



Vision January 2018

President's Message

What an eventful year we've just had in 2017! Our various subcommittees have been hard at work having planned numerous events suited to everyone. The Board and I thank you for your continued support in strong numbers at the many events we've had throughout last year, be it the summer picnic, a Gymkhana Night, ongoing religious chats, cricket matches, Ghambars, the golf fundraiser, the Jamva Chaloji food fair and the recent New Year's Eve function, amongst many others.

With the welcome proliferation of new members, it is always pleasing to witness the ZRCC in constant use. Having crossed the threshold into 2018, expect much the same in terms of a cross-section of activities on offer, from sporting to religious, cultural to communal.

The Place of Worship Advisory Committee continues to make steady progress in the protracted process of leading us towards construction of our very own consecrated Place of Worship. Keep reading these pages to view their report on proceedings to date.

Time and again the seniors group continue to play an active role in community affairs. This dynamic group has contributed over \$15,000 towards the Place of Worship project. A presentation was made to PWAC with donated funds last November. The seniors continue to contribute to our community in many ways and have demonstrated again just why they remain a solid bedrock within OZCF.

Membership comprises a large portion of annual revenues for OZCF. We urge you to pay your fees online via our website. The process is fast, efficient and instant notification will be sent to your inbox. A Membership form has been included should any changes be required to your personal information. Also included is a Pre-Authorized Debit form for your convenience should you wish to set up a one-time authorization of your membership fees to be deducted annually from your financial institution.

As 2018 dawns upon us, it brings with it the promise of another eventful year at OZCF. Hope to see you out and about at our many events. Remember to check the website to stay in touch with our community.

Cyrus Gazdar, OZCF President

Place of Worship Advisory Committee Update

The Time Is Now



The Place of Worship Advisory Committee is pleased to report that we will be submitting our application for rezoning together with the various consultant studies to the authorities in January. The archaeological, floodwater and stormwater channel studies took longer than expected and we now feel the issues have been addressed adequately. The reports will be reviewed by the Town of Oakville, Region of Halton and Conservation Halton. As part of the review process, we will go back and forth answering any questions they have.

Our religious sub-committee has been working closely with the architect to ensure our Atashkadeh will be as authentic as possible. We are planning a meeting with the mobeds group in January to show final designs of kebela and other religious items. In February, we will plan an open house meeting with the membership to show progress to-date and building designs.

At year's end, we were very pleased to have received a generous donation of \$200,000 from an anonymous donor. Our community is so blessed to have the amazing support of the membership and other Zoroastrians worldwide. As our project now progresses to reality, we continue to count on the support and dedication of our membership.

On behalf of the Place of Worship Advisory Committee, we wish our community all the very best in 2018 and we look forward to working with everyone during a busy yet fulfilling year.

May Ahura Mazda always bless our community.

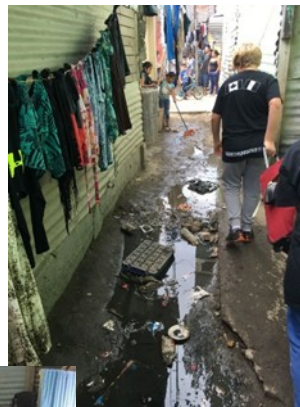
Phil Sidhwa
Chair, PWAC

ACHIEVEMENT PARAMEDIC PAR EXCELLENCE

Toronto paramedic Jasmine Jasavala and her team recently travelled to Guatemala, one of the poorest countries in the Western Hemisphere, to provide humanitarian services and to make a tangible difference in the lives of the less fortunate.

Family and friends pitched in to raise over \$7600 which helped vaccinate 750 children and provide vaccines and other medication for the poorest inhabiting shanties within the slums.

They also constructed four classrooms for children as Guatemala has one of the lowest literacy rates in the world. The team also worked alongside locals in providing outreach as well as food and clothing to the neediest.



