

Guidelines for the use of the prayer room (FROM THE PRAYER ROOM ADVISORY COMMITTEE SUBMITTED FEB 2019)

- A. The dedication of the Prayer Room as an Exclusive, Sacred and Spiritual Space, maintained as separate from the rest of the KDM, to be used only for Ceremonies to be conducted by Priests or their Designees, during the tending of Fire and the Recitation of "Tandoorasti Prayers" at the behest of a Community Member, the Recitation of Individual Prayers by any Devotee, and the observance of quiet Meditation by any Devotee.***
- B. No other activity should be allowed in the Prayer Room. The Committee recommends that the room should not be let out on rental to anyone, regardless of whether they are members of the Zoroastrian community or not.***
- C. Personal religious ceremonies, such as, Weddings, Navjots or Sudre Pushis, Jashans and, Memorial Services, must be conducted elsewhere in the KDM, during which, if the rental party so wishes, a short respectful visit to the Prayer Room by the sponsoring family members only should be permitted.***
- D. During the Avesta classes, a teacher may escort students in his/her class separately into the Prayer Room for recitation of the Yatha and Ashem Prayers.***
- E. Prayer books only will be available in the Prayer Room, while other books and literature may be housed elsewhere in the KDM. Apart from the ceremonial implements needed for the prayer ceremonies, no storage of other items should be allowed. Even the implements used in a general Jashan ceremony, should not be stored in the Prayer Room. Storage facilities should be provided elsewhere in the KDM.***
- F. In keeping with Community sentiments for lighting a traditional fire in the Prayer Room, while also adopting a more convenient method, arrangements for both - a wood burning fire and a gas-lit fire - should be made.***