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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year, 2020!

On behalf of the OZCF Board, I want to wish everyone



As we celebrate the start of 2020, I would like to thank all members and donors for their continued patronage of OZCF and above all, our amazing volunteers who are the reason we exist. The New Year fills us with hope and pride as we march towards achieving our dream of constructing an Atashkadeh, our very own consecrated Place of Worship which shall house an Atash-e-Adaran consecrated fire. This project has only been possible because of the untiring spirit of our membership and the generosity of its donors. Stay tuned for updates from the Place of Worship Advisory Committee in the New Year.

The OZCF is hosting **THE GRAND GALA NIGHT** on Saturday May 09, 2020 at the Grand Victorian Convention Centre, to celebrate this historic and important milestone. We look forward to the community's support and hope that you will all come out to the Gala to celebrate and donate generously to this very worthy cause.

In the year ahead, there are other exciting events planned by your Board and its various sub-committees, for members of all ages to come out and take part in throughout the year. Be sure to check the website often to stay on top of this very full calendar.

Please remember to fulfill your membership requirements for 2020 and pay your fees online and/or forward any changes to personal information to the Membership Sub-Committee on the attached membership form. You may set up direct deposit payment so that your membership self-renews annually. PAD form is attached and also available online at 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.

Until next time.

Neville Patrawala President



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

If you wish to continue receiving a hard copy of the newsletter, please click the following link https://form.jotform.com/93028431336251 and complete the requested information as soon as possible or email Shirin Chaturvedi at cshirinm@hotmail.com.

ERVAD SOHRAB BHARUCHA - ON THE ROAD TO RECOVERY

So often we receive appeals to help our fellow Zoroastrian brethren in need. However, we don't often get to hear the follow up on how well the members are progressing.

You will recall a couple of years ago, we had sent an appeal to assist Ervad Sohrab Bharucha who had met with a very serious accident in India.

Let me take you back 2-1/2 years ago. If you will remember we at OZCF had held a Humbandagi when he was fighting for his life, and also collected funds and sent them to pay for his hospital bills in April 2017. His recovery was very slow as he had to learn to walk, talk and do everyday tasks all over again at the age of 40.

I had gone to Nagpur 2 weeks ago to attend a wedding and I met him there along with his wife Dilnavaz. Ervad Sohrab is not able to perform many of the priestly duties as his speech is not yet perfect and clear. He does, however, sit and pray alongside other Mobeds, during Jashans where many priests pray together. While his speech is still somewhat slurred, he appears to be regaining his long-term memory.



Despite all this, Ervad Sohrab has not let his accident stop him from leading as normal a life as he can, and be a useful member of the community. He helps run the canteen at the girls' school, which is close to his home, and goes twice a day, in the morning and the afternoon, for several hours and is able to earn some funds.

I met him for a couple of hours on Dec 15 at the wedding and on Dec 16 he insisted on dropping me at the airport (don't worry... in a cab) when I took my flight back home. We chatted on the way to the airport, and he told me how his health is better now. He is eating right and maintaining his weight and looks much slimmer than his pre-accident self. He was very gracious and thankful for all the help he had received from us and from Zoroastrians and various organizations from all over India and overseas.

I was so happy that we were instrumental in helping out a fellow Zoroastrian, in helping him to make a complete recovery. I am extremely proud of everything he is doing, how positive his attitude is and when asked the answer to every question was "Ha'vry", which loosely translated means," Yes, of course".

It makes one feel warm and fuzzy seeing how our prayers bring such perfect results and helps us to keep the faith.

- Armaity Anandasagar



ANNOUNCEMENTS LECTURE

There will be a lecture at **ZSO Dar e Mehr (MGDM)** - 3590 Bayview Ave., North York, on Sunday February 9, 2020 after the Paitishaya Gahambar Jashan by Dr. Leon Goldman. The talk will commence at 2 pm after lunch. The title of the talk will be "Neryosangh and the Parsi Sanskrit Tradition".

This will be a recorded U-tube version of a talk given by Dr. Goldman at World Zoroastrian Organization in UK on June 7, 2015.

Dr. Goldman received his B.A. (Hons.) degree from University of Queensland in Australia in 2004 with a focus on Indian Religions and Sanskrit. He then returned to London to pursue his M.A. in Iranian and Zoroastrian Studies at SOAS. In 2012 he received his Ph.D. for his doctoral thesis entitled **Rashn Yasht: The Avestan Hymn of 'Justice'. Text, Translation, and Commentary**. This was later published by Reichert Verlag.

