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UPCOMING DATES

- September 2-3, 2017
[10th Zoroastrian Unity Cup Soccer Tournament](#); Redondo Beach, CA
- September 10, 2017
[Unity Walk 2017: Know Your Neighbor](#); Embassy Row, Washington D.C.
- September 17, 2017
[OZCF 2017 Golf Fundraiser](#); Caledon Country Club
- September 23, 2017
Potato Pick up for food pantries; organized by Zoroastrian Center of Chicago and Society of St. Andrews, Virginia.
- October 14, 2017
[Society of Scholars of Zoroastrianism \(SSZ\) Conference](#); Detroit, Michigan.
- November 3-5, 2017
ZAH Library Lecture. Guest Speaker, Dinyar Patel. Topic to include Dhadabhai Naoroji. Houston.

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Happy Shahenshahi Parsi New Year and Khordad Saal Mubarak

On behalf of FEZANA, its Executive, and Zarathushtis in North America, we wish you and your families, loved ones and friends a very happy, healthy, peaceful and prosperous Shehenshai Parsi New Year 1387 Y.Z.

May the coming year be a continuation of our collective efforts in nurturing and growing our communities and our faith and making a positive difference in our neighborhoods, cities and nations we live in, and call home.

We take this opportunity to thank all those who contributes their time, effort and money to make the Zarathushti presence in North America stellar. May we all continue on the path of Asha.... Truth, Righteousness and in sync with the Divine Order.

Best wishes,
Homi D. Gandhi

ZAQ Celebrates Its 50th Anniversary With Glittering Gala



On Sunday August 6, 2017, the Zoroastrian Association of Quebec (ZAQ) held a grand, sold out, Gala Event celebrating its 50th Anniversary of serving the Zoroastrian community of Quebec. The crowd enjoyed a grand evening filled with honors, recognitions, fond memories and lively entertainment.

FEZANA congratulates ZAQ for celebrating this milestone event – a first for the North American Zarathushti community.



As part of the evening's festivities, ZAQ bestowed the honor of the Lifetime Achievement Award to Dolly Dastoor for her tremendous support and dedication to the Zoroastrian community of Quebec and beyond, and for her many outstanding achievements, both professionally and within the Zoroastrian community. Among her many other stellar contributions, Dolly Dastoor served as President for ZAQ four separate times and has had an active role in FEZANA as past-President of FEZANA and current Editor-in-Chief of the *FEZANA Journal*, and chair of the FEZANA Academic Scholarship Committee.

To read more about the whole event: <https://parsikhabar.net/news/zoroastrian-association-of-quebec-celebrates-golden-jubilee-at-glittering-gala-in-montreal/15831/> □



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and Social Council of the
United Nations

Zoroastrian Shop Now Open

Message from the FEZANA Infrastructure Development Committee

Infrastructure is the life blood of any society, and so it is with our North American community. Thirteen infrastructure needs have been currently identified, one of which is the establishment of a “**Zoroastrian Shop**” to supply basic items used in the practice of our faith. As an immigrant community several volunteers had stepped up to fill this need in the past as a service to our community to whom we are beholden. Now that we are a settled community it behooves us to establish permanent structures, the Z-Shop being one. The FEZANA Executives have seen this to be an essential ingredient of our life in North America and consented to allow the operation of the Z – Shop on a trial basis.

Initially we have stocked the shop with some basic items -- sudrehs, kushtis, caps, prayer books, sukhad, lobban, wicks etc. Dependant on the success of this trial the Shop will be expanded to include other items, such as ses, muktad vases, diva, farohars and more.

Ordering information

To order online, please visit <https://fezana.org/product-category/z-shop/> or go to www.fezana.org and click on “Zoroastrian Shop.” Payment may be made online by credit card, and orders will be shipped to you, or you may pick up from the FEZANA Office in Chicago and pay on delivery.

