

# VISION

## OZCF Newsletter

In Perspective Drawing

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



*"No winter lasts forever; no spring skips its turn."* - Hal Borland

As we enter the month of March, there is much to look forward to. The days are getting longer and warmer, and trees will bloom with fresh leaves and flowers. It's been a whole year since the pandemic impacted our normal living and working. And just as spring brings anticipation of freshness, so do we hope that with the vaccinations, normalcy returns to our daily lives.

This year's Muktad ceremonies are nearly upon us and this will no doubt be a difficult time for many within the community. Prayer is omni-powerful and always helps in assisting to a speedier recovery. We will be performing all the prayers during the Muktad days (March 16-20) and limited in-person attendance will be allowed; details are provided in the events section of this Newsletter. During the Gatha days, please turn your thoughts to those who require our collective prayers. As it will be another tough year in terms of revenue generation for OZCF, we request the community to donate generously.

The arrival of the Vernal Equinox on the 21<sup>st</sup> of March coincides with Navroze or Naurooz (Jamshedi Navroze for the Parsis), one of our most important festivals, signalling the New Year for Iranians and Zarathushtis following the Fasli Calendar. Did you know that Navroze is observed in numerous countries around the world? Wherever the arms of the once mighty Zoroastrian empire spanned, Navroze is still celebrated today with much fanfare. In all, approximately 300 million people celebrate Navroze. So whichever way you opt to celebrate, whether at home or with your friends and the community, observance is key. And pass this message onto your kids so that they too are aware of its importance and significance. **Navroze Mubarak!**

OZCF will be celebrating Navroze with a Jashan on Sunday, March 21. Again, due to provincial and regional restrictions, limited in-person attendance will be allowed.

Changing times and controlled measures in place have meant we need to continue being creative in organizing programs and events for our membership. In the year ahead, there are certainly many exciting things being planned by your Board and its various sub-committees. Stay tuned and keep a look out for the emailers on some fun activities coming up.

It is encouraging to note that, as of today, we have reached over 95% of the 2020 membership numbers. The Board appreciates the prompt renewals and welcomes new members. It gives us the confidence that we are on the right track and the community values the efforts of our subcommittees in keeping all engaged. For those who have yet to renew their membership, please pay at your earliest convenience. The easiest and preferred method is via online payment through our website or by submitting the Pre-Authorized Debit form, whereby you can set up a one-time authorization of your membership fees to be deducted annually from your financial institution. The PAD form is attached and also available online at [www.ozcf.com](http://www.ozcf.com).

Finally, as always, we wish Tandarosti to our community. Stay Safe and Stay Well!

**Ushtaa Ahmaai Yahmaai Ushtaa Kahmaachit!** – Happiness to those who give happiness to others!

Xerxes Madan  
President

## TAX RECEIPTS

Tax receipts for members who contributed towards the Place of Worship and towards the General Fund have been mailed out.

## TAX RECEIPTS AND AGM PACKAGE—WE'RE GOING GREEN

Beginning in 2022, we will email the tax receipts for the taxation year 2021. We will also email the 2022 AGM package as well as place its contents on our website available to members in good standing. These measures will permit OZCF to save on printing costs. By going green, we are doing our part in reducing paper and lessening its impact on the environment.

## MEMBERSHIP

Membership fees make up a significant part of OZCF's revenues and **help pay for 36% of our operating expenses which were \$97,000 in 2020**. We request members to pay their fees by April 30, 2021 to remain in good standing.

Only members in good standing effective May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 will receive emails, publications, communiqués pursuant to OZCF By Law 4.4.

4.4 Membership Privileges Only members in good standing SHALL BE ENTITLED TO:

- a. Receive publications, communiqués and due notices as prescribed by the Board of Directors from time to time (one per household);
- b. Attend General Membership Meetings.
- c. Take part in all community functions and meetings and pay at the prescribed members' rate for admission (if any) and non-members will pay at their prescribed rate.

After May 1<sup>st</sup>, as soon as we receive confirmation of membership renewal, all membership privileges will be restored effective immediately.

