



Vision May 2018

President's Message

"Sometimes it's the journey that teaches you a lot about your destination."

- Drake

And it has been quite the journey for our Board as we approach the finish line of our two-year term.

In becoming President, I mandated that our board maintain a strong and healthy balance sheet ☒ ; incorporate younger directors into the decision-making process as they and other "this-gen" members will be our future leaders ☒ ; ensure that we continue offering wide range of communal, religious and cultural events to suit the needs of all our members ☒.

Want proof? We've had a Tea Party, Cricket Dhansak days, Grandparent's Day, New Year's Eve, Halloween and Christmas parties, Movie Matinees, celebrated Tirgan, summer picnics, donation drives, Mukta sessions, Navroze functions and numerous Ghambars.

Want more? Gymkhana Night, scouting activities, yoga and zumba sessions, Jamva Chalaji days, FIFA eGames Day, Mentorship Day, ongoing bingo sessions, a golfing fundraiser and the recently concluded natak round off an exhaustive list of activities involving countless volunteers, which is representative of our vibrant and dynamic community.

The Asha Vahishta sessions aim to reinvigorate our religious identity in exploring topics pertaining to Zoroastrianism vis-à-vis 21st century issues.

Under the astute guidance and leadership of PWAC, we sit on the cusp constructing our consecrated Place of Worship. Keep reading the issues of *Vision* to discover the imminence of when shovels will hit the ground.

Just look at how far we've come in 16 short years. We purchased the land for our 10-acre property, constructed our community hall and are on the brink of seeing the Place of Worship come to fruition. Lofty goals they were at the time, but we continue checking off the boxes. Take a bow folks, as these are remarkable achievements, given their time frame!

These last two years have shown me that we have a spirited, energized and vigorous community. It has been a privilege to serve as President and I thank my board members for their backing and to you the membership, for the unwavering support you have shown our board and myself. I trust you will continue to offer the same backing to the next president and board as they lead our community forward to greater heights.

May Ahura Mazda forever bless us and our community.

Cyrus Gazdar, OZCF President

Upcoming Religious Events

Zarthost-no-Diso (S) Thursday May 24th

Zarthost-no-Diso (S) prayers will be held on Thursday May 24th at 7:00 pm at Z.R.C.C. 1187 Burnhamthorpe Rd. East, Oakville, followed by chasni.

Maidhyoshem Ghambar (F) Sunday July 1st

We will be celebrating Maidhyoshem Ghambar (F) on Sunday July 1st 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 June 27th. 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.

If you and/or your friends wish to sponsor this Ghambar or any other religious event in the future, please let Ervad Kotwal know.

Annual General Meeting Notice

AGM – Sunday June 24 at the ZRCC starting at 11am sharp. Nomination forms have already been mailed out to members and must be received by **May 20th** at our property's address. The full AGM package will be mailed out by the end of this month. Members must have paid their fees to attend the AGM. Refreshments will be served.

Request for Help

The OZCF property consists of 10 acres of land and we are in need of volunteers who can spend even an hour to help clean up some things. Please register as a volunteer by going to our website <http://www.ozcf.com> and clicking on the volunteer tab.

This is a shout out for immediate assistance and we can then plan around your availability.

If you need to know more before volunteering your time, please contact Rumi Jasavala at rumijas@hotmail.com

Looking forward to receiving your help...

OZCF/ZSO NAVROZE DINNER AND DANCE

March 24, 2018 saw another joint function between the two Zoroastrian organisations in Toronto. The Woodbine Banquet Hall received around 225 guests all dressed to the nines to celebrate this special festival. The evening began with guests greeting and wishing each other Navroze Mubarak, with soft music playing in the background.

Soon it was time for *pet puja*, and while the appetizers were being enjoyed by some, others took to the dance floor which never seemed to be empty all night. Guests enjoyed the live band and danced the night away.

The Presidents of both organisations welcomed the guests and thanked the committees for their efforts to bring the community together and it was heartening to see such a large number in attendance. The speeches were followed by a sumptuous dinner and young and old danced thereafter until the wee hours. Interspersed with other goings-on, there were raffle draws, and as there were numerous prizes, many raffle prize winners went home happy!!

- submitted by Armaity Anandasagar



Muktaad and Navroze Recap

We celebrated the coming of Spring, and as per our Fasli calendar we celebrated Navroze on March 21 with a Jashan and dinner. It was a very well attended event. During the Jashan there was standing room only, despite being a working day. It was very heartening to see so many youth come out for the prayers. The Jashan was performed by our own Mobeds from OZCF.

