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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

June 2019 will forever be etched in the mind of all Canadians, as for the first time a Canadian basketball team the Toronto Raptors won the NBA Championship. More importantly, for all Zoroastrians because our Place of Worship Advisory Committee successfully finalized the agreement regarding the water course corridor on our lands with Conservation Halton and Town of Oakville. This means that the hold that was in place for the rezoning application has been removed and PWAC is now working on Site Plan Application approval.

On June 8th, 2019 PWAC provided a fulsome update to all Zoroastrians on the status of the project and the subsequent next steps before we have shovels in the ground. It was extremely encouraging to watch 220 of our community members excited about the building of the Atashkadeh.

On June 23rd we held the Annual General Meeting and provided an update to our members who attended this meeting.

On July 1st we will be celebrating Canada day and the Maidhyoshem Ghambar at Z.R.C.C hall. The Ghambar Jashan will commence at 11:00 am followed by lunch. It is also the day of Fasli Tirgan, when Tir Mah (month) and Tir Roj (day) fall on the same day, which is auspicious.

On July 27th, 2019 the OZCF Fundraising Sub Committee invites you to Fashion Blast 2 where our Zoroastrian youth showcase their talents on the Catwalk. This event will include dinner and music. There will also be a cash bar. The venue is 707 Galaxy, 475 North Service RD. E. Oakville, ON L6H 1A5. Tickets are priced at Adults \$50.00; Children: (5-10) \$30. Contact: Gulrukh Patel (905) 542-0237 or email: gulrukh.patel@gmail.com and book early to avoid disappointment.

We are past the half year mark for 2019 and I request members who have yet not paid their membership renewal dues, to kindly do so soon. You may set up a direct deposit payment so that your membership self-renews annually. Forms are available online. Alternatively, pay online by visiting the OZCF Website www.ozcf.com.

Finally, as always, I ask that you pray for and keep within your thoughts, those members of our community who are currently ailing. May Ahura Mazda assist them to a speedy recovery.

Until next time,



Neville Patrawala President

Email: president@ozcf.com

Cell: (416)-846-0785





PWAC TOWN HALL

Dear Fellow Zoroastrians,

A picture-perfect afternoon provided the ideal backdrop at the ZRCC on June 8th as over 220 curious members came out to hear of the status of the Place of Worship (PoW).

Place of Worship Advisory Committee chair Phil Sidhwa along with architect John Robulack of JRI Architects provided a detailed account of the PoW project, by way of schematic and conceptual drawings as well as confirming that they were well within budgeted costs. Phil added that donors who had pledged money had been contacted and confirmed that they were ready to donate their pledged amounts.

As the make up of the gathering was akin to a town hall setting, members were free to ask questions with Phil, John and various priests responding to all queries.

Phil mentioned that there were still some steps that needed clearing with the Town of Oakville, but was confident that PWAC would meet all their requirements and, to the delight of the attendees, stated that we were looking to have shovels go into ground by mid to late autumn, to which there was a huge roar of applause.

The Board and numerous members thanked Phil and the PWAC team for leading us to where we are today, on the brink of constructing our very own House of God which will enable us to perpetuate our religion for many a future generation.

Folks, this a monumental achievement for our small community. History will fondly reveal how a dedicated group of Zoroastrians with zeal and dedication, passion and vigour, helped bring to fruition the very first consecrated Place of Worship in the GTA. It is through your hard-earned dollars that we stand where we are today, so take a bow as both PWAC and the Board salute you, our munificent members and volunteers!

In celebratory mood, the Board had catered for food and beverage as members rejoiced amid all the good news.







Vision Newsletter



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

Prayer Room Access

Nozer Kotwal 905-820 0461 nskotwal1@gmail.com

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Cyrus Gazdar 647-294 6462 cygazdar@yahoo.ca

ZRCC Coordinator

Armaity Anandasagar 905-271 0366 armaity.a@gmail.com

OZCF President

Neville Patrawala 416-846-0785 president@ozcf.com

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Our Mobeds are available to help in times of need to offer their guidance & services to the community. Please contact:

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ANNOUNCEMENT

PAPERLESS NEWSLETTERS AS OF 2020

In a bid to go paperless and reduce printing costs, members will be receiving all newsletters from January 2020 in online format. Members will have the newsletter blasted via email and a copy will also be available on the OZCF's website.

OZCF GARDEN

I wish to thank my family and friends for encouraging and supporting me in creating a small garden at OZCF. I am sure many of you, who have visited OZCF recently have viewed the colourful collage and taken delight in its beauty. Nature is the greatest place to heal and recharge!!

