

ZAGNY NEWSLETTER - FEBRUARY 2001

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

• MARCH 4th	GUJARATI CLASS	-	1:00 PM
	RELIGION CLASS	-	2:00 PM
• MARCH 24th	JAMSHEDI NAVROZ FUNCTION		
• APRIL 1st	GUJARATI CLASS	-	1:00 PM
	RELIGION CLASS	-	2:00 PM
• MAY 6th	GUJARATI CLASS	-	1:00 PM
	RELIGION CLASS	-	2:00 PM

JAMSHEDI NAVROZ FUNCTION:

The Jamshedi Navroz Function will be held on Saturday, March 24th, 2001, at the Greek Orthodox Church of St. John the Theologian, in Tenafly, NJ at 5:30 PM. Please see the attached program and registration form for details. It will be greatly appreciated if the registration form is returned, alongwith your check to Jasmin Kotwal, by the deadline of March 10th, to help us plan the function well in advance. The directions to the Church are attached with this newsletter.

2001 ZAGNY MEMBERSHIP:

Please renew your 2001 membership by mail as soon as possible. Renewing it early by mail will help reduce the crowds and time it takes to register people at the Navroz function. Please continue your participation in ZAGNY by filling out the registration form and mailing it alongwith your check to the Treasurer, Jasmin Kotwal, at the address given on the form. Tell your friends who are not members yet about the positive experiences with ZAGNY and ask them to become members. The Registration form for the membership is attached with this newsletter.

ZAGNY MEMBERS' DIRECTORY:

Members, who are attending the Navroz function and do not have a copy of the ZAGNY members' directory, please note that it will be available at the function on the 24th. Please remember to pick up your copy from the registration desk.

SLIDE PRESENTATION:

Rati and Dadi Wadia of Mumbai did a slide presentation on the Aatashbehrams and Agiaries of India and Iran after the religion class on the 4th of February 2001. The presentation was very interesting and informative and was attended by 60+ members of the community. Thanks to Hira and Toos Daruvala for organizing this presentation.

DONATIONS:

GENERAL FUND:

Merwan and Dolat Bamji	-	\$ 40	Lovji and Mehru Cama	-	\$225
Vispi and Ignasha Cassod	-	\$100	Maneck and Najoo Daroowalla	-	\$ 40
Darius and Mehru Dubash	-	\$100	Pallan and Carol Katgara	-	\$200
Khurshed Mehta	-	\$ 31	Vira Saklatwalla	-	\$100
Sarosh and Nancy Sukhia	-	\$ 56	Rusi and Viloo Tavadia	-	\$ 20

CRITICAL ASSISTANCE FUND:

Behram Buhariwalla	-	\$ 50	Meherwan and Joan Motivala	-	\$ 36
Roshen Patell	-	\$ 61			

NEW BUILDING FUND:

Friaan Hakim	-	\$ 50	Pallan and Carol Katgara	-	\$200
Roshen Patell	-	\$1,000			

<u>LIBRARY FUND:</u>	-	Eruch and Janet Nowrojee	-	\$51
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THE LOOSE CHANGE JAR:

This loose change jar will be placed at Darbe Mehr during the religion classes and at every other functions. Every time you come to Darbe Mehr please bring your loose change and be an active participant in the fund raising for our new building.

SALE OF NIGHT LIGHTS:

Kamal and Virasp Davar are selling religious nightlights that can be custom engraved in lithopane porcelain. They come in three designs, Zarathustra, Shirdi Sai Baba and Laxami, in square and curved shapes. Square shapes costs \$20.00 and Curved shapes cost \$23.00. All profits from the sale of these lights will be donated towards the new building fund. Payment will be due on delivery of the requested item. Please contact Kamal Davar at Tel. No. 732-549-5162.

UNITED WAY CONTRIBUTIONS:

Many of our members are frequently requested to donate to the United Way at their place of work. ZAGNY has been assigned a United Way organization code "013806". When you donate to the United Way, and want your donation to go to ZAGNY, please request that your donation be sent to the above organization code. ZAGNY will then receive a substantial portion of those funds. This is an important way for you to contribute to ZAGNY and at the same time, fulfil charitable requirements that may prevail at your place of work.