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

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NEED A MOBED

OUR MOBEDS ARE AVAILABLE TO HELP IN TIMES OF NEED TO OFFER THEIR GUIDANCE & SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY. PLEASE CONTACT:

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THANK YOU MESSAGE FROM THE MIRZA FAMILY

Putli, Rustom, Binaifer, Aimie, Khurshid and Jeff would like to thank our community in the East and West end for all of the love and support they have shown to us following the demise of our dearest husband and father, Ervd. Noshir Mirza. We owe our deepest gratitude to all of the Mobeds who partook in all of the funeral prayers, Sarosh nu Patru, Pydust, Uthamna and Charam. The Dasmu and the Masiso prayers were also conducted with love and sincerity. Noshir's 2nd month prayers were conducted at OZCF where all the younger Mobeds took part. Ervd. Nekzad Illava led the Afargan assisted by Ervd. Xersis Dastur, Ervd. Fardin Mulla, Ervd. Farhad and Zaheer Bulsara also took part. Mobediar Khushroo Mirza did the Farokshi and the Stum prayers. The participation of younger Mobeds was very important to Noshir and Putli, and we thank them all.

We also have to sincerely thank Rumi Jasavala for the live broadcast of the prayers which was very clear and watched by Rustom's family in Ottawa and Khurshid's family in Colorado. It is marvellous what modern technology can accomplish!! We would also like to thank the OZCF president Cyrus Gazdar and all the board members for the use of the premises and all the facilities provided.

Our Noshir always greeted people with open arms, a big smile and tight hugs. Everybody remembered him with kindness and respect towards us. We are a great community that feels like a family, together in joy and sorrow. We also have to thank all the people who organized the snacks and food for so many days. Many special people cooked, served and took charge to see that everything went smoothly on all of the days.

All of the services that our Noshir rendered to the Zoroastrian community of Ontario and to the North American Mobed Council, and the Zoroastrian Scout group was given back to him in the respect, love and togetherness shown by our community towards us. We thank you all. May we grow and prosper for many years to come and continue to produce leaders like my dear husband. May his soul rest in eternal peace in the abode of love and joy.

Yours in gratitude,

Putli Mirza and family

Asha Vahishta Appeal WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Start questioning with an open mind... let your voice be heard...

The purpose of the Asha Vahishta Seminar Series is to create a forum for the "People" (anjuman).

We therefore encourage and welcome suggestions, inquiries, and even demands (yes, why not, it's your faith, is it not?), for the inclusions of any and all topics.

We will even create a session based around popular topics.

Additionally, a planned "We the People" open session and/or townhall session is being organized."

"The important thing is not to stop questioning. Curiosity has its own reason for existing." ~ Albert Einstein

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ASPI SEPOY RECUPERATION

You may have heard of the story of Aspi Sepoy, a caretaker of the Udvada Parsi Museum who had met with a grave train accident which had caused both his legs to be amputated. Appeals were made to the community worldwide to assist Aspi in helping him and his family rebuild his life.

Your contributions have made all the difference as Aspi has been fitted with prosthetics and he remains confident that he will be able to walk again.

See the *Parsi Khabar* link to view the complete story: <https://parsikhabar.net/news/udvada-train-accident-aspi-sepoy-gets-back-on-his-feet/16558/>

THE MAKING OF A MARTAB

Ervad Nekzad Illava, son of Aspi & Tanaz Illava of Mississauga, who is only 14 years of age, underwent the rigorous Martab ceremony on December 23, 2017 at the Bai Motlibai Wadia Agiyari in Malcom Baug, in Jogeshwari, Mumbai, India. He also performed the BOI ceremony in Ushahin Gah (after midnight) in the same Agiyari.

At the tender age of 11 he became an ordained priest by undergoing the Navar ceremony three years ago, and has since performed most of the religious ceremonies in the GTA. Since he became a priest young Nekzad has given his services at almost every religious event held at OZCF (Oakville) and many at ZSO (Toronto) and other various private ceremonies, including but not limited to jashans, navjotes, weddings, sarosh and uthamna, etc.