It is a way to commune with nature - appreciating the wonderful world of flora & fauna continue to fascinate me to the core. A thing of beauty is a joy forever.

This year we could not do much, but next year we will try to incorporate some new/better ideas towards this beautification process.

The glory of gardening:

"hands in the dirt, head in the sun, heart with nature. To nurture a garden is to feed not just the body, but the soul" — Alfred Austin

Once again, my sincere thanks and appreciation to the OZCF Committee for considering my proposal and making this small effort successful.

Kersi Katila











FASHION BLAST 2

JUNE 20, 2019

The Ontario Zoroastrian Community Foundation (OZCF) is hosting Fashion Blast 2 on Saturday, July 27, 2019, at the 707 Galaxy Banquet Hall, 475 North Service Rd. E., Oakville, ON, L6H 1A5.

Funds raised will go towards maintenance and upkeep of OZCF's community centre located at 1187 Burnhamthorpe Road East, Oakville. Various youth, adult and seniors' programs are regularly held at the property for the well-being of the community.

Apart from various sponsorships, we are also in the process of creating a memento souvenir brochure for the event. This colourful brochure will be placed at all dinner placements and will also be distributed amongst community members and their friends and colleagues. We anticipate printing 500 copies.

Advertising in our souvenir brochure offers you the opportunity to market your company's products and services reaching out to an affluent audience. A sponsorship and advertising rate-card and order form is attached. Donations are also welcome.

To place your advertisement in our memento souvenir, please fill out the attached form by July 2, 2019 and mail to:

Chisty Bulsara (905) 824-7692 OZCF Fashion Blast 2 Program Book Advertisement

6352 Longspur Road

Mississauga ON L5N 6G8

Or go to ozcf.com and make payment via PayPal.

A tax receipt will only be issued to you for cash donations. We hope you can join us for this event as your support will help us to fulfill our vision.

Sincerely,

Kermin Byramjee

Fundraising Chair, OZCF



Fashion Blast 2 SPONSORSHIPS/ADVERTISEMENTS/DONATIONS/ PARTICIPATION OPPURTUNITIES	RATES
GOLD SPONSOR One complementary table for eight guests Banner display at the event all day (to be provided by the sponsor) Full page advertisement in Program Book (artwork to be provided by the sponsor)	\$2,000.00 You will receive a Tax Receipt for \$1,000
SILVER SPONSOR Four complementary tickets to Fashion Blast 2 Full page advertisement in Program Book (to be provided by the sponsor) FASHION SHOW & DINNER	\$1,000.00 You will receive a Tax Receipt for \$500
Table of eight: Single Adult: Child (5-10):	\$400 \$50 \$30
Culrukh Patel (905) 542-0237 or email gulrukh.patel@gmail.com VENDORS Table provided in lobby for sale of items/services (does not include attendance to the gala). Contact: Jeroo Madan (647) 339-0052 BAKE SALE	\$80
Donations of Parsi delicacies for the OZCF bake sale table will be greatly appreciated. Contact: Jeroo Madan (647) 339-0052	



OZCF Fundraising Committee

Invites you to the Annual Lamb Roast Picnic

Enjoy the barbequed lamb, chicken or the vegetarian option with a selection of salads, rolls and watermelon.

Come with your deck chairs and enjoy the barbeque, cash bar and organized games!

At: the ZRCC Grounds
On: Sunday, August 25, 2019

At: 11am

Members: \$30; Guests: \$40; Children 5-10: \$20

Tickets: Call Gulrukh Patel at 905-542-0237



ADVERTISEMENT PRICE LIST – Fashion Blast 2 PROGRAM BOOK 2019

Program Book Size: 5.5" X 8.5"

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6352 Longspur Road,
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presents:

Fashion Blast 2



Date: Saturday July 27, 2019

Fashion Show & Dinner - Cash Bar

Venue: 707 Galaxy 475 North Service Rd. E. Oakville ON L6H 1A5 Tickets: Adults \$50

Children: (5-10) \$30

Time: 6:30 pm sharp

Contact: Gulrukh Patel 905-542-0237 gulrukh.patel@gmail.com



















Invites you to attend the

NAVROZE JASHAN AND DINNER

Date: August 17, 2019

Time: Jashan at 7 PM; Dinner at 8 PM

Adult: Members \$15

Non-Members \$20

Child: (5 to 12 yrs) Members \$10

Non-Members \$15

Venue: OZCF, 1187 Burnhamthorpe Road E., Oakville, ON

No charge for attending the Jashan only

Please send in your names and payment by August 12, 2019.

