



# ZANC MONTHLY BUZZ



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We invite you to share your life updates for inclusion in future newsletters.

[Email us](#) your news so we can celebrate these milestones together with the community.

**All content must be received by the 20th of the month to be included in next month's edition. Thank you! We look forward to hearing from you.**

## Editor's Note

Dear ZANC Community,

The month of May brings to mind flowers, sunshine, moms... and women. *It felt only natural then to dedicate this issue to the strong, creative, and hardworking women in our world and especially within our community.* Women contribute so much to our lives and society - some in the spotlight and many more in supportive roles - thus it's only fitting that we take this month to celebrate their stories. I would like to thank our readers for generously sharing photos of their beautiful moms and grandmoms, making this special edition a true reflection of our community. This month's features include the Z women's delegation at the UN promoting gender equality, and a new book launch by human rights advocate Zerbanoo Gifford. And ladies...don't miss highlights like the monthly women's gathering at the Dar-e-Mehr and a fun retreat in Santa Cruz, CA.

Last but not least, remember to shower your moms, grandmoms and any 'other' moms in your lives with loads of love this month. Life is short; so hug them, kiss them, spoil them & bestow upon them all the joys to last a lifetime. 🌹 Happy Reading 🌹

# ATTENTION COLLEGE STUDENTS

## APPLY NOW FOR THE FEZANA 2026 ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

**Application Deadline is July 15th!!**



**FEZANA SCHOLARSHIPS**

Did you know that FEZANA is awarding \$120,000 USD in scholarships this year?

Application Deadline: July 15, 2026  
[fezana.org/scholarships](http://fezana.org/scholarships)

[The FEZANA Scholarship Program](#) was started in 1998 to recognize academic excellence and provide Zarathushti students financial assistance to study at institutions in the U.S and Canada. **This year FEZANA is planning to award more than \$125,000 of scholarships** in the areas of undergraduate and graduate studies, performing and creative arts, fine arts, culinary arts and religious studies. **Individual Scholarships range from \$1,000 to \$10,000 and winners from prior years will also be eligible to apply again!!**

All scholarships are open to Zarathushti applicants who have obtained admission for attendance at institutions of higher learning in the United States or Canada.

**[APPLY ONLINE](#)**

**Application Deadline is July 15th and scholarships will be awarded in September.**

**Questions? [Email](#) Dolly Dastoor or Dinsha Mistree, FEZANA Scholarship Committee**



**REGISTER NOW!**  
**Z-CAMP 2026**

13-17 YEAR OLDS!

WHERE? SAN JOSE DARBEH-MEHR  
WHEN? JULY 23<sup>rd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> 2026

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING OR BEING A COUNSELOR OR JUNIOR COUNSELOR, APPLY ON [WWW.ZCAMP.INFO](http://WWW.ZCAMP.INFO), OPENS MARCH 27TH

**CAMPER REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW**  
**MARCH 20<sup>th</sup>!! GO TO [WWW.ZCAMP.INFO](http://WWW.ZCAMP.INFO)**

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS EMAIL US [CONTACT@ZCAMP.INFO](mailto:CONTACT@ZCAMP.INFO)

## **YOUTH Z-CAMP (Ages 13-17)**

**LIMITED SPOTS ONLY!**

**Register today before it is Sold Out!**

**Early Bird Registration: \$325 per camper until**

**May 15th**

CLICK [HERE](#) TO REGISTER

**When: July 23rd - 26th**

**Where: The Dar-e-Mehr**

**Want to Volunteer? please fill this [FORM](#)**

**Questions? [EMAIL](#) the Z-Camp coordinator**

## FUTURE EVENTS – MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

DATE / TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Sat, May 9th, 10:30 am - 2:00 pm	Art Workshop	Dar-e-Mehr
Sat, May 30th, 10 am	Cherry Picking	Brentwood
Sun, June 7th, 11 am - 2 pm	ZANC Bazaar (fundraiser)	Dar-e-Mehr
Sat, June 20th, 2 pm - 5 pm	Trivia, Tea & Treats (Senior Event)	Foster City
Sun, July 12th, 11 am - 4 pm	Picnic in the Park	Palo Alto

**TO VOLUNTEER:** Please contact Events Coordinator at [events@zanc.org](mailto:events@zanc.org)

## UPCOMING EVENTS



**ZANC**  
ZANC is the Zoroastrian Association of North America

**Art & Craft Workshop**  
Open to Adults & Kids!  
Learn a variety of art & craft techniques and take home projects you create! All Materials provided.