For the last two and a half years, Ervad Nekzad has been going through the Martab training under the guidance of Ervad Jal N. Panthaky of Mississauga, Ontario.

Ervad Nekzad is the first, and the youngest priest and the only one of his generation, not just in Ontario, but in all of Canada, who has achieved the Martab status. This was possible by dint of hard work, the determination and dedication that he demonstrated, and with the help of his mentors and family members, who supported this endeavor.

Heartiest congratulations to Ervad Nekzad on this great achievement, and may he be blessed to carry forth the work of Ahura Mazda's Good Religion. The OZCF, ZSO, NAMC and the entire North American Zoroastrian community is very proud of our young Athornan Ervad Nekzad and wish him every success in his life.

- Meher Panthaky



Religious Classes

Please make note of the following dates for the second term. As always, please do inform your child(ren)'s teacher if they will be unable to attend.

East End (Darbe Mehr)	West End (John Fraser)
January 14	January 14
February 4	February 4
February 25	February 25
March 4	March 4
March 25 (LPP and Parabh celebration)	March 25 is a joint session at the Darbe Mehr
April 15	April 15
May 5	May 13
May 27 (Annual Day)	May 27 will be a joint session at the Darbe Mehr

Upcoming Religious events for 2018

DATE	DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	ROJ & MAH	
December 31, '17	Sunday	11:00 AM	Maidyarem Gahambar (F)	R - Meher	M - Dae
March 16 - 20	Fri - Tues	All Day	Mukhtad (F)		
March 17	Saturday	8:00 AM	Hamaspathmaidyem Gahambar (F)	Gatha Ushtavaiti	
March 21	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Navroze (F)	R - Hormuzd	M - Fravardin
March 26	Monday	7:00 PM	Khordadsal (F)	R - Khordad	M - Fravardin
April 8	Sunday	11:00 AM	Farvardegan (F)	R - Fravardin	M - Fravardin
May 4	Friday	11:00 AM	Maidyozarem Gahambar (F)	R - Dae-pa-meher	M - Ardibesht
May 24	Thursday	7:00 PM	Zarthost-no-Diso (S)	R - Khorshed	M - Dae
July 1	Sunday	11:00 AM	Maidhyoishem Gahambar (F)	R - Tir	M - Tir
Aug 12 - 16	Sun - Thurs	All Day	Mukhtad (S)		
August 12	Sunday	8:00 AM	Hamaspathmaidyem Gahambar (S)	Gatha Ahunavaiti	
August 17	Friday	7:00 PM	Navroze (S)	R - Hormuzd	M - Fravardin
August 22	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Khordadsal (S)	R - Khordad	M - Fravardin
September 4	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Farvardegan (S)	R - Fravardin	M - Fravardin
September 5	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Dasturji Kukadaru Baj (S)	R - Behram	M - Fravardin
September 15	Saturday	11:00 AM	Paitishahem Gahambar (F)	R - Marespand	M - Sherevar
October 13	Saturday	11:00 AM	Ayathrem Gahambar (F)	R - Asman	M - Meher
December 26	Wednesday	11:00 AM	Zarthost-no-Diso (F)	R - Khorshed	M - Dae
January 1, 2019	Tuesday	11:00 AM	Maidyarem Gahambar (F)	R - Sarosh	M - Dae

(s) - Shenshahi
(F) - Fasli

FIFA eGames

The Youth Committee organized a FIFA 18 gaming day on PlayStation4 at the OZCF premises. Snacks, lunch, attractive prizes & the chance to be the best, set the stage for 10 gamers to battle it out for over 5 hours in singles and doubles competitions.

The group stage draws set up some great matches and with 2 games going on at all times, energy and emotions ran high. Judging by the noise, anyone would be hard pressed to guess there were just 10 people in the hall.

Most games were a close affair with winning goals scored late. The gamers couldn't resist showing off their skill sets either. Seasoned players tactically analyzing how to beat their opponent, slick passing and some jaw dropping goals were the highlights of the day.