Cheques payable to OZCI

64-2825 Gananoque Drive, Mississauga, ON, LSN 1V6









BASIC FAQS ON ZOROASTRIANISM

- compiled by Ontario Mobeds Advisory Committee (OMAC)

8). What is Vendidād?

Vendidad is 'Anti-demonic law' and has 22 chapters and covers topics like geography of the ancient Aryans, history of King Jamshed of the Peshdādian dynasty, five kinds of different places producing joy and sorrow, instructions to keep away from nasā or decomposing matter, Bareshnum ceremony, different species of dogs and their care, qualifications of the priests, etc.

9). What is Yasht?

A Yasht is a prayer in praise of a divinity. Some of the Yasht(s) contain valuable information about the history of ancient Iran. All together there are 24 Yashts.

10). What is Khordeh Avestā?

Khordeh Avesta means Smaller Avestā. It contains short prayers to be recited daily such as five Gāh(s), Five Niāyesh, some smaller Yasht(s), Satum prayer and Monājāts.

11). What is Bāj?

Bāj is a religious prayer recited in honour of the divine spirits (Ameshā Spentās and Yazatās) or the guardian spirits (Fravashis)

12). What is Āalāt?

Āalāt is an Arabic word which means implement, or requisites that are required for performing some high or inner liturgical ceremonies like Yazashne, Visperad and Vendidād. All Āalāt(s) used for any ceremony, are first consecrated before being used in the ceremonies.

13). What is the Concept of Dualism?

Avestan dualism is cosmic. It speaks of Ahura Mazda who created a good, orderly universe through the benevolent thought process - Spenta Mainyu. While the adverse thought process Anghra Mainyu, disturbs the stability, hurts the progress and destroys the good creation. All destructions that cause harm are evil in action. The two thought processes or mentalities are engaged in a continuous conflict until Spenta Mainyu way of thinking emerges victorious and evil and its helpers are destroyed.

14). What are the Zoroastrian "Primal Principles of Life?"

Mazda has highlighted a number of "Primal Principles of Life" to create, maintain and promote the universe. They are Asha, the law of precision; Vohu Manah, good thinking; Vohu Khshathra, good dominion, good order; Spentā Āramaiti, right-mindedness, or progressive serenity; Seraosha, divine communion; and a few more. All these lead to Haurvatāt, wholeness, completeness, or supreme excellence, and Ameretāt, immortality or non-deathness.





MEETING FOR A CAUSE



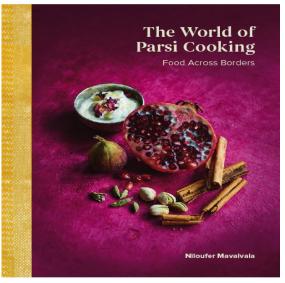
Twelve-year-old Aidan Mirza (Khushroo and Minnie Mirza's grandson) meets British Prime Minister, Theresa May during a private reception at 10 Downing Street. They are both type 1 diabetics. The two of them, along with various charities, met to raise awareness about diabetes and to honour all those who are determined to make true the words of five times Olympic gold medalist and fellow diabetic, Sir Steve Redgrave "Diabetes has to learn to live with me, not me with diabetes."





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The World of

Parsi Cooking

NEWS FROM THE SENIORS' CORNER



The seniors have been enjoying not only their regular Zumba/Yoga and Laughter sessions every Wednesday, but they have also had an enjoyable Winning Wednesday when they all participated in some fun mental exercises while playing with cards. We started off the Movie Matinee afternoon on 2nd June by Niloufer Mavalvala talking about her new cookbook "The World of Parsi Cooking: Food across Borders." She gave a brief talk about her interesting cookbook as it is a record of our rich and varied Parsi Food Heritage. The recipe instructions in the book are easy to follow and adapted to the North American lifestyle without losing their authentic Parsi flavor. All our grandchildren enjoy ras chawal or curry rice when they visit us, and the cooking

instructions are so easy that these recipes will encourage them to experiment to cook and maintain our culinary heritage by following these simple steps.

After this presentation we all watched a really heart-warming family type movie while enjoying delicious bhel, samosa, chat, papri, garam chai with phudina and lilli chai, and jalebees. The afternoon ended in a delightful way as Niloufer had made a beautiful cake from her new book for us all to taste. Hopefully we will have another such fun afternoon later in the year.

Earlier this month Dinyar Dinshaw one of our longtime senior attendees commemorated his late wife's birthday by treating us all at the Mandarin for lunch. It was really a fun filled treat for all.

