ZANT Upcoming Events

- **Jan. 27:** ZANT AGM (6:00pm)
- **Jan. 27:** Jashn-e Sadeh Celebration (7:30pm)
- **Jan. 28:** RSVP for Super Bowl
- **Feb. 4:** Superbowl at ZANT Center
- **Feb. 11:** ZANT Religion Classes
- **Feb. 23:** Directory Ads Submission Deadline
- **Mar. 17:** Panjeh Prayers
- **Mar. 18:** RSVP for ZANT NouRuz Function
- **Mar. 25:** ZANT NouRuz Celebration (12pm-4pm)

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ZANT Address:

Zoroastrian Center of North Texas
1605 Lopo Road
Flower Mound, TX 75028-1306

We welcome and encourage feedback from our community. Please send comments or suggestions to president.zant@gmail.com or mail to ZANT, 1605 Lopo Road, Flower Mound, TX 75028-1306
We begin our new year with our first **General Body meeting on January 27, 2018**. We need to approve the Audited Accounts & ZANT Budget and appoint an Examiner for this fiscal year ending Oct. 31, 2018.

We will follow up Jashn-e-Sadeh Celebration the same evening. We hope to see all of you!

We want to encourage all who have not become members to attend and become members.

As we have announced earlier, we will be printing an updated ZANT Directory. Please make sure you verify that your contact information listed in the Directory is correct. If you are new to North Texas, please make sure you send us your contact information no later than January 31, 2018. Thank you for letting us serve our ZANT Community.

Zoroastrian Association of Houston (ZAH) has been chosen to host the **North American Zar-thushti Congress (NAZC2020)** to be conducted in Houston, Texas from December 29th thru 31st 2020. It is our honor that ZAH has requested ZANT for assistance with planning and organizing for the NAZC2020. For this, we are seeking volunteers from our ZANT community. It would be the first time ever in North America that two FEZANA affiliated organizations would have joined hands to plan and conduct a National FEZANA Congress. ZAH will list the various sub-committees on which ZANT members can serve and assist, for instance, Program, Entertainment, youth, Medical, etc. We are extremely excited about this partnership and look forward to our ZANT members stepping-up to help…..If you would like to volunteer helping out with the NAZC2020, please contact any Board member ASAP, and let them know if there’s any specific area you’d like to help out with or are open to helping anyway possible……so we’ll keep you posted & in the loop as developments take place & the need for your services come up.

**MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD**

**ZANT ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING**

**Date:** Saturday, Jan 27, 2018  
**Time:** 6pm  
**Venue:** ZANT Center  
**Agenda:** Audit Report & Approval of Financial Stmts for Year Ended Oct 31, 2017  
Budget Approval for Nov 1, 2017 – Oct 31, 2018 (GF, BF & ZOMF)  
Appointing the “Examiner” for Financial Statements for Year Ended Oct 31, 2018

**ZANT DIRECTORY UPDATES**

Please know that we will once again print a directory for ZANT. We ask that you fill out your 2017-2018 membership forms with the most updated information so that we can double check your information for the directory. The new directory will be distributed at our NouRuz 2018 function. If you are aware of new families to the area, please encourage them to send in their information. **ALL UPDATES TO THE DIRECTORY MUST BE RECEIVED BY JANUARY 31, 2018.** You are welcome to send your updated information to Anahita Kyani at anahita_kyani@yahoo.com
**Childrens’ Religion Class and Vohu Manah Group**

Our next Childrens’ Religion class will be held on **Sunday, February 11, 2018**. Please be at the ZANT Center by **10:45 a.m.** so we can have the Prayers & Tandarosti for kids in the Prayer Room at 11 a.m. For further details about the class please contact Pearl P. Balsara.

Kids will assemble food packs for the children served by “WeekendWonders4Kidz”. Kids who volunteer for this will earn “volunteer hours” for their school requirement. Please check out the link & donate for earning 2X the hrs!.... [http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c084ba8af23a0fe3-weekend1](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c084ba8af23a0fe3-weekend1)

The Vohu Manah group will continue our study of the Gathas. Have some tea and snacks to feed your body and some enlightening conversation to feed your soul! The group will meet on **Sunday, February 11, 2018 at 2:00pm at the ZANT Center Library**. For further details about the Vohu Manah Group, please contact Anahita Sidhwa.