In a bid to accommodate newcomers settling in, the Board has decided to offer free membership for their first year if they arrive prior to September 30<sup>th</sup> of that year. If they arrive after this date, they will be eligible for free membership for the remaining months as well as the following year.

For example, say Khorshehdbai and Pestonji arrive on July 10<sup>th</sup> in 2021 and wish to become members. They will have free membership for the remainder of the year and will need to start paying their fees as of 2022.

Having heard about the wonderful community that is OZCF, Allamai and Aflaton wish to become members upon arriving on October 17<sup>th</sup> in 2021. They will receive free membership for the remainder of the year as well as in 2022 and will need to start paying their fees as of 2023.

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

The OZCF appreciates your continued support, especially in Membership renewals.

**Please go online and renew your 2021 membership by logging in with your email address or mail in a cheque with the membership form to OZCF's address: 1187 Burnhamthorpe Road East, Oakville, ON, L6H 7B3**

If you have already renewed either online or by sending in your cheque to OZCF, we thank you.

As part of our continued growth, we are embarking on collecting data for each membership which we could use towards such things as fundraising, event organization and government funding. It also allows us to obtain a more accurate demographic analysis of our members as years go by.

We would like to capture the following data for each member, which will be kept confidentially within the Board of Directors and used with complete discretion.

- Date of birth or month+year of birth
- Profession (current/past)
- Youth and children date of birth or year of birth
- Cell numbers (to receive OZCF text messages)
- Update email addresses for as many individuals within a family
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Each of these can be updated yourselves by logging into the OZCF website using your email address and if you find this difficult, you can send the information to us at [rumi\\_jasavala@ozcf.com](mailto:rumi_jasavala@ozcf.com) and we will be more than happy to update our system.

The membership form can be found by clicking [here](#). It is also attached within this newsletter.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to President Xerxes Madan at [president@ozcf.com](mailto:president@ozcf.com)

Shirin Chaturvedi,  
On behalf of the Membership Committee

## HALL RENTAL RATES FOR FUNERAL SERVICES

Members: \$100 per day (over the 4-day period)

Non-members: \$150 per day

## MUKTAD PRAYERS (MARCH 16 – 20, 2021)

The R&L Committee, in discussion with the OZCF Board, have worked out a procedure on accommodating members wishing to come out to the ZRCC to pray over the Fasli Muktab period March 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>.

We will be performing all the prayers during the Muktab days – three Satoom sessions (morning, afternoon and evening), and Afringan & Farokshi in the morning. If you wish to give the names of your dearly departed for daily prayers, please complete the attached Muktab Names Form and send it along with your donation cheque payable to OZCF to reach Er. Nozer Kotwal by March 13<sup>th</sup>. As it will be another tough year in terms of revenue generation for OZCF, we request the community to donate generously.

The Hall will be open for a few hours during the prayers. Prayer timings are:

6:30 am – Morning Satoom

7:00 am – Afringan and Farokshi

11:30 am – Afternoon Satoom

7:00 pm – Evening Satoom

**Please note – the number of people in the Hall will be restricted to 30 at any given time. Also, there will be no meals nor Chasni served at any of the sessions. In the event restriction numbers change, the OZCF will comply with immediate effect and inform the community right away.**

If you wish to offer your home-made Malido, Ravo, Sev, Batasa, Bhakhraas, and/or dry-fruits, flowers, fruits, Sukhad, Loban, we ask that you make arrangements with Er. Kotwal and drop it off at his house before the Muktab begin. Please do not bring it to the ZRCC on the day.

Members wishing to attend in-person must give their names to Er. Nozer Kotwal at (905) 820-0461 or at [nskotwal1@gmail.com](mailto:nskotwal1@gmail.com) well before the Muktab begin. Attendees will be allowed in on a first-come basis and access limited to 30 members in the Hall. The evening Satoom prayers will be live-streamed, and members not attending in-person are encouraged to join in the prayers online. The link for the broadcast is [www.ozcf.com](http://www.ozcf.com) at 7 pm on each day.

