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**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.

*Please provide names for meals to Ervad Hoshang Udwadia at 416-499-4957.

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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Spring has arrived and with it came our Navroz celebrations. The March 21st Jashan and Dinner event at our Darbe Mehr was a great success. Standing room at the Darbe Mehr was hard to find. Many thanks to all the Mobeds for their time, commitment and devotion. On behalf of the ZSO Board, Pearl Chothia and Parvin Kavousi Koulona were honored and felicitated for their outstanding volunteer services to our Zoroastrian community. They were presented with plaques and bouquets honoring their services. Our thanks for the delicious dinner prepared by Percy Daruwalla and volunteers.

The ZSO and OZCF joint event held on 24th March to celebrate Navroz was well attended and enjoyed by all. Many thanks to the Entertainment Committees of both organizations for all the hard work and effort that went into making the event a success. Our Iranian Kanoun also arranged a grand banquet for Navroz, and they celebrated the Fasli Khordadsal at the Darbe Mehr on 26th March with prayers followed by music and a hearty dinner.

We are planning to install a patio at the south east end of the Darbe Mehr so that we may enjoy more of the outdoors. We hope to have it completed well before summer. It will include a hard top cover, hanging baskets, lighting etc. Donations towards this project are welcome.

Please ensure to pay your annual membership fees which are now due for 2018/2019 – our thanks to those who have already paid. This will allow uninterrupted receipt of our monthly Newsletters, ZSO Communications, lower rates for events, etc.

Please mark your calendars for the many jashans and other events planned for April and May that appear on the first page of this Newsletter. Your attendance and participation drives and provides the impetus to our Entertainment and other Committee to work even harder for our community.

Wishing all members and their families an enjoyable Spring.

Russi Surti
President, ZSO

Patio Lanterns – and more!

The Board of Directors of the MGDM have approved the construction of a shaded Patio, adorned with hanging flower baskets and flowering creepers, to be located at the southeast corner immediately east of the round wooden door.

The Patio will provide additional seating not just during meals – but also a place to gather and spend time enjoying the peace and tranquility of our gardens.

In order to make this a reality for our community to enjoy – you can contribute in many ways including:

- Help in the construction of the Patio.
- Financial donation via cash, cheque, credit card online at ZSO website. Donations of $20.00 and above will receive a Tax Receipt.
- Donations of hanging flower baskets, plants, outdoor tables, chairs and benches

For further information on the project and how you can help, please contact Kersi Khambatta.
As in the past, the ZSO community came together to celebrate the auspicious occasion of Jamshedi Navroze – as well as the Fasli Muktad and corresponding New Year. The jashan and dinner was held at Darbe Mehr on March 21st with a crowd over 200 people partaking in the prayer ceremony and of course the dinner.

The community is truly blessed to have such a turn out from our mobeds every year – and to welcome the younger priests into the rituals as time goes on. This year, we were honored to have the following priests leading us in prayer: Ervads Xerxes Dastur, Cyrus Khory, Mehdad Dastur, Khushroo Bharda, Kerman Katrak, Hoshang Udvadia and Athavian Bamji.

Prayers were followed by recognizing a few key members of our community, without whom many of these functions would not take place.

The ZSO board recognized Farokh Farhadian for his tireless service in keeping our Darbe Mehr functioning; Pearl Chothia for her energy and time spent organizing the Entertainment events going above and beyond always; and Parvin Kavousi Koulona and husband Farshid for their contributions to Kanoun.

Of course – jamvo chalo ji would not be possible without the tireless efforts of Percy Daruwala and his band of volunteers – special shout out to Guloo Bharucha who ensures all the groceries and supplies are delivered to the kitchen well ahead of schedule every time. Our menu this year was mutton pulao and vegetable pulao with masala dhar and Percy’s famous lagan nu stew. Traditional chasni was served including fruits, malido all accompanied by chocolate ice-cream.

Thank you to everyone that attended as without your support – these functions would not be the success they are.

Navroze Mubarak everyone!
After an awesome Jashan and Dinner on 21st March to celebrate Navrouz at our Darbe Mehr, the celebrations continued in the evening of 24th March at the Woodbine Banquet Hall in Etobicoke.

The Presidents of OZCF and ZSO (Cyrus Gazdar and Russi Surti) welcomed the guests with brief speeches. Kudos to the ZSO and OZCF Entertainment Committees whose combined efforts made this an unforgettable event. Every age group thoroughly enjoyed the evening, meeting and greeting and having fun together.

