



## ZOROASTRIAN ASSOCIATION OF GREATER NEW YORK, INC.

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## ZAGNY NEWSLETTER – NOVEMBER 2001

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- DEC. 2<sup>nd</sup> RELIGION CLASS - 2:00 PM
- DEC 31<sup>ST</sup> NEW YEAR'S EVE FUNCTION AT SUFFERN DARBE MEHR
- JAN. 7<sup>th</sup>, 2002 RELIGION CLASS - 2:00 PM

**WE REGRET TO INFORM THAT DUE TO A POOR RESPONSE WE HAD TO DISCONTINUE THE GUJARATI CLASSES.**

- JULY 4 – 7, 2002 12<sup>TH</sup> NORTH AMERICAN ZOROASTRIAN CONGRESS, CHICAGO

### PRAYER MEETING FOR THE WTZ DISASTER:

A prayer meeting – humbandagi - for the departed souls in the WTC tragedy, was held at the Darbe Mehr on September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2001. 120+ members attended the meeting. Priests, Pervez Patel, Meheroz Rabadi, Zerxes Antia and Poruz Khambatta led everyone in the prayer of the Aatash ni Niyaaesh. After the prayers different individuals came up and talked about their experience and the narrow escape from this horrible tragedy. Everyone present was also informed about the fund drive initiated by ZAGNY for this disaster, and were instructed on how to send in their donations.

In Long Island, NY, another prayer vigil was organized by over thirty Indian American organizations from the New York tristate area on October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2001, to remember and honor those who lost their lives on September 11. Prayers were said by leaders of different religions. President Gev Nentin and Ervad Pervez Patel attended this prayer vigil, as representatives of ZAGNY.

### GAHAMBAR JASHAN:

A Jashan – giving thanks to Ahura Mazda – was held on October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2001. Thanks to the priests Darius Antia, Rohinton Madan, Meheroz Rabadi, Zerxes Antia and Sam Sethna for performing the prayers. The prayers for this Jashan included prayers for the peace and safety of our country and New York State, the home of our Darbe Mehr. After the Jashan everyone joined in a humbandagi and Ervad Darius Antia led everyone in the recital of “God Bless America”. Lovji Cama and Darius Antia then said a few words on the subject “EVIL”. A lunch of traditional Gahambar menu was served after the Jashan.

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**CONGRATULATIONS: TO**

Zahra Sethna (daughter of Rohinton & Mahrukh Sethna) and Stephen Mostad on their wedding on September 15<sup>th</sup>.

Malcolm Shroff and Dilnaz Kanga on their wedding on October 25<sup>th</sup>, in Mumbai, India

Jeannie and Jay Kenkare on the birth of their baby boy Zubin and to the grandparents Diane and Keyy Mody

Noshir Langrana on the following:

“Rutgers celebrated the investiture of Professor Noshir Langrana as the first holder of the Mary W. Raisler Distinguished Teaching Chair in Mechanical Engineering. The ceremony took place on Wednesday (Oct. 17) at 2:30 p.m. in Kirkpatrick Chapel on the College Avenue campus in New Brunswick. Created by the late Harold K. Raisler, who earned his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Rutgers College in 1926, the chair is designed to recognize and foster excellence in teaching and scholarly activity in the mechanical and aerospace engineering department. The chair, awarded for a period of three years, is named in honor of Raisler's first wife.”

Details of the award can be found in <http://ur.rutgers.edu/medrel/viewArticle.phtml?ArticleID=1780>

**CONDOLENCES: TO**

Mrs. Perin Colah on the death of her beloved husband, Jamshed Colah, father of Jessy, Eric, Aspi and Percy, father-in-law of Annamarie and grandfather of Perin, Freddy and Zenobia Colah, on 11<sup>th</sup> October, 2001 in Baldwin, NY

Geraldine Wadia and son Darius, on the untimely death of her husband Nadir Wadia.

