In April, after years of tireless efforts, the Zoroastrian Association of North Texas officially opened the doors of its new home — the Zoroastrian Center of North Texas. The ceremonies began with Vendidad Prayers on April 29, 2011 followed on April 30 by Sarosh Baj Ceremony. In the afternoon, an Inaugural Jashan was performed. After the Jashan, the fire in the Afargaanyu was transferred to the Prayer Hall by the mobeds in procession. Then Ervad Porus Balsara, with the participation of 7 other mobeds, performed the first Boi Ceremony.

The festivities continued the following weekend, May 7, 2011, with a spectacular Gala Opening Ceremony which included an Awards ceremony and community volunteers performing professional dances, songs and skits.

The Zoroastrian Center of North Texas, a custom built 5,000sf facility marks Phase 1 of a multi-phase master plan. It joins eight other Zarathushti Dar-e-Mehr buildings in North America serving our Zarathushti community. The Zoroastrian Association of North Texas is the latest in a long line of North American Zarathushti Associations who have, through perseverance and dedication, shown an exemplary spirit of community building.  

[For more… see the upcoming FEZANA Journal, Summer/June 2011 issue; p. 17-20; p. 135-37]
FEZANA Fills Open Positions

Ms. Shiraz Italia, nominated by the Zoroastrian Society of British Columbia, will serve as the new incoming FEZANA Assistant Secretary for 2011-12. She is an active member of ZSBC youth committee and served, most recently, as the Secretary for the 5th World Zarathushti Youth Congress held in Vancouver. Shiraz is very excited to be on the current FEZANA executive and looking forward to serving the North American Zarathushti community.

Ms. Afreed Mistry is the new Co-Chair for the FEZANA Public Relations Committee. She is a member of the Zoroastrian Society of Ontario and the Ontario Zoroastrian Community Foundation. Afreed has been an active member of FEZANA since 2003, when she was the ZYNA Co-Chair. She has Co-Chaired two Youth Congresses in North America and has been a speaker at many North American and Global congresses. Afreed taught Zoroastrian Religion Classes for 17 years at the ZSO. She is part of the FEZANA External Affairs and UN-NGO Committees. Afreed looks forward to working with FEZANA and the Zarathushti Community.

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2012 Marks FEZANA’s Silver Jubilee Year

FEZANA plans to celebrate its 25th anniversary year by holding various events throughout 2012 hosted by many of its Member Associations around North America.

Stay tuned for announcements of an event near you!