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UPCOMING DATES

April 21, 2018
ZAH Library Event, Houston TX.

April 26, 2018
FEZANA Pre-AGM Sessions.
Hosted by CZC. vp@fezana.org

April 27-29, 2018
FEZANA Annual General Meeting.
Hosted by California Zoroastrian Center. vp@fezana.org or admin@fezana.org

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JAMSHEDI NOWRUZ GREETINGS FROM FEZANA
FEZANA wishes good health, happiness, peace and harmony on this Jamshed Nowruz to fellow Zarathushtis and friends across North America and worldwide.

Hamaspashthmayyem Gahambar Celebrated Across North America

On March 17, 2018 many FEZANA Member Associations and small groups celebrated Hamaspashthmayyem Gahambar, (the last of the six Gahambars in a year) and the Panjeh Meh prayers prior to Jamshedi Nowruz. We salute those communities who are reviving this tradition.

[Above] Yasmin Ghadiali, from New York, speaks to those community members gathered about the need for Bone Marrow Donors. Earlier, Erv Behram Panthaki talked about the value of perpetuating the ancient Iranian tradition of Gahambars: Yazaad (to Pray); Saazad (to Participate); Khuraad, (To Partake); and Daahad (to Give), a communal celebration to be held at the right time on the seasonal calendar.

Zoroastrian Association of Metropolitan Washington D.C. [ZAMWI].


Hosted by WZCC-Chicago and ZAC-CHI, the Second Annual Hamaspashthmayyem Gahambar celebration and Panjeh Mah prayers with audience participation was well received.
Bids Invited to Host 2019 FEZANA AGM

FEZANA invites bids from all interested Member Associations and Corresponding Members to consider hosting the 32nd Annual General Meeting of FEZANA in 2019. If your association or small group would like to bid for hosting the 2019 AGM, please send a formal letter of intent to Arzan Sam Wadia FEZANA Vice-President at vp@fezana.org, with cc to Percy Master (Secretary) at secretary@fezana.org.

All bidding associations/groups shall be required to make a 10 minute presentation at the upcoming FEZANA AGM at the California Zoroastrian Center in April 2018. The deadline to receive the bids is March 31, 2018.

For smaller groups, this is a wonderful opportunity to be involved with FEZANA and to make connections to the broader North American Zarathushti community.

General expectations of the local host group are outlined in the FEZANA AGM Hosting Guidelines which can be downloaded here.

Message to the WZYL Forum at ASHA Centre

The World Zoroastrian Youth Leaders Forum (WZYL) at the ASHA Centre (www.ashacentre.org) in Gloucester, England from March 16-25, 2018 brings together 25 next generation leaders from across the globe to help envision and shape the future of the Zoroastrian community.

In a message to the Next generation attendees, Homi Gandhi, FEZANA President, remarked:

“Your community has nominated you to attend this Forum because we believe that you have the qualities and hold dear those Zarathushti values that are bound to change the world for the better. The world needs change.

The world needs you!

Give your community, and your children, a reason to be proud of your present-day accomplishments, just as you teach them to hold our past in high esteem.”

Read Homi Gandhi’s full remarks on Fezana’s website or click here for direct link.

Celebrating Jamshed Nowruz in Your Community

Jamshed Nowruz Initiative Reformatted Cards Available

As an extension of our Jamshed Nowruz Initiative in ways to celebrate and sharing traditional sweets at Nowruz with your neighbors, new, updated gift tags are now available upon request. These tags include small write up that highlights the connections and meaning of Nowruz and the symbolism of giving sweets at this occasion. See article in FEZANA Journal, Winter 2017 for inspiration in starting this tradition in your community.
Register Today for the 2018 FEZANA AGM

Registration is open for the 2018 FEZANA Annual General Meeting (AGM), held over the weekend of April 27-29, 2018 and hosted by California Zoroastrian Center (CZC), in Westminster, California. If you are planning to attend, please inform FEZANA Administrative Office (admin@fezana.org) and FEZANA Secretary (secretary@fezana.org).

Visit https://fezana.org/2018-fezana-annual-general-meeting/ for updated 2018 AGM info on the FEZANA website including transportation and hotel accommodation information.

Committee Chairs and Member Association Presidents are requested to submit their respective reports by April 1, 2018. If you have any questions, please contact FEZANA Administrative Office (admin@fezana.org) and FEZANA Secretary (secretary@fezana.org).

GENERAL SCHEDULE OF AGM WEEKEND ACTIVITIES

THURSDAY APRIL 26, 2018 / PRE-AGM ACTIVITIES

10:00am -12:15pm Jashan followed by presentation by North American Mobeds Council (NAMC)

2:00 - 5:00pm Special presentations by FEZANA Committees

5:30pm Social Event by CZC

FRIDAY APRIL 27, 2018

9:00am-5:00pm FEZANA AGM DAY 1

6:00 pm Dinner at ZAC-LA (1424 E. Walnut Ave., Orange, CA)

SATURDAY APRIL 28, 2018

9:00am-5:00pm FEZANA AGM DAY 2

7:00pm Gala Evening at CZC Westminster ($)

SUNDAY APRIL 29, 2018

9:00am-12:30pm FEZANA AGM DAY 3

1:00 pm Boxed Lunch

3:00 – 5:00 pm POST-AGM event: WZCC meeting at CZC Valley Center in Los Angeles.


The Life Story of Farhang Mehr is a biography of an exceptional person. It deals with Dr. Mehr's early life and education, his experience in OPEC and in Iran's oil and insurance agencies, and his achievements in politics, including his experience as the first Zoroastrian to serve as Deputy Prime Minister of Iran. It details his escape from Iran during the Islamic revolution of the late 1970s, his self-imposed exile in the United States, and his hopes and dreams for the future of Zoroastrianism, a centuries-old religion, and the Zoroasthri community worldwide.

Visit our website at http://www.fires-fezana.org/
Launch of the International Decade of Water for Sustainable Development 2018-2028

The President of the 72nd Session of the United Nations General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Miroslav Lajčák identified sustainable development as a priority. Therefore, on World Water Day, 22 March 2018, he will launch the International Decade for Action: Water for Sustainable Development 2018-2028 aiming to further improve cooperation, partnership and capacity development in response to the ambitious 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Clean, accessible is critical water for sustainable development and the eradication of poverty and hunger, and it is indispensable for human development, health and well-being.


North American Interfaith Network (NAIN) Young Adult Scholarships Offered

The North American Interfaith Network (NAIN) is offering their annual Young Adult Scholarship. The scholarship is open to anyone between the ages of 18 and 35 who is currently involved in some form of interfaith or other social justice work. Scholarship recipients receive a stipend to attend the annual NAINConnect conference, which will take place this year from July 31st - August 3rd, 2018 in Edmonton.

Application Deadline is April 4, 2018.

For more information, or to apply, visit: https://form.jotform.com/80472600284149

Welcome to the Newly Elected ZAGBA Board

We congratulate and welcome the newly elected Zoroastrian Association of Greater Boston (ZAGBA) Board, and look forward to future collaborations.

President: Zubin Talavia
Vice President: Nazneen Vimadalal
Treasurer: Supria (Sarma) Antia

Joint Secretary: Anahita Dastur
Secretary: Jimmy Daruwalla