**MAY 9, 2026**  
**10:30AM - 2PM**  
Dar-e-Mehr  
10468 Crothers Rd, San Jose, CA 95127

**CROCHET / YARN ART**    **MOSAIC**

**RESIN JEWELRY**    **CROSS STITCH**

MEMBER ADULT: \$20  
MEMBER CHILD: \$15  
POTLUCK ONLY: FREE MUST REGISTER  
REGISTER AT [WWW.ZANC.ORG](http://WWW.ZANC.ORG) (LIMITED SPOTS!)  
FOLLOWED BY POTLUCK LUNCH  
SIGN UP AND BRING A DISH TO SHARE - SAVOURY DISHES PREFERRED

Questions? Contact [events@zanc.org](mailto:events@zanc.org)

**Want to learn a new craft and channel your inner artist?**

**Dive into crochet, cross-stitch, mosaic, and resin jewelry making at our Art and Craft Workshop and start creating today!**

**MAY 9th, 10:30 am - 2:00 pm at the Dar-E-Mehr**

Join us for a fun-filled day where our expert volunteers will guide you through the techniques of their art and share their creative tips. **All materials will be provided so you can create it, make it and take it home!**

After the activities, enjoy a potluck lunch with fellow crafters and a chance to relax.  
**Please bring a savory dish to share.**

**Event Pricing:**

Member Adult (10+) – \$20

Member Child (5-10) – \$15

Non-Participant Attendees - Free (please register and bring a dish to share)

[CLICK HERE FOR POTLUCK SIGN UP](#)

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

# ZANC Bazaar Fundraiser: A Celebration of Community, Culture and Giving

Sunday, June 7th from 11 am - 2:00 pm at the Dar-E-Mehr



Join us for a lively afternoon of delicious food, exciting raffle prizes, music, and great company - all in support of ZANC's ongoing initiatives.

We're inviting community members to host stalls, including food, games, crafts, and more. It's a great way to showcase your talents and contribute to a meaningful cause. You're welcome to run a stall solo or team up with others.

Tickets for food, games, and shopping will be available at the event (cash or Zelle).  
**Interested in hosting a stall? Please sign up by May 5, 2026.**

**All proceeds will support Dar-e-Mehr and ZANC's ongoing expenses.**

SIGN UP FOR A STALL: [CLICK HERE](#)

TO REGISTER: [CLICK HERE](#)

## Senior Social Afternoon: Meet, Mingle & Have Fun

Saturday, June 20th 2:00 - 5:00 PM

Calling all Z Seniors (60+) to enjoy a fun-filled afternoon of games, friendly competition, tea, and snacks. Visiting family members (60+) are also most welcome.

**Place:** Treasure Isle Clubhouse

**Address:** 763 Comet Drive, Foster City, CA

**This is a FREE EVENT - There are Limited Spots**  
👉 Register today before it's sold out 👈

[CLICK HERE](#) TO REGISTER

Questions? Email [events@zanc.org](mailto:events@zanc.org)



# RECENT EVENTS



## Family Friendly Hike in Livermore

On a gloriously sunny Saturday of April 18th, our enthusiastic ZANC group gathered at Del Valle Regional Park for a family-friendly hike filled with scenic views. The relaxed pace of the trail offered a perfect setting for folks to enjoy nature and each other's company. After the hike, it was time to unwind and refuel with delicious snacks - Parsi Poras (omelettes) made by the events committee of Dilber and Firuza - which were a big hit!! It was a wonderful day of nature, community, and simple joys shared with friends and family. 🌿👟



# COMMUNITY NEWS



## Attention Bay Area Youth (ages 18-35) Join the ALL NEW Youth Group Chat! Connect, Learn, and Grow Together



ZANC Youth Coordinator Zara Minwalla has launched a new WhatsApp group designed to keep our youth connected, engaged, and in the loop! This vibrant space will be a hub for building friendships, sharing ideas, and staying updated on upcoming events and opportunities. Know someone ages 18–35 who'd be a great fit? Have them reach out to Zara to get involved and expand our youth community.