Gamers in singles competition on the main screen and TV



Many games and countless goals later Rohaan Gazdar emerged as the winner in the Singles category with Armaan Mavalvala as the runner-up. Special mention to young Shahan Irani who put up a tough fight against some seasoned players in Singles competition.

Singles winner Rohaan Gazdar (L) & runner-up Armaan Mavalvala (R) with Toronto Football Club 2017 Playoffs t-shirts.

The doubles final was one of the most exciting matches with advantage swinging both ways before it was won by Zamyad Meherji and Farshad Engineer.



CHRISTMAS PARTY

The OZCF Youth Committee and Scouts organized another successful Christmas party on December 17th 2017 at the OZCF. Games, activities, lunch, Santa, and the children attending set the course for this event to be a success again. Event started at 12 noon with children coming in and getting together with their friends and started off with various activities, such as the arts and crafts table, face painting, snowball slam and pin the heart on the Grinch. At 1:15 after putting the activities on hold, the children played games such as, passing the parcel, musical chairs and candy cane hunt.



At 2:15 the children enjoyed hitting the piñata and getting a whole lot of candy.

At 2:30 children enjoyed their lunch, where they were served delicious pizza from Little Caesars, right after lunch around 3:00 pm Santa came and gave kids their presents and by 4:00 pm the event came to an end with it being a success again thanks to the volunteers from both the scouts and the youth committee and the kids and parents for attending and making it a fun and memorable event.



YOGA & ZUMBA SENIORS DONATE TO THE AGIYARI FUND

It is with great joy and pleasure that the Yoga & Zumba Seniors wish to inform our community that they have made a donation of \$12,501 to the Agiyari Fund. From April till November each year, the Seniors meet every Wednesday morning at the OZCF from 11.30 to 1 pm for their Yoga/ Zumba and Laughter Therapy Sessions. The \$5.00 donation, which every senior makes at these sessions goes toward making our dream of having a proper Place of Worship become a reality as quickly as possible. On 29th November 2017 a cheque for this amount was presented by Khorshid Banoo Jobani to Phil Sidhwa which was followed by a sumptuous lunch provided by Dinoo Sidhwa. The beautifully decorated cake was courtesy of Gulrukh and Cawas Patel and our Vice President Morvarid Fereidooni did the honour of cutting it. Some of our Seniors who are now unable to attend regularly due to health issues also came and made generous donations.

As you all will recall a cheque for \$3,001 was also donated by the seniors to this fund at our Jashan in the Baug Ceremonies. This brings our total contribution to \$15,502 during the last three years. As you can see, we the Seniors, are not only having fun and keeping ourselves healthy and mentally alert but are also working hard for achieving the community's goal of building a Place of Worship on our OZCF grounds. If you are interested and would like to participate in our program please contact Minnie Mirza at minnie.mirza@gmail.com or call 905-825-8188.

Submitted by Minnie Mirza, Gulrukh Patel and Kamal Driver



100th Toronto-First Zoroastrian Scout Group & 100th Oakville Zoroastrian Scout Group's Helping Santa Claus

On Saturday November 18, Elves from the 100th Toronto-First Zoroastrian Scout Group, Group Commissioner Ferozshaw Ogra and Scouter Mashya Amroliwalla, with Elves Anahita Ogra, Kety Mirza and Beaver Ava Ogra, Cub Burzina and Scout Jia Amroliwalla helped with the sorting of the Santa Boxes at a Santa Depot.

On Sunday November 19th, Senior Elves from the 100th Oakville Zoroastrian Scout Group, Group Commissioner Khushroo Bharda with Scout Leaders Lily and Kaiomarz Suntok and Tanya Bharda and Scouts Vahishta and Farha Suntoke helped with delivering the Santa Boxes for the Toronto Star.

Thanks to the efforts of all the elves who helped in placing a smile on many children and making them happy with a memory that will last forever.