**ZAGNY BOARD ELECTIONS:** (three-year term - 2002 to 2005)

In March 2002, the three-year term of the current ZAGNY board will end and a new board will be elected. Through this notice, nominations are hereby invited for the elections for various offices of the Board of Directors of the Zoroastrian Association of Greater New York, Inc., (ZAGNY). The ten positions to serve for the three-year term starting April 2002, for which nominations are being sought, are:

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|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| President       | Vice President                 |
| Treasurer       | Secretary                      |
| Joint Secretary | Members at Large (5 positions) |

Persons nominating and the nominees must be duly paid members in good standing at the time of the nomination and election. Election will be held at the Annual General Body Meeting at the Navroze function on or about March 21, 2002. Voting will be by mail-ballot if you are not planning to attend, or in person at the meeting. Agenda for the meeting and the mail ballot will be mailed with the next newsletter.

Please have your nominations listed and seconded and mail the enclosed nomination form to the Secretary at 147 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Cresskill, NJ 07626. The nominations should be mailed no later than February 7, 2002. All nominations mailed after February 7, 2002 will not be valid and will not be accepted. The proof of mailing shall be determined by the post office date-stamp.

**We encourage everyone, young and old to come forward and make a commitment to serve your community and contribute your ideas and talents.**

**MEMBERSHIP FORM AND DIRECTORY PRINTING:**

It is once again time to renew your membership for the coming year. This year a new directory will be printed, to be given out at the Navroz function in March. For the correct/updated information to appear in the new directory, the forms, along with the renewal check, must be received by January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2002. We have a printing deadline and this date needs to be adhered to. In the event that the forms are not received by the deadline, the old information will appear in the new directory. Please help us in this gigantic task, by being prompt with your renewals and by filling out the attached membership form. Please mail the form to Jasmin Kotwal.

## **WORLDWIDE ZOROASTRIAN DIRECTORY:**

For those of you who would be interested in registering, there is a worldwide online Zoroastrian directory where you can register. It will also help one get to know fellow Zoroastrians and may be also find someone you know from previous years. Following is the website address: <http://www.wzdir.com/english/list.cfm>

## **DMZT NEWS:**

The Board of Trustees have amended the Rental Charges for Pomona DMZT as follows:

- \* Free for all IZA and ZAGNY meetings, functions etc.
- \* Free for functions sponsored for Zoroastrian Charities
- \* A minimum donation of \$100.00 for Prayer ceremonies for deceased persons.
- \* A charge of \$400.00 for IZA and ZAGNY members.
- \* A reduced charge of \$300.00 for IZA and ZAGNY members for occasions where only pre-packaged snacks (cookies, cakes, party mix and similar items) and hot/cold beverages are served. Such occasions will exclude the use of the Darbe Mehr's kitchen facilities or utensils for pre-heating or preparation purposes."
- \* A charge of \$500.00 for all others.

All the above charges are on a per day basis.

## **GIFT ITEMS FOR THE DARBE MEHR:**

DMZT Trustees gratefully acknowledge the many gifts in kind that have been donated to the Darbe Mehr for display on the premises. We have received so many gifts of pictures, wall hangings, clocks and plaques from well-wishers, that it is difficult to display them all. The Trustees would like to make you aware that, they may be unable to display such gifts. Before donating a gift item, please talk to the Trustees.

Should any person wish to make a donation in kind, we encourage you consider donating a book on Zoroastrianism to add to the Khanum Morvarid Guiv Library. May we suggest, that you contact Lovji Cama ([lovji\\_cama@merck.com](mailto:lovji_cama@merck.com)) for titles of books that would be most welcome additions to the library collection.

Gifts of items such as Sukhad and Loban and cash donations to DMZT will be much appreciated.

