



Vision September 2018

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In August we held our Mukta prayers from August 12th, 2018 to August 16th, 2018. It was nice to see our members attending in large numbers for prayers in the evening followed by Humbandagi and dinner. We thank our Religious and Lecture Committee, its team of volunteers, mobeds and mobedyars for successfully running these religious events.

We also recognized three volunteers for their contributions to OZCF. We recognized and thanked Dr. Adil Bhesania, Shirin Chaturvedi and Parveen Katila for their many years of service and support to OZCF.

Your board's Fundraising Committee hosted a well-attended and fun-filled event with 150+ members, the Lamb Roast Picnic on August 11th at our picturesque OZCF property.

On October 20th join us for a traditional Oktoberfest dinner with chicken and pork sausages and sides, black forest cake as dessert, along with polka music.

Autumn will be arriving soon and we will have to hit the pause button on sunny days and the fun memories of summer. Kids will be back to school again and parents will be breathing a slight sigh of relief. For the parents who have children in universities, it will be a little more difficult as our children depart and our homes become a little bit lonelier.

In the upcoming weeks, taking place will be a Farvardegan (S) on September 4th, Dasturji Kukadaru Baj (S) on September 5th, Paitishahem Gahambar (F) on September 15th, Ayathrem Gahambar (F) on October 13th and Oktoberfest on October 20th. We also have the informative and thought provoking Ashta Vahishta Initiative (AVI) lecture series by Dr. Neville Panthaki on September 22nd and October 14th. For more information regarding upcoming events, check the OZCF's website for full listings at 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

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ANNOUNCEMENT—NAVJOTE

Congratulations and best wishes to Cyrus and Arnaz Bharucha on the occasion of their Navjote ceremony on August 17th, 2018 in Mississauga, Ontario.

Congratulations to proud parents Parvana and Burzin Bharucha, and their siblings Aryan and Cyraa Bharucha.

Special thank you to priests Jal Panthaky, Xerxes Madan and Kaivan Bharucha for performing the Navjote ceremony.

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ANNUAL LAMB ROAST



The annual lamb roast picnic held on August 11 at the OZCF was, as always, a well attended event. It was a beautiful day with DJ Hoshi entertaining everyone with music and games. The highlight of the day was the bake sale donated by members of the community - batasas, kumas, mava cakes, chutneys, pound cakes, cookies and lots more treats were sold out. A good time was had by all!

Hope to see you all at the OZCF to celebrate Oktoberfest on October 20.



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AUGUST 2018 MUKTAD/NAVROZE



In August, the Shahenshahi followers celebrated the Zoroastrian New Year 1388 YZ the world over. It was no different at the OZCF. It started with the 5 days of Muktab ceremonies where priests, young and elderly, prayed day and night during the holy Gatha days. The meals and the prayer items on the Gatha days were generously sponsored by the community. On Navroze, we had a Jashan followed by a sumptuous dinner.



Perveen Katila (left) and Dr. Adil Bhesania (right) receiving their Awards on Navroze

The Jashan and Dinner were well attended with the hall packed to capacity. The Jashan was performed by our young mobeds, Armaan Panthaki, Kamran Panthaki, Hormuz Javat, Nekzad Illava and Khushroo Bhargava. We are blessed as a community to have young mobeds to perform prayers for various functions. Many thanks to the Entertainment Committee (Shirin Chaturvedi and Jerroo Madan) and our community volunteers, especially Fredoon Golwalla (Fred uncle to all), for making this event a grand success. This was followed by the Khordad Sal prayers five days thereafter. Jamshed Dhabhar and Nekzad Illava performed these prayers.

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RELIGIOUS EVENTS FOR UPCOMING MONTHS FOR 2018

Farvardegan (S) Tuesday September 4th

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

Dasturji Kookadaroo Baj Wednesday September 5th

Prayers for Dasturji Kookadaroo Baj will be held on Wednesday September 5th 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 2nd. 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.

Paitishahem Ghambar (F) Saturday September 15th

We will be celebrating Paitishahem Ghambar (F) on Saturday September 15th 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 12th. 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.