Toronto Star Santa Box Delivery Program has been around for approximately 110 years and presently there are nearly 45,000 boxes of which Scouts GTR assist with the deliveries of approximately 22,000 boxes across Toronto, Brampton, Mississauga, Ajax and Pickering. If anyone wishes to help with the program, please call me at 416-744-9207.

Report submitted by Freddy Mirza on behalf of the Scouts GTR-Toronto Star Working Group.



Asha Vahishta Seminar/Colloquium 2.3 and 2.4

The 3rd session of the Asha Vahishta Seminar Series, Phase II, provided an educational insight of Black faith worship and fellowship. Key to this education insight was that an alien faith imposed through imperialism and sometimes used as a justification for subjugation (European Christianity), was transformed by the re-imagining of the oppressed (African Americans). Christianity becomes self-actualized, personal, provocative, and empowering, as an authentic Black expression of faith and fellowship. Participants acknowledged that diasporic Zoroastrianism has much to learn from such a case study, which enlightens regarding how faith must be endowed with a sense of social justice purpose that is personal and rooted in location.

In the 4th session entitled "Beyond Good Thoughts, Good Words, Good Deeds", participants began to contemplate the articulation of diasporic faith. The Articles of Faith amount to a Cosmology rather than a Theology and provide articulate utterance to the substance and meaning of good thoughts/words/ deeds, with reference to diasporic lived faith in the 21st century. Consensus regarding the substance and mostly also the form, of 22 articles, was reached (the working document contains 101 assertions/articles). The Articles of Faith are meant to constitute the premise upon which a reinvigoration of faith and fellowship can be realized, in diaspora. It is not that the content of the Articles is not in the traditions, history, and scriptures of Zoroastrianism. Rather, it is that these, the very inspiration for the Articles, needs to be articulated and affirmed.

***** Upcoming AV Sessions 2.5 and 2.6 *****

Asha Vahishta Seminar/Colloquium II: #5

When: 13 Jan 2018 1pm onwards for 2-3 hours. Refreshments provided

Where: OZCF

Event Details: **Realizing Good Thoughts, Good Words, Good Deeds**

Articles of Faith, continued

The previous, 4th session of the AVSS (pt. II), was momentous! What a way to end the calendar year (2017) and inaugurate the promise of mindful reflection building strength and wisdom for renewal (the previous session being on the eve of Yalda, winter solstice, and the birth of Mithra to vanquish the darkness).

In the previous session, a discussion of the working document, Articles of Faith, began.

In this upcoming fifth session, participants are called on to continue a discussion regarding Articles of Faith. Having cleared the first 22, session participants will now scaffold these with a discussion of subsequent Articles.

The Articles to be discussed in this session, support the assertion of the first 22 (previously discussed Articles). They provide a framework of tenets of faith, to Realize Good Thoughts, Good Words, Good Deeds. The content of the Articles which will be discussed, provide articulation to the 'mission statement' and 'operating system' of Daena Mazdayasni, by providing a 'code of conduct'.

It is anticipated that this session will involve a high degree of participation, via debate, contemplation, and interrogation of beliefs.

The Articles of Faith attempts to be a self-standing preliminary document of faith identification, elaborating core beliefs. However, it does not stop there. The Articles of Faith attempts to simultaneously give credence to faith expressions, by being a self-contained code of conduct.

In this regard, the Articles of Faith is not meant to be 'administered', rather it is meant to be 'adhered'.

Unlike any other Trust, Secular, or Priestly council documents, the Articles of

Faith IMPOSES responsibility via FAITH utterances.

In the upcoming session, we attempt to discuss: responsibilities and conduct of officiants, executors of the faith, and individual adherents of Daena Mazdayasni.

Asha Vahishta Seminar/Colloquium II: #6

When: 27 Jan 2018 12 pm for 4 hours. Refreshments provided
Where: OZCF
Event Details: **Conversations in Faith – Collaboration of the Titans**

Now that we have your attention.....like the previous announcement for a Conversation in Faith session....we beg your indulgence for the cheeky title.