Sukhad must be bought from OZCF and cannot be brought from home or outside. We ask that members not light a Divo in the Hall, instead letting the Mobeds do so.

All members who come to the property MUST follow the laid down protocols (COVID-19 Screening Sheet and Instruction Guidelines), bearing in mind the volunteer has the right to refuse a member from entry if they feel the member could be endangering the health and safety of others.

As with all messages OZCF has communicated to the community, we remind our members that while these stipulations require us to carry out our engagements differently, we must adhere to them to enhance the safety of our members, volunteers and Mobeds. OZCF appreciates your continued patience and understanding.

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

## Hall Rentals

Cyrus Gazdar 647-294-6462  
cygazdar@yahoo.ca

## ZRCC Coordinator

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

## OZCF President

Xerxes Madan 416-254-0685  
president@ozcf.com

## Webmaster & Facilities

Rumi Jasavala 647-885-1759  
rumijas@hotmail.com

## Need a Mobed

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

Bamji, Ervad Xerxes (905) 702-1034

Bulsara, Ervad Firdosh (905) 824-7692

Dastur, Ervad Mehbadi (416) 917-9195

Dhabhar, Ervad Jamshed (905) 819-0089

Katrak, Ervad Kerman (647) 444-7359 (Speaks Farsi)

Kotwal, Ervad Nozer (905) 820-0461

Madan, Ervad Xerxes (416) 254-0685

Panthaky, Ervad Jal (905) 568-4946

Zarolia, Ervad Kobad (647) 8879213

## NAVROZE JASHAN

OZCF will be celebrating Navroze on Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, at Z.R.C.C. The Jashan will commence at 11:00 am.

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## RATES TO ADVERTISE IN THE NEWSLETTER

Members often inquire about rates to advertise in the newsletter. See the rate structure below:

Business Card	\$25 per issue	\$150 per year
1/4 Page	\$50 per issue	\$300 per year
1/2 Page	\$75 per issue	\$450 per year
Full Page	\$125 per issue	\$750 per year
Last Full Page	\$150 per issue	\$900 per year

If paid in full at the beginning of the year by the end of January, a 10% discount will be applied. There are six issues per year – January, March, May, July, September and November.





## NAMC Institute of Zoroastrian Studies

### Course on Gatha Recital

NAMC Institute of Zoroastrian Studies is now offering a course on ***"Ahunavad Gatha Recital"***.

Taught by Senior Mobeds, students will learn to read and recite the Ahunavad Gatha (Yasna 28 to 34) with proper pronunciations and punctuations.

Students will also learn the meaning of each Ha (chapter) and their relevance to the Zoroastrian way of life.

This course is designed for young Mobeds and Mobedyars.

Instructions will be provided by Video Conferencing (Zoom).

Register Early. Space is limited.

For more information and registration, please contact Mobed Kerman Katrak in the language of your choice by WhatsApp, Viber, Telegram or telephone at 1-647-444-7359, or by email at [kerman@priest.com](mailto:kerman@priest.com)

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[www.namcmobeds.org](http://www.namcmobeds.org)

February 2021

## DELTA BINGO UPDATE

Although our OZCF volunteers are not permitted in the gaming centre, due to ongoing health and safety concerns, our Bingo revenue has not been significantly affected despite Covid-19.

The OCGA (Ontario Charity & Gaming Commission) continues to reach out to Charity Associations and their boards and provide support. They are happy to see everyone pulling together to make the best of a very challenging time. We are hopeful that at least some regions will begin to have some restrictions loosened over the next few months. As our Bingo hall falls in Oakville, we at OZCF are lucky that we will have some revenue coming in.

OCGA shared some good news about the charitable gaming industry. Back in November 2019, a celebration was held at Queen's Park to acknowledge raising \$250M for charities and non-profits since the Gaming initiative began. Despite the roller coaster that was 2020, by late fall an additional \$50M had been generated to support our participating organizations bringing us to the \$300M milestone.

Since March 2020, there has been a significant interruption of funds and throughout the pandemic everyone has had to adjust. We have seen some truly remarkable ways in which charities and non-profits have adapted their services and program delivery.