The 240 attendees had a fantastic time dancing well past midnight and it was great to see so many of our youth partying out with the “old” folk.

And of course, the delicious appetizers, dinner and dessert gave them the energy to do so. There were Raffle prizes galore, and a cash bar helped to ease parched throats.

The Hafsheen Table was set up for people to know and understand the importance of Thankfulness and Gratefulness to Lord Ahura Mazda for having provided us humans with such Divine Nature. Alas, all good things must come to an end, and many left with the hope that our two sister organizations would organize more such joint events in the future.
Teenaz Javat – Fabulous at any age!

The City of Mississauga awarded Teenaz Javat the “Absolutely Fabulous Woman Over 40 Achievement Award” on the occasion of International Women’s Day 2018.

"By blood Indian, by bond Pakistani and by choice Canadian, would best describe Teenaz Javat, a senior writer at the CBC Toronto. Long before she became a journalist, Teenaz was a story teller. Her stories form part of The Shoe Project, a women-only artists collective that document immigration stories through the lens of shoes.

A multiple award winning journalist, Teenaz was part of a team at CBC Radio's Metro Morning that won the Adrienne Clarkson National Award for a town hall on Domestic violence against women in the GTA. She does not shy away from taking a hard look at topics like Arab Spring and its impact on Canada, or the not-so-uncommon practice of female feticide among some communities in the GTA.

Teenaz came to Canada with an 8-month-old daughter. She has been a stay-at-home mother, a full-time student at Sheridan College, a full-time journalist at the CBC, and an adjunct professor at Sheridan college, all while volunteering in the local school system and editor of her community newsletter.

She lives in Mississauga with her husband Mahveer and children Sherezade and Hormuz. She loves having breakfast with her friends when she is not in the newsroom on the early morning shift."

Congratulations Teenaz Javat.

Article courtesy of Parsi Khabar

Zubin Austin – Research Has its Rewards

Congratulations to Zubin Austin on winning the prestigious President’s Impact Award awarded by the University of Toronto!

The President’s Impact Awards (PIA) recognize faculty members whose research has led to significant impact beyond academia or a specific field of research, including on society, culture, public policy, law, health, education, quality of life, a profession, the economy, and the environment, through public engagement or the development of products, processes, or services from inventions. Recipients of the Research Impact Award were also considered for the Carolyn Tuohy Impact on Public Policy Award that is presented annually under the banner of the U of T Awards of Excellence (AWEX).

PIA Recipients are designated as members of the Impact Academy for a period of five years during which they receive an award of $10,000 per year to be used toward their research. The Academy will meet to discuss matters relevant to research impact, offer advice to the Vice-President, Research & Innovation, and function as advocates for sustained excellence in research and innovation impact within and outside of the University. Members of the President’s Impact Academy will also be invited to participate in a range of university activities to increase the University’s profile on the impact of the research of its community.
Founder of the Scouting movement, Lord Baden-Powell, popularly known as “B-P”, was born on February 22, 1857 – subsequently the Scouts dedicated their meeting on Sunday, February 25 to celebrate his birthday.

After the opening ceremony, Beaver-Scout Arshan Gazdar, Cub-Scout Burzina Amroliwalla and Scout Mehzad Antia lit a “divo” each and placed near the B-P’s photo. Beaver Scout Diana Khorshidian, Cub Scouts Naomi Khushrooshahi, Ishaan Prasad, and Scout Jia Amroliwalla spoke briefly on the life of B-P. The Beaver-Scouts, Cub-Scouts sang songs and the Scouts performed a skit based on the significance of the scouts “left handshake” This was followed by the greatly anticipated Beaver-Buggy and the “Kub-Kar” Rallies. The hall was filled with roaring noises and cheers to “make the cars go faster” down the inclined race track. There were 20 buggies and cars that took part in the race. All the Beaver-Scouts received a prize each for their efforts. In the Pack section, the winners in the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place were:

**Fast Car:** Ronel Banaji, Aveiya Gazdar and Zenia Irani  
**Unique design:** Ronel Banaji, Naomi Khushrooshahi and Meher Zandian  
**Best design:** Ronel Banaji, Ruzan Patel and Ishaan Prasad.

Congratulations to everyone who participated in the rallies – a job well done by all!