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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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OZCF FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE INVITES YOU TO OKTOBERFEST

Date: Saturday, October 20th, 2018

Doors Open: 6:30 PM

Location: ZRCC, 1187 Burnhamthorpe Rd. E, Oakville

Entry Fee: Members: \$30; Non-Members \$35

Kids (Ages 4 to 10 years) \$20



Join us for a traditional Oktoberfest Dinner with Chicken and Pork sausages and sides with Black Forest Cake as dessert. ***

Along with some Polka Music.

***Vegetarian option available.

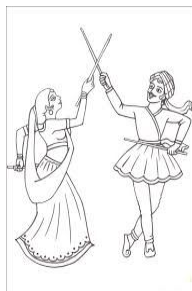


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The 7th Parliament of the World's Religions is gathering in Toronto, Canada on November 1st through November 7th for the 2018 Parliament of the World's Religions. Volunteers are needed starting immediately to assist now and during the event.

I am sending out an appeal to Students, Adults – Young and Old and Seniors, to be part of the Volunteer force. There is a cost involved and we are going to fundraise so individuals do not have to bear the cost. At the present time we are looking for volunteers to man our booth and to help with the new initiative that the Parliament has undertaken “**The Interfaith Family Festival – Plant an Interfaith Garden**”. To achieve this, they are giving out little “patches” of the Garden for each Religion or Faith to run activities to showcase their Religion and for kids, teens and adults to have a better understanding of it. Of course, this can only be accomplished if we have enough hands to tend to our **Zoroastrian Patch!** This will not only be an ideal opportunity for us to tell the thousands in attendance about Zoroastrianism, but for the volunteers to be exposed to the other programs/speakers/films that will be happening over the period of 7 days. On top of that there are about 25 different jobs you could help the POWR with. Check out the link below.

Please consider volunteering for a half-day, full day or two day stints. Do take time off work, play, school, to attend this once in a lifetime opportunity and also to help our efforts in showcasing our religion to the World! Do not get disheartened with the costs involved as we will be doing a fundraiser to help out with the payments.

This is happening in our backyard – at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre - and it would be a missed opportunity if we do not take advantage of it happening so close to home. Please send in your name/s to Armaity Anandasagar at armaity.a@gmail.com and give your preferred time/s and date/s. We are looking for time slots on Nov 2 - Nov 6, 2018 from 10 am – 2 pm and 2 pm to 6 pm Please check out these links below for more information.

<https://www.parliamentofreligions.org/parliament/2018-toronto/interfaith-family-festival-%E2%80%9CPlant-interfaith-garden%E2%80%9D>

<https://www.parliamentofreligions.org/parliament/2018-toronto/volunteer-powr>

NEWS FROM THE 16TH ZOROASTRIAN GAMES!

Two youth from the GTA, Hormuz Javat and Adil Bhesania took part in the 16th Zoroastrian Games held in Los Angeles, California from July 3 – 8, 2018. Both took part in basketball together as a team sport, tennis and swimming.



The opening ceremony with Zoroastrian Sports Committee (ZSC) President Nima Patel (left) and Fezana President Homi Gandhi (right)



Hormuz (bottom center) and Adil (top right) with their basketball team

With 11 teams competing in basketball, the competition was tough. Being mixed with players from other organizations who did not have enough to form a complete team, their team played extremely well on days 1 and 2 qualifying for the playoff games. Unfortunately, despite a good game they were eliminated early in the playoffs losing to the eventual Runners-up of the tournament.



Tennis was a much-subdued affair as the extreme L.A. heat kept most spectators inside. Both Hormuz and Adil got eliminated early. Swimming was one of the highly anticipated events of the Games and had a large number of athletes participating. Our boys did extremely well coming away with bronze medal in the 4 x 25m freestyle relay and a close 4th position in the 100m individual freestyle.

With social events every evening ranging from a professional soccer game, a disco night, visit to the famous Long Beach Pier and a formal banquet both enjoyed immensely meeting new people and reconnecting with a few childhood friends who have moved to different parts of the world but came for the Games. With the 17th Z Games scheduled to be held in Washington DC in July 2020, both are already looking forward to taking part again and would be more than pleased to share their experiences further with anyone interested to take part. Visit the Zoroastrian Sports Committee website or contact the OZCF Youth Committee for any guidance.