**ZANT Ladies Club—Notes from ZLC Meeting on Dec. 16, 2017**

This meeting was about gathering ideas to raise additional funds for the ZANT general fund to be used for monthly building expenses.

Thanks to those who came and shared ideas. It is understood that all fundraising projects take time, leadership and volunteers. It is also understood that these ideas are about involving the 20 and 30 Somehtings year old's in ZANT. With that being said if you have an idea or would like to take charge of one of the following ideas please contact the ZANT board and let them know.

**Tech Night** - example what can my phone do, picture taking, cloud storage, moving things from my phone to the computer, how to use Facebook to your advantage, using apps such as WhatsApp

**Cute and Talented Kid Contest** - All ages, all abilities, everybody is included - this is about making all the children shine in their own right.

**Garage Sale** - collecting and selling items donated by the ZANT community online and at a specific date, time and place.

**Wine and Cheese Night** - have a wine expert and a chef come and prepare food and wine parings.

**Sell Tickets to Demonstrations** - cooking, quilting ect

**Vendor Expo** - show casing local business, selling of homemade products

**Dinner Cooked by ZANT Members** - yes this is done several times a year but it is always fun, delicious and raises funds. Never hurts to do it again and maybe come up with a new twist to this event. Such as having the MEN do the cooking.

**Silent Auction** - collect items and take bids

**Scrip Gift Cards** - this requires a coordinator to set up a scrip account at shopwithscrips.com

**The youth** at the meeting presented these ideas - dog walking, car wash and book sales.

These are ideas that may be put into action, which may turn into funds for ZANT.
Zoroastrian Association of North Texas

JASHN-E SADEH

Celebration on Jan. 27, 2018

Date: Saturday, Jan. 27, 2018
Time: 6:00pm onwards
Place: ZANT Center

Address: 1605 Lopo Road
Flower Mound, TX 75028

Jashn-e Sadeh Celebration

6:00pm ZANT AGM
7:30pm Jashn-e Sadeh Prayers and Celebration
8:30pm Potluck Dinner
9:30pm Bingo and Dessert / Tea / Coffee
Are you ready for Super Bowl Party?

Put on your team jersey & let us get together & watch Super Bowl LII on the Big Screen!

Justin Timberlake will be taking the stage for the Pepsi Super Bowl halftime Show at the Super Bowl LII in Minneapolis!

Huddle up for a FUN filled evening with FRIENDS!

Appetizers, BBQ / Vegetarian Dinner, Dessert, Chai, and Soda

RSVP by January 28, 2018 to ppbalsara@gmail.com

Date: Sunday, February 4, 2018 Time: TBA
Place: ZANT Center
Address: 1605 Lopo Road
              Flower Mound, TX 75028

Family Name (specify if vegetarian or any food allergies)

Members  _____ x $10 = $ _________
Kids (ages 3 - 10)  _____ x $5 = $ _________
Non-Members  _____ x $15 = $ _________

Total Payment = $ _________

RSVP by January 28, 2018
To ppbalsara@gmail.com

Mail form and check to:
ZANT Center
1605 Lopo Road
Flower Mound, TX 75028

Late fee of an additional $5 / person after January 31, 2018
ZANT 2018 NouRuz Celebration

Please SAVE THE DATE for a FUN-Filled Afternoon!
This year let’s get together to celebrate NouRuz….  

At:  Sneaky Pete’s (Monterey Ballroom with a beautiful view of Lake Lewisville)  
Date:  Sunday, March 25, 2018  
Time:  12pm – 4pm  

Besides performances by our kids, we’ll have some fun & games for all to enjoy!

One of the games we plan to have is “Guess the Baby Picture.” For this, please send in your baby (young) pictures to Pearl P Balsara by mail or e-mail (ppbalsara@gmail.com) by March 15, 2018. We will prepare a poster with all the baby/young pictures received. Everyone will try to guess which photo goes with which ZANT member, writing their answers down on paper. The person with the most correct answers will win! So, please dig-up your old albums and start sending your and your spouse’s pictures/photos for helping us put this poster together for some fun at the ZANT NouRuz Celebration! Let’s see, can your own kids recognize you…… can your friends recognize you?

Kids & adults interested in participating in the ZANT NouRuz dance performances, - Practices will begin on Sunday, January 21, 2018, at the ZANT Center.

