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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Your Board completes a year next month and time has flown rapidly over the last one year. It has been a very exciting and pleasant journey thus far. Thanks to my Board members and the numerous subcommittee chairs and their team of volunteers who have whole heartedly dedicated their time and effort throughout the past year. Over the year your Board and its various sub committees have added more value to the activities at OZCF and I feel confident in stating that we have been considerably successful in achieving our goals. Please join us for our Annual General Meeting scheduled for June 23rd, 2019 at 11:00 am and a fulsome report from your Board.

On the Place of Worship front following The Town of Oakville Municipal Council approval of the rezoning of our OZCF property, I am pleased to announce that our Place of Worship Committee has now come to a workable solution with Conservation Halton on the limits of the future stormwater management corridor. The Place of Worship Committee has met with your Board to provide an update and agree on next steps for constructions. You are invited to an Information Session on the construction plans of the new Place of Worship. See page 4 of the newsletter for dates and time of this meeting.

We have one more year as a Board and we are committed to ensuring that the plethora of activities continues at OZCF. In April our entertainment committee had a very successful Bollywood Music Night event and our youth had a successful fundraiser in collaboration with Delta Bingo. There are some exciting events lined up during the summer months such as the Fashion Blast 2 Fundraiser in July, you are encouraged to come out with your families and friends and enjoy what we have to offer. Please review additional details on other activities planned in the newsletter.

For members who have yet not paid their membership renewal dues, I request you to kindly do it soon. You may set up direct deposit payment so that your membership self-renews annually. Forms are available online. Alternatively, pay online by visiting the OZCF Website www.ozcf.com.

Finally, as always, 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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Vision Newsletter



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ANNOUNCEMENT

PAPERLESS NEWSLETTERS AS OF 2020

In a bid to go paperless and reduce printing costs, members will be receiving all newsletters from January 2020 in online format. Members will have the newsletter blasted via email and a copy will also be available on the OZCF's website.

AGM

Sunday June 23rd at the ZRCC starting at 11am sharp. The full AGM package will be mailed out by the end of this month. Members must have paid their fees to attend the AGM. Refreshments will be served.

SCOUTS GROUP - HELP REQUIRED

The 100th Oakville Cubs are going to camp at the OZCF the weekend of May 10 -12. One of the activities will be weaving Milk Bag Mats to send to third world countries for those displaced from their homes due to floods, wars, tornados, etc. and who are sometimes living in temporary homes.

In order to weave the mats, the cubs need help from the OZCF members to collect the unwashed, dried 4 litre milk bags for this project, and are asking all the members to collect them and drop them off to the OZCF. Thank you for your support.



REMINDER

(Please note change in time) Your MacMillan's food order will arrive at the ZRCC on Saturday May 4th at 10am for pick up. Thank you to all who ordered and helped support OZCF.

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WORLD ZOROASTRIAN YOUTH CONGRESS

The 7th World Zoroastrian Youth Congress will take place from July 1st to July 6th, 2019 in Westminster, California

Registration cost up until April 30, 2019 - \$499 USD

Add on events - \$275 USD

Hotel reservation - available at a discounted rate

For more information, contact:

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https://wzycongress.org/register/

WHEELCHAIR

If anyone needs a wheelchair, please contact Khurshid Engineer at 416-520-8325.Our condolences to the families.

OBITUARY

Dara Sorabji Madan passed away in the early hours of April 29, 2019. Dara is survived by his wife Amy, his sons and daughters-in-law and Homyar & Pearl and Xerxes & Jeroo, and by his grandchildren Zeenia, Jehan, Anaisha and Kevan.





YOU ARE INVITED

Please join us for an Information Session on the Construction of our new Place of Worship followed by lunch, on:

Saturday June 8, 2019 at OZCF Time: 11am



Dear Fellow Zoroastrians,

As we finally approach the start line to commence construction of our new Atashkadeh and future Atash-e-Adaran, hopefully by late fall, we would like to update the community on the status of the project and give you an opportunity to review the final pre-construction plans one final time. The architect will be present to give us an overview of the detailed design. As the community is aware, the membership unanimously approved moving forward with the building of a place of worship subject to all approvals and financing being in place.