Previously, a 'Clash of the Titans' was announced. In that session we witnessed a confrontation, in faith and with intimacy, between opposing views with respect to age, location, circumstance, experience, education.

We now forecast a conversation, in faith, seeking to discern whether a collaboration of 'Titans' is possible.

Which Titans? For what endeavour?

The upcoming Conversation in Faith, will reflect on the AVSS process so far.

The session will revolve around a single, extremely important, crucial question:

Can current official governing bodies, secular and religious, align themselves to the AVSS initiative?

How can official bodies aid in the realization of AVSS aims?

This Conversation in Faith session will be organized, like its previous manifestation. This time Ervad Dr. Jehan Bagli, will join Ervad Gustad Panthaki and Dr. Neville Panthaki, seated upon the stage.

Like the previous Conversation in Faith, there will be an Open Forum/Town Hall component (taking questions from the audience).

The Asha Vahishta Seminar Series (AVSS) has maintained that education without leadership, will NEVER result in a renewal/strengthening of faith and fellowship.

Moreover, the AVSS maintains that LEADERSHIP by a clergy RECONCEPTUALIZED as pastors of faith, is vital for the success of any renewal/strengthening of faith and fellowship.

Finally, the AVSS has vocalized that a renewed and articulate diasporic expression of faith and fellowship MUST accompany the project of an Atash Kadeh, to legitimize the aspiration of the latter as a symbol.

Dr. Panthaki attempts to directly confront and contest these issues, asking whether his interlocutors believe there is a possibility for collaboration.

Or are nearly two complete phases of the AVSS tantamount to obstacles in the face of official continuity?

AVSS organizers are once again grateful for the participation in this session of Ervad Panthaki. AVSS organizers also wish to thank Ervad Dr. Bagli in advance for his participation.

If you plan to attend either or both sessions, please contact Ervad Nozer Kotwal at (905) 820-0461.

For those who would like to join in via Skype, please contact Ervad Xerxes Madan at xerxes_madan@hotmail.com

A gentle reminder to participants to bring with them a pen. Paper shall be provided.



FAMILY FUN WEEKEND

WHEN: FRIDAY, JUNE 29, 2018 12.00 NOON TO MONDAY, JULY 2, 2018 11.00 AM

WHERE: SHERKSTON SHORES, 490 EMPIRE ROAD, SHERKSTON, ON, L0S 1R0

PRICE: ACCOMMODATION IN YOUR OWN TENTS WITH WATER AND ELECTRICAL

CONNECTION - \$150* PER HEAD FOR 4 DAYS

ACCOMMODATION IN RUSTIC CABINS - \$175* PER HEAD FOR 4 DAYS

* THIS PRICE IS ON THE BASIS THAT 6 PEOPLE WILL BE SHARING THE TENT SITE OR CABINS. IF THERE ARE FEWER THAN 6 PEOPLE, THE RENTAL COST WILL GO UP.

WE THEREFORE PREFER YOU FIND SOMEONE TO SHARE THE ACCOMMODATIONS.

(CAMPGROUND WASHROOMS AND SHOWER FACILITIES ARE MERELY STEPS AWAY)

ARRIVAL: PLEASE CARPOOL AND/OR DRIVE YOUR OWN VEHICLE – 2

VEHICLES WILL BE PERMITTED PER SITE. EXTRA VEHICLES

WILL BE CHARGED \$20 PER DAY

AMENITIES:

1. USE OF 2+ MILES OF SANDY BEACHES, 2 HEATED POOLS, 3 GIANT WATER SLIDES, 1 HOT TUB AND 2 SPLASH PADS.
2. ALL MEALS FROM FRIDAY LUNCH TO MONDAY BRUNCH. PIZZA DINNER ON JULY 1, 2018
3. FIREWORKS ON SATURDAY OR SUNDAY
4. GROCERY STORE, RESTAURANT, POOLSIDE BAR ON SITE
5. CAMPFIRE EVERY NIGHT (QUIET TIME RULES APPLY)

OPTIONAL: THERE ARE MANY OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE CHILDREN, TEENS, ADULTS FOR A SMALL FEE. THERE WILL BE AN ADVANTAGE FOR BOOKING THEM AS A GROUP. PLS CONTACT US FOR A FULL LIST OF ACTIVITIES.