The pandemic will end and gaming centres will reopen and funds will flow to charitable groups and communities once again.

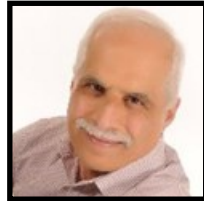
OLG and OCGA have again provided direction that volunteers are not permitted in the gaming centres due to the ongoing health and safety concerns.



## EXAMINING COVID 19 UNDER A ZOROASTRIAN MICROSCOPE



### PANELISTS:



Er. Tehemton Mirza



Mobedyar Khushroo Mirza

On January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021, OZCF, in collaboration with NAMC Institute of Zoroastrian Studies, held the first talk/discussion on the topic “Examining Covid-19 under a Zoroastrian Microscope”. It was a well-attended online session led by panelists Er. Tehemton Mirza and Mobedyar Khushroo Mirza. The aim of these sessions is to understand how Zoroastrianism is linked with our daily lives.

The discussions centred around questions raised:

- Is the coronavirus a judgment from God?
- Was the coronavirus predicted, centuries ago??
- How did our ancestors deal with such viruses??

The main take-aways were:

- Pandemics are a natural phenomenon. Ahura Mazda is “Lord of Wisdom” or “Intelligence” and is not in the business of “punishing” people
- There is no evidence to support that Nostradamus prophesied the coronavirus outbreak
- Our ancestors knew that viruses are bound to affect humanity every so often and instead of predicting them, they taught us how to deal with them – through “Prayers” and “Hygiene”
- Human History and Natural History cannot be separated
- Let knowledge and science be our guide



The message left behind by the panelists was – **Follow our Culture and Practices**

- Maintain hygiene
- Observe Social distancing
- Perform Pad-e-Aab often
- Meditate, say prayers for mental peace and stimulation
- Check up on friends and relatives
- Help those in need
- Keep Safe

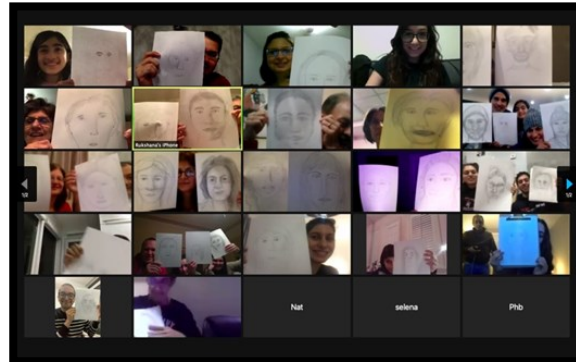
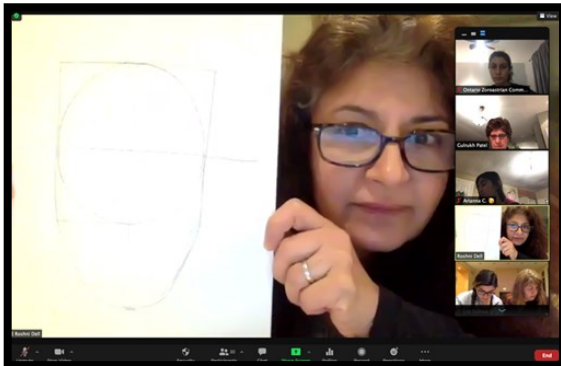
The recording of the session can be viewed on the OZCF website, under the Photo Gallery tab.  
The link is <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kQDS8Jk3Kik&feature=youtu.be>



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## VIRTUAL ART NIGHT

The OZCF Fundraising & Youth Committees had their first ever Virtual Art Night on February 13<sup>th</sup>. It was hosted by Roshni Dell. Roshni is a teacher and practicing artist with over 37 years of experience teaching Art to students of all ages. We had a mixed group of participants ranging from kids to seniors. The group started off by drawing a face. Roshni explained the different nuances of sketching, giving tips and pointers as we went along and once the group was confident with their newly acquired skills, were encouraged to draw their own face as a self-portrait. The evening was filled with fun and laughter as each participant tried his/her hand at art in a relaxed atmosphere. The event ended with everyone showing off their amazing drawings. All in all it was a very educational session and participants walked away with a better understanding of Art. A big thank you to Roshni for making it such an interesting event and also answering questions of our budding artists.