Grateful Thanks

This project would not have been possible without the generous assistance of **Dinshaw Tamboly** (WZO – Trust, India) who donated and arranged for the supply of the entire initial stock of items. From the sales of this initial stock, we will be able to perpetuate the Shop. Your indulgence will be appreciated.

We are also deeply grateful to:

Pesi Vazifdar for researching and preparing guidelines and procedures for the Z-Shop and for donating a steel cupboard to store the supplies.

Zoroastrian Association of Metropolitan Chicago for providing storage space at the Arbab Rustom Guiv Darbe Mehr, Chicago. This is a temporary measure until space is available in the FEZANA Administrative Office.

Rohinton and Roshan Rivetna for bringing the initial stock of supplies from Mumbai to Chicago.

FEZANA President **Homi D. Gandhi** for supporting this project on a trial basis.

FEZANA vice president **Arzan Wadia** for his support and setting up the online ordering system on the FEZANA website at www.fezana.org.

FEZANA Administrator, **Zenobia Damania**, for managing the shipping and accounting of the orders. □



BOOK AWARENESS



The Parsis of India: Continuing at the Crossroads
4 volumes, edited Armaity S Desai, Shalini Bharat, Narayan Lata, and Raju S. Siva,
New Delhi, India;
Sage Publications India, 2017

The Parsis of India is the first comprehensive analysis of the Parsi community and its demographic decline with a pan-India focus. It brings together scholarly articles and empirical work from multiple locations using the mixed method research approach and addresses key concerns impacting the demography of this ethno-religious minority. Extensive in scope and investigative in analysis, this is the only major socio-psychological work in over a decade on the dwindling Parsi community. The series will be useful for academicians, researchers and policy-makers interested in the Parsi community in particular, and in minority communities in general. It will also serve as a handy reference for the community and its leadership.

Visit our website at
<http://www.fires-fezana.org/>

Video: Symposium on Sasanian Empire

On June 7, 2017, the Library of Congress in Washington D.C. hosted its first-ever Symposium on the Sasanian Empire, entitled, "From Oxus to Euprates: The Sasanian Empire," which featured experts and scholars in the fields of ancient and classical history, Persian studies, and Central Asian and Near Eastern religious traditions.

Transcripts and videos of the entire symposium have been released and can be accessed at the following links:

Library of Congress' Webcast Page

https://www.loc.gov/today/cyberlc/feature_wdesc.php?rec=7943

YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gZZfjdtJSrY&t=376s> ; and also
<https://youtu.be/gZZfjdtJSrY>

Discounted Rates for 2018 Parliament of the World's Religions in Toronto

UPDATE: Super Saver Early Registration Discounts of up to 50% for The Parliament of the World's Religions to be held in Toronto in November 2018 will continue through September 15, 2017.

The next Parliament of the World's Religions (PWR) will be held from November 1 to 7, 2018 in Toronto, Canada, within driving distance of many of our North American Zoroastrian communities.

FEZANA would like Zarathushtis from all over the world who are interested in attending the PWR to avail of the super saver group registration rate for groups of 10 or more. **(US \$ 260). You can pay this amount online on FEZANA's website at: <https://fezana.org/2018-parliament-worlds-religions/>**

FEZANA will complete the group booking formalities and you will receive a direct link to go in and complete your personal registration. Registration covers entry and attendance to all sessions of the Parliament. If you have questions before you register, please email pwr@fezana.org

More information about the 2018 Parliament of the World's Religions is available at: <https://parliamentofreligions.org/parliament/2018-toronto/toronto-2018> □

UPCOMING DATES (continued from page 1)

December 14-16, 2017

WZCC Annual Global Meet.
Bangalore, India.

wzccglobalmeet@gmail.com

December 23-25, 2017

[Iranshah Udvada Utsav](#). Udvada,
Gujarat, India.

June 1-4, 2018

11th World Zoroastrian Congress,

Perth, Australia

<http://11wzperth.com.au/>

July 29 - August 1, 2018

InterReligious Conference. Washington
DC

November 1-7, 2018

[Parliament of the World's Religions](#).

Toronto.