We are going to form a ZANT Kids Orchestra that will give a short performance at the NouRuz function. - Orchestra practices also begin in January 2018.
Zoroastrian Association of North Texas

Warmly Welcomes One and All to

NouRuz 2018 Celebration

Date: Sunday, March 25, 2018
Time: 12:00pm – 4:00pm
Place: Sneaky Pete’s (Monterey Ballroom) with a beautiful view of Lake Lewisville
Address: 2 Eagle Point Rd, Lewisville, TX 75077 (972) 434-2800

Program
12:00 – 12:30pm Meet & Greet
12:30 – 1:00pm Entertainment Program
1:00 – 2:30pm Lunch
2:30 – 3:30pm Games, Music, Dance
3:30 – 4:00pm Tea / Coffee & Dessert

Send in Pics for “GUESS THE BABY PICTURE”

ADULT BUFFET MENU:
• House Salad with Ranch and Raspberry vinaigrette
• Assorted dinner rolls w/ Honey butter
• Roasted Rosemary potatoes and Whole Kernel Corn
• Jumbo Shrimp pasta with white wine sauce (non-veg) Bowtie Pasta with Marinara and Alfredo sauce (veg)
• Pecan Chicken with Praline sauce (non-veg) Eggplant Parmesan (veg)
• Dessert, Lemonade, Tea, Coffee
• Cash Bar

KIDS’ BUFFET MENU:
• Fruit Salad, Chicken Tenders, Fries, Lemonade, Dessert

Reservations: Please submit this form with correct amount on check. Late fee of $10/person after March 18, 2018.

Name: ________________________________

ZANT Members: $37/adult __ x $37 = $_______
(No. of Vegetarians _______ )
Child (ages 3-12): $20/child __ x $20 = $_______
Non-members: $50/adult __ x $50 = $_______
Donation $_______
(Children under 3 yrs. - Free) Total Payment =

Mail form and check to:
ZANT Center
1605 Lopo Road
Flower Mound, TX 75028
KIDS’ CORNER

Find Inner Strength

Strength does not come from winning. Your struggles develop your strengths. When you go through hardships & decide not to surrender, that is strength!

- Arnold Schwarzenegger

Strength does not come from physical capacity. It comes from an indomitable will!

- Mahatma Gandhi

Religious Class:

At our January Religious class, our little ones the little kids class covered the origin & story of the Jashn-e-Sadeh festival celebrated at the end of January. We read some stories on Asha & Ashem & how being aware of the truth in our lives makes a difference. We wrapped-up the class by singing the “Khan Ashem Vohu” song & had a lot of fun!

Our Middle-age group learned the meaning of our daily prayers during the 1st half of their class & the 2nd half is being dedicated to learning about eminent Zoroastrians.

At the January class, we learnt about:

- Teachings from Hormazd Khodae
  - Introspection of our mistakes & weakness
  - Repenting for our deficiencies
  - Resolving to renounce all our shortcomings & changing our behavior

- Our Eminent Zoroastrian for Jan was “Bhikaiji Cama” - popularly remembered as “Madam Cama”. We learnt about her life & dedication to free India from the British Rule. She also fought for the cause of women & gender equality. She was honored by India by commemorating a postage stamp of her & naming the Indian Coast Guard patrol vessel “ICGS Bhikhaiji Cama”

The teens continued their glimpse into the Gathas. This time our focus was on some select Has from the Ahunavaiti Gatha 31-6 to 32-7. These selections emphasize the importance of using wisdom when making all our decisions and making in effort to make the right choice each time. The Gathas also stress that it is important to be mentally active and when all these three components of wisdom, righteousness, and an active mind come together, man becomes more attuned to his Creator and this enables man to receive subliminal messages form God. This connection also helps us to deal with adversities when they come along.

Thank You!

We are very grateful to our Parent Volunteers for catering lunch for our kids & adults & a monthly Birthday Cake, at each Religious Class. We’d like to thank the Buhariwalla family & the Sidhwa family for January class kids’ & adults’ lunch!

Children’s Religious Class:

Our next religious class will be held on Sunday, February 11, 2018. Please be at the ZANT Center by 10:45 a.m. so we can have the Prayers & Tandarosti for kids in the Prayer Room at 11 a.m. For further details about the Religious Classes, please contact Pearl P. Balsara at ppbalsara@gmail.com.