PLACE OF WORSHIP ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE

Over the past few months, there has been much discussion with the authorities to put the final approval pieces together. We have come to a workable solution with Conservation Halton on the limits of the future stormwater management corridor. This will be drafted in an agreement with the required easements that the town requires. Once all parties have agreed, the rezoning "Hold" provision will be removed on our property. As the membership is aware, Oakville Council unanimously passed a resolution to rezone our property for our specific use, subject to certain conditions with Conservation Halton being met. This has been the focus of our discussions and negotiations over the past year which we have successfully accomplished.

As part of the normal municipal construction approvals process, we submitted the application for Site Plan Approval and expect to go back and forth with the authorities with meetings and information exchange over the next four months. This includes all on-site requirements such as fire pond, water/wastewater supply, stormwater pond, landscaping, parking lot enlargement, lighting, wheelchair access and electric vehicle charging stations. Once Site Plan Approval is obtained, we will apply for building permit which is a 30-45 days process and then begin construction. Construction period is expected to be approximately 12 months.

This is an exciting time for Zoroastrians everywhere as we embark on this mission to preserve the past and build our future. Please join the Place of Worship Advisory Committee (PWAC) at this informative meeting to ask any questions and review the plans.

We look forward to seeing everyone there and it would be helpful if you can inform us of your attendance so we can plan the proper number for lunch. Please R.S.V.P Jeroo Madan at (647)-339-0052 or email: jeroomadan@ozcf.com

May Ahura Mazda always bless our community.

Phil Sidhwa, On behalf of PWAC



SPRINGFIELD GARDEN AT OZCF CREATED BY KERSI KATILA

It was a dreary day in November 2016 and the sun had risen but the day was still gloomy... Kersi Katila was off to work in the wee hours, as he did every day. He was barely out of his residential complex and was hit and dragged by a driver, when he turned a corner speedily. Kersi suffered trauma all over his physical self, but most devastating was the trauma to his brain. The ensuing 2 + years have been extremely difficult and trying for him. Despite months of rehab and therapy, his recovery and progress has been slow and gradual. Even today he has the support of his Rehab team and the care and love of his family and friends, who are helping him. But most important is Kersi's own effort and determination and will power and his "never to give up" attitude and it proves the age-old saying 'where there is will, there is a way'.

In order to bring normalcy to his life, and to get him out and about, the rehab team is exploring various treatment options. To this end, they want him to be engaged in something which he enjoys, and can work at, in a calm and unhurried manner. Kersi has been inspired by nature from an early age, and has a veritable green thumb, so one of his passions is gardening. He nurtures and cares for all plants, and the ones he tends to, blossom beautifully.

After doing a bit of research his team has come up with the idea of growing a mini garden in a greenhouse. Therefore, to use a small area, with the consent and support from the OZCF Board, Kersi is looking forward to set up a greenhouse on the premises of OZCF. The purpose is to have space with a beautiful and peaceful ambiance, where members can come and relax and enjoy nature and its benefits.

Our OZCF members, especially children, are encouraged to come over during summer to watch the garden grow, and also learn how to grow their own plants. With some advice and tips from Kersi, they will develop a deeper understanding of nature, and a love of gardening that can last a lifetime.





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YOGA/ZUMBA

The Seniors have begun the 2019 Wednesday sessions with a bang. Almost 50 people attended the first day on 3rd April 2019. Usually these Wednesday sessions consisted of either Zumba or Yoga with a short laughter session and a hot meal.

The Chairs have decided to introduce something new called Winning Wednesday from this year. When we have a Winning Wednesday, we will be having fun games where everyone can participate as they will be geared for people of our age along with the laughter session and the hot meal.