Of course all these activities would not be possible without the consistent input from our wonderful Volunteer Drivers. These dedicated people help us out come rain or shine and even rearrange their schedules to ensure that our seniors get their Wednesday outing. Words cannot express our thanks and appreciation to them and to our very generous donors for the hot lunch program. Your consistent

support helps us to create a place for our OZCF seniors where they feel warm, welcomed and appreciated. What better way to enjoy life while sharing food with your friends. You help us to do this and create some new and happy memories for them to cherish.



A BIG BIG thank you from all of us to all of you and of course to our President Neville Patrawala and our Board liaison Khushi Doctor for their consistent support in all our endeavours.

Minnie Mirza, Gulrukh Patel and Kamal Driver.



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RELIGIOUS EVENTS JULY—SEPTEMBER

SHENSHAI MUKTAD FROM MONDAY AUGUST 12TH TO FRIDAY AUGUST 16TH

Shenshai Muktad ceremonies will be held at ZRCC, 1187 Burnhamthorpe Rd. East, Oakville, from Aug 12th to Aug 16th. Following is the schedule of Prayers:

Monday Aug 12th - Friday Aug 16th

6:30 am Morning Stoom & Baj; 7:00 am Afringan & Farokhshi; 11:30 am Afternoon Stoom;

7:00 pm Evening Stoom & Hum Bundagi

If you wish to give the names of your dearly departed for daily prayers, please complete the attached form and send it along with your donation cheque payable to O.Z.C.F to reach Ervad Nozer Kotwal by August 9th. **PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE IT UNTIL THE LAST MOMENT. NAMES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED OVER THE TELEPHONE.**

Donation of fruits, dry fruits, flowers, Sukhad, Loban, Tachho, etc. is always welcomed. If you wish to sponsor a meal and/or donate food e.g. Malido, Papri, Bhakhra, Puri, Batasa etc. please contact Shirin Chaturvedi at cshirinm@hotmail.com or Jeroo Madan at jeroomadan@hotmail.com

We also require volunteers to thoroughly clean the Prayer Room, House and Hall before the start of Muktad as well as regular cleaning during the Muktad days. Please contact Ervad Kotwal at (905) 820-0461 if you wish to help.

NAVROZE (S) SATURDAY AUGUST 17TH

Navroze Jashan will be held on Saturday August 17th at 7:00 pm at Z.R.C.C. 1187 Burnhamthorpe Rd. East, Oakville, followed by dinner. The dinner is organized by the Entertainment Committee. Please see the flyer on page 10 for details.

KHORDAD SAL (S) THURSDAY AUGUST 22ND

Khordad Sal Jashan will be held on Thursday August 22nd at 7:00 pm at Z.R.C.C. 1187 Burnhamthorpe Rd. East, Oakville, followed by Chasni.

FARVARDEGAN (S) WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 4TH

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



RELIGIOUS EVENTS JULY-SEPTEMBER (CONT.)

DASTURJI KOOKADAROO BAJ THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 5TH

Prayers for Dasturji Kookadaroo Baj will be held on Thursday September 5th at Z.R.C.C. 1187 Burnhamthorpe Rd. East, Oakville. The Jashan will commence at 7:00 pm followed by dinner. The cost of attending the Baj & dinner is \$5.00 per person; children up to the age of 20 years are free. If you plan to attend please give your name to Ervad Nozer Kotwal (905) 820-0461 stating how many adults and/or children, veg. or non-veg., will be attending, a.s.a.p. but not later than September 2nd. Donation of fruits, dry fruits, flowers, Sukhad, Loban, Tachho, etc. is always welcomed at these prayer meetings. Please also volunteer to clean up after the event. If you and/or your friends wish to sponsor this Baj & dinner or any other religious event in the future. please let Ervad Kotwal know.

PAITISHAHEM GHAMBAR (F) SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 14TH

We will be celebrating Paitishahem Ghambar (F) on Saturday September 14th at Z.R.C.C. 1187 Burnhamthorpe Rd. East, Oakville. The Ghambar Jashan will commence at 11:00 am followed by lunch. The cost of attending the Jashan & lunch is \$5.00 per person; children up to the age of 20 years are free. If you plan to attend please give your name to Ervad Nozer Kotwal (905) 820-0461 stating how many adults and/or children, veg. or non-veg., will be attending, a.s.a.p. but not later than September 11th. 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.

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3. E O Oi B K	ЕОВ				
4. E O Oi B K	E O B				
5. E O Oi B K	E O B				
6. E O Oi B K	ЕОВ				
Please find enclosed my cheque payable to OZCF for \$					
Thank you.					
Name Signature	Tel. No				
** Names of the deceased are recited together with their father/husband's name					
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Please complete the form in Block Letters, ensuring the proper status (i.e., E, O, Oi, B, K) is circled and forward it to the address below					

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