After lunch, at approximately 1:30pm, our kids will assemble food packs for the children served by “WeekendWonders4Kidz”. Kids who volunteer for this will earn “volunteer hrs” for their school requirement. Please check out the link & donate for earning 2X the hrs! http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c084ba8af23a0fe3-weekend1
TREASURER’S CORNER

The donations and balances listed below are accurate as of December 31, 2017.

Donations

The cost of maintaining the center is approximately $2,500 to $3,000 per month. If anyone would like to help with that, please contact the board.

INTERFAITH COUNCIL ACTIVITIES FOR 2018

The Interfaith Council at Thanksgiving Square invites ZANT to participate in their monthly meetings. The calendar for 2018 is shown below:

- Jan 16   Day of service at City Square Food Pantry
- Feb 12   Visit to Turkish center
- Mar 12   Spring Festival of Faith
- April 9  Panel Conversation
- May 3    National Day of Prayer
- June 11  Visit to Lutheran Churches
- Sept 17  Indigenous Art
- Oct 8    Visit to Presbyterian Church
- Nov 12   Day of service honoring Veterans
- Dec      Winter Festival of Faiths

If you would like to attend, please contact Anahita Sidhwa at afsidhwa@verizon.net for further details. ZANT has participated in the spring festival of faiths for the past 2 years with a NouRuz table. We hope to do so this year also and welcome your help and support to showcase our community and customs.
Making weekends wonderful …
one kid at a time, one bag at a time, one week at a time

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Semi-Annual Bring n Bag Event

Come and see first-hand what we are all about! Due to popular demand, we are introducing a semi-annual bring n bag event after February’s religion class. We will be assembling food packs for the children we serve. Lewisville ISD has given us a huge space in one of their buildings, so our restriction for space is no more!

2X the hours - kids needing hours can earn them by helping us bag and earn more if they bring food to donate.

Please take a look at the link below and sign-up! Everyone is welcome!

http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c084ba8af23a0fe3-weekend1

Take a little time out to help make these kids weekends wonderful!

“Helping a person will not change the world, but it will change the world for that one person.”

..... thatonerule.com.
THE ASSOCIATION FOR PERFORMANCE OF THE FIRST YEAR NECESSARY DEATH CEREMONIES OF THE PARSI ZOROASTRIANS

E. Mithaiwala Agiary Compound, Jehangir Daji Cross Lane, Sleater Road, Grant Road (W), Mumbai 400007. Registration No. F-80 (Bom)

PUBLIC NOTICE

A Society by the name of The Association For Performance Of The First Year Necessary Death Ceremonies Of The Parsi Zoroastrians was founded in the year 1942 for the purpose of performing the essential death ceremonies of Parsi Zoroastrian individuals who desire to have the same performed for themselves, but do not have any relatives who will get the ceremonies performed.

The Society is headed by Ervad Dr. Ramiyar Karanjia, Chairman of the Association, and ably guided by Ervad Aspandiar Dadachanji, Panthaky, Vatcha Gandhi Agiary, Mrs. Shernaz D.Mehta, Director, Zoroastrian Co-operative Bank Ltd. and other Trustees.

The Society has arrangements with a few Agiaries for the Performance Of The First Year Necessary Death Ceremonies in different areas in Mumbai and Pune. The Society has received a heartening response from many Zoroastrians and who have since become its members.

The Society offers two Options:

Option 1 is the economical scheme, priced at Rs. 30,000/-, covering the essential after death ceremonies for one year including Muktad.

Option 2, priced at Rs.55,000/-, covers the essential after death ceremonies for one year including Muktad, a few days of rituals and one Vendidad.

Zoroastrians desiring to become members of this Scheme or for further details can contact:

Mr. Ariez Kharas. Administrator. Tel. 022 23870283 or 9769761284.

Ervad Aspandiar Dadachanji, Panthaky, Vatcha Gandhi Agiary, Hughes Road Tel. 022 23803826 or 919820493812

Ervad Kersi Bhadha, Panthaky, M.J.Wadia Agiary, Lalbaug Tel. 022 24702207

Ervad Viraf Pavri, Panthaky, B. C. Bhatiwalla Agiary, Tardeo Road Tel. 022 23530142

Ervad Hormuzd A. Dadachanji, Panthaky, Mithaiwala Agiary, Jehangir Daji Street, Grant Road (West) Tel. 919820493812

Ervad Rusi J. Katrak, Panthaky, Mehella Patel Agiary, Balaram Street, Grant Road, Mumbai 400 007.