Kashmira Bulsara and Jason Buhariwala - our two scouts in training – duly aided our new assistant leader Jehangir Tampal all of whom were a great help in running the activities. B-P day is also a day to recognize the efforts of our leaders and volunteers who selflessly step forward to support the Scouting community with all the activities and subsequently Certificates of Appreciation were presented to Yohan Gazdar, Jehangir & Sarosh Tampal, Arnavaz Patel, Shernaz (Writer) Saldhana, Minoo and Putli Bharda, Aban Vazir, Nergish Khambatta and Anahita Ogra.

Letters of Commendations were presented to the Group Commissioner Ferozeshaw Ogra, Group Committee members Cyrus Tampal, Dhun Contraactor, Colony leader Pearl Chothia, Pack leaders Avan Appoo, and Kersi Khambatta and Troop leaders Shiraz Tampal and Maneckji Appoo. Kersi Khambatta also received “Medal of Good Service” from Scouts Canada.

Congratulations Kersi and thanks to ALL the section leaders and volunteers and thanks to all the youth and the parents for their support in making BP day celebration an enormous success once again!

(Report submitted by Freddy Mirza on behalf of the 100th Toronto-First Zoroastrian Scout Group)
Participation at the Parliament of the World’s Religions

Toronto has been chosen as the 7th Parliament of the World’s Religions’ host city, to be convened from November 1–7, 2018. More than 10,000 people will participate in the 7-day 2018 Parliament. There will be 500 programs, workshops, and dialogues; alongside music, dance, art and photography exhibitions, and related events presented by the world’s religious communities and cultural institutions.

A group of Zoroastrians has already registered to attend the 7th POWR. We have put in proposals for artistic performances, a jashan and presentations. We have also booked a booth in the trade show to showcase FEZANA and Zoroastrianism.

If you are interested in attending the POWR, please register yourself on their website. Ontario residents get a 15% discount so please mention that when registering online: https://parliamentofreligions.org/webform/2018-parliament-registration

If you are interested in volunteering for the POWR, you will need to be available and volunteer for 18 hours minimum. You will also have to pay USD $50 registration fee for POWR and USD$16 fee for a background check. Volunteers must be aged 18 or older and be available for an interview. The volunteer application form can be accessed here: https://parliamentofreligions.org/parliament/volunteer/volunteer-parliament.

If you would like more information, if you would like to be registered with the FEZANA group or if you would like to participate and send in a proposal, please contact Ardeshir Irani at anirani2@yahoo.com. Proposal deadline is April 15th, so please contact Ardeshir by April 9th if you have a proposal in mind. More information on the proposals: https://parliamentofreligions.org/rfp

Zoroastrians behind the Camera

Turning Tables

Zoroastrian filmmaker Tanya Hoshi produced the short documentary "Turning Tables", which will be having its World Premiere in Toronto at the Hot Docs International Documentary Festival. The film is about Classic Roots, a Powwow techno pioneer who integrates the sounds of his Anishinaabe heritage with electronic and house music.

If you would like to attend, please click the link below to purchase tickets and to watch the film trailer.

https://boxoffice.hotdocs.ca/websales/pages/info.aspx?evtno=73890~6d071c1e-1d5b-4e4e-ab61-2b9caf21a7fd

21 Days to Nawroz

Congratulations to award winning film producer, Michelle Mama, who has just released her most recent feature length documentary – “21 Days to Nawroz”. Set in Kurdistan, the film explores the lives of three different women as they prepare for the traditional Nawroz feast and what this annual ritual means to them.

For further information and to watch the Film, please go to the film’s site http://21daystonawroz.com/.

April 2018
Farhang Mehr

FEZANA announces with great sorrow the passing away of Farhang Mehr.

Farhang Mehr passed away in southern California in the early morning on March 4, 2017. Farhang Mehr was a leading Zoroastrian figure in Iran and later in the United States where he made his home since the early 1980's.

Farhang Mehr was involved with FEZANA since its inception and also with local Zoroastrian associations wherever he resides in USA.

He was one of only six recipients of the FEZANA Lifetime Achievement Awards presented to him for a lifetime of service to the Zarathushti community worldwide.

FEZANA and its member associations send their condolence to the entire Mehr family as we join Zarathushtis all over the world in celebrating his amazing life.

An article about his passing away on BBC Persia can be accessed here http://www.bbc.com/persian/iran-43279583.