Checks should be mailed to : ZAGNY, c/o Mrs. J. Kotwal (Treasurer), 12 Park Hill Terr, Princeton Junction, NJ 08550

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Yasmin and Reji Kothari, 2902 Whispering Hill Drive, Chester, NY 10918

Zahirab and Khushnoor Wadia, 1240 Lexington Ave., Apt. 43, New York, NY 10028

Ms. Hutoxi Manekshaw, 2 Fairmont Place, Apt # 2, Shelton, CT 06484 - Tel. no. 203-922-1656

Ms. Azarmeen Pavri, 235 West 48th Street, Apt. 14G, New York, NY 10036

MEMBERS – CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

Porus Aria, 71 Princeton Arms North, Cranbury, NJ 08512 - Tel. No. 609-918-0874

Sheroo and Vispi Kanga - new email address - vkanga@msn.com

CONGRATULATIONS:

Homi and Kashmira Cooper on behalf of family and friends would like to proudly acknowledge achievements of three young Zarathrustians:

1. Poruz K. Khambhatta, graduated from his Naver class in Mumbai, December 2000. We look forward to a bright and successful leadership for our community in North America for one of the youngest Naver in USA today. Poruz completed his first assignment successfully by participating as a dastoor in his brother Karl Khambhatta's navjote. Congratulations to Karl on his navjote, to parents Kayomarz and Goolcher Khambhatta; grand parents Hoshangshah and Pilloo for a great job!

2. Qaizad P. Engineer, graduated from his NYPD class as of November 2000. Today he is a full time NYPD officer working with Special Task Forces to make NY a safer and a better place for all. He is the First Zarathrustrian on NYPD – Full Time Payroll. Qaizad is also a certified and an active member of US Marine Corp. He is probably the first in his field to proudly represent his community. Congratulations to parents Pheroze and Roda Engineer and sister Khushnuma for the encouragement and support.

3. Jamshed A. Cooper, admitted to the MIT MBA Class in the year 2002. An Honors student of Columbia University in Masters, Jamshed has been an Executive with Canadian First Boston Corporation. He is also the president of ebiz.com. Congratulations to his parents Adi and Hilla Cooper and sister Bakhtavar.

To all of the above we wish our sincere Congratulations and Good Luck for a Long, Healthy and a Prosperous Professional Life. May Dada Ahuramazda guide them each day to accomplish greatness all Zarathrustians can be proud of in North America and globally. Amin!!!

WORLD ZARATHUSTI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (WZCC):

Greater New York Chapter.

The first inaugural meeting is scheduled for Sunday March 4th, 2001 at 1:00 PM at the Darbe Meher in New Rochelle. All individuals who have become members and others who are contemplating membership are welcome to attend. At this meeting we will formalize the chapter's committee, clarify WZCC's purpose and objectives and discuss the role of the Greater New York Chapter. If anyone has any questions please call Edul Daver at 908-851-4500 x504 (day) & 732-469-1866 (evenings).

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

The trustees of DMZT are requesting volunteers to serve in various capacities to help in the transition from the old to the new Darbe Mehr. Those interested in volunteering please contact trustee Noshir Langrana at 609-275-9154.

EARTHQUAKE DONATION IN KIND: (Coordinated by Yasmin Ghadiali)

CLOTHES DRIVE FOR EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS (ONLY WOMEN'S CLOTHING PLEASE)

!! Ladies please do go thru your closets !! Donate the following items - Sarees - Blouses - Petticoats - Punjabis - Salwars - Woolen Sweaters - Caps – Blankets (no comforters) and flat bed sheets No leather goods (shoes, belts etc.) Clothes must be clean, usable and in good condition. Bring the items to the Darbe Mehr on Sunday, March 4th, at the religion class and Yasmin Ghadiali will pick them up.

EARTHQUAKE DONATION IN DOLLARS THROUGH FEZANA:

For those of you who wish to donate towards the earthquake relief, following is the appeal made by FEZANA through which you can send your tax free donation:

“AN URGENT APPEAL FOR REHABILITATION OF ZARTHUSHTI FAMILIES OF GUJARAT AFFECTED BY EARTHQUAKE:

My fellow Zarthushtis, this earthquake recorded at 7.9 on the Richter scale by the U.S. Geological Survey, has left nearly 13,000 people dead and many more injured and homeless. Zarathushtis residing in North Gujarat and Saurashtra are reported to have been affected. We in North America need to gear our resources to assist in the rehabilitation of our co-religionists in getting their lives back together. To do this, a massive influx of funds as well as other types of assistance will be needed. To facilitate and centralize the gathering of funds and relief action, The Welfare Committee of FEZANA has appointed Mr. Rohinton Rivetna to coordinate the gathering and dissemination of funds from North America, for the assistance in the amelioration of the earthquake victims. (Mr. Dinshaw Joshi who usually coordinates these activities is going to be out of the country).

It has always been a part of our great Zarthushti Heritage to extend a helping hand to those less fortunate than ourselves. Repeatedly we have taken to our hearts and opened our purses to worthwhile causes. This is a cause that merits our generous support and our most devoted efforts. We, therefore, earnestly urge you to send a generous contribution. Please do not delay, please send it today.