Ervad Parvez M. Bajan, Panthaky, Seth B.M. Mevawala Agiary, Victoria gardens, Byculla, Mumbai 400 027. Tel.23716799 (Res).

Zoroastrians who desire to get their first year after death ceremonies performed should first become members of the Society by paying a nominal sum of Rs.51/- and, thereafter, can opt for either of the schemes mentioned above.

The Society is registered as per the Society’s Registration Act and also under the Bombay Public Trust Act and is being looked after by its Board of Trustees. Community members may take advantage of this Scheme depending on their needs.

A General Body Meeting of The Association will be held on Saturday, the 6th of January, 2018 at 11 a.m. at the Administrative Office of the Association.
FEZANA Journal

We have recently created a limited time promotional offer for subscribing to the FEZANA Journal. This promotion is to launch the digital version of our quarterly Journal. All subscribers (digital and print) will get their choice of a Parsi cookbook or Persian cookbook (while supplies last).

We are writing to request you to include this flyer and link in your monthly newsletter, if you have not already done so. The promotion is for North America subscribers only and is valid while supplies of the cookbooks remain. Please encourage your members to give digital subscriptions as a gift as well, which will be appreciated by Zarathushti friends. It will make a wonderful Navroz gift as well. Subscribe to the FEZANA Journal at https://fezana.org/publication/fj/subscribe/.

Kind regards

Dolly Dastoor and Nawaz Merchant

Call for Nominations of FEZANA Officers

The 2018 FEZANA Annual General Meeting is fast approaching and it is now time to prepare for elections of FEZANA Officers for a new term. Hence, this correspondence is a call for Nominations of FEZANA Officers.

Please find the 2018 FEZANA Officer Nomination Form (on this website) for the election of the following FEZANA Officers (2018 - 2020 Term of office):

1) President, 2) Treasurer, 3) Assistant Secretary

The deadline for receiving all nominations is midnight (US EST) on February 15, 2018. The results of the elections will be announced on April 27th at the 2018 AGM.

- The current President, Homi D. Gandhi, has completed his first term, and is eligible for reelection, as per terms of the FEZANA Constitution. The President's position is open for new nominations.
- The current Treasurer, Shirin Jahanian, has completed her partial first term, and is eligible for reelection, as per terms of the FEZANA Constitution. The Treasurer position is open for new nominations.
- The current Assistant Secretary, Afreed Mistry, has completed her first term, and is eligible for reelection, as per terms of the FEZANA Constitution. The Assistant Secretary position is open for new nominations.

Please note that only those associations in the membership lists, whose membership dues form and payments for their 2018 membership dues have been received, will be eligible to participate in nominating and voting as per terms of the FEZANA Constitution. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Best Regards,

Percy M. Master
FEZANA Secretary
Global Initiative to Support Iranshah, Udvada

Under the blessing of our Pak IranShah and the esteemed guidance of our Dasturji Khurshed Dastoor, High Priest of IranShah Udvada this Project is officially launched today, December 24, 2017 at the Iranshah Udvada Ustav.

To understand the motto, vision, mission and purpose of this special project, please use the following link: [https://fezana.org/udvada/](https://fezana.org/udvada/)

Thank you for joining us for this very special Global initiative to support the legacy of Iranshah Udvada, our priceless and timeless heritage.

This initiative which started about 3-months ago, was inspired by our very own Dasturji Khurshed Dastoor and blessed by the selfless support of Meher Amalsad, BPP trustee Noshir Dadrawalla and FEZANA President Homi D. Gandhi.

This was then followed by an outpouring of unconditional Global support from The Zoroastrian Trust Funds of Europe, Tehran Zartoshti Anjoman, The Incorporated Zoroastrian Charity Funds of Hong Kong, Canton and Macao, The Parsi Zoroastrian Association of South East Asia in Singapore, The World Zoroastrian Organization in United Kingdom, The World Zoroastrian Organization Trust Funds in India, Business Association Of West Australian Zoroastrians, Zoroastrian Association Of Western Australia, Zarathushtrian Association Of New Zealand, Karachi Parsi Anjuman Trust Funds in Pakistan and The Zoroastrian Association of United Arab Emirates in Dubai.

