Events for the months ahead...

- Friday, April 3: 6:00pm Avesta Classes
- Wednesday, April 8: 7:00pm Fravardegan (Farvardingan) (F)
- Sunday, April 12: 11:00am ZSO EGM
- Sunday, April 19: 12:30pm Scouts
- Thursday, April 23: 7:00pm Atash-nu-parab (S)
- April 24-26: Scouts Joint Link Camp
- Saturday, April 25: 8:30pm Scouts Grand Camp Fire
- Friday, May 1: 6:00pm Avesta Classes
- Sunday, May 3: 11:00am Maidyozezem Gahambar (F)
- Sunday, May 24: 12:30pm Scouts
- Monday, May 25: 7:00pm Zarthosht-No-Diso (S)
- Sunday, May 31: 10:30am Maidyezem Gahambar (S)
- Friday, June 5: 7:00pm Homaji-Ni-Baj (S)
- Friday, June 5: 7:00pm Avesta Classes
- Tuesday, June 16: 7:00pm Meheraban Guiv Death Anniversary

Self-Healing PALM-5 YOGA, an Integrated Mind-Body Wellness Therapy classes held every Wednesday in April and May at the Darbe Mehr from 6:30 to 8:15pm. For further information, please call Zubin Dotiwalla at (905) 629-2985.

Note: All events will be held at Mehraban Guiv Darbe Mehr unless otherwise specified. ZSO, as publisher, is not responsible for content and support of any flyers not issued by them.

Mehraban Guiv Darbe Mehr Hours

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Executive Committee Corner

We hope you all have had a good start to the Norouz year and have been blessed with the love of family and friends. As is customary, prior to the commencement of Norouz celebrations, we observed the five days of the Panjeh (Muktdad) with daily prayers and chasni. The last Gahanbar of the Fasli year was held on Tuesday, March 17th with dinner prepared by our volunteers and a traditional Charshanbeh Soori celebration. Despite the occasion being held mid-week, families came out in large numbers and participated in the festivities. Of course, Norouz celebrations cannot be without our children's Norouz party; it was held as a kickoff to all the events on Sunday, March 15th at the Darbe Mehr.

Our celebrations during the Norouz period commenced with our annual Norouz Jashan on March 21st at the Darbe Mehr. We had a full house in attendance, of which the majority joined us for a delicious catered Parsi lunch. Celebrations continued the same evening at Le Parc where guests enjoyed a sumptuous Persian dinner as well as cultural Norouz festivities and dance. On the 26th of March we celebrated the birth of Ashu Zarathustra (Khordad Saal) at the Darbe Mehr with a program organized by the Kanoun that included Avesta and Gatha recitals, a live traditional Persian music ensemble, and a beautiful performance of Persian dance. The Khordad Saal function was streamed live and will be available on YouTube for viewing. We wish to thank both the Entertainment Committee and all of the Kanoun organizers for their hard work in organizing the various functions during this period.

As is customary, following the Norouz Jashan, some members of the community are recognized for their valuable contribution and spirit of volunteerism for the betterment and benefit of all. This year Ms. Mahnaz Khodavandi, a librarian in her own right was recognized for her significant contribution and countless hours updating the ZSO library. She catalogued every book, arranged them, weeded out what was not suitable, and as a result we have greatly updated our library. Mr. Russi Surti was also recognized for his years of service for the community. The spirit of volunteerism shines through in his unwavering support for our seniors, providing car rides to and from the Darbe Mehr, as a past member on the EC, working diligently on the Constitution subcommittee, and his steadfast support and guidance to our Scouts program. Both awardees were presented with plaques as a small token of the community's appreciation of their volunteer and personal sacrifices. Bapsy Surti was also presented with a bouquet of flowers on the occasion.

We wish to remind you all that on Sunday, April 12th we will be holding an Extraordinary General Meeting to pass amendments to the ZSO’s Constitution and Bylaws. You will have received the Notice of Meeting packages in the mail by now. If you are a current member and have not received a package, please contact the Secretary at secretary@zso.org. If your membership is not current for the 2015-2016 year, please pay your membership fee immediately prior to April 5th, otherwise you will not be able to vote. We strongly encourage you all to attend on that day as a 3/4 majority vote will be required to pass amendments. For those of you who cannot attend, we recommend that you exercise your voice and give your instructions through your proxy. These changes have been in the works for more than two years as a result of the efforts of the Constitution Committee.

