



FEZANA DEMONSTRATION FOR THE 2015 PARLIAMENT OF THE WORLD'S RELIGIONS

DEMONSTRATION OF A ZOROASTRIAN THANKSGIVING RITUAL – THE JASHAN CEREMONY

FRIDAY OCTOBER 16, 7.00-8.00 A.M. BALLROOM A

There are many things to be thankful about. Zoroastrians consider themselves to be the co-workers of Ahura Mazda and are enjoined to move His creation to a blissful state that they call Frasho Kereti. They invoke the Divine often in all that they do “Khosnothra Ahura Mazda,” ask for His guidance and wisdom and remain grateful for His providence. Zoroastrian priests will give a short demonstration of this Jashan ceremony (Thanksgiving ceremony) and provide a brief explanation. This presentation will give you an insight into the Zoroastrian faith and why Zoroastrians consider themselves to be stewards of creation.

MORNING PRAYERS: Each morning Zoroastrians will gather and offer their morning prayers by first performing the Kusti Padiyab, untying and retying of the Kusti, the sacred woven chord that they tie over their Sudra, a garment worn by all Zoroastrians followed by other daily prayers in the presence of light divine. All are invited to join.

Panelists: Jehan Bagli, Maneck Bhujwala, Khobad Zarolia, Rayomand Ravji

Ervad Jehan Bagli retired as Distinguished Research Fellow of Wyeth/Ayrest Pharmaceutical Research. He was a founding member and President of Zoroastrian Association of Quebec, editor of Gavashni, a North American Zarathushti publication, for 16 years, and founding editor of FEZANA journal. He has published and lectured extensively on various aspects of Zoroastrian religion in North America and abroad. He is the author/ co-author of six books on topics related to Zoroastrian Faith. He is the recipient of the Gold Medal of Indian pharmaceutical association and FEZANA Excellence in Profession/Business Award.

Maneck Bhujwala , born in Bombay, India, married to Mahrukh, has a daughter Shehnaz, has MSEE and MBA degrees, is studying for MA in Interfaith Action, co-founded Zoroastrian Association of California and Zarthushti Anjuman of Northern California, represented his community at interfaith events, served on Stanford University Associated Religions board, currently serves on the Boards of Greater Huntington Beach Interfaith Council, the South Coast Interfaith Council, North American Interfaith Network, writes articles, and gives talks at schools, colleges, radio and TV, and interfaith conferences. He also serves the community as a volunteer priest.