**JOIN TODAY: Call Zara at 925-984-0243 or email her at [zaraminwalla@gmail.com](mailto:zaraminwalla@gmail.com)**

## 🐟 ZANC Foodies Group Lunch Meetup 🐟



Sunday, April 26th - Indian Coastal Cuisine at [Surmai](#) in Sunnyvale, CA



ZANCsters enjoying a delicious lunch of flavorful fish thali, exotic drinks, and Alphonso ice cream (with aam ras topping) 😊

## Inviting all Z Ladies to the Monthly Women's Gathering at the Dar-e-Mehr

The Mehr-e-Mitra Fellowship is a cooperative gathering which offers a welcoming space for women in the Zoroastrian community to connect, grow, and uplift one another. Come to enjoy a morning of tea/coffee, music, art, a 30 min gentle yoga session and meaningful conversation.



**Join us on the third Sunday of each month from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm**

**Note:** Please reach out to [Armita Pishdadi](#) to confirm meeting schedules/changes

# RECIPE OF THE MONTH



## KHEEMA MASOOR PALAU with Urvaksh Bharucha

### INGREDIENTS

1 tbsp Oil	½ tsp Ground Nutmeg
2 lbs Lamb Kheema (or other red meat)	½ tsp Ground Cinnamon
1 cup Whole Masoor Dal	4 tsp Salt
1 tbsp Jeeru	1 ½ tbsp Mangal Palau Masala
1 tbsp Ginger Garlic Paste	½ tsp Saffron
3 medium Onions diced	6 tsp Yogurt
3 medium Onions sliced	<u>Rice:</u>
1 ½ tsp Kashmiri Chili Powder	4 cups Basmati Rice
2 tsp Parsi Dhana Jeeru	1 tbsp Jeeru
1 tsp Turmeric	¼ stick Cinnamon
¼ tsp Garam Masala	6 Black Peppercorns
1 tsp Dhansak Masala	3-5 whole Black & Green Cardamom
1 tsp Smoked Paprika	4-6 whole Cloves
½ tsp Ground Cardamom	

### ABOUT THE CHIEF

This dish is one of Urvaksh's favorites, one of many he learned through long-distance phone calls to his mom when he first moved to the U.S. and started to cook. While staying true to the heart of his mother's recipe, he has made it his own with a signature twist: the unexpected addition of **Dhansak Masala** and a focus on the **Masoor** that makes this Palau truly unique. For him, the joy of cooking has shifted from a necessity of living abroad to a way of showing love for his wife and kids, especially when he's experimenting with a new video recipe or cooking up a family favorite like his special mutton biryani! He encourages first-time cooks to embrace patience and "go with the flow," trusting that the process is just as rewarding as the final bite. One taste, and you'll understand why Urvaksh says that if this dish could talk, it would say, "Dil Maange More!"