From 2012-2015 he held a Postdoctoral Fellowship from the British Academy, and from 2016-2019 he has worked as part of the Multimedia Yasna (MUYA) Project at SOAS.

The talk will describe the innate differences in the translation of ancient scriptures in Avesta and Pahlavi into Sanskrit. We look forward to your attendance to understand the complexities in scriptural matters.

RETURN TO ROOTS

FEZANA sponsored Return to Roots programme will be taking place March 7-21 in Mumbai, Gujarat and Pune. The programme offers a great way for young people to reconnect to their roots and enable them to meet young Zoroastrians from around the world and forge lifetime friendships. See attached link:

https://mailchi.mp/fezana/return-to-roots-2020-applications-open?e=9fcf0b4148

TAX RECEIPTS

Tax receipts for donations towards the General Fund will be mailed out later in January and should be received by the end January. If you have any queries, please email treasurer@ozcf.com



ANNOUNCEMENTS NAVJOTE

Farzan and Rayaan Bardoliwalla are the new Zoroastrian initiates, whose Navjote was performed on Dec 27, 2019 in Mumbai, India. The Bombayites, and other friends from all parts of the world, including Mississauga, were impressed with the recitation of the prayers with perfect diction during their Navjote, and they did their parents Farish and Havovi Bardoliwalla proud. They even cut a cake with their favourite characters, minion and pickachu wearing a sudreh and kusti with topi and sapat! Congratulations boys, and welcome to the fold.





BINGO UPDATE

Last month, the Commercial Gaming Corporation of Ontario issued a cheque to Ontario Charitable Gaming

Association for \$250 million. Within the OCGA there are 1970 charitable groups with over 30,000 volunteers. The proceeds will be applied to charities such as OZCF who participate in raising funds at bingo halls across the province. This underscores the importance of bingo as a vital source of revenue for OZCF which we are able to deploy against costs to run our facilities and towards expenses related to the Place of Worship.



OZCF acknowledges the hard-working women and men who volunteer their time to ensure we continue receiving ~\$4,000 of monthly revenue by

way of bingo. However, we are always in need of additional volunteers. If you are interested in doing even one shift per month, please contact: armaity.a@gmail.com or kermin101@gmail.com or nillieb@hotmail.com.

OBITUARIES

Freny Jasavala (November 7, 1937 – November 21, 2019)



Freny Jasavala of London, United Kingdom passed away at the age of 82 years. She suffered a brain haemorrhage on the morning of November 14 and passed away peacefully on November 21 with her family by her side. Freny was very kind-hearted and always there to help everyone. Her belief in her Zoroastrian faith was echoed by her Good Thoughts, Good Words and Good Deeds. She was an inspiration to many and known as the adopted Mother to a lot of people. Freny was a pillar of strength for the whole family, showing love and dedication towards everyone. Her ever present smile and calmness helped get things done with a sense of ease.

Freny knew a lot of people globally and the messages of condolences, love and respect have helped the Jasavala family through this difficult time. It has been a month since Freny passed away and we are thankful to people for keeping in touch with her husband Yazdi. In our time of sorrow, our family would like to extend our appreciation for the love and affection that you have all shown for the passing of dear Freny.

On behalf of Yazdi, Rumi, Kerman, Taronish and family

Vision Newsletter



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

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OZCF President

Neville Patrawala 416-846-0785 president@ozcf.com

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Rumi Jasavala 647-885-1759 rumijas@hotmail.com

Need a Mobed

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Bulsara, Ervad Firdosh (905) 824-7692

Dastur, Ervad Mehbad (416) 917-9195

Dhabhar, Ervad Jamshed (905) 819-0089

Katrak, Ervad Kerman (647) 444-7359

Kotwal, Ervad Nozer (905) 820-0461

Madan, Ervad Xerxes (416) 254-0685

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ANNOUNCEMENT

ZANE DALAL AND ZAKIR HUSSAIN PERFORMANCE

Legendary tabla master, Zakir Hussain, and jazz trailblazer acoustic bassist, John Patitucci, bring an extraordinary program conducted by Zane Dalal of the National Symphony Orchestra of India. Hear the Canadian premiere of Hussain's tabla concerto, Peshkar, and the world premiere of Patitucci's Hypocrisy for orchestra and jazz trio, featuring Danilo Pérez on piano, Brain Blade on drums, and Patitucci on bass. The concert will open with an improvisation by Hussain with this phenomenal trio.