At our invitation, after the Jashan, Dr. Neville Panthaki gave a talk on the significance of Navroze and a brief outline of the Asha Vahishta sessions we have been holding for the past 2 years, and encouraged the Anjuman to come out and partake in the vigorous, energetic, informative discussions and debates.



Our President, Cyrus Gazdar, then went on to welcome the congregation and wished everyone Navroze Mubarak on behalf of himself and the BOD. This was followed by thanking all the mobeds and volunteers for helping throughout the Gatha days, and for coming very early in the morning and staying till late at night. Some members were acknowledged for their on-going volunteer service by handing out awards. Firdosh and Chisty Bulsara, Mahaveer Javat and Marook Sidhwa were given plaques and our newly minted Maratab, Ervad Nekzad Illava was also felicitated on his achievement, being the youngest Ervad to reach the Maratab level.

Of course, no celebration for our community can be complete without food. A sumptuous dinner of pulao, dal, chicken, potato, salad and ravo was prepared and donated by our very own Cawas and Zarin Irani. They also donated all the fruits, flowers and other goodies for the Jashan ceremony as well. Two of our youth members, Farshad and Fiona Engineer, of their own accord, decided to make them, and asked if they could make special desserts for the occasion. All the sweet-aholics consumed them and within minutes the trays were empty. So, thank you to the Engineer siblings.

We would like to thank our VP, Morvarid Fereidooni, for setting up the beautiful Haft-Shin Table, which, we believe, was the most photographed that day.

We would also like to thank all the volunteers and helpers, who cooked, donated and sponsored meals for the stums for Gatha days and the midnight bhatiyu to send off our dearly departed souls as well as all the volunteers who helped with the clean up before and during the Muktaad days and those who helped with the serving of food, with Hum Bundagi, etc.

We, at OZCF, are very fortunate for having such a good team of Mobeds and a sizeable pool of volunteers to depend on, to undertake and successfully complete our Fasli Muktaads each year.

- submitted by Armaity Anandasagar



Asha Vahishta Seminar II #7, 8 & 9: Summaries

During the 7th colloquium of AVSS Phase II, participants investigated if and how, faith institutions could be made into democratic spaces. Leadership (priests, executive officers, administrators) is crucial to educational transformation. The anjuman (community) must ensure that its faith-leadership and fellowship-leadership are representatives of the anjuman's vision. All too often, a disconnect between leadership goals and anjuman vision, accounts for the failure to sustain a vibrant faith and fellowship.

Participants discussed how a guiding or vision-document like the Articles of Faith could be utilized to mandate anjuman legitimacy, direct faith leadership, and direct fellowship governance. The Articles (v.1: June 2017), rebranded as the 101 Inspirations (v.2: February 18, 2018) are now available via the OZCF website.

The 8th session was volatile in its discussion. Participants exchanged impassioned views and opinions regarding the interpretation of Sanjan Landing. Had it been a salvation for Daena Mazdayasni, or was there a more nuanced description? The participants brain-stormed their ideas and it was felt that there may have been a lack of awareness of things which 'Freedom' created, as opposed to 'Oppression'.

'Freedom' meant, the liberty to slowly transform faith/fellowship from a cosmopolitan and joyful expression, into a xenophobic and fearful introversion. Post-British encounter, 'freedom', further altered Daena Mazdayasni, as a tradition enabled and justified solely by text, valued above emotional wisdom. Religion became something to be related to (rather than something naturally felt).

By contrast, 'oppression' created introspection, reflection, and adaptation. Faith/fellowship remained relevant to context of time-location-society. Integration of Zoroastrians among the non-Zoroastrian population was only an issue of secular/legal constraints, not a self-segregation. Religion remained a lived faith, centred in villages, not in temples.

The final thoughts of the session related to contemporary diasporic Parsi issues of faith/fellowship. Clearly, 'freedom' allowed the central festival and core message of faith (Nowruz, 'Jamshedi') to become neglected, obscured, under-appreciated, and forgotten. This, opposed to conditions of 'oppression' which ensured that Nowruz, although commemorating the departed, was like faith in general, a celebration of life. A question was put forward: 'Is there any comparable case where a religious group has forgotten or denied the significance of their most important festival/celebration?' Perhaps when we wonder out loud, about where are the youth and what can be done to save our faith, we should reflect on the above. The answer does not lie in piecemeal attempts to address single issues, but an overall rejuvenation of faith/fellowship. That requires an awareness of mission-statement and operating-system, mandated by a vision document.