### DIRECTIONS

8 Servings

1. Wash and soak dal 3 hrs before cooking. Prepare browned onions for garnish by frying **sliced** onions.
2. In large wide pot, heat 1 tbsp oil and add jeeru. Add **diced** onions and saute on medium low heat. Meantime, wash and soak rice. When onions start to brown, add ginger garlic paste and sauté 2 minutes. Add kheema, stir to separate meat until smooth, add 2 tbsp water and cook uncovered.
3. Once meat is browned, add all spices except palau masala. Add 2 tsp salt, 1 tbsp water, and stir well to incorporate all spices. Cook for a few minutes and then add ½ cup water.
4. Grind palau masala in pestle and mortar, and add to pot. Stir well, cover pot and cook on low until done. **Chef's Tip:** adding this as the last spice ensures strong flavor!
5. While meat cooks, prepare saffron, rice and masoor. Place saffron in small bowl, add 4 tbsp boiling water, stir and keep aside. Add rice to a pot full of boiling water and add jeeru. Put other whole spices in tea infuser and add to rice pot. Cook masoor in pot with a lot of water and 2 tsp salt.
6. Once rice is 90% done (should have slight bite to it), remove from stove and strain out all water. Remove masoor from stove when just cooked (approx. 15 - 20 mins) and strain.
7. In a large wide pot add ½ of cooked kheema in even layer. On top of kheema spread a little fried onion, thin layer of masoor, then 2 tsp of yogurt, and 1 tsp of saffron water. Evenly spread ½ of cooked rice and gently pat down. Add 2 tsp fried onion, 4 tsp yogurt, and 4 tsp saffron. Add remaining kheema evenly, then remaining rice, and garnish with rest of saffron and fried onion. Cover pot and cook on low for 20 mins. Serve immediately with raita!

Written by Sanobar Mehta

# Z-CLASS UPDATES

## Growing Together: Reflections from Our Z Class Kids

As this year's [Z-Class](#) gets ready to wrap up another meaningful year of nurturing the next generation in the values and teachings of our faith, students reflect on why these classes are important and the impact they have had on their young lives. Held twice a month, Z-class gives students the opportunity to learn about Zoroastrian philosophy, build lasting friendships, and develop a strong sense of community with fellow Zarathushtis. This month, students share 3 things they love most about coming to class with answers that are honest, funny, thoughtful, and full of the sweetness that reminds us why these Sunday mornings matter. From sirog and snacks to celebrations, projects, and the comfort of being together, here's what they had to say:

<p><b>GG (Zahra) (7)</b>            Doing projects in Z class            Learning about the religion            Hanging out with my friends</p>	<p><b>Jasmine (17)</b>            Meeting new people            🧑🧑 Having class discussions 🧑🧑            Meeting my friends</p>
<p><b>Rayzad (8)</b>            Snacks &amp; Sirog            📖📖 Learning about the religion 📖📖            Meditating in the Dar-e-Mehr</p>	<p><b>Zinaya (11)</b>            Meeting friends            🎨🎨 Art Projects 🎨🎨            Seeing my teachers whom I LOVE!</p>
<p><b>Jahan (11)</b>            Sirog            Sirog            🍓🍓 Snacks 🍓🍓</p>	<p><b>Yazad (14)</b>            Meeting new people            Celebrations like Navroz &amp; Yalda            Aunties/Uncles cooking food like Sirog &amp; Kababs</p>
<p><b>Arya (11)</b>            Meet my amazing teachers            Eat the healthy snacks            Play with my friends</p>	<p><b>Nina (7)</b>            🐑🐑 The baby sheep 🐑🐑            Snacks            Listening to books about the religion while coloring</p>
<p><b>Kaivan (12)</b>            Meet my friends            Learn about the religion/culture            Making crafts I can hang in my room</p>	<p><b>Zara (16)</b>            🧡🧡 Seeing all my friends 🧡🧡            Learning about Zoroastrian history            Fun projects like Art &amp; Jeopardy</p>

**What is Sirog?** Sirog is a traditional Iranian fried bread, made by Zoroastrian communities using wheat flour, sugar, sesame oil, yeast, fried in hot oil and sprinkled with ground pistachio on top. It is a sweet, aromatic bread traditionally prepared for special occasions, but at Z Class, our students are fortunate enough to enjoy it freshly made for them at the Dar-e-Mehr's outdoor kitchen! 😊😊



# YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

## Attention ZANC Youth (15–35): Your Future Starts Here!



Join the ZANC Mentorship Program and get matched one-on-one with a mentor in your field of interest.

[ZYNA](#) is excited to announce the launch of its brand new and revamped Z Mentoring Program! Based on feedback from previous sessions, this year's program has been thoughtfully redesigned to be even more impactful and will continue to serve as a valuable platform supporting Zoroastrian youth in their professional development journeys. Whether you are looking to gain clarity about your future career path, explore new opportunities, or receive guidance from someone in your field of interest, we invite you to sign up as a mentee and take the next step toward building leadership, confidence, and connections within our community.