The Renovation project is almost complete. We anticipate the major outstanding item of the kitchen becoming fully operational to be completed by the end of April. Some minor issues, problems, and deficiencies are being addressed by the Contractor when detected. It gives us great satisfaction to see that the renovations and improvements have been extremely well received by the community at large. We are truly appreciative of the numerous compliments we have received. The whole project was a collaborative effort of the EC, the Renovation subcommittee, the architect, the General Contractor, and above all you, the members, who waited patiently for the renovations to be completed and for placing your confidence in the EC to implement the improvements. The final costs of the project will exceed our original estimates largely due to unforeseen expenditures that were required to be undertaken to bring the basic infrastructure of the aged facilities in compliance with the Ontario Building Code, and to address inherent deficiencies, unsafe old wiring, collapsed sub floors, mold issues, drainage enhancements, cost escalations, etc. A complete report and update will be provided to members at the Annual General Meeting to be held later this year.

The ZSO web site has been updated. Please take the time to log on to our website and update your personal profile, renew membership, make donations, peruse newsletters, etc. The ZSO Facebook page is also getting a much needed facelift. Make sure to visit the ZSO Facebook page where updates, pictures and images are constantly being posted. Join the over 200 people on our Facebook page and the over 500 on the ZSO Kanoun page. While online, like us on Facebook.

Finally, a word of caution to all members to disregard any and all emails emanating from an anonymous email account claiming to represent Zoroastrians of Ontario. Please note that these emails are not from the ZSO. All communications from ZSO will clearly indicate “ZSO COMMUNICATIONS”. It is not our practice to provide any platform to those whose objective is to tarnish the good name of the ZSO and its members, propagate division, and disturb the peace and harmony within our community.
Membership Renewal
The new year for memberships commences on April 1st. A revised and simplified membership renewal form is available online. Memberships can also be renewed online in a time-efficient manner by credit card. Our members are the lifeblood of our organization, and your EC continues to remain totally committed to making your membership experience a pleasant one.

Sandalwood
ZSO supplies of sandalwood (sukha r) sticks are at a precariously low level. We need to maintain an adequate supply on hand to meet our ongoing needs. We earnestly request our fellow Zarthushtis travelling to India to be kind enough to bring back whatever they can. Every bit will help. ZSO will gladly reimburse costs if desired.

ZSO Scholarship Program
The ZSO Scholarship Committee has just released the application for the ZSO Academic and Community Service Excellence Award for High School Students. For information about the scholarship, eligibility criteria, and the application, please access the form on the ZSO website at www.zso.org.

FEZANA Bulletin
To access past FEZANA Bulletin journals, please visit fezana.org/publication/bulletinarchives. If you would like to receive a free copy of the FEZANA Bulletin, please subscribe with your email address at www.fezana.org/list.

Zarathushti Matrimony Website
A new matrimony website, Zoroastrian Matrimony, is available for Zarathushtis from around the world. Visit www.zoroastrianmatrimony.com for more information and to sign up.

Condolences
Ms. Dina Mistry, daughter of late Sohrab and Negish Sui; wife of late Behram Mistry; mother of Threety, Armaity, Yazdi, and Maya Mistry, passed away on March 1, 2015.

Ms. Khorshed Batliwalla, wife of late Rustom Batliwalla; mother of Benifer "Bina" (Anupam) Chohan and Dinshaw Batliwalla (Kety); grandmother to Devin and Percy Chohan, Hutoxi (Jamshed) Pithawala, Rashna (Cyrus) Chino, and Sharon (Paakzaad) Chothia; great-ranny to Aban, Jasmyne, Darayus, Darya, Camren, Skyla, Kaevan and Shaheen, passed away on March 8, 2015.

Our condolences to the bereaved families.

Wedding announcements
Shirin, daughter of Isedvaster Farhadi and Farah Sabeti, to Mazyar, son of Arastoo Farsi Nejad Kermani and Banoo.

Shifteh, daughter of Isedvaster Farhadi and Farah Sabeti, to Abtin, son of Shahpour Ardeshiri Jam and Armita Mazdaie.

Adi, son of Pervin and Rusi Kavarana of Toronto, to Shyamila, daughter of Nandini and Revath Goonetilleke of Brampton, on March 21, 2015.

Congratulations to the newly married couples!
**Jashne Farvardingan**
Jashne Farvardingan or Foroodog is one of the monthly Zoroastrian celebrations and is held on the day of Farvardin, in the month of Farvardin. Farvardingan is a celebration in remembrance of the departed. As mourning and sadness do not form part of Zoroastrian beliefs, Zoroastrians remember their departed and share with them happy occasions. To commemorate the departed, on this day Zoroastrians visit the Aramgah or cemetery and light incense and candles.