We hope all of you will be able to attend these Wednesday sessions. Even if you are feeling low and lack energy on that day please do make an effort to come as this will certainly perk you all up.

Neville Patrawalla, our President and Khushi Doctor our Liaison have been very supportive of our efforts to follow the rules and requirements of most community centers and during the winter months we have been able to develop waiver forms for participation in activities both on and off site of the OZCF. We have begun getting these forms signed so please do make sure that you have done the needful.

We shall also be having a Movie Matinee soon so keep your eyes open for further communications regarding this event. As usual we shall have phudina ni chai, bhel, and other goodies for you all to enjoy along with the movie. Your families are also most welcome and invited to participate. Watch out for the flyer, which will be sent out shortly.

None of these activities would be possible without the support of our WONDERFUL VOLUNTEER DRIVERS AND GENEROUS DONORS FOR OUR HOT LUNCH PROGRAM.

FROM THE HEARTS OF ALL THE SENIORS A BIG THANK YOU

Submitted by Minnie Mirza, Gulrukh Patel and Kamal Driver.



BOLLYWOOD MUSIC NIGHT





A Night of Bollywood Music and Dinner on Saturday April 27 was a sold out event and a great success. Sumana Ganguly SaRe Ga Ma Pa finalist, Faisal Reza celebrity singer and Naveed Akhtar keyboard player together kept the crowd entertained right through the night and took several requests from the floor. Besides the great entertainment, everyone enjoyed Chisty Bulsara's shrimp curry, rice and mango kulfi and a great evening was had by all. Thank you to all the volunteers who worked tirelessly to make the evening.





MUKTAD AND NAVROZE RECAP

The arrival of Spring on March 21st commemorated Jamshedi Navroze 1388 YZ (Yazdegardi Zarathushti) of the Fasli calendar sparking New Year celebrations for many around the globe. For us, there was the customary standing room only Jashan followed by dinner. Special thanks to Morvarid Fereidooni, for setting up the beautiful Haft-Seen table.

We also recognized four volunteers for their service to OZCF over the years in various capacities. The awardees were Marzi Byramjee, Khushi Doctor, Niloufer Bhesania and Minnie Mirza. We also acknowledged Faredoon Golwalla who has served everyday over numerous years during both the March and August Muktad periods.





Navroze is preceded by the five holy Gathic days whereby we pay homage to the souls of the departed. We would also like to thank all the volunteers and helpers, who cooked, donated and sponsored meals for the stums for Gatha days and the midnight bhatiyu to send off our dearly departed souls as well as all the volunteers who helped with the clean up before and during the Muktad days and those who helped with the serving of food, with Hum Bundagi, etc. And of course, a big thank you as always goes to our priests who perform their liturgical duties with unwavering devotion.





BASIC FAQS ON ZOROASTRIANISM

- compiled by Ontario Mobeds Advisory Committee (OMAC) -

1) Who was Zarathushtra?

Zarathushtra Haechataspa Spitama was born in ancient Iran that was closely associated with Aryan civilization. Zarathushtra came from the oldest known Iranian stock, the Airyas, and lived in the north eastern steppes of Central Asia. Several scholars recognize Zarathushtra as the Aryan Prophet. Most scholars believe that he lived around 1700 BCE. This would make Zoroastrianism the oldest of the prophetic and monotheistic religions. Zarathushtra received his revelations directly from Ahura Mazda, and his aspects, Amesha Spentas that are recognized in younger Avesta as Archangels.

2) What is the religion called?

Zarathushtra called our Faith Daênā Vañguhi, meaning "Religion of Good Conscience". It is known as Daênā Māzdayasni, meaning "The Religion of Wisdom worship". God of Zarathushtra is Wisdom personified – Ahura Mazda, meaning Lord Wisdom.

3) What are the basic teachings of Zarathushtra?