### ✂ What's New This Year?

- 1-1 Mentor Matching (based on goals and interests)
- Monthly check-ins for accountability
- Flexible Interaction (connect via text, WA or zoom)
- Certificates + LinkedIn Badges
- Interactive Challenges + Points System
- Prizes up to \$400 for Mentees

🔗 **Sign Up:** Click [HERE](#) to sign up (must be 15 - 35 years of age)

📖 **Guide Book:** Click [HERE](#) for more details

👤 **Questions?** Please email Co-Chairs [Khorshid Gharaee-Kermani](#) or [Yazad Major](#)

### FIRST MENTORING WELCOME MEETING:

📅 Saturday, May 2nd, 2026

🕒 10 AM PST / 12 PM CT / 1 PM EST

🖥 [ZOOM LINK](#)

**JOIN ZYNA: Membership is FREE** - ZYNA warmly welcomes Zoroastrian youth 15 to 35, with those under 18 requiring parental/guardian permission to join. We invite you to fill out our [membership form](#) and [get involved](#) in one of our many committees!



## IN THE SPOTLIGHT

### CELEBRATING FABULOUS Z MOMS



HAPPY  
*Mother's Day*



(Top Row L to R): Carl/Natasha with mom Dianne Patel, Navaz Motafram with mom Shenaya Tarapore, Zara and mom Zeenia Minwalla (Middle Row L to R): Nicole/Natalie with mom Mary Jane Kanga, Annahita with mom Villie Keravala, Biniaifer/Dilnaaz with mom Perviz Nalladaru (Bottom Row L to R): Anu Patel with mom Behroze Doctor, Azita/Mehreen/Benita with mom Dilshad Patel, Sanobar/Monaz with mom Gool Jokhi.

## Multigenerational Moments & Vintage Memories

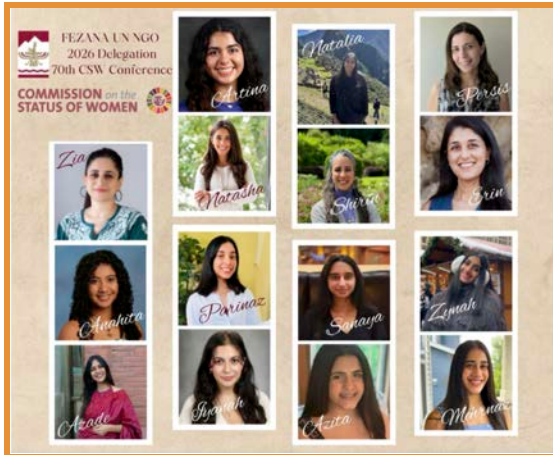


Mom 



(Top Row L to R): Kathleen Chothia with mom Mani Bengali, Zarine Batliwalla with mom Pat Khambatta, Parizad Bharucha with mom Dinaz Karanjia, Viraf Patel with mom Aaloo (Middle Row Left): Jenovia Mistry with mom Shenaz Zack, grandmom Odockht Zack, and great grandma Shirin Demaire, (Middle Row Right) Delzin Choksey with mom Thrity Tantra, grandmom Jaloo Zaiwala and great grandma Piroja Mehta. (Bottom Row L to R): Jasmine Engineer with mom Zinaida and grandma Goshpi Golwalla, Armaity Patel with mom Rashna Bharucha and don't miss grandma Khorshed Mehta in the frame, Sarosh Patel with mom Gulshan Patel.

## IN OTHER NEWS



### Z WOMEN LEAD DELEGATION AT THE UNITED NATIONS

FEZANA was proud to participate in the 70th session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women ([CSW70](#)), which was held on March 11 - 18 at the UN headquarters in New York. The CSW is a global governmental body that is dedicated to the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of women.