Condolesaces

Phiroze Warden, in Mississauga on Sunday March 18th, 2018. Husband of Behroze Warden and Father of Khurshed, Pearl, Farzana(daughter in law) and Paul (son in law). May his soul rest in peace.


Seniors Rides

Rides will be available from Brampton and Mississauga on Fridays to attend Seniors Events. Anyone interested, please contact Daulat Divecha @ 647-344-0666 OR Katy Panthakee @ 647-347-3334.

Health and Fitness

Zoroastrian Youth and adults are invited to join the sports and exercise classes arranged by our Iranian Cultural Kanoun on Sunday afternoons at the Langstaff Community Centre, 155 Maple Red Road, Richmond Hill, ON, L4B 4P9 (Telephone: 905-882-4295).

Please note that the Avesta Class for children is conducted in Farsi.

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برای رسیدن به آرام و هدف خوشب، سروش بزرگترین یازده و وارد از زندگانی دراز برخورد و به گی‌ور یاک در آینه. با کمک رادش و یاکی و یمودن راه پارسا با به چای‌گاهی که ملکوت آسمانی اهورامزدا است راه یابم.

فروردین ۳۸

سال دیگر به اتمام رسید، سال ۱۳۹۶ فورشیدی (۵۲۷۹ زرتشتی) با تمامی، واقع و میان و پایان رسید، سال ۱۳۹۵ (خورشیدی ۳۷۵۵) از زرتشت با تمامی بدی‌ها و خوبی‌ها، کمی‌ها و کاستی‌ها به اتمام و پایان رسید، سال ۱۳۹۶ (خورشیدی ۳۷۵۶) از زرتشت با تمامی بدی‌ها و خوبی‌ها، کمی‌ها و کاستی‌ها به اتمام و پایان رسید.

پایان سالی که آرزومندیم برای همه همکیشان و دوستان و آشنایان همراه با سلامتی، کامروایی و کامرانی در تمام آرزوها و خواسته‌ها بوده باشد.

سال ۱۳۹۷ (خورشیدی ۳۷۵۷) با شکوه و بزرگی خود از راه رسید و سالی نو را پذیرا می‌شویم. سالی مملو از سلامتی، سربلندی، سرسبزی، سرفرازی، سعادت، سرور و سَروَری را برای تک تک همیشان از اهورا مزدا خواستار می‌باشیم.

هر روزتان نوروز، نوروزتان پیروز کانون فرهنگی زرتشتیان اوتاودی نوزدهم فروردین گرامی داشتم و جشن یاک برگزاریم، به نام "آیرنگ" که به آن "آیرنگ" نیز می‌گویند. فروردین از آواز فروشی و قرورتی است که ویژه فروهرها و سادگی را به اهورامزدا برمی‌زاید. این فروهرها به فروهرها و سادگی به اهورامزدا برمی‌زاید. این سایرها به فروهرها و سادگی به اهورامزدا برمی‌زاید.

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فروردین ۳۸

فروردین (فرودگ) فجسته باد

نوردهم فروردین جشنی برگزش‌یخود، به نام "فروردینگ" به آن "فرودگ" نیز می‌گویند. فروردین از آواز فروشی و قرورتی است که ویژه فروهرها و سادگی را به اهورامزدا برمی‌زاید. این فروهرها به فروهرها و سادگی به اهورامزدا برمی‌زاید. این سایرها به فروهرها و سادگی به اهورامزدا برمی‌زاید.

مزایده و به اهورامزدا را در نبرد با اهریمن بیاری می‌کند.
گهبار چهره میدیوزرم گاه
مراسم گهبار خوانی چهره میدیوزرم گاه در روز یکشنبه ۹ آوریل (۲۹ Apr.) در درب مهر گیو از ساعت ۱۰:۳۰ با همباره همکیوانان گرامی برگزار می‌گردد با باشندگی خود. این مراسم را سپاسدار باشیم.

گزراشی از مشن نوروزی کودکان
کانون فرهنگی رشته‌بانان (راتارو) از ساعت ۱۰:۳۰ پس از روز ۱۸ مارس (Sun. Mar. 18th) در درب مهر گیو بخش نوروزی کودکان را باشندگی کودکان و نوجوانان و با شادی و شکوه بسیار برگزار نمود. در ادامه فرورسیدن آن مراسم را می‌پیچیم.
سیزده بدر

کانون فرهنگی زرتشتیان انتاریو در ماه پیموده ریزی برای برگزاری مشن سیزده بدر گروهی می باشد. اطلاعات بیشتر به پیام‌های تلفنی و ایمیل به همکاران آگاهی می‌فرستد.

