

Our Vision

Our goal is to have our own Zoroastrian Center in the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana tri-state area within the next few years. This Center will be the hub of our religious and cultural lives. It will serve as a space for having community and family functions; like gahambhars, religion education, navjotes and weddings. The Center will also provide an anchor for our community's youth to share social activities; as well as, for adults to meet regularly. It will be like a second home for our community.

Our Center will enable our religion to thrive within our own lives; as well as through the lives of our children; **and all future generations of Zoroastrians in the tri-state area.** Our Center will be the place where we will:

- Worship together.
- Learn about our religion, history and heritage through our on-site library; as well as, through religion classes, youth camps, adult study groups.
- Celebrate our religion and culture with other faiths in the tri-state area.
- Create awareness and respect for our religion, and spread the wisdom of Asho Zarathushtra.

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ZAKOI Navroz Celebration, 2006

For information on the Zoroastrian Association of Kentucky, Ohio, and Indiana (**ZAKOI**) please visit our website at:

www.zakoi.org



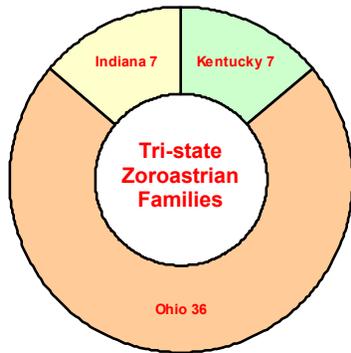
PROPOSED ZOROASTRIAN CENTER

Statement of Purpose

Our Community

Zoroastrian families have met socially in the tri-state area since the early 1970s. The Zoroastrian Association of Kentucky, Ohio and Indiana (**ZAKOI**) was unofficially formed in 1998. In 2005, **ZAKOI** was officially registered as a non-profit organization with the State of Ohio; and received Section 501(c)(3) IRS exemption from Federal income taxes in 2007.

The Zoroastrian community has grown steadily to about 50 Zoroastrian families, comprising 150 individuals:



ZAKOI serves about 35 member families numbering approximately 100 individuals. Non-members can and do attend many **ZAKOI** functions.

32 children are current **ZAKOI** members, many of whom attend monthly religion classes, and also summer religion camps organized by adult members.

Our 2 Dasturs lead our community prayers and conduct our religious ceremonies.



Center Location and Size

Though the Greater Cincinnati area is the geographical core of the KY-OH-IN tri-state region; we are flexible on the location of our Zoroastrian Center.

It is too early to pin-point the exact tri-state location at this juncture, as it will likely depend on the total amount of money raised; as well as, the preference of large donors, if any.

We would like the Center to include an assembly hall for 150 people, with an attached prayer room for about 50.

After a suitable sum has been collected; the community will revisit the issue of whether to purchase an existing structure or build a new one.

Community efforts to date

The Center Fund started with and continues to grow mostly through individual donations.

During the past three years, the community has also held many fundraisers, like picnics and dinners. Our embroidered gara-saree raffle fundraiser garnered national attention.

Two Zarthushti architects have offered their services in future towards making the Center a reality.



ZAKOI Fundraiser, 2009



Our Goal

To date we have collected about \$30,000 towards the Zoroastrian Center Fund.

Just recently we have found a property, and we feel it can start serving our community's needs immediately if we can procure it. Besides our own funds and some help from a big donor, we still need \$100,000, which we are aiming to raise immediately. For that we appeal to you to help us. Thank-you.