This year, a prominent delegation of Zoroastrian leaders attended the event, including **ZANC's own Erin Guzdar Press**. Read more about these amazing women on the [FEZANA Website](#). This year, the delegation presented three meaningful events - a virtual panel on closing the gender gap in healthcare, a networking event for CSW70 attendees, and an in-person panel on inequities in education for women globally:

1. *Unheard, Underserved, Unstoppable: Women Reclaiming Health and Justice:* This session highlighted the resilience and leadership of women who continue to rise despite systemic barriers (Click [HERE](#) for video).
2. *Educate Her & You Shake the System:* Focused on the transformative power of education and how investing in girls' and women's education creates ripple effects that strengthen communities and help inequalities (Click [HERE](#) for video).
3. *Every Woman Counts: Education, Civic Participation, and Health Solutions:* an initiative which focuses on empowering women and girls through educational advocacy, active civic engagement, and health-focused solutions.



#### **ZANC member Erin Guzdar Press shares her eye-opening and meaningful experience as a delegate member:**

"I had the incredible opportunity to attend the CSW70 Conference where we heard women from around the world share the issues shaping their daily lives - from access to AI to after-school sports for children. I moderated a healthcare panel followed by a networking event focused on closing the gender gap in women's health. The discussion brought together powerful perspectives across very different areas of care: a clinician who runs a postpartum clinic addressing the lack of aftercare for women recovering from

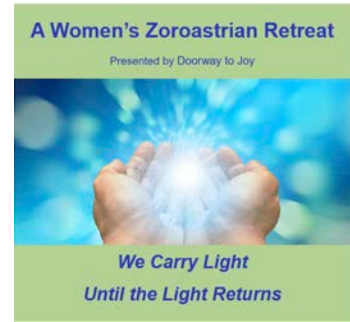
C-sections, an art therapist working with survivors of abuse, and a speaker highlighting the higher rates of lung cancer among women due to exposure to unsafe cooking conditions. It was a wide-ranging and eye-opening conversation that underscored just how many dimensions there are to the gender health gap, and how much meaningful work remains to be done".

# A Women's Zoroastrian Retreat June 12th - 14th, 2026

**Last Day to Register: May 10th, 2026**

**Address: Villa Maria Del Mar, 21918 East Cliff Drive, Santa Cruz**

The Zoroastrian Women's Retreat in Santa Cruz, CA, is an incredible experience of love, light, and kinship rooted in ways of ancient Iran. It's a time to meditate, ponder and reflect while interweaving the ancient Gathaic ways with the modern way of living, interlacing the old with the new.



[LEARN MORE](#)



## ***Unstitched: A Celebration of the Saree*** **Exhibition at the Asian Art Museum in San Francisco**

The Parsi Gara (left) was beautifully displayed at *Unstitched*, an exhibition of 30 sarees from various parts of India! Held at the [Asian Art Museum](#) on March 29th, 2026, the exhibition shared the story of this graceful 5000 year old garment as it fits into the everyday lives of the subcontinent's women. The [event](#) brought together the rich history and artistry of the saree, featuring a vibrant fashion show, engaging workshops, a dedicated exhibit on the evolution of the saree, and a unique art display showcasing renowned Indian artists' paintings on sarees. There were some truly stunning pieces on display, depicting the artistry and heritage of many corners of the country. This exhibit was totally unique and a labor of love for its organizers.



**Photos and article courtesy of Dilnavaz Bamboat**

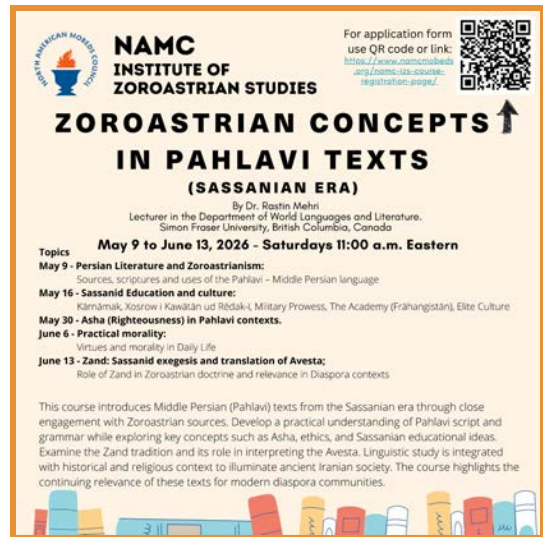
# ARTS AND EDUCATION

## NAMC INSTITUTE OF ZOROASTRIAN STUDIES

May 9th to June 13th at 8 am (PST)