**Jashne Ordibeheshtgan**
On the day of Ordibehesht in the month of Ordibehesht, Zoroastrians celebrate Ordibeheshtgan. The word Ordibehesht is derived from the Avestan work “Asha Vahishta”, which signifies purity and Ashooi. Ancient Iranians would wear white robes as symbol of purity on this day and visit the Adrian or fire temples to pray to Ahura Mazda.

Both celebrations fall in the month of April. Happy Farvardingan and Ordibeheshtgan to you all.

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**Thank You from Mirza & Surty Families**
The Mirza and Surty families thank the OZCF Board of Directors and ZSO Executive Committee for allowing the families to hold a Humbandagi for Binaifer and Rustom Mirza on March 15th. They wish to thank Minnie and Khushroo Mirza for organizing the Humbandagi and Rumi, Mehbad, and Cyrus for informing the community.

Deepest gratitude to Ervad Noshir Mirza and Mobedeyar Khushroo Mirza at OZCF and Ervads Hoshang Udwadia and Mehbad Dastur at ZSO for leading the prayers. Binaifer and family thank all who participated in Toronto and around the world.

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**Lladro Zarathustra Votive**
The Zoroastrian Association of Greater New York has launched the sale of the Lladro Zarathustra votive as part of its fundraising efforts for the new Darbe Mehr in New York. For more information or to purchase the votive, please visit http://zagny.org/lladro-lithophane-votive-zarathustra/.

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**World Zoroastrian Youth Congress FEZANA Subsidy**
FEZANA is providing subsidies to select youth attendees of the 6th World Youth Zoroastrian Congress this December in New Zealand. For more information about the subsidy, applicant eligibility, and the application for the subsidy, please visit the FEZANA website www.fezana.org. Applications are due on May 10th.

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**100 Toronto – First Zoroastrian Scout Group**
100 TORONTO SCOUT GROUP regrets to inform readers that we have had to cancel the Lagan Patraa nu Bhonu that was scheduled for April 11th because cooking of meals is not yet permitted in the kitchen at our Darbe Mehr. This much awaited event will be rescheduled for a later date and the community will be duly informed. We apologize for any inconvenience that this cancellation may have caused.

However, all Sections of our Scout Group have been busy with various activities. 100 Toronto is also looking forward to hosting 100 Oakville to a Joint Link Camp to be held at the Darbe Mehr from April 24-26. As part of our Group's Silver Anniversary celebrations, the community is invited to a Grand Campfire to be held at the ZSO on Saturday, April 25th at 8:30pm. Please see the attached flyer for details.

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**Darbe Mehr Library**
The Zoroastrian Society of Ontario Library has developed a collection of resources available to community members and persons interested in learning more about Zoroastrianism.

This collection consists of more than five hundred books in English, Farsi, and Gujarati. They cover general information on the history and principals of Zoroastrianism, prayers, the history of Iran and India, biographies of Parsees and Iranian Zartoshti, Iranian and Indian fine arts, and literature and Zartoshti dialect. There are also some children and young adults books on Zoroastrianism to encourage our future generation to start early in life to read and learn about Zoroastrianism.

One of our library committee members, Mahnaz Khodavandi, won the ZSO Volunteer award this March. Our sincere thanks to Mahnaz who has volunteered copious amounts of time over the years to catalogue the ZSO Library holdings. Mahnaz has used the Dewey Decimal System, which is the most widely used method for classifying books libraries. Resources are classified principally by subject so all related resources will sit together on the shelves and makes it easier to brows the library resources. For example, all books on Zoroastrianism are catalogued together and all prayers or biographies are catalogued and shelved together.
Traditional wood **paatlaas** (made without nails) and German silver **ses** polishing services are available for a nominal fee right here in the GTA. Please contact Pervez Masani at (416) 282-2615.

**Kustis** are available in different sizes for all occasions. Some are currently in stock. **Kustis** can also be made to order. Please contact Banoo Dordi at (416) 491-7389 or (416) 491-3214.

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*Renting MGDM hall (for post-funeral prayers and rituals or for private functions):* Meherwan Wadia (416) 455-5614 or [execofficer2@zso.org](mailto:execofficer2@zso.org)

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جنرال ژان آریو، وزیر کشور فرانسه در سالن پذیرایی Le Parc تقدیر از همکاری کانون زرتشتیان انتاریو نمود.

تماس با ما

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جرش نوروز کانون زرتشتیان انتاریو در روز نوزدهم فروردین با شنبه اول فروردین (March 21st) با پایکوبان‌ها برگزار گردید.

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Print Full Name  
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Date:  

ZSO Member  
Print Full Name  
Signature  
Date:  

Approved by the ZSO E.C.  
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