Date: Friday, Jan. 24, 2020

Time: 7 PM Talk followed by 8 PM Show

Location: Koerner Hall, Toronto, ON

Book your tickets online HERE or call: 416-408-2824

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OBITUARIES

It is with great sorrow that we announce the passing away of Aban Nargolwalla, beloved wife of Nari Nargolwalla, loving mother of Cyra Nargolwalla (Jean-Michel Vuillamy) and Shaan Dubash (Behram Dubash), cherished Grandma of Clara & Leo Vuillamy and Farzan & Arish Dubash. Aban passed away peacefully at home on Monday December 2, 2019.



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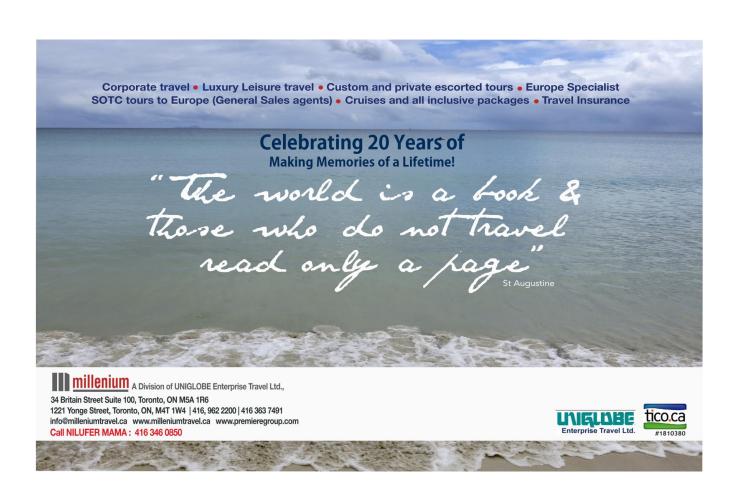
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November 17, 2019

The Ontario Zoroastrian Community Foundation (OZCF) is hosting **THE GRAND GALA NIGHT** on Saturday May 09, 2020 at the Grand Victorian Convention Centre, 175 Derry Road E., Mississauga, ON L5T 2Z7. Tickets for the event are \$125 per head.

Recently the Town of Oakville Municipal Council unanimously approved the final rezoning of our property. This provides us the zoning authority in the Official Plan to build our place of worship. Our Place of Worship Advisory Committee is now working on the next technical steps prior to construction.

With the community's support we have achieved an historic and important milestone in our short existence here. We look forward to the community's support and hope that you will all come out to the Gala to celebrate and donate generously to this very worthy cause.

Apart from various sponsorships, we are also in the process of creating a souvenir brochure for the event. This color brochure will be placed at all dinner placements and will also be distributed amongst community members, all who attend the gala, advertisers and event sponsors. We anticipate on printing at least 500 copies.

Advertising in our souvenir brochure offers you the opportunity to market your company's products and services reaching out to a large audience. A sponsorship and advertising rate-card and order form is attached. Donations are also welcome. Payments via PayPal can be made by going to www.ozcf.com

Please feel free to contact us if you need any further information at 905-815-2703 or email at kermin101@gmail.com

A tax receipt will only be issued to you for cash donations. We hope you can join us for this event as your support will help us to fulfill our vision.

Sincerely,

Kermin Byramjee

Fundraising Chair, OZCF

Neville Patrawala President, OZCF







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OZCF Youth Committee presents...