The unique feature of this historic initiative is that it aspires to provide an ongoing stream of Education, Inspiration and Donation.

Our purpose is to keep this divine flame live and alive through education and inspiration for our future generation and also help to raise donations to maintain and sustain our priceless heritage.

Our vision and mission is to make Udvada a global center for showcasing our Zarthushti heritage, culture, and way of life.

So with that special sentiment...we ask you all to please join hands, let's get together, and show this world the power of our Zarthushti unity with dignity to promote the divinity of Iranshah.

And Together...Let us create an inner desire To Support Our Sacred Fire

May The Divine Light Of Iranshah Shine on our community and humanity.

Thank you and May Ahura Mazda Bless Us All.
The FEZANA Executive is happy to announce that the 31st Annual General Meeting of Federation of Zoroastrian Associations of North America shall be held from Friday April 27th to Sunday April 29th 2018 in Los Angeles, California.

As is the practise, the day before the AGM Thursday April 26, 2018 shall have various Pre-AGM events; and we encourage one and all to attend the same.

FEZANA Member association California Zoroastrian Center are the hosts of the upcoming AGM and they shall in due course of time send out details about the actual program, accommodation etc.

One of the main thrusts of this AGM shall also be to find out more about the 2019 World Zoroastrian YOUTH Congress to be hosted by the youth of the host association California Zoroastrian Center. In this regard we urge member associations to encourage and bring along their youth representatives to the AGM so they can interact with their counterparts at CZC to aid in making the 2019 WZYC a grand success.

For participants to book their flights etc, please find below a very broad conceptual program.

**Thursday April 26, 2018**
- 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM: Pre AGM Session Hosted by North American Mobed Council
- 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM: Panel Discussion and Brainstorming for FEZANA's participation at Global Interfaith Events in 2018

**Friday April 27, 2018**
- 8:30 AM : FEZANA AGM Begins

**Saturday April 28, 2018**
- 8:30 AM; FEZANA AGM Continues

**Sunday April 29, 2018:**
- 8:30 AM: FEZANA AGM continues and shall end at noon.
- 1:00 PM: Post-AGM Sessions TBD

If you have any questions please feel free to email Arzan Sam Wadia FEZANA VP and Chair of the Coordination and Planning Committee at vp@fezana.org

Sincerely,

FEZANA Executive
Critical Assistance Special Appeal

We are requesting donations for Aspi Sepoy who will need lots of help for years as he has two young children and now having his legs amputated will need lots of medical treatment, his children will need care in upbringing and education and with the income he had there could not be much savings if any.

Aspi met with an unfortunate accident today afternoon whilst on his way from Udvada to Navsari; he fell from the railway platform under a train, with both his legs being severely damaged. He was rushed to the civil hospital at Valsad, where doctors have performed emergency surgery and amputated both his legs below the knees.

**Personal Background:** Aspi Sepoy is a resident of Ava Baug, Navsari (46 years), a widower having lost his wife around five years ago in tragic circumstances. He is the father of two children who, have been enrolled as boarders at J. N. Petit Institute, Pune, their education is being paid for by The WZO Trust from funds being contributed by Zoroastrian Charity Funds of Hong Kong, Canton & Macao. Aspi is employed by Foundation for Development of Udvada (FDU) as caretaker of the Zoroastrian Information Centre (Parsi Museum) at Udvada; he earns a salary Rs.10,000 per month plus travelling expenses. (High Priest Khurshed Dastoor of Udvada and the undersigned along with a few others are Trustees of FDU).

**The Accident:** Aspi met with an unfortunate accident on Thursday, September 14, 2017 whilst on his way from Udvada to Navsari; he fell from the railway platform under a train, with both his legs being severely damaged. He was rushed to the civil hospital at Valsad, where doctors have performed emergency surgery and amputated both his legs below the knees.

