve around formulation of a 'mission statement' and 'operating system' for Daena Mazdayasni in diaspora. This is in conjunction with the core vision-document 101 Inspirations. We are honoured that non-Zoroastrian guests/faith leaders are part of our panels. This ensures a broad perspective regarding how to keep spirituality relevant in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Be a part of the dialogue and culmination of the first two phases of the Asha Vahishta Initiative (AVI), an anjuman revitalization project whose third phase moves towards implementation of a diasporic identity for faith and fellowship.***

### **Programme Day 2 (Aug 18): Conceptual Re-imagining of Faith to Re-claim Fellowship**

Main Theme: Fellowship requires constant re-imagining for Faith to remain relevant (A Systems Perspective). The opening address will explain how the AVI attempts to lay the basis for transformed/new institutions of faith and fellowship. Subsequent sessions will reflect on the various elements of institutional rethinking that are necessary, to sustain faith and fellowship in diaspora in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

**Keynote Address:** The AVI as a Psychosocial Ethos to Direct Diasporic Faith Administration. (Eliminating the contest of 'authorities'... text, tradition, scholars, priests etc, a mandate for anjuman autonomy).

**Session 1:** Broadening Faith by Broadening Fellowship Identity: From Parsis to People. (Inclusive Faith and Fellowship. Linking Zoroastrian faith and its fellowship to cosmopolitanism and global justice).

**Session 2:** Organic Institutions and Anjuman Autonomy: From Federation to Confederation. (Self-governing Faith/Fellowship. What's stopping the majority of disenchanted congregations from creating reform?).

**Session 3:** Insights for Re-imagining: Catholicism After Vatican II, Sacred Heart Church of the First Peoples. (Local expression and identity while retaining a universal vision of salvation).

**Session 4:** Insights for Intercultural Literacy: Christian-Buddhist-Daoist-Confucian Encounters. (Interfaith encounters enrich faith and fellowship. Comparative theology as the only way of doing theology).

**Session 5:** Insights for Decolonization of Mind and Spirit: Indigenous Recovery by Re-imagining Faith. (Re-orienting Zoroastrianism as Creation-centred, to re-discover Daena Mazdayasni).

**Session 6:** Insights for Introspection and Taking Action in Diaspora: Sikh Social Justice. (Self-reflection is painful, embarrassing, and necessary! It is the truest test of Faith, Fellowship, adherence, and courage).

**Session 7:** Spiritual Formation and Scaffolding Faith: Nurturing Clergy and Congregations. (Tradition vs. Reform. How to sustain diasporic Faith and Fellowship).

**Session 8:** Open forum, Wildcard, Town Hall

**Closing Address:** Monotheism or Mono-seeism? Re-imagining Zoroastrianism as Daena Mazdayasni

### **Guest Panelists:**

\*Homi Gandhi (President of FEZANA, Honorary President of Religions for Peace, California).

\*Dr. Dolly Dastoor (Editor, FEZANA Journal, Dept. of Psychiatry McGill University, Montreal)

\*Astad Clubwala (ZAGNY, President, New York)

\*Dr. Shahin Bekhrandnia (WZO London, researcher, London)

\*Dr. Ruth Hayhoe (Department of Leadership, Higher & Adult Education (LHAE), OISE-University of Toronto)

\*Father Susai Jesu OMI (Sacred Heart of the First Nations (Sandy Narrows, Cree community, Saskatchewan)

\*Sun Bear aka: Cat Mark Criger (University of Toronto at Mississauga, Cayuga Six Nations elder)

\*Baldev Mutta (CEO Brampton Punjabi Community Health Services)

\*Reverend (Ph.D. Candidate) Christine Smaller M.P.S., M.Div. (Birchcliff Bluffs United Church, Scarborough)

## **Programme (Aug. 19): What is to be Done? We Ourselves or In Solidarity?**

Main Theme: Reflecting on how to re-imagine Faith and re-claim Fellowship going forward with the AVI. There may be a Conversation in Faith, comparing the AVI and Zoroastrianism with the efforts and history of Reformed Judaism. Subsequent sessions will discuss impressions and insights gained from the conference. There will also be strategic discussions pertaining to next steps for the third phase of the AVI, concretization.

**Session 1 (Tentative):** Conversation in Faith—Reforming a Tradition in Diaspora (Insights Reformed Judaism)

**Session 2:** AVI Conference Synopses and Insights

**Session 3:** AVI Phase II Reflection and Phase III Forecast (AVI Working Committee, Pledge 101 Campaign, I Am Anjuman Campaign, AVI Pastorship-Preach)

### **Guest Panelists (tentative):**

\*Rabbi Michal Shekel (Har Tikval Synagogue. Exec Director Toronto Board Rabbis)

### **NOTE: OZCF and local Zoroastrians upon panels to include:**

\*Dr. Neville Panthaki (Chair, AVI Conference, AVI creator/director)

\*Cyrus Gazdar (Past OZCF, President)

\*Ervad Dr. Jehan Bagli (OZCF Mobed consultant, NAMC member, FEZANA contributor)

\*Phil Sidhwa (Organizer of the OZCF Atash Kadeh project)

\*Mobedyar Gool Austin (London-Ontario)

\*Khushnuma Doctor (OZCF Director)

\*Armaity Homavazir (ZSO former youth educator)

\*Mahiya Panthaki (OZCF member and AVSS participant)

\*Ervad Farhan Panthaki ('this-gen' Mobed, California, and AVSS Skype-participant)

\*Ervad Kamran Panthaki (OZCF 'this-gen' Mobed)

\*Ervad Armaan Panthaki (OZCF 'this-gen' Mobed)

\*Ervad Mehbod Dastur (active Mobed for ZSO)

Please visit the OZCF website for regular updates regarding scheduling (session times), and panelist info.

For conference topic/panel or related questions, please contact: Dr. Neville Panthaki [npanthaki@sympatico.ca](mailto:npanthaki@sympatico.ca)

To **RSVP** for conference attendance (indicate, which day(s)), please contact: Ervad Nozer Kotwal [nskotwal1@gmail.com](mailto:nskotwal1@gmail.com)



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Name of the Deceased

Name of his/her father/Husband\*\*

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E O B \_\_\_\_\_

2. E O Oi B K \_\_\_\_\_

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