



SSZ

**Society of Scholars of
ZOROASTRIANISM**

Zoroastrian Association of Metropolitan Chicago
proudly hosts
2018 Society of Scholars of Zoroastrianism (SSZ) Conference
supported by
Federation of Zoroastrian Associations of North America (FEZANA)
and
World Zoroastrian Organization
at the
Arbab Rustom Guiv Dar-e-Mehr, 8615 Meadowbrook Drive, Burr Ridge, IL 60527,
on
Friday October 19 – Sunday October 21, 2018

The *Society of Scholars of Zoroastrianism (SSZ)* is an initiative to promote study and scholarship of the Religion of Zarathushtra. The mission of the Society is to revive the tradition of scholarship within our community among *athornans* and *behdins* alike, and to promote interaction among academicians, theologians (priests), educationists, lay scholars and practitioners of Zoroastrianism, through roundtable discussions, conferences and publications. The aim is to make SSZ a prestigious organization on par with scholarly organizations of other faith communities, and merit affiliation with international bodies such as the American Academy of Religions.

SSZ Conferences have been held each year since 2006, when noted scholars and students present their research papers. To encourage Zoroastrian studies within the community, these SSZ conferences also include sessions delivered by community members, especially the next-generation. Persons/Associations interested in the mission and vision of the Society of Scholars of Zoroastrianism, are invited to host future Conferences in their areas. SSZ will provide assistance as needed. The organizers enjoy complete autonomy in regard to programming and organizing the Conference.

All community members, students, scholars and members of interfaith communities are invited and encouraged to participate. You will no doubt be enriched, your presence gives support to the speakers, and your feedback is invaluable so that future research efforts may be directed in a constructive manner for the benefit of both the academicians as well as the community.

Registration. Suggested donation is \$10. This will include refreshments on Friday and breakfast, lunch and refreshments on Saturday. You can register for 1, 2 or all 3 days. ***Please RSVP (for Friday, Saturday and Sunday separately) by October 10, 2018*** to Zarin Karanjia (630-739-2720, zarin.karanjia@yahoo.com). For program information contact Rohinton Rivetna (630-248 4387, rivetna@aol.com) or Rayomand Ravji (630 589 6631, rayomand.ravji@gmail.com) or Pervin Taleyarkhan 865 368 1982, pervinrt@gmail.com).

For full program, speaker profiles and abstracts, visit www.s-s-z.org or www.zamc.org

PROGRAM

FRIDAY October 19, 2018

- 6:30 “Meet and Greet” our distinguished speakers and guests.
7:00 Zoroastrian Connection with other faiths Session I,
The Dead Zee Scrolls: Zoroastrian concepts buried in the scriptures of the world religions. **The Rev. Dr. Brian Arthur Brown**
8:00 Dinner.

SATURDAY October 20, 2018

- 8:30 Registration and Breakfast
9:00 Benediction – **Mobedyar Boman Damkevala**
Monajat – **Mani Rao**
Welcome – ZAC President and Conference Emcee **Afshan Barshan**
Introduction to SSZ and annual report – **Rohinton Rivetna**
Morning Session - Session Chair **Jamshed Rivetna**
9:30 Photographic journey of AIRYANA VAEJA now known as Uzbekistan
- **Mobed Kobad Zarolia**
10:45 Coffee break
11:15 Fireside Chat on Zoroastrianism with Zal and Pervin – **Zal and Pervin Taleyarkhan**
12:00 Zoroastrian Connection with other faiths, Session II,
The Dead Zee Scrolls: Zoroastrian concepts buried in the scriptures of the world religions. **The Rev. Dr. Brian Arthur Brown**

Luncheon

- 1:00 Lunch, Videos on Zoroastrianism.

Afternoon Session

 - Session Chair **Persis Driver**

- 2:00 Live your Prayers – **Ervad Tehemton Mirza**
2:45 Zoroastrian Connection with other faiths, Session III,
The Dead Zee scrolls: Zoroastrian concepts buried in the scriptures of the world religions.
The Rev. Dr. Brian Arthur Brown
3:45 Coffee break
4:15 Panel discussion: **Dastur Dr. Kersey Antia & all Speakers**, with Next Generation Panelists
Khursheed Ichaporria, Rayomand Ravji, Cyrus Rivetna, Kamal Saher. Chair: **Persis Driver.**

Social Hour:

- 5:15 Networking with hors-d'oeuvres and drinks.

SUNDAY October 21, 2018

- 10:00 Roundtable Discussion with Speakers, Mobeds and Community members.
12:00 Lunch. We will go Dutch to “The Patio” (7440 S. Kingery (Rte 83), Darien, IL).

“I hope to show how the Magi of old spread Zoroaster’s thoughts from one end of the silk route to the other, impacting the birth of the seven World Religions, pointing to the debt they all owe to Zoroastrianism and how we can all relate today.”

Dr. Brian Arthur Brown