WHO CAN ATTEND: GROUPS OF 6 ARE ENCOURAGED AS EACH SITE OR CABIN ACCOMMODATES 6 PERSONS. PARENT/S WILL NEED TO COME WITH THEIR OWN OR FRIEND'S CHILDREN. THIS IS A PUBLIC RESORT, AND THEREFORE CHILDREN NEED TO BE SUPERVISED AT ALL TIMES. OZCF VOLUNTEERS OR ORGANIZERS CANNOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SAFETY AND WELLBEING OF THE KIDS. A RISK WAIVER WILL HAVE TO BE SIGNED FOR ALL CHILDREN BY THEIR PARENTS OR GUARDIANS, EVEN IF THE PARTICIPANT HAS ATTAINED THE AGE OF MAJORITY.

REGISTRATION: A NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT OF \$75 PER HEAD WILL BE REQUIRED BY **JANUARY 15, 2018** TO SECURE SPOTS. THESE DATES ARE THE MOST BOOKED OF ANY WEEKEND THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, SO WE HAVE TO REQUEST BOOKINGS **NOW**, ESPECIALLY IF WE WISH TO GET THE BEST SPOTS, (BESIDE EACH OTHER AND OF COURSE CLOSE TO WASHROOMS AND SHOWERS, ETC).

THERE IS LIMITED AVAILABILITY, THEREFORE PLEASE RESPOND ASAP TO MAKE BOOKINGS. FOR FURTHER ENQUIRES PLEASE EMAIL ozcfamilyweekend@gmail.com. THE BALANCE OF THE FEE WILL BE REQUIRED TO BE PAID BY **APRIL 15, 2018** AS FINAL PAYMENT TO THE RESORT NEEDS TO BE MADE 60 DAYS BEFORE THE EVENT. PART PAYMENTS CAN BE MADE FEB 1, MARCH 1 AND APRIL 1, 2018

Book Reviews for “Remembering the Magick of the Light”

by Kavasji H. Homji (homji@sympatico.ca)

Price: Cdn\$25 + postage in Canada; US\$30 outside Canada

This book is comprised of three parts: Zarathushtra’s life and teachings, a suggested spiritual practice for adherents and a basic explanation of the Amesha Spentas, which form the pillars of any spiritual journey.

It has been reviewed by Ervad Dr. Jehan Bagli, The Parsiana magazine in India and the Fezana magazine of North America.

Excerpts from review by Ervad Dr. Jehan Bagli

‘Remembering the Magick of the Light’ is a unique work by a unique individual. the history of human evolution that Homji has envisioned is beyond imagination. Throughout this work, we notice an expression of deep Spirituality.... a true reflection of a dedicated teacher of Healing Energy.

His description of the Amesha Spentas as the ‘seven Archetypical Energies assembled in council’ with Mother Earth is particularly striking (Yasna 29). Intermittently, Homji makes profound references to the world of seen and unseen, depicting the physical and spiritual duality of existence. He then takes us through an elaboration of the duality within mankind through the presence of Spenta and Anghra Mainyu within every human; manifesting as the True and False self, the former being the guiding Light while the latter the opposing ego self, with the balanced integration of the two resulting in wholeness. In living to serve Creation one finds the perfection from manliness to Godliness.

One reading of this work cannot do justice to the author’s supremely radiant unfolding of Zarathushtra’s fundamental teaching; to effectively utilize Vohu Mannah to make wise life choices.

Excerpts from the book review by FEZANA Magazine

The story positions itself in the metaphysical realm.... Homji is committed to transcending the illusory veil between the seen and unseen.

A particularly clever representation is the conversation between Ahura Mazda and Geush Urvan from the Ahunavaiti Gatha, creatively portrayed in the book as an old Magi priest’s mystical vision when he taps into the Unified Consciousness.