**Current Update:** Aspi was shifted to Parsi General Hospital at Mumbai on Saturday, September 16, 2017 for further treatment. Eminent Orthopaedic Surgeon Dr. Jamshed Bunshah has performed a further surgery today (Tuesday, September 19, 2017). The dressing will be checked after three to four days when it will known if blood circulation the leg stumps is normal, in which event no further surgeries may be required. However, this will only be determined once the dressings are opened again for examination. To avoid infection, Aspi will not be placed in the general ward, but in a separate room (of the lowest denomination) after he is discharged from the ICU. It has been given to understand that artificial feet that are imported (not made locally) will need to be procured. The cost of each foot is estimated to be in the region of Rs.5,00,000 that is 10,00,000 for both. Hospitalization and other expenses on medicines cannot be quantified at present but are expected to be substantial.

Please send your generous donation to FEZANA, earmarked Aspi welfare. The monies collected will be remitted to the WZO Trust in Mumbai, India for the specific use in Aspi's treatment and welfare You can donate online by clicking on Donate Online or send in your checks to Shirin Jahanian, FEZANA Treasurer with “ASPI SEPOY APPEAL” in the memo line and by mail it to:

Shirin Jahanian,
FEZANA Treasurer
P.O. Box 185, 65 Kirkwood Road,
Gibbsboro, NJ 08026

We thank you in advance of your anticipated generosity. For further information please feel free to contact, Hosi Mehta hosimehta@aol.com or Houtoxi Contractor huty.contractor@gmail.com
Sharmin Avari, who is a young Zoroastrian in Melbourne, Australia and a dear friend has been diagnosed with Chronic Lymphatic Leukemia (CLL).

The doctors have advised her that she requires a bone marrow transplant which is the best option to beat her cancer. For this Sharmin requires a matching bone marrow transplant from a donor. The doctors have informed her that the best likelihood of a match is from within the same ethnicity i.e. all the Parsees, Iranis and/or Zoroastrians in Australia and overseas.

People residing overseas as well as people residing outside Melbourne can register themselves as donors. There is a worldwide registry for bone marrow donors and once a match is located (even from overseas) arrangements will be made by the hospital to bring the matching bone marrow to Australia if necessary. There is no cost involved for the donor.

The link (http://www.abmdr.org.au/how%20-to-join-2/) provides comprehensive information on bone marrow transplant organisation, patients and donors.

For those staying in Australia, the first step is to book an appointment and register with Red Cross on 13 14 95 or by contacting the Australian Bone Marrow Donor Registry (ABMDR) (http://www.abmdr.org.au/how%20-to-join-2/)

For those outside Australia, there are similar donor registers for each country. You can find the info for your country by clicking this link (https://share.wmda.info/display/WMDAREG/Database;jsessionid=C90FD1D9E21895430C219205CDBCCA98).

In the true Zoroastrian spirit of Hvarashta (Good deeds) it will be greatly appreciated if you will consider registering and becoming a donor to help one of our very own and share this message with your family, friends and the community.

For those of you who require further information, Sharmin can be contacted at sharminavari@gmail.com or on +61 432 680 630.

The Avari family send their sincere thanks in advance for your support.
Zoroastrian Association of Houston will be hosting the North American Zoroastrian Congress in 2020 (NAZC2020). The NAZC2020 Core Team is launching a competition for the best NAZC2020 Logo, so please put on your thinking caps and send us your entries. There will be a grand prize of $150 for the best NAZC2020 Logo entry selected by the designated selection committee.

Here are some guidelines:

- Should highlight the importance of Zarathushti religion and culture
- Should be relatable and aligned with the NAZC2020 Theme: GENERATION Z: PROPELping THE ZARATHUSHTI RESURGENCE
- The selection committee will consist of the NAZC2020 core committee and/or its selected judges
- The logo must be easy to use, handle, resize, and manipulate for all reproduction purposes
- It should be visually appealing on both small (as small as 2 cm x 2 cm) and large scales
- Entries should be emailed to the NAZC2020 Secretary, Percy Master (percyMMaster@gmail.com) latest by Feb 28, 2018
- Submissions should include artwork in GIF, JPG, PPT, PDF or BMP format and a brief description of how the logo entry relates to the NAZC2020 Theme

In addition, listed below are some of the main committees needed for the congress. Anyone interested in volunteering on any of these committees should let the NAZC2020 Secretary, Percy Master (percyMMaster@gmail.com) know (being resident in Houston is not a requirement for most volunteers, since many of these items can be done via phone/email):