Zarathushtra Spitama' was the first prophet to teach monotheism, the belief in one God. With his Divine revelation he preached the doctrine of reward and retribution - and gave the world the triple motto of "Good Thoughts, Good Words and Good Deeds". Or

- * Think good thoughts (Humata)
- Speak good words (Hukhata)
- Do good deeds (Hvarashta)

He composed seventeen profound hymns that are known as Gāthās.



BASIC FAQS ON ZOROASTRIANISM (CONT.)

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4) What are the major tenets of Zoroastrianism?

God: Ahura Mazda

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

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

5) What are the holy Scriptures?

The central scripture is the Avestā. The most sacred sections of the Avestā are the Gāthās or Hymns of Zarathushtra; they are also the most enigmatic. Later sacred literature includes the Pahlavi Texts, which contain extensive quotations and paraphrases from lost Avestān texts. The existing Avestān literature is a very small fraction of the original Avestan texts. It consists mainly of Yasna, Visperad, Vandidād, Yasht and Khordeh Avestā.

6) What is Yasna?

Yasna has 72 chapters and contains prayers with offerings unto Ahura Mazdā and other divine spirits like Ameshā Spentās, Yazatas and other spiritual entities presiding over divisions of time.

7) What is Visperad?

Visperad has 23 chapters and contains prayers in praise of all the divine entities presiding over the creation. It is recited on the occasion of Gāhambār or seasonal festivals.





presents:

Fashion Blast 2



Date: Saturday July 27, 2019

Fashion Show & Dinner - Cash Bar

Venue: 707 Galaxy 475 North Service Rd. E.

Tickets: Adults \$50

Children: (5-10) \$30

Oakville ON L6H 1A5

Time: 6:30 pm sharp

Contact: Gulrukh Patel 905-542-0237 gulrukh.patel@gmail.com



NATAK





On March 23, 2019, we celebrated Navroze at Apollo Convention Center. We came together as 320 Parsis for a night of fun. The famous and successful, Toronto Parsi Natak Group performed a fun-filled play to open the evening. Faredoonji E Film Utari, was a great way to exemplify the good humor and light-heartedness we Parsis are known for, especially on our New Year.

The play was all orchestrated with the help of aapri Shirin Chaturvedi and all the actors performed to their best. The theme was to shoot Cleopatra film and during the shoot, lot of retakes had to be taken due to wrong dialogue, and garbar ghotala, creating funny situations. The audience for the entire performance could not stop laughing from start to finish.

As well, the venue was ordained with beautiful fresh flowers, the delicious menu was arranged with a little Parsi touch - gosht pulao daar, and mithu monu return gifts was all organised by Arnavaz Dhabhar. Without the dedication from both of these members of the OZCF, the event would not have been as successful!

In addition, there were countless volunteers, spouses, and children who dedicated time and effort to bring this evening to fruition. Last, but not the least, thank you to the community who came out in large numbers to support this event and hope to see you in all the future OZCF events.

Have a Happy and Healthy New Year!

- Shirin Chaturvedi



INTERFAITH FESTIVAL 2019

Our Zarathushti community was very well represented at the Interfaith Festival 2019, held on Sunday April 14 2019, at the Tibetan Community Centre on 40 Titan Road, Etobicoke, organized by the Etobicoke-Lakeshore Faith Community Leaders Forum from 2 to 6 pm.