It deserves a wider readership and will interest Zarthushtis and non Zarthushtis alike who are on a spiritual journey in search of the Path to Light.

Excerpts from the book review by Parsiana Magazine

....Well merits an indulgent appraisal. Homji chooses a credible mystico-cultural path which he treads with sincerity of purpose and great conviction.

“The Divine Journey” includes the intriguing “Revealed Teachings of the Master. One skims past these at peril, for Homji’s fictionalizing stops and his edifying profound understanding of Zarathushtra’s Gathas unfolds..... In settling for the author’s percipient unfolding of connected themes guiding the reader along these ancient pathways of wisdom, the sage’s injunction “Reflect clear mindedly -- each for himself – on the two courses of Life and so let it be with each of us.... Edun Baad! (May it be so.)

New Year's Eve Recap

A big thank you to one and all for ringing in the New Year with such enthusiasm – it was truly an evening full of fun!

The theme, a combination of black, gold and silver, was the highlight of the evening. As far as entertainment was concerned, the awesome music played its part, and people with or without their dancing shoes were soon on the dance floor. The layout of a delicious cuisine was sumptuous and finger-licking good and enjoyed by all. Not forgetting the surprise treat, the beautifully packed gifts for the lucky raffle winners!

Most importantly it was a pleasure to have organized a memorable evening at our very own centre, the ZRCC. At midnight sharp, a toast was raised amidst the downpouring of confetti, to a perfect upcoming year, to all our dreams coming true and to a happy 2018! Our New Year's resolution - to organize more such successful events, with new ideas and motivation.

-Nelly Engineer and the Entertainment Committee



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Jamva Chaloji Summary

The hall at the OZCF was abuzz with the sights and smells of Parsi and local delicacies, on Sunday, December 3, 2017, for our ever popular JAMVA CHALOJI event.

Over a dozen vendors agreed to participate in the event to sell their wares. Some of the vendors were not only new to the event, but were newcomers to Canada as well. Most of the families sent in their pre-orders, with a new online order form set up thanks to Rumi Jasavala. The orders were received and sent off to the vendors, and thanks go out to Jeroo Madan who liaised between the community and the vendors.

As usual, the Scouts were in charge of the live food station and prepared the bhelpuri and tea which was much appreciated by the crowds. The Scouts also helped in running some of the vendor's tables and the OZCF table, where some of the donated food was sold.

The hall was set up with the help from the Youth, who were conveniently on hand the day before after their FIFA eGames event. The Entertainment Committee came and put the finishing touches and assignment of tables.

Neville Patrawala, Tauzer Dalal and Arnavaz Dhabhar did their usual stint at the money end and worked the teller's counter efficiently. Currency prep was done by Nelly Engineer, Perveen Katila and Armaity Anandasagar, with the help of some youth, who helped with the cutting and sorting.

All in all, it was a well attended event and the members expressed their appreciation and wanted that the annual event should continue.

The event helped bring together young and old members. The vendors were also happy as practically all the food was "Sold Out".

The OZCF and the Entertainment Committee would like to thank the members for their support and everyone who helped to make this event a success.

- Jeroo Madan, Armaity Anandasagar and the Entertainment Committee



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Membership Category / Fees

<input type="checkbox"/> Youth	<input type="checkbox"/> Single	<input type="checkbox"/> Seniors	<input type="checkbox"/> Family
Individuals of age 19 to 24 years	Individuals of age 25 and below 65 years	Individuals of age 65 years and above	Includes children up to age 18 years
\$40	\$100	\$50	\$150

APPLICANT INFORMATION

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____ Apartment No: _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Home Phone: (_____) - _____ - _____ Cell Phone: (_____) - _____ - _____

Email: _____

DEPENDANT INFORMATION

1.	First Name	_____	Last Name	_____	Age	_____
2.	First Name	_____	Last Name	_____	Age	_____
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4.	First Name	_____	Last Name	_____	Age	_____

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