- Program – Determine the sessions and speakers for the congress
- Entertainment – Coordinate all of the entertainment before, during and after the congress
- Hospitality – Determine the venue for the congress
- Registration – Manage the list of registrants for the congress
- Public Relations – Manage press releases and invite dignitaries for the congress
- Publicity and Press Release – Manage the publicity campaign for the congress
- Publications – Publish the congress souvenir brochure
- Audio Visual – Manage microphone, sound and lighting requirements for the congress
- Technology – Manage website and social media for the congress
- Booths & Exhibits – Manage commercial booths and exhibits to promote Zarathushti culture and enterprise during the congress
- Youth – Manage events for youth, including social and educational sessions
- Tours & Transportation – Manage transportation for speakers and dignitaries, and sight-seeing before/after congress for all registrants

We hope to hear from you soon!

Sincerely,
Percy M. Master
NAZC2020, Secretary
Dear Friends,

I have been doing this fundraiser for years at this time of the year to raise funds for our community's dream project - our future ZAKOI Worship Center. The delicious Badam ni Bois are made for this fundraiser by no other than our very own Roshan Rivetna (one of our most prominent Zoroastrians in NA, and an amazingly giving, wonderful person) who has continuously inspired us to pursue this dream. This fundraiser would not be possible without Roshan and Rohinton Rivetna's help, for which my community and myself are deeply grateful.

Our Zoroastrian Association of KY, OH, & IN (ZAKOI) consists of approximately a population of about 150 Zoroastrians in the tri-state region of KY-OH-IN. Our members live in various cities in the tri-state region, approximately 2-3 hours away from Cincinnati, OH, which is our meeting hub. Though small, we are a close knit and very active group that tries its best to meet the religious and cultural needs of all our people, youngest to the oldest, though celebrations, jasans, muktad prayers, religion classes & camps, and lots of social gatherings.

I choose to do this fundraiser at this time of the year - around the auspicious occasion of Norooz coming up in March, because the 'Fish' is a symbol of Happiness, Prosperity & Abundance in the Zoroastrian culture. The fish itself, or a sweet dessert shaped like a fish, is often used to give as a gift of goodwill and friendship among friends and family on various good occasions. Please see the attached note and details on the badam ni Boi for its symbolism, ingredients, storage instructions etc.

The Badam ni Boi (a sweet pastry made with crushed almonds and flavorings), is a great addition to your Norooz Table and a yummy treat for your family and friends. You can order it for yourself or for sending it to your friends around the country. We will pack and ship it to your friends/family with a personalized note from you. All the profits raised from the sale of these Bois will go to our ZAKOI Center Fund. This fund has been established and is continuously being raised to enable our community to have our own Worship Center someday. We have raised about $85,000 in the last nine years through our fundraising efforts, and this Badam ni Boi fundraiser contributes greatly to our Center Fund every year. We are deeply grateful to all our fellow Zoroastrians who support this cause year after year by buying our Bois. Thank you most sincerely!

You can place your order with your Zoroastrian Association's Boi contact for your community, who will collect your orders, place them with me, and deliver the Bois to you at your local Norooz function. Or, you can arrange to pick them up from the contact person's home earlier if you like. You can also place your order directly with me and have the Bois delivered to your home. A few friends can also plan together and place their order at any one family's address.

The Bois are $32 for a Pair, or $18 for 1 Boi

The S & H rates for the Bois through USPS will be:

$8 for 1 Boi (Small Flat Rate Box)
$15 for 2 - 8 Bois (Medium Flat Rate Box)
$18 for 9 - 20 Bois (Large Flat Rate Box)

Please place your orders with me as soon as possible, hopefully by early to mid February, if you would like to have the Badam ni Bois a few days before Norooz. Your orders have been, and will continue to, help ZAKOI with this noble cause. If you don't want to buy the Bois but still want to help us, we will gratefully accept your tax-deductible donation check made to the ZAKOI Center Fund, mailed to Bakhtavar Desai, 6383 Jamesfield Ct., Fairfield, OH 45014. A receipt with our Tax ID number will be mailed to you soon.

We hope to receive your orders, and your help with spreading the word about our ZAKOI Worship Center fund-raising efforts.

Thanking you in anticipation, and Best Wishes on behalf of ZAKOI!

Bakhtavar Desai

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