



**Annual General Meeting
on Wednesday, June 3rd at 7:30 p.m.**

**Louis St. Laurent High School
11230 - 43 Avenue**

After a short business meeting and elections the Zoroastrian Community of Alberta will make a presentation on the history, culture and practices. There will also be a display of information and artifacts of their ancient tradition.

Zoroastrianism is the religion and philosophy based on the teachings ascribed to the prophet Zoroaster, after whom the religion is named. The term Zoroastrianism is, in general usage, essentially synonymous with Mazdaism, i.e. the worship of Ahura Mazda, exalted by Zoroaster as the supreme divine authority.

Zoroastrianism is uniquely important in the history of religion because of its possible formative links to both Western and Eastern religious traditions. In the opinion of Mary Boyce, as "the oldest of the revealed credal religions", Zoroastrianism "probably had more influence on mankind directly or indirectly than any other faith"

Our program will also feature young people from many faiths, sharing their visions for the future.

We hope that you will join us to make your voices heard as we make important decisions about the future of our Centre. Come elect and meet our new board members, and enjoy delicious Persian treats.

Important Note

The School will also be holding their award's night on the same evening. Therefore, please park near and enter the south east door, by the Confederation Sports Centre (where there will be ample parking).



Join us for one of the Centre's newest and most successful programs. These stimulating monthly discussions bring us new ways to look at both the community and our own lives.

Lunch and Learn is held from 12 Noon until One PM in The Forum Room of Garneau United Church, 11148 - 84 Avenue. Entry by the door on the alley between 84 and 85 Ave, on the south side of Tim Horton's.

Monday, June 8, 2009 – **Karen Erickson**, Project Manager, Community Solutions to Gang Violence, How are community groups working together to help prevent young people from getting involved with gangs?

Bring your own lunch and \$2 for drinks.

Celebrating our Faiths – Multi-Faith Display

Our case is now in a temporary location pending repairs at City Hall. It will feature a multi-faith display until it returns to its permanent location.

Day to End Racism

For at least fourteen years the Centre has commemorated the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. It is, in fact, our “signature event” from which the Centre has grown. Having representatives praying together from a wide variety of faiths was a positive and powerful experience. We realized that we had the seed of something transformative, that we wanted to take this model and expand upon it.

We have held this service in a variety of venues, Grant MacEwan Community College, the U of A Multi-Faith Chapel, and Garneau Church. But

the most popular venue has been City Hall. Unfortunately this year for the second time the beautiful City Room has not been available due to necessary repairs

This year, on Friday March 20 we convened in the atrium at King's University College. Patti Hartnagel, a local peace activist and educator, gave the keynote address. Prayers from eight religions were offered and the Temple Beth Ora *Chavurat Hashir* Choir entertained us.

Interfaith– the Future: Round Table

Join us at Beth Shalom Synagogue on Tuesday, June 23 for an important discussion on interfaith dialogue. Speakers from both our Centre and the wider community will examine the “whys” and “hows” of interfaith. All the participants will also examine how we can spread our message to the wider community.

The program will begin at 3 PM and continue till 8 PM. Dinner will be provided. Call Rabbi David Kunin (780 488-6333, ext 302) or Netta at our office (780 413-6159) for more information.

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