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نام بردن از خیراندیشان، کوچکترین پاسداشتی است که می‌توان از این همکاران گرامی داشت.

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پاداش نیک خیراندیشان را از اهورامزدا خواستاریم.

ورزش و سلامت

همانگونه که آگاهان دارد ورزش‌های سالن والیبال در مجتمع فرهنگی ورزشی (Langstaff) در روزهای یکشنبه هر هفته برپا می‌باشد. دیداری با دیگر همکاران داشته و سلامتی خود را بیمه نمایید.

ورزشکاران والیبال نیز در رده سنی جوانان و بزرگسالان ساعت‌های شادی را همراه با ورزش با یکدیگر سپری می‌کنند.

Date | Basketball & Avesta Gym 'B' | Volleyball Gym 'C'
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1 - Apr | 2.30 - 4.00 | 3.00 to 4.30
8 - Apr | 2.30 - 4.00 | 3.00 to 4.30
15 - Apr | 2.30 - 4.00 | 3.00 to 4.30
22 - Apr | 2.30 - 4.00 | 3.00 to 4.30
29 - Apr | 2.30 - 4.00 | 3.00 to 4.30

غذای ماهیانه بانوان

بانوان زرتشتی در اولین سه شنبه هر ماه از ساعت 11:00 تا 12:00 در شبکه مهر بهبود سیستم صوتی درب مهر گیوه اهدایی نموده‌اند.

تماس با ما

خواسته‌های ماهیانه بانوان پایگاه زرتشتی انتاریو فناوری سازندگی هرهوا را با ما ارائه می‌آورند.

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مهم‌ترین سهم‌های او به کمک‌رسانی می‌باشد. شرکت برای همکاران آگاهی می‌آورند.
همه با هم –آوریل

تلاش خواهد شد تا برای هر ماه نوشتته هایی به دو عنوان "مناسبات های گاهشماری" و "شرح واژه" در خبرنامه داشته باشیم تا شاید برای آگاهی همگان مفید باشد. با سپاس از آقای بهمن مرادیان که ما را در این بخش یاری خواهد داد.

We will try to write short articles for each month with two titles, "Chronological occasions" and "Word Definition" in the newsletter, which may be useful for everyone. Thanking Mr. Bahman Moradian for his contribution in this section.

مناسبات‌های گاهشماری ماه آوریل

"سیزدا به در" – آوریل

روز دوم آوریل برای با سیزدا فروردین است که به "سیزدا به در" یا به تازگی به "روز طبیعت" معروف شده است. هرچند که دلایل و چگونگی برگزاری این جشن در طول تاریخ با جزییات و روش‌های مختلف اما به طور عامیانه معروف شده است که به دلیل دنیای یک سیزده در سیزدهمین ماه فروردین باید این روز را در طبیعت گزارش کنیم. اما به تازگی برای ملاحظه با نام هایی که به بودن یا خوب بودن روز یا عدد نام دارد. مرسوم است که ایرانیان به طور خانوادگی این روز را در طبیعت به بار، سرگرمی و پیک نیک می‌گذرانند. سیزدهمین روز نوروز را در طبیعت بگذرانید و به ویژه به طبیعت مهربان باشید.

"Sizda Bedar" – April 2nd

The second day of April is the thirteenth of Farvardin month, which is known as the "Sizda Bedar" or recently called "Nature Day". However, the reasons for this celebration are not clear in history, but it's popularly known that it should not stay home at the time of the thirteenth day and should spend this day in nature. But recently, to oppose the blemish of a day or a day, this day has been named "Nature Day", which is a much more appropriate and beautiful name, and has nothing to do with the bad or good of day or number. It is customary for Iranians to celebrate this day in nature, play, entertain and have a picnic. Spend the 13th day of Nowruz in nature and be especially kind to nature.