The 9th session was inspirational, literally and figuratively. Literally, the discussion pertained to an investigation of the remaining 101 Inspirations articles while figuratively, participants indulged the moderator's opinion that the adoption of the coherent articulation that is the AVI vision document, would lead to a resolution of contemporary issues plaguing Zoroastrianism "in 5 minutes!". Through discussions within table groups, it was found that individuals began to articulate the reasoning behind many of the articles for themselves. Having completed numerous examinations of identity and belonging, questioned the rationale for faith and fellowship, and interrogated the nature of a relevant system of belief within an urban multicultural and secular society—it was clearly illustrated in the last session, that participants understood the need for an articulate vision statement of themselves and their religion, which would simultaneously act as a resolution mechanism for "all problems".

Moreover, participants who brought up issues with any given article (from the 101 Inspirations), may have had their original hesitancy overcome through discussion with their peers. This means that the 101 Inspirations began to transition from the academic model and framework of its author, to an inspiration vision-document for adherents to articulate their faith and fellowship. The AVI Vision Document also demonstrates its ability to be 'user friendly' as a guide to decipher and rationalize the 'operating system' of a diasporic Daena Mazdayasni.

This is a fitting close to the second phase of the AVI. In Phase III, the AVI shall now begin an effort to concretize vision and resolution, toward the promotion of a diasporic identity for faith and fellowship.

- submitted by Xerxes Madan

Asha Vahishta Initiative Conference

If you haven't already done so, please **RSVP** to attend the AVI Conference! nskotwall@gmail.com

The Conference is a monumental undertaking at the OZCF, to provide you with insights regarding how faith and fellowship are kept relevant in diaspora.

As an extensive event with many different topics and guest speakers, the Conference is a massive multiple day event (**May 26, June 9, Aug 18, Aug 19**).

Hourly sessions begin from 8am in the morning and on some days, continue well into the evening hours.

You are most welcome to attend at your leisure. You may attend all sessions on every day, or particular sessions on each day, or multiple sessions throughout the day(s). The choice is entirely yours! But please indicate when you RSVP.

The Conference is part of the AVI (Asha Vahishta Initiative).

Visit the OZCF website at <https://ozcf.wildapricot.org/> to read, and print:

AVI Conference Pamphlet (listing Conference session topics and times)

AVI rationale

AVSS synopses (the Asha Vahishta Seminar Series)

AVI Vision Document (The 101 Inspirations)

Visit the OZCF website regularly, and up to the date of each specific Conference Day, for up to date information regarding session topics and sessions timings (AVI Conference Pamphlet)

For any AVI or Conference related information, please contact ashavahishtainitiative@gmail.com

AVI Conference Date ...JUST ADDED!!! - JUNE 9.-

In addition to the established program of the ongoing Asha Vahishta Initiative (AVI) Conference, June 9 has just been added!!!

Please note that ONLY the June 9 date will **NOT TAKE PLACE** at the OZCF hall.

Instead, the JUNE 9 Conference day will take place at:

Greenbriar Recreation Centre (in the "community room"); at 1100 Central Park Drive, in Brampton, 905-791-2240

<http://www.brampton.ca/en/residents/Community-Centres/Greenbriar-Recreation-Centre/Pages/Welcome.aspx>

For the full **AVI Conference program**, the Conference Speakers Biographies, as well as the AVI Vision Document (The 101 Inspirations), and the AVI Seminar Series Synopses, please visit **<https://www.ozcf.com>**

The details of the June 9 program are as follows:

Programme (June 9): OFF-SITE
{Greenbriar Rec. Centre, 1100 Central Park Drive, Brampton, 905-791-2240}
Re-Discovery Through Re-Orientation

Main Theme: Self-perception of our relationship to Creation, determines social conduct and toleration for injustice. Re-discovering the stewardship of Earth/
Creation requires a mental/spiritual re-orientation.

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

The 101 Inspirations: Axioms, Epistemology, Cosmovision, Covenant.
(Eliminating the contest of 'authorities' ...text, tradition, scholars, priests).

Session 2 (11:30am-12:30pm): Bagli/Panthakis/Austin/Dastur

From Mobed to Mage: Re-conceptualizing Clergy as Pastors of Faith and Fellowship

(Vibrant/dynamic faith requires communicators of inspiration, not detached managers of status-quo religion to their congregations).

Session 3 (1:00pm-2:00pm): Clough

A Unified Theology of Ecology, Environment, and All Creatures: Solving Human Made Problems Requires Spiritual Reaffirmation.

(Environmental Degradation, Economic Abuse, Animal Cruelty, are all problems created from human entitlement and spiritual separateness).

Session 4 (2:30pm-3:30pm): Raffaelli

Interdependence and Reciprocity: Zoroastrian Cosmology in Solidarity with Global Indigenous Ways of Knowing/Being.