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## YOUTH EXPLOSION - YOUTH OF THE MONTH

### RUZBEH ROHINTON

The Youth Committee started a new initiative to recognize Zoroastrian youth who understand the importance of giving back to the community and taking on leadership roles to strengthen our organization. The first youth featured as the Zoroastrian Youth of the Month in February was our very own Treasurer, Ruzbeh Rohinton.



Ruzbeh Rohinton has been involved with the OZCF for many years as a volunteer and on the Board of Directors since 2018 where she served as Board Liaison for the Youth Subcommittee and Chair of the Finance Subcommittee. Now, as the current Treasurer, Ruzbeh is one of the youngest to hold an executive position on the OZCF Board of Directors.

We are very proud of her and extremely pleased to recognize her services to the Ontario Zoroastrian community.

“The community’s done so much for me, that it was only time to do something for the community, and a little goes a long way.” - Ruzbeh

## SENIORS

We have begun 2021 under the shadow of the Covid 19 pandemic, however, thanks to the efforts of our President Xerxes Madan, Khushi Doctor, Rumi Jasavala, Marook Sidhwa and Ariam Del Real Garcia (our Zumba instructor), the Seniors Sub Committee has been able to organize enjoyable virtual Zumba sessions every Wednesday. The popularity of these sessions has been spread by word of mouth, and people from the USA and UK are regularly joining us. Some of these individuals have expressed their sincere appreciation to our Board, and to the organizers of this program, as it has helped them to keep active, involved and connected during these long stressful months.

Our Sub Committee has also organized Challo Challo Majha Karo day. It is generally held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month. In November we had a "Show Us Your Talent Day". In December we had a really enjoyable pre-Christmas sing-a-long and on first January 2021 we had a very successful Bingo game. For this last event our whole hearted thanks go to Rumi Jasavala, who not only organized and conducted the bingo session for us, Rumi and Xenobia donated the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> prizes for the games. They cooked and delivered a delicious meal of Chicken Dhanshak, Kebabs, Kachumber and Rice to the winners. A really BIG THANK YOU RUMI AND XENOBIA for all that you have so consistently done for the seniors over these many years. We hope to continue such fun activities until we are all vaccinated and are allowed to resume all our normal daily activities.

We are also happy to say that up to December 2020 we have been able to collect and donate \$1500/- towards the daily operational costs of OZCF.

- Minnie Mirza, Gulrukh Patel and Kamal Driver.

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## SPORTS SUB-COMMITTEE

The OZCF Sports Sub-committee introduced the OZCF sports video games tournament on January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021, which included NHL20 and FIFA21. The participants played against each other for a month to determine where they ranked in the standings. Once the round robin games were completed, we proceeded to the knockout rounds where we conducted the quarter-finals and semi-finals games. After a thrilling quarter and semi-finals, it has now come down to the two finalists in each competition. The following participants played in the respective championship games:

NHL20 (PS4): Xarius Jasavala vs. Cyrus Kanga (**Champion Cyrus Kanga**)

NHL21 (Xbox): Arish Dubash vs. Zach Zarolia (**Champion Zach Zarolia**)

FIFA21 (PS4): Caleb Thompson vs. Rohaan Gazdar (**Champion Rohaan Gazdar**)

The OZCF Sports Sub-committee would like to thank all participants who embraced this event and congratulate all champions! If you are interested in more OZCF sports events, keep a look out on [www.ozcf.com](http://www.ozcf.com), [ozcfcanda](#) (Instagram), and OZCF (Facebook)!



## BREAKING NEWS ON VACCINATIONS:

Trillium Health Partners has just announced individuals 80 years and older will be entitled to register and receive vaccinations for COVID-19. See the attached link for complete information: <https://op.trilliumhealthpartners.ca/vaccinationreg/>

Due to requests from members, we will repost FAQs on Zoroastrianism.