جشن فروردینگان" یا "فرودگ" – آوریل

روز 8 آوریل برای با 19 فروردین به روز "جشن فروردینگان" یا "فرودگ" معروف است. این روز اولین جشن ماهیانه در سال جدید است که در آن تابستان و روز یک ماه است. معمول این جشن فروردینگان را در پیوند با "فراموش درگذشته گان" می‌دانند. در این روز زرتشتیان باز درگذشتنگان را گرامی می‌دارند. امروزه در بین زرتشتیان ایران مرسوم است که در این روز به آرامگاه می‌روند و با رفت و بر سر خان درگذشتنگان از آنان یاد می‌کنند. در زمان‌های گذشته که دخمه‌ای را برای پیامد به خانواده‌ها برگزار می‌کردند.

"Farvardiningan Jashan" or "Foroudog" - April 8th

April 8, equal with Farvardin 19th, the "Farvardiningan Jashan" or known as "Foroudog" is celebrated. This is the first monthly Jashan in the New Year, in which the name of the month and day has been merged. Farvardiningan celebrations are usually associated with "Fravahar's of Deaths". On this day Zoroastrians celebrate the memory of their dead(s). Today among Zoroastrians in Iran it is customary to go to the tomb on this day and remember them when they go over the territory of the dead. In the past times, when the catacombs were commonplace, Zoroastrians held ceremonies for the dead at the bottom of the catacombs or in their place of residence.
آقای همبازیار و همکاری

هیئت اجرایی درب مهر مهربان گو موفقیت نموده است تا باکنک کتاب درب ورودی را به یک بالکن سقف دار (پاسیو) که به سببی مالی، شده تبدیل نماید باعث به چنین علاوه اضافی برای مهمانان در زمان هزینه، کمک از داوطلبانه که به ساکت پاسیو تجهیز دارند، اهدای سجاوت‌دانان کمک مالی از طریق پول نقد، چک و یا استفاده از کارت‌های اعتباری در وب سایت ZSO.org (قابل توجه که همکاری مالی باشند از ۲۰ دلار رسید مالیاتی دریافت خواهند نمود).

ایده‌ها گل و گیاهان آریزونا، سبدهای گل، مر و صندلی و نیمکت‌های مخصوص فضا بازار خواهشمند است برای اطلاعات بیشتر به آف آر کریسی کامبادا (Kersi Khambatta) مراجعه کنید.

یادی از دکتر فرهنگ مهر

کانون زرتشتیان تورنتو کانادا، آین پره روزنامه و یادبود شادروان دکتر فرهنگ مهر در انتخاب کانادا برگزار کرد. آین پره و یادبود شادروان دکتر فرهنگ مهر، شنبه ۱۸ فروردین ۱۳۹۶ (۲۶ اسفند ۱۳۹۵) در مرکز فرهنگ‌های تورنتو کانادا برگزار شد. این آین پره که با یادبود شادروان و در روزنه‌ها کنگره زرتشتیان تورنتو کانادا، آین پره روزنامه و یادبود شادروان دکتر فرهنگ مهر را به همراه شد.

در این مراسم پرونده‌هایی برای یادبود شادروان دکتر فرهنگ مهر در روزنه‌های کنگره زرتشتیان تورنتو کانادا برگزار شدید. در روزنه‌های کنگره، دکتر فرهنگ مهر را به همراه شادروان دکتر فرهنگ مهر را به همراه شد.

Dr. Farhang Mehr: Hopes, Dreams, and Aspirations

The following is an excerpt from “Triumph Over Discrimination: The Life Story of Dr. Farhang Mehr” by Lylah M. Alphonse. It is republished here with permission from the author.

More than 20 years after he fled from Iran, Mehr is driven by his hopes for the unity of the world’s Zoroastrian communities. A Zarathushti by birth and by choice, he has dedicated his golden years to the realization of his hopes, dreams, and aspirations for Zoroastrianism. He describes these dreams in his own words:

This is what I call “The Zoroastrian Odyssey.” Zoroastrianism and Zarathushtis are undergoing a tumultuous intellectual and spiritual voyage: An effort by Zarathushtis in Diaspora to preserve their cultural identity. Knowledge about one’s religion and culture, one’s history and heritage, are some of the tools needed in order to make this Odyssey successful. Other tools required for the journey are freedom of choice, protection of human rights, protection of the environment, global solidarity, and cooperation with the democratic process. Zarathushtis must be dedicated to good thoughts, good words, and good deeds; tolerance and inclusiveness are essential to achieving our goal of maintaining a strong and solid community. We must hold fast to this dream.

I cherish other dreams for the future.