(Western (Abrahamic religions) notions of theology, differ from Daena Mazdayasni (Earth/Creation centred). Faith deciphers divinity/purpose)

Session 5 (4:00pm-5:00pm): Rambachan

A Hindu Theology of Liberation: Inspired Diasporic Re-imagining/ Re-claiming.

(A case study of how a South Asian tradition is successfully re-oriented and re-vitalized towards social justice initiatives. And why this is vital).

Session 6 (5:30pm-6:30pm): Austin, Homavazir, Doctor

Finding Mashyane in Diasporic Faith and Fellowship: Women in Daena Mazdayasni.

(Making women prominent in faith/fellowship. Citing historic episodes and enlightened text is insufficient. From subjects to participatory agents).

Session 7 (7:00pm-8:00pm): Gazdar/Panthakis/Homavazir/Doctor

From Out-sourced Zoroastrianism to Dynamic Daena Mazdayasni: Youth Engagement as Diasporic Re-discovery.

(Home-grown youth expression of lived faith and fellowship, not out-sourced Zoroastrianism. Legitimate expressions of self/location/concerns).

Place of Worship Advisory Committee Update

The Time Is Now



We are pleased to report that our rezoning application was submitted with the necessary fees to the Town of Oakville, Region of Halton and Halton Conservation in May. Over the past several months, this process involved numerous meetings with various government authorities, completion of comprehensive consultant studies and submission of site drawings and reports. Also, the town required us to conduct a Neighbourhood Public Information Meeting which we did in early May, with invitations sent out to surrounding landowners, special interest groups, councillors and staff. The meeting was successful and no concerns were raised.

The following studies and reports were completed and submitted, together with site drawings, building elevations and aerial maps defining areas, topography and contours. These are available for review:

- Scoped Environmental Implementation Report
- Functional Servicing Study
- Traffic Impact Assessment
- Bird Breeding Study
- Arborist Report
- Stormwater Management Plan
- Creek alignment Plan
- Erosion Control Plan
- Environmental Site Assessment
- Flood Control Management
- Water and Wastewater Supply
- Area design Plan and Concept Plan
- Planning Justification Report
- Urban Design Brief

Archaeological Assessment. The preliminary archaeological dig consisted of a standard Phase 1 and Phase 2 assessment.

This revealed numerous potential artifacts indicating the possible presence of indigenous groups, in a small area just to the west of the house, south of the property.

We were compelled to do a Phase 3 study of this area on which artifacts were found. In such cases a final Phase 4 study is required during which all the artifacts are carefully collected and stored. We will be undertaking the Phase 4 work this spring. It will be done concurrently with our site review so it will not slow down the review and approval process. However, having to conduct the Phase 3 study caused a time delay and now Phase 4 will be required.

The negotiations of the location of the storm water channel and creek alignment also delayed the submission as the Town wanted to ensure that its future developments around the area remained unimpeded. The town will use part of the western part of our property for stormwater drainage into the creek of our land as well as the land west and south of us, for future developments. As present, this will remain an environmentally sensitive natural heritage area and no development will be allowed within that corridor.

Place of Worship Advisory Committee Update ..cont

This does not present any greater impediment for our intended use now or in the future.

While these unexpected circumstances resulted in time delays, we should remain within our overall budget for the studies, barring any additional work that is required following review by the authorities of our detailed reports. We have ensured that our studies are very comprehensive and reports and application have been carefully completed through the exhaustive efforts of our planners, consultants, architect and committee members.

By provincial regulations, a rezoning approval must be completed by the town within a set period of time following submission. This consists of a 30 days initial screening period during which they review our application and studies for completeness, followed by a maximum of five months to review the studies and issue the Zoning By-law and Official Plan Amendments. This process also involves council approval and November being municipal elections, may result in time delays. However this is not deemed to be a large or controversial project so undue delays are not anticipated.

The entire submission with application, studies, reports and drawings can be viewed by emailing philsidhwa@hotmail.com or telephone 647 632 3334.

We now wait and pray for Ahura Mazda's guidance.

Phil Sidhwa, Chair - PWAC

10th Annual OZCF Cricket Dhansak

Date: June 9, 2018
Time: 11am to 5pm
Venue: OZCF
Cost: \$15 per person for Dhansak

Contact: Rumi Jasavala at rumijas@hotmail.com

The OZCF is proud to announce its 10th Annual Cricket Dhansak event. In order to take part in the Cricket and/or Dhansak, please register by clicking here or by going to the OZCF website at

<https://ozcf.wildapricot.org/event-2927891/Registration>

Please note that you do need to register for this event and payment is part of the registration and non refundable.