ASHA VAHISHTA AUGUST 18-19 SESSIONS SYNOPSES

The AVI (Asha Vahishta Initiative) Conferences continued, with great success, on Aug 18 and Aug 19. Both days ran from 8am to 8pm, with 8 sessions per day. This means a total of 16 guest speakers over two days!

The main themes were: institutional re-imagining of faith to re-claim fellowship; and what is to be done regarding practical and applied action. Guest speakers were drawn from a wide variety of experiences. The conversation revolved around how and why the development of narratives of communication are extremely important. It is through a careful examination of the stories we chose to tell, that community identity and belonging are sustained. A diasporic population situated in an urban 21st century multicultural setting, must consciously choose its narratives in order to ensure that faith and fellowship remain relevant. What was also noteworthy, was that all sessions emphasized the role of an active and courageous leadership which is required for faith institutions and fellowship bodies. Without inspired leadership, the possibilities for transformative education are reduced. Inaction was cited as the main culprit for the breakdown of fellowship and the loss of faith in contemporary circumstances, especially given the contrast with effective and rational systems of secular life which operate in parallel within all peoples' lives. Hence, hearing excuses regarding inaction in the sphere of faith and fellowship, can only lead to an increasingly level of drop-outs from faith!

Like the previous conference days (May 5, May 26, June 7, June 9), the AVI Conferences of Aug 18 and Aug 19, built upon the idea that re-imagining of faith is required in order to re-claim and sustain fellowship in diaspora.

Upcoming AV Sessions

PROGRAMME SEPTEMBER 22: MAKING SPIRITUAL RE-IMAGINING ACTIONABLE (PART 1):

TRANSFORMATIVE EDUCATION REQUIRES TRANSFORMED LEADERSHIP!

Session 1 (10:00am-11:00am): Hayhoe

Intercultural Encounters in Asia, the Development of Comparative Theology, and Deep Faith.
(Reflective theology and broadening of faith are not for the xenophobic).

Session 2 (11:30am-12:30pm): DiCarlo

Humanism and Critical Thinking: Rescuing the World from the Tyranny and Dogma of Religion.
(Institutionalized religion has failed to provide salvation and enlightenment).

PROGRAMME OCTOBER 14: MAKING SPIRITUAL RE-IMAGINING ACTIONABLE (PART 2):

TRANSFORMATIVE EDUCATION REQUIRES TRANSFORMED LEADERSHIP!

Session 1 (9:00am-10:00am): Vafadari

Re-Imagining the Gathas, Re-Claiming Daena in Diaspora: How Aesthetic and Emotional Improvisation, Inspire Creativity and Celebration.
(Legitimizing syncretic and evolving understandings as legitimate/authentic)

Session 2 (11:00am-12:00pm): Foltz

Notions of Identity and Belonging: How Persians, Zoroastrians, and Iranians, identified themselves.
(Adaptive and cosmopolitan, not reclusive and introverted)

Session 3 (12:30pm-1:30pm): Shekel

Insights from Reform Judaism: A Social Justice Informed Progressive Spiritual Tradition
(A case study of how a diasporic community resolved faith paralysis).

Session 4 (2:00pm-3:00pm): Louchakova-Schwartz

Spiritually Informed and Relevant: A Psychosocial Pastoral Model to Decipher the Contemporary.
(Death, Grieving, Coping, Meaning-Making, requires a modality through which faith rationalizes the secular-contemporary).



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What is a Youth Congress?

As the first youth congress took place in California in over twenty-five years ago, this congress is a milestone event where we can recognize the progress and shortcomings that our community have faced over the last twenty-five years as the original youth groups have now transitioned into adulthood. Now, it is time that we re-energize our youth and engage them again to build a better Zoroastrian community in an increasingly globalized world.

We plan on encouraging the youth to attend and take place in the **ABC's of the congress**.

Academic: What updates have taken place in our understanding of the religious and historical literature regarding Zoroastrianism over the last twenty-five years?

Business: What professional opportunities are Zoroastrians thriving in across the world and how can we continue to thrive professionally and entrepreneurially going forward?

Community: What can we do to reignite the flame as our community continues to expand across the world?