## BASIC FAQ'S ON ZOROASTRIANISM

(compiled by Ontario Mobeds Advisory Committee (OMAC))

**29). Why are we given 3 leaves of pomegranate tree to chew during the Nahān ceremony?**

We are given leaves of pomegranate tree to chew during the Nahān ceremony because the pomegranate leaves have some medicinal qualities and it is believed that evergreen pomegranate tree reminds one of the immortality of soul.

**30). When did the custom of wearing Sudreh Kushti start?**

According to *Pahlavi Dadastan i Denik XXXVIII*, it started from the time of King Jamshed of the Peshdādian dynasty and Zarathustra continued it.

**31). Why are ceremonies after death necessary?**

According to Fragments of Hādokht Nask Chapters II and III, after death Ceremonies are necessary as they are believed to protect the soul of the deceased from evil influences. According to Zoroastrian theology after the death, the soul of a person remains within the earthly precinct for three nights.

**32). Why are ceremonies during three days after death performed in honour of Sraosh?**

According to Sraosh Yasht, Sraosh is the protector of all souls in both the physical and the spiritual worlds and guides the soul on its journey to the spiritual domain on the dawn of the fourth day.



**33). Why are ceremonies performed for the souls of the dead after the dawn of the fourth day?**

These ceremonies offer consolation to the soul departing to the spiritual world. They also provide satisfaction to the living and bless them for fulfilling their spiritual duties.

**34). What are the Frvardegān or Muktād days?**

According to Farvardin Yasht, (49, 50), these are the ten days at the end of the Zoroastrian calendar year when the Guardian Spirits (Fravashis) of the dearly departed are believed to visit the earthly precinct with a desire to receive prayer and offerings from the living.

**35). How many Ameshā Spentās are there and what do they signify?**

Ameshā Spentās, or Ameshaspands, are the Holy or Bounteous Immortals and they are symbolic of the aspects of Ahura Mazda. There are seven of them:

- Ahura Mazda (Hormuzd) – Lord Wisdom
- Vohu Manāh (Bahman) – Good Mind, Good Purpose, Good Thought
- Asha Vahistā (Ardibesht) – Truth, Righteousness, Order & Right Working
- Khshathra Vairaya (Sherevar) – Good Dominion
- Spentā Ārmaity (Aspandard) – Devotion, Piety & Dedication
- Haurvatāt (Khordad) – Wholeness, Prosperity & Health
- Ameretāt (Amardad) – Immortality, Eternal Life

They help govern the creations and are the everlasting bestowers of good, each of them is worshipped separately. They are said to descend to service on paths of light. Each has a special month, festival, and flower and presides over an element in the world order.

## WORLD ZOROASTRIAN CONGRESS MUSICIANS



Got musical talent? Want to perform on a grand stage? Why not audition to perform for the World Zoroastrian Symphony Orchestra at the 12th WZC to be held in New York from July 1-4, 2022? The deadline to submit your online application is April 1, 2021.

See attached links for complete information:

<https://mailchi.mp/fezana/calling-musicians-audition-for-the-world-symphony-orchestra-at-wzc-2022?e=38b241bb7f>

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## FEZANA AVA PROJECT

The FEZANA Ava Project has been initiated by Behram Pastakia and Afreed Mistry, the co-chairs of the FEZANA UN-NGO Committee. This project is for Zoroastrians all over the world to contribute towards taking care of the environment. We have had 140+ volunteers across 7 countries sign up for this project and we hope to continue this project for 10 years, until 2030, which is when the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals are also due. This project has had its first two meetings in Jan. and Feb. 2021 and we are happy to report that all brainstormed ideas have been broken down into smaller groups for research and implementation.

Here are the list of ideas: Local area water clean-up event; Working with Trout Unlimited Canada and Yellowfish Road Program; Drone Technology and Global Clean-up Companies; Educating Children; Educating the Community; Bringing Clean Water to Remote Areas and Building Wells, Water and Trees (life on land directly effects water).