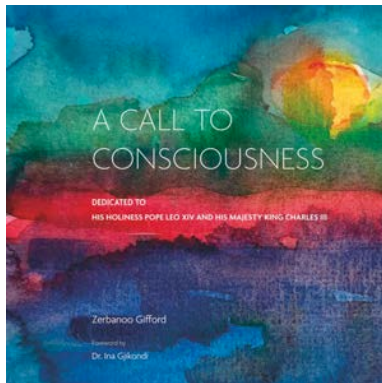
### Zoroastrian Concepts in Pahlavi Texts

This course introduces Middle Persian (Pahlavi) texts from the Sassanian era through close engagement with Zoroastrian sources. Develop a practical understanding of Pahlavi script and grammar while exploring key concepts such as Asha, ethics, and Sassanian educational ideas.



The poster features the NAMC logo on the left and a QR code on the right. The main title is 'ZOROASTRIAN CONCEPTS IN PAHLAVI TEXTS (SASSANIAN ERA)'. Below the title, it lists the instructor, Dr. Rostin Mehri, and his affiliation with Simon Fraser University. The course dates are 'May 9 to June 13, 2026 - Saturdays 11:00 a.m. Eastern'. A list of topics follows, including 'Persian Literature and Zoroastrianism', 'Sassanid Education and culture', 'Asha (Righteousness) in Pahlavi contexts', and 'Zand: Sassanid exegesis and translation of Avesta'. At the bottom, there is a short description of the course and an illustration of books.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)



## A Call to Consciousness by Zerbanoo Gifford

**Ancient Wisdom, Sacred Unity, and the Golden Thread  
Connecting Humanity's Great Spiritual Traditions**

Zerbanoo Gifford, a renowned author, a human rights advocate, and founder of the [ASHA Centre](#) in the UK, has spent nearly six decades working at the intersection of faith, justice, and compassionate action. Her latest book, [A Call to Consciousness](#) is the distillation of that lifetime of moral practice.

In March 2026, Gifford was named a Founding Fellow of the One Humanity Lab at the Center for Excellence in Public Leadership at George Washington University in Washington, D.C. This distinguished recognition honors Zerbanoo's decades-long commitment to humanitarian work, ethical leadership, and global dialogue. Through her life's work, she has consistently championed the values of compassion, justice, and human dignity, building bridges across cultures and inspiring generations of changemakers. In her new role she joins a global cohort of leaders, educators, artists, and changemakers exploring new paradigms of leadership and will serve as a guide, advisor, and collaborator, contributing to conversations around leadership, consciousness, and global coherence. ([Parsi Khabar](#) - March 23rd, 2026)

# CONNECT AND CONTACT

## Join ZANC WhatsApp Groups, Facebook and Instagram



- WhatsApp: [CLICK HERE](#) to join WhatsApp
- Facebook: [CLICK HERE](#) to join Facebook
- Instagram: [CLICK HERE](#) to follow Instagram



Stay engaged with other Zs, post pictures, and strengthen our community connections.

**NOTE:** You will still continue to get the ZANC monthly newsletter and event notices via email.

**Maintain Active Membership:** Active memberships are vital to ensuring the continued growth and success of our community here in Northern CA. Your membership dues go toward maintaining our Dar-e-Mehr, sustaining ZANC's operations, and funding valuable programs that benefit all members. [CLICK HERE](#) to join or renew your membership.

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NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

### 2026 Executive Board

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**All feedback & suggestions are welcome & encouraged:**

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### THE NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE:

Stay connected with the ZANC Newsletter — your source for community news, announcements, and upcoming events. Please [EMAIL](#) us your personal milestones so we can celebrate and acknowledge them with the community. **All content must be received by the 20th of the month.**

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