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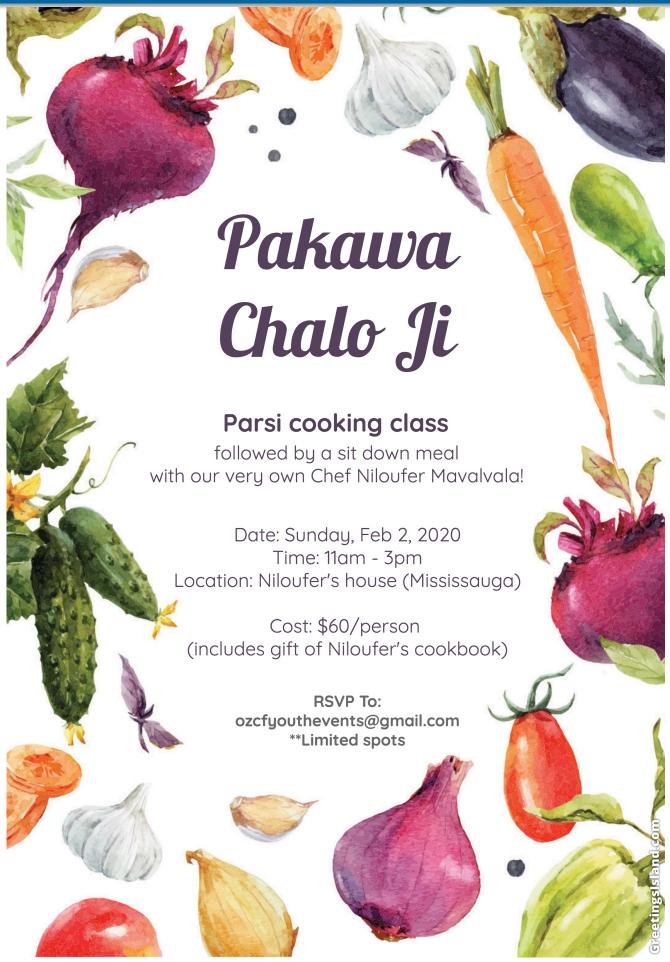
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BASIC FAQS ON ZOROASTRIANISM

- compiled by Ontario Mobeds Advisory Committee (OMAC)

29). Why are we given 3 leaves of pomegranate tree to chew during the Nahān ceremony?

We are given leaves of pomegranate tree to chew during the Nahān ceremony because the pomegranate leaves have some medicinal qualities and it is believed that evergreen pomegranate tree reminds one of the immortality of soul.

30). When did the custom of wearing Sudreh Kushti start?

According to Pahlavi Dadastan i Denik XXXVIII, it started from the time of King Jamshed of the Peshdādian dynasty and Zarathushtra continued it.

31). Why are ceremonies after death necessary?

According to Fragments of Hādokht Nask Chapters II and III, after death Ceremonies are necessary as they are believed to protect the soul of the deceased from evil influences. According to Zoroastrian theology after the death, the soul of a person remains within the earthly precinct for three nights

32). Why are ceremonies during three days after death performed in honour of Sraosh?

According to Sraosh Yasht, Sraosh is the protector of all souls in both the physical and the spiritual worlds and guides the soul on its journey to the spiritual domain on the dawn of the fourth day.

33). Why are ceremonies performed for the souls of the dead after the dawn of the fourth day?

These ceremonies offer consolation to the soul departing to the spiritual world. They also provide satisfaction to the living and bless them for fulfilling their spiritual duties.

34). What are the Frvardegān or Muktād days?

According to Farvardin Yasht, (49, 50), these are the ten days at the end of the Zoroastrian calendar year when the Guardian Spirits (Fravashis) of the dearly departed are believed to visit the earthly precinct with a desire to receive prayer and offerings from the living.

35). How many Ameshā Spentās are there and what do they signify?

Ameshā Spentās, or Ameshaspands, are the Holy or Bounteous Immortals and they are symbolic of the aspects of Ahura Mazda. There are seven of them:

- i) Ahura Mazda (Hormuzd) Lord Wisdom
- ii) Vohu Manāh (Bahman) Good Mind, Good Purpose, Good Thought
- iii) Asha Vahistā (Ardibesht) Truth, Righteousness, Order & Right Working
- iv) Khshathra Vairaya (Sherevar) Good Dominion
- v) Spentā Ārmaity (Aspandard) Devotion, Piety & Dedication
- vi) Haurvatāt (Khordad) Wholeness, Prosperity & Health
- vii) Ameretāt (Amardad) Immortality, Eternal Life

They help govern the creations and are the everlasting bestowers of good, each of them is worshipped separately. They are said to descend to service on paths of light. Each has a special month, festival and flower and presides over an element in the world order We are given Nirang to drink during the Nahān ceremony to affect the inner spiritual purification.



RELIGIOUS EVENTS JANUARY

MAIDHYAREM GHAMBAR (F) WEDNESDAY JANUARY 1ST

We will be celebrating the Maidhyarem Ghambar on Wednesday January 1st at the ZRCC. The Ghambar Jashan will commence at 11am followed by lunch. The cost to attend the Jashan and lunch is \$5 per person; children up to the age of 20 are free. If you plan to attend, please give your name asap and no later than December 28th to Ervad Nozer Kotwal (905) 820-0461 stating how many adults/children; veg or non-veg will be attending. Donations of fruits, dry fruits, Sukhad, Loban, Tachho, etc. is always welcomed at these prayer meetings. Please also volunteer to help clean up after the event.

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