Registration closing date is June 1, 2018



ACHIEVEMENT

A TRUE ZOROASTRIAN

Six-year-old Syrah Pearl Merwan, daughter of Kerman Merwan and Pearl Panthaky, on her own, decided to donate her beautiful long hair for sick children suffering with cancer.

Her unselfish act is what the Ashem Vohu teaches us, to help anyone in need of help without any expectations in return.

Syrah is encouraging and requesting all other young Zoroastrian children to donate their hair for the benefit of sick children with cancer to the organization called "Locks of Love", or to the Canadian Cancer Society.



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

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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 \$60 fee for a background check. Volunteers have to 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>

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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PRAYERS

Prayers are like
The rays of
The golden Phoebe
When chanted
Emitting intense heat
Cleansing one's
Thoughts words deeds

As the sun
Seems to retire
For the night
Casting an reddish
Orange glow all over
Signaling that evening
Is drawing near
As we are ourselves
About to retire
A comforter of the night
Gently covering the earth
While the quiet moon in
Her silvery chariot
Floating by
Accompanied by
Her train of stars
Strumming:
"Twinkle Twinkle
Little Star"
As though singing
A lullaby
Prayers seem to
Have a soothing effect
'Cause everything is
Peaceful & quiet

Before we close
Our eye and
Settle down to sleep
Recapping what
Thoughts we thought
What words we uttered
And what deeds we did
At the end of the day
Of one has faith
It's the powers of prayers
That can save the day!

Choices Happiness
Farida Bamji

SPRING

No more winter
No more chills colds
As well as flues
Woolly fluffy clouds
And skies of blue
Trees growing
Little green leaves
While birds sing
In full throated ease
To all the passers by
" Good Morning
How do you do?
Wishing you all
A very pleasant day
May everything you
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TORONTO PARSI DRAMA GROUP PERFORMED HILARIOUS COMEDY “MADON NI MANSIC HOSPITAL”

Wow what a performance, after few years of gap, on April 20 and 21 The **Toronto Parsi Drama Group** performed a hilarious comedy “Madon Ni Mansic Hospital” (Dr. Madon’s Psychiatric Hospital) at the ZRCC. The veterans Jal and Meher Panthaky, after many years of producing, directing and acting in many hilarious Parsi Nataks, passed on the baton to a younger group, led by their enthusiastic leader Shirin Chaturvedi, in this, their maiden performance.

The time lapse between the last natak and this latest one, only heightened the excitement as was evidenced by the fact that both shows sold out in under a week.

Before the natak, a scrumptious dinner of Chicken Dhansak and Kachuber was served each day. The dessert for Friday’s dinner was graciously sponsored by Gulrukh and Cawas Patel. The dinner for Saturday was very graciously donated by Zarin Irani, and “Lagan nu Custard” dessert was prepared by our very own young volunteers.

Jal and Meher acted as emcees and started off the evening by putting the audience in a good humorous mood, with bawa jokes.

The main characters of the natak were as follows: **Jal**, a psychiatric patient played by **Farhad Nagarwala**, also husband of **Dinoo**, played by **Shirin Chaturvedi**. **Dr. Madon’s** role was played by **Porus Pastakia**, the Nurse was **Diana Davar**. **Dinoo’s mother** was **Jasmin Wadia** and the bobri (stuttering) **Masi** was **Tazeen Cooper**. And finally, **Adi**, Jal’s friend and partner in crime, was played by **Hoshedar Bamboat**.

The sound producer was Mehbod Dastoor, and audio and sound engineer was Meherwan Wadia. Jeroo Madan was the prompter backstage and the curtain controllers were Manish Chaturvedi and Xerxes Madan.

After the show ended the emcees introduced the cast and crew, and then our OZCF President, Cyrus Gazdar gave a short speech, thanking the main organizer Shirin Chaturvedi and all the performers and volunteers who helped raise over \$4200 which will go to the General Fund.

Before dessert the entire audience was on it’s feet giving the cast and crew a standing “O”. The evening ended with everyone singing our Parsi anthem “Chaiye Hume Zarthoshti”. We wholeheartedly thank all the volunteers and helpers who made this event possible and rendered it a memorable performance.

There was only one comment that was commonly heard throughout the evening – “Bahuj majah pari. Pachho bijo natak kyare karso” (really enjoyed it, when is the next one?). Stay tuned.....

- submitted by Meher Panthaky





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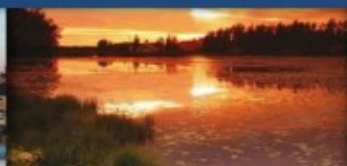
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