If you would like to make a difference, have an idea relating to the UN SDG's and/or want to join in the Ava Project, please sign up as a volunteer: <https://bit.ly/2KMqrrur>

We, at OZCF, would like you to help make a difference in the conservation and preservation of nature. Keeping Covid protocols in mind, you can help by making up small teams and participate in cleaning up a park OR a river or creek in your neighbourhood, OR take part in the Great Canadian Shoreline Clean-up. Please get in touch with Armaity Anandasagar at [armaity.a@gmail.com](mailto:armaity.a@gmail.com) for any questions or if you need help with organizing your small groups.

For the month of March, we are trying to see if we can use our own bottles of water and avoid the use of single-use plastic bottles. As March 21 is **World Forest Day**, March 22 is designated as **World Water Day** and Avan Mahino and Avan Roj is **Avan Ardvisur Parabh** on March 23, 2021, let us make a concerted effort to live up to our ancient scriptures and take care of our very precious commodity - WATER.

## ZOROASTRIAN CRICKET CLUB



It is with great joy and pride that we, the **Zoroastrian Cricket Club (ZCC)**, announce the appointment of a new executive board that was elected at our Annual General Meeting held virtually on February 7th, 2021.

The following members were elected to the ZCC executive board for the year 2021-2022:

1. **President** – Khushroo Bharda
2. **Vice President** – Khushroo Wadia
3. **Treasurer** – Meherab Chothia
4. **Secretary** – Meherwan Dara Wadia
5. **Captain** – Cambeez Mulla

The board would like to thank the membership and community for their support and would like one and all who are interested in joining our prestigious club contact us directly via email at "[zcctoronto@gmail.com](mailto:zcctoronto@gmail.com)" Our team of executives and volunteers will provide the necessary support and/or answer your questions or queries accordingly.

Looking forward to providing updates for the upcoming season and other community events in 2021.

Thanks & Regards,

Khushroo Bharda,  
**President,**  
Zoroastrian Cricket Club,  
Toronto, Canada.

*"The center of cricket for Zoroastrians in the western hemisphere"*

## TAX SEASON



**World Zarathushti  
Chamber of Commerce**  
Building the Spirit of Entrepreneurship

Dear Patrons,

As we head into the New Year, WZCC Toronto is proud to announce our **first webinar of the year**.

Are you familiar with the 2020 tax form? Do you want to know what is changing in this year's form? What are the new updates with CRB, COVID-19 subsidy, deductions versus credits you can file for?

**Sign up to attend the Tax Workshop with WZCC Toronto Chapter, here:**

<https://wzcc-toronto.ticketspice.com/2020-canadian-tax-preparation-workshop>

**WZCC Toronto presents, Anita Asli**, a licensed Financial Advisor and Tax Consultant with 15+ years experience. She offers solutions and peace of mind to her clients by ensuring they achieve their goals of Retirement Planning, Education Plans for their children, Income Replacement and leaving a legacy for their families. Anita takes pride in offering services such as Tax Preparation, dealing with Canada Revenue Agency and Audit Assistance, in addition to conducting tax training and workshops to ensure her clients optimize tax savings.

**Event Date:** Sunday, March 7th, 2021 @ 1:00 PM EST

**Fee:** \$6.00 Non-Members of WZCC

Complimentary for WZCC Members

Best wishes,

WZCC Toronto Chapter



## MUKTAD PRAYERS

Please include the following names in the daily prayers during the forthcoming Muktaḍ Ceremonies. Please note that **NO NAMES WILL BE ACCEPTED OVER THE PHONE.**

Name of the Deceased

Name of his/her father/Husband\*\*

1. E O Oi B K \_\_\_\_\_

E O B \_\_\_\_\_

2. E O Oi B K \_\_\_\_\_

E O B \_\_\_\_\_

3. E O Oi B K \_\_\_\_\_

E O B \_\_\_\_\_

4. E O Oi B K \_\_\_\_\_

E O B \_\_\_\_\_

5. E O Oi B K \_\_\_\_\_

E O B \_\_\_\_\_

6. E O Oi B K \_\_\_\_\_

E O B \_\_\_\_\_

Please find enclosed my cheque payable to OZCF for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name Signature Tel. No