Donations made payable to “**FEZANA / Welfare Committee, Earthquake Relief Project**” may be forwarded to: -

Mr. Rohinton Rivetna, Coordinator,
FEZANA'S Earthquake Relief Project, 5750 South Jackson Street, Hinsdale, IL 60521, USA.

Thanking you for your contribution and participation in this very worthwhile project and wishing you a life in Ahura Mazda's Love.

Very Sincerely Yours,
Kaemerz Dotiwala, Chairperson, FEZANA Unity and Welfare Committee.”

SOME INTERESTING BOOKS TO BUY:

"**TRIUMPH OVER DISCRIMINATION: THE LIFE STORY OF FARHANG MEHR**" is the story of an exceptional Zarathushti. It deals with Dr. Mehr's early life and education; his experiences in OPEC and in Iran's oil and insurance agencies; and his achievements in politics, including his experience as the first Zarathushti to serve as Deputy Prime Minister of Iran. It details his escape from Iran during the Islamic Revolution of the late 1970s, his self-imposed exile in the United States, and his hopes and dreams for the future of Zoroastrianism and the Zoroastrian community worldwide. The book is for sale for \$13 each (plus \$3 shipping in the US); it was sponsored by the WZO's Rumi Sethna, and proceeds from the sale are being donated to charity. For details contact Lylah M. Alphonse by email at LMAphonse@hotmail.com or by phone at 617-771-5463. More information is available at www.lylahmalphonse.com. A copy of this book will be on display at the Navroz function.

Another book is The New Must-Have Coffee Table Book by Soonie Taraporevala - See attached flier for details.

**DIRECTIONS TO THE GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL
OF ST. JOHN THE THEOLOGIAN
353 EAST CLINTON AVENUE, TENAFLY, NJ 07670
TEL.NO. (201) 567-5072**

DIRECTIONS FROM NJ TURNPIKE (I - 95) AND INTERSTATE 80

Follow signs for George Washington Bridge, pay Turnpike toll. Continue to follow signs for G.W.Bridge. When Turnpike divides stay right for Local lanes. Take Exit for Palisades Parkway, (Exit 72). Go 2 1/2 miles on Palisades Parkway, take Exit 1. At the end of the Exit ramp at yield sign make a right and another right at the light onto Route 9W (north).

Keep on 9W for about 2-3 miles. You will need to go to the 5th light, but before the fifth traffic light, there is a sign "Entering Tenafly". (*Just as a marker, before the 5th light you will pass, Best Foods and Lipton on your left and the 4th light is Sage Road.*) Make a left at the 5th light onto East Clinton Avenue. Go about one mile on East Clinton. Church is on your right.

FROM GEORGE WASHINGTON BRIDGE

The church is only 5-6 miles from G.W. Bridge. Preferably take the upper level of G.W. Bridge. Immediately after crossing G.W bridge, take the first Exit for Palisades Parkway. Go 2 1/2 miles on Palisades Parkway, take Exit 1. At the end of the Exit ramp at yield sign make a right and another right at the light onto Route 9W (north).

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DIRECTIONS FROM INTERSTATE 87 AND PALISADES PARKWAY

Get onto Palisades Parkway South. Take Exit 2. Make a left onto 9W south. Go 4 miles (about 4 lights), after sign for "Tenafly Business District"; at light make a right onto East Clinton Ave. Go about one mile and Church is on your right on East Clinton Avenue. (Church is a large yellow brick building set back). Parking is in front, also to the right and rear of the building.

DIRECTIONS FROM ROUTE 4 EAST

Take Exit for Englewood/ Grand Ave. After a few blocks Grand Avenue becomes Engle St. Stay on Engle Street. Go about 2 1/2 miles past Englewood Hospital on your left. (*Note: At the first light after hospital Engle street becomes a two way street.*) Continue on Engle Street to the next light, make a right onto East Clinton Avenue. Go about half mile, St. Johns Church is on your left on East Clinton Avenue. (Church is a large yellow brick building set back). Parking is in front, also to the right and rear of the building.

DIRECTIONS FROM GARDEN STATE PARKWAY NORTH:

Go to exit 161 (Route 4 East), then follow directions noted above for ROUTE 4 EAST.

DIRECTIONS FROM GARDEN STATE PARKWAY SOUTH:

Take Route 17 south to Route 4 East, then follow directions noted above for ROUTE 4 EAST.

DIRECTIONS FROM TAPPAN ZEE BRIDGE

Take first Exit after Tappan Zee Bridge (Exit 10) for 9W, bear right after ramp and take 9W South. Go 13.2 miles. After sign for "Tenafly Business District", at the light make a right onto East Clinton Avenue. Go about one mile and St. Johns Church is on your right on East Clinton Avenue. (Church is a large yellow brick building set back). Parking is in front, also to the right and rear of the building.

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