I dream of the preservation of Zarathustra’s teachings, which make up the core of Zoroastrianism, and of the preservation of the meaning behind our rituals and customs. The core of our religion is the beliefs and doctrines contained within the Gathas. They are everlasting and unchangeable. They give us the strength to undertake our mental quests. The rituals are described in the literature accompanying the Gathas. The actions of the rituals appeal to our senses. Imbued with meaning, the rituals are a manifestation of the faith, a reminder of our devotion and commitment. Without meaning, rituals become empty motions, devoid of significance. The core and the rituals together are necessary in order to maintain faith. It is possible to be open-minded and acquire new and different political identities without sacrificing one’s religious identity. ... When our youths understand the significance of our rituals, they are better prepared to take our religious community into the future, armed with understanding and religious knowledge, confident in themselves and their heritage.
I dream of the formation of a large and flourishing Zoroastrian community. A living religion must also have a vibrant community rich in real religious commitment. Without a community of practicing believers, a religion becomes nothing more than a museum, an artifact, a relic to be viewed by the curious and studied by historians and scientists. We should maintain a community of Zarathushtis in mind and in heart, treading together the path of truth and righteousness. As a single entity we should be showing love, upholding justice, exercising compassion, working for peace, engaging creatively in constructive work. Together we should be practicing good thoughts, good words, and good deeds in order to reach a community-wide goal of enlightenment and unity with Spenta Mainyu and Ahura Mazda. These goals cannot be achieved with the current social and religious attitudes of our fractured community. Though at times difficult, some traditions can -- and should -- be modified as social conditions demand change. In a civil society, issues can be resolved through discussion and the application of reason, goodwill, and compromise. Compromises should not be confounded by hypocrisy, but should come through constructive confrontation and a willingness to work toward the greater good.

I dream of creating unity within the Zoroastrian community. In a quest for survival and in an attempt to fight social ills, the Zoroastrian community has split into three distinct ideological groups: Traditionalists, Reformists, and Moderates. The division in and of itself is not a threat to the solidarity of the Zoroastrian community; it is merely a sign of spiritual awakening and religious revival. In the modern, free world no religion is monolithic. Doctorinal diversity is a product of freethinking -- a value cherished by Zoroastrians and mandated by Ahura Mazda. Religious understanding is no longer the domain of the priesthood; every individual is entitled to knowledge and has the right to study and make inquiries into religion. It is a personal choice. The threat to community solidarity comes, then, not from freethinking, but from intolerance. ... Liberty is the most previous of Ahura Mazda’s gifts to humankind. It is a component of divine law. The right to liberty is so undeniable that Ahura Mazda does not curtail humankind’s actions, even in regard to one’s choice of religion. Intolerance is not a tradition sanctioned by the Gathas. ... The acceptance of people born to non-Zarathushti parents is not a threat to the survival of the religion. The tradition of non-acceptance is a threat to our very existence.

I dream that the spirit of Zarathushtra will live on in our youths. We, the elders of the Zoroastrian community, charge out youths with maintaining the ideals of Zoroastrianism. It is up to you, especially those of you living outside of Iran and India, to prove that Zarathushtis have the talent, motivation, strength, and benevolence needed to flourish in the next millennium. You must lead the way. You must do what is right for righteousness sake. You must be vigilant, working hard to protect and promote Zoroastrian values, and to keep the eternal flame alight.

I am confident that my dreams will come true, and that Zarathushtis will not only survive, but also excel in the years to come.
Zoroastrians Got Talent
Organized by ZSO Entertainment Committee & 100 Toronto Scouts Group
Saturday, 14th April 2018 at Darbe Mehr - Toronto

Sign-Up Form

Participants First Name: ____________________ Last Name: ____________________
Ph # Home: ____________________ OR Cell: ____________________
Email Id: ____________________
Year of Birth: _________ You will be performing in an age appropriate group.
Your act can be up to 120 Sec / 2 mins
Details of act to be performed:
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A little bit about YOU:
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Participan (Dinner Included) $10 X # ______ $______________
Audience - Member (Dinner Included) $15 X # ______ $______________
Audience - Non-Member (Dinner Included) $20 X # ______ $______________
Total Enclosed $________________

Participants Sign: ____________________ If under 14 yrs Parents Sign: ____________________
Cheques payable to: Z S O.
Mail your forms along with your cheque before March 31st 2018 to:
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$20 Audience Non Member
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