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\*\* Names of the deceased are recited together with their father/husband's name

E= Ervad O = Osta Oi = Osti B = Behdin

K = Khurd (child whose navjote was not performed)

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

OZCF, 4244 Taffey Cres, Mississauga, ON L5L 2J2





## MEMBERSHIP FORM

January 01 to December 31, 2021

Membership Application: ☐ New ☐ Renewal

### Membership Category / Fees

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Youth</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Single</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Seniors</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Family</b>
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
<b>\$40</b>	<b>\$100</b>	<b>\$50</b>	<b>\$150</b>

### 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 \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
 4. First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- ☐ I (We) select OZCF as our Prime Membership Group for FEZANA membership  
☐ I (We) do not require the VISION Newsletter by post. (you must include your email address above)  
☐ I (We) would like to provide Donation. One time: \$\_\_\_\_\_ or ongoing \$\_\_\_\_\_ per: \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ I (We) are interested in volunteering with OZCF

Total Enclosed: Cash: \$\_\_\_\_\_ Cheque: \_\_\_\_\_ or Credit Card (paid via website): \$\_\_\_\_\_  
 I have reviewed the OZCF By-laws available on the OZCF website [www.ozcf.com](http://www.ozcf.com), and agree to abide by them. By signing this form I give consent to OZCF to contact me by email / phone for announcements and requests.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

OZCF, 1187 Burnhamthorpe Road, East, Oakville, ON. L6H 7B3 | Tel: 289-725-8484 | [www.ozcf.com](http://www.ozcf.com)



## Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD) Agreement For Annual Membership Fees

Please debit my Bank Account Annually (attach VOID cheque) for

<input type="checkbox"/> \$40	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50	<input type="checkbox"/> \$150
<b>Youth</b>	<b>Single</b>	<b>Seniors</b>	<b>Family</b>
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

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address/Contact Information: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I may revoke my authorization at any time, subject to providing notice of (Payee to insert period – not to exceed 30 days). To obtain a sample cancellation form, or for more information on my right to cancel a PAD Agreement, I may contact my financial institution or visit [www.cdnpay.ca](http://www.cdnpay.ca)

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I have certain recourse rights if any debit does not comply with this agreement. For example, I have the right to receive reimbursement for any debit that is not authorized or is not consistent with this PAD Agreement. To obtain more information on my recourse rights, I may contact my financial institution or visit [www.cdnpay.ca](http://www.cdnpay.ca)



**COVID-19 SCREENING CHECK SHEET**  
**To be completed Prior to Entering ZRCC**  
**A separate Form for everyone must be completed**

Visit Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Day: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ am / pm

**Screening Questions:**

1. Do you have any of the following new or worsening symptoms or signs?

	YES	NO
New or worsening cough		
Shortness of breath		
Sore throat		
Runny nose, sneezing or nasal congestion (in absence of underlying reasons for symptoms such as seasonal allergies and postnasal drip)		
Hoarse voice		
Difficulty swallowing		
New smell or taste disorder(s)		
Nausea/vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain		
Unexplained fatigue/malaise		
Chills Nausea/vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain		
Headaches		

2. Have you travelled outside of Canada or had close contact with anyone that has travelled outside of Canada in the past 14 days? Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Do you have a fever? Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Have you had close contact with anyone with respiratory illness or a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19?

Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ – go to question 5

No: \_\_\_\_\_ – go to question 6

5. Did you wear the required and/or recommended PPE according to the type of duties you were performing (e.g., goggles, gloves, mask and gown or N95 with aerosol generating medical procedures (AGMPs)) when you had close contact with a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19?

Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ – go to question 6

No: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Are you aware of any COVID-19 related reason why you should not be here?

Yes: \_\_\_\_\_

No: \_\_\_\_\_ screening complete

PRINT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (a parent or guardian must sign on behalf of children 19 years and under)

Tel No: \_\_\_\_\_