We had six children, namely, Arianna and Shanaya Felfeli, Ahura Farahani, Melody Yazdani, Roya Merchant and Deeba Homaie, from the ZSO Avesta (Kanoun) religion class who presented the fundamental beliefs of our religion. They were followed by a group of 12 children from the ZSO's west end Religion classes, namely, Burzin Bhesania, Shahrzad Cooper, Shahan Irani, Shirin Kola, Cyrus Mehta, Luca Mehta, Maya Mehta, Sabrina Mehta, Sofia Panthaky, Nazish Patel, Megan Singh and Zubin Warden. They sang four songs covering the topic of Ahura Mazda's 7 Creations, the importance of Light and daily Prayers in Zoroastrianism, concluding with our iconic 'anthem' of Chhaiye Hamey Zarathosti. Both groups of children gave an excellent outstanding performance, and did us all very proud! Congratulations to all the children. All the items were received very well, and with great applause by the audience. We had two tables. One for displaying artifacts, such as a mini ses, Farohar, display board with information on our religion, books and handout booklets on our religion, prepared by the ZSO, brochures and handouts on our "Parsi cuisine" prepared by Farishta Dinshaw and the second table was the Haftseen table which also had sweets, dates, apricots and batasas.





The other performances included dances by the Tibetan cultural group, the Whirling Dervishes from the Jerrahi Sufi Order of Canada as well as songs by the Ahmadiya Muslim community, prayers by the Buddhist monks and members from various churches formed a choir group and sang hymns. There were short presentations by representative of the Hindu and Sikh faiths. Due to the Jewish festival of Passover, they were recognized in absentia. The program ended with an audience participation in a sing-along a song prepared on the theme of the Festival, namely, "Building bridges through love".







INTERFAITH FESTIVAL 2019 (CONT.)

It was certainly a very entertaining afternoon where everyone learned about the different faiths and also tasted food from various cultures. Many of the attendees commented that they had heard about Zoroastrianism but did not know much about it. They thanked us for providing some knowledge and information related to our faith.

Thanks to many of our "silent, behind-the-scene volunteers" for making this event a success. Special thanks to Anahita Babak who coached the Avesta class children. She and Beheshteh Faramarzi helped with the Haftseen items and sweets. Thanks to Khurshid Engineer, Jasmine Major and Perviz Bhumgara and the parents, for preparing the west end religion class children with their marvellous performance, and for the batasas, dates and apricots and some of the artifact items. Thanks to Jasmine and Nergish Major, Hoshang Bhesania, Afreed Mistry, Kety and Freddy Mirza and to all those who helped answering questions from the public at our tables. We were honoured by the presence of Prof. Enrico Raffaelli who teaches Zoroastrianism at the University of Toronto and support from our community which was truly gratifying.

(Report submitted on behalf of the ZSO Interfaith Committee, Kanoun Avesta class and the ZSO West end religion class).











"Waiting for the end:

Zoroastrian, Jewish, and Christian views on the end of time"

Department of Historical Studies Graduate Student and Faculty Symposium



May 7-8, 2019

University of Toronto Mississauga, North Building, Room 5128

Beginning in the 6th Century BCE, the lands from Greece to India were unified under one empire. This imperial conjunction brought the various religions of those lands into closer contact than ever before. Until the end of late antiquity, these religious traditions interacted intensely. In order to explore this important period, this symposium undertakes a comparative approach centered on the apocalyptic literature of Judaism, Christianity, and Zoroastrianism as well as on their respective views on the end of time.

Workshop Participants:

Professor Giovanni Bazzana (Harvard University)
Dr. Callie Callon (Toronto School of Theology)
Professor Lorenzo DiTommaso (Concordia University)
Professor Antonio Panaino (University of Bologna)
Professor Enrico Raffaelli (University of Toronto)

Pooriya Alimoradi (University of Toronto)
Ted Good (University of Toronto)
Rony Kozman (University of Toronto)
Katie McGuire (University of Toronto)
Sepideh Najmzadeh (University of Toronto)
James Shire (University of Toronto)

For the full program please contact Shabina Moheebulla (shabina.moheebulla@utoronto.ca)

For further information please contact Dr. Enrico Raffaelli (enrico.raffaelli@utoronto.ca)





WAITING FOR THE END—PROGRAM

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Program:

May 7

10 am – 10:30 am: James Shire (University of Toronto): The Broom Sweeping up the Earth: Astrology and Apocalypticism in the Syriac Chronicle of Zuqni