**Thank you for understanding.**

## **RIDE SHARE & PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION TO THE SUFERN DARBE MEHR:**

1. PATH train to Hoboken, then NJ Transit train to Suffern (Bergen County Line, <http://www.njtransit.com/pdf/rail/r0020.pdf>), then by local taxi (Brothers Taxi Service, (845) 357-4988). Cost approximately \$10 - \$15 for taxi to Darbe Mehr.
2. Red and Tan bus service from the NYC Port Authority to Nanuet Mall <http://www.redandtanlines.com>, (845) 356-0877 (for information and schedules), approximately 8 miles by taxi to Darbe Mehr.
3. Ride Share for people in New York City: Some New York City and North Jersey ZAGNY members with cars have indicated their willingness to give rides to those in New York City without a car who would like to attend community functions or events. For those in New York City who may need rides, please contact Tamina Davar at (718) 622-8302, [taminadavar@yahoo.com](mailto:taminadavar@yahoo.com) or Usheen Davar at (917) 432-5214, [usheen.davar@dowjones.com](mailto:usheen.davar@dowjones.com) in sufficient advance of the event to permit a ride share match to be made.

## **CRITICAL ASSISTANCE: PARSİ IN NEED OF HELP:**

Ervad Farhad Navdar, age 39 has been at Hinduja hospital for the past 4 months, having developed severe brain hemorrhage which lead to a paralytic stroke rendering him in a coma state. To date the expenses have mounted to Rs. 11 lacs. He has 2 small children and his wife is employed with ICICI in India. The emotional and financial strain has been tremendous. If you wish to donate her address is Dinaz Navdar, B/28 Nowroze Baug, Lal Baug, Mumbai, 400012. Money can also be sent via telegraphic transfer. For details on the wire transfer please call Jasmin Kotwal at 609-275-5952.

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**ADVERTISE IN YOUR ZAGNY NEWSLETTER:**

Expand your market by advertising in the ZAGNY newsletter and at the same time help us defray a part of the cost of printing and mailing. Our newsletter covers the tri-state area of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut and is also mailed to other associations within the US and abroad. You may even sponsor a newsletter. The subscriptions for the advertisements are as follows:

	<u>Quarter Page</u>	<u>Half Page</u>	<u>Full Page</u>
Single Issue	\$ 20.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 80.00
Yearly subscription	\$ 150.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 600.00

Those interested, please contact Sheroo Kanga at 201-227-1890.

**ZAGNY WISHES ALL ITS MEMBERS**  
**A VERY HAPPY THANKSGIVING**



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## NOMINATION FORM

### ELECTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ZAGNY FROM APRIL 2002 TO MARCH 2005

1. NAME OF PERSON BEING NOMINATED:

\_\_\_\_\_

2. FOR THE POSITION OF (CIRCLE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING):

PRESIDENT	VICE PRESIDENT
TREASURER	SECRETARY
JOINT SECRETARY	MEMBER AT LARGE

3. SIGNATURE OF THE NOMINATOR AND DATE:

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4. SIGNATURE OF THE PERSON SECONDING THE NOMINATION AND DATE:

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5. I HEREBY ACCEPT THE NOMINATION FOR THE POSITION INDICATED ABOVE.  
IF ELECTED, I WILL SERVE THE ASSOCIATION TO THE BEST OF MY ABILITY  
AND ACT ACCORDING TO ITS CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

SIGNATURE OF THE NOMINEE AND DATE:

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Please mail to: Sheroo Kanga, Secretary  
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**THIS FORM MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 7, 2002**

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# December 31st 2001



The Zoroastrian Association of Greater New York  
Cordially invites you to

Celebrate the New Year's Eve  
December 31, 2001  
At the Darbe Mehr - Suffern, NY

Featuring  
Cash bar, Hors D'oeuvres  
American/Parsi Cuisine  
And music by Cisco DJ

Bring your family and friends  
And make this a special evening

*8.00 PM Cocktails, 9:30 PM Dinner*

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**REGISTRATION: NEW YEAR'S EVE - DECEMBER 31, 2001**

Please send your payment or call for reservation by December 18<sup>th</sup> the latest as placing the food order around holidays can be challenging.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ # of Members @ \$25.00 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ # of Non-Members @ \$30.00 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ # Senior Citizens @ \$15.00 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: \_\_\_\_\_ # of Children 4- 10yrs @ \$15.00 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Remitted:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make Checks payable to ZAGNY and mail to:

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12 Park Hill Terrace  
Princeton Jct., NJ 08550  
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