10:30 am – 11 am: Dr. Callie Callon (Toronto School of Theology) – Mirror Punishment in the Apocalypse of Peter: The Conceptual Link between Idol Makers Being Bound with Chains

11 am – 11:30 am: Coffee break

11:30 am – 12 pm: Prof. Giovanni Bazzana (Harvard University) – History and Temporality in Ancient Apocalyptic Literature

12 pm – 12:30 pm: Ted Good (University of Toronto) – The Necessity of the End

12:30 pm - 2 pm: Lunch break

2 pm - 2:30 pm: Prof. Lorenzo DiTommaso (Concordia University) - The Genesis of Apocalyptic Eschatology

2:30 pm – 3 pm: Katie McGuire – אחרית הימים the Collapse of Temporality: An Investigation of Eschatological Time Language in Qumran Hebrew

3 pm - 3:30 pm: Coffee break

3:30 pm – 5 pm: Round Table: Zoroastrian, Jewish, and Christian Apocalyptic Literature: Future Research Perspectives



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Program:

May 8

9:30 am – 10 am: Prof. Enrico G. Raffaelli (University of Toronto) – Apocalyptic Trees, Afterlife Judgments: Comparative Notes on Jewish, Christian, and Zoroastrian Eschatological Literature

10 am − 10:30 am: Rony Kozman − There is No "Fear" in "The Fear of the LORD": "Fire" and "Piety" in Old Greek Isaiah's Eschatological Judgement

10:30 – 11 am: Prof. Antonio Panaino (University of Bologna) – Christian Apokatastasis and Zoroastrian Frašgird: Forms of World Renovation in the Framework of an Intercultural Dialogue

11 am – 11:30 am: Coffee break

11:30 am - 12 pm: Pooriya Alimoradi - On the Celestial Dragon and the Mouse-Witch in Zoroastrian Eschatology

12 pm – 12:30 pm: Sepideh Najmzadeh – Abar madan ī šāh Wahrām ī warzāwand: A Middle Persian Text with an Apocalyptic Theme?

For the University of Toronto students and faculty, transportation from the St. George campus can be provided - please contact Shabina Moheebulla via shabina.moheebulla@utoronto.ca by May 3.



YOUTH COMMITTEE UPDATE





With the 7th World Zoroastrian Youth Congress nearing, the Youth Committee has had a busy past few months. After months of planning and discussions they kicked off their fundraising campaign to help subsidize costs for Congress registrants.

The first fundraiser was merchandise sales which included custom printed polo shirts and sweaters. Between preorders, selling over Muktad days and both Navroze functions, they managed to sell a lot of product. Many weeks of planning and effort were put in by the Committee as they went through trial runs to ensure the design and product was up to standard at a reasonable price point.

Our second fundraiser was held in collaboration with Delta Bingo and Gaming in Oakville where 87 members and friends of OZCF joined us to play bingo and help raise funds. After an initial learning phase lasting a few games, everyone enjoyed the rest of the afternoon. The collective 'oohs' and 'aahs' added to the excitement! A huge thank you to Kermin Byramjee and Armaity Anandasagar for helping us coordinate the session with Delta Bingo.





RELIGIOUS EVENTS

MAIDHYOZAREM GHAMBAR (F) SATURDAY MAY 4TH

We will be celebrating Maidhyozarem Ghambar (F) on Saturday May 4th at ZRCC, 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 May 1st. 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.

ZARTHOST-NO-DISO (S) FRIDAY MAY 24TH

Zarthost-no-Diso (S) prayers will be held on Friday May 24th at 7:00 pm at ZRCC, 1187 Burnhamthorpe Rd. East, Oakville, followed by chasni

MAIDHYOSHEM GHAMBAR (F) MONDAY JULY 1ST

We will be celebrating Maidhyoshem Ghambar (F) on Monday July 1st at ZRCC, 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 June 27th. 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.