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Special Interest Articles:



5TH ANNUAL REVLON RUN/WALK

On Saturday, May 4, 2002, ZAGNY participated in the 5th Annual Revlon Run/Walk for Women. More than 50,000 people participated in an amazing display of support for women battling breast and ovarian cancer. Among them were the 20 members of the ZAGNY team: Hutoxi Bardoliwalla, Franak and Minoo Batliwalla, Spenta Bharda, Mehru Cama, Aban and Eric Chavda, Usheen, Ushtavaity and Virasp Davar, Homi and Navroz Gandhi, Tinaz Hakim, Jimmy and Keki Master, Jasmin & Maneck Kotwal, Dinaz Langarana, Harry Saradangani, and Sam Shroff.

fight against cancer. We took turns holding a banner with our team name as we walked from Times Square to Central Park. The ZAGNY team definitely "created awareness" as many people inquired about our organization, after seeing our sign.

Being the first local community event in which ZAGNY participated as a team, this allowed the volunteers to show support not only for our community, but also for an important and worthy cause. ZAGNY to date has raised over \$1600 for this event and donations are continuing to pour in. Kudos to Mehru Cama for raising over \$800! And a very special thanks to our Team Captain, Usheen Davar, who organized this team in a very short time.



Our enthusiastic group met bright and early at 7:30 am. Before the race, we gathered with thousands of other volunteers in Times Square to hear celebrities share their experiences in the

HMMM... HMMM... GOOD – CALLING ALL CATERERS!

The ZAGNY Board is requesting bids from caterers who can provide Indian food with a predominant Parsi flavor, for approximately 350+ guests at the Pateti function, which will be held on August 24, 2002. For more information and to receive the bid package which contains the

suggested menu and additional requirements, please contact Cyrus Hirjibehedin, by phone, 212-663-5768 or email to. cfh6@columbia.edu Preference in the selection process will be given to ZAGNY members. The deadline for submitting a completed bid is July 20, 2002.

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ZARATHUSHTRA'S VISION AND THE INSPIRATION OF CIVILIZATION

Professor Kaikhosrov D. Irani will discuss the attitude promoted in Zarathushtra's vision, which changed a society of Daeva worshippers to a society of promoters of the Good Life. This seminar is an extension of the Youth Seminar held two years ago.

Please RSVP, by June 12 2002, by sending an E-mail to zagny_secretary@lycos.com and indicate the number of people that will be attending the seminar. We require your response to plan lunch appropriately.

Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Date: June 23 2002
Time: 11:00 am to 4:00 pm

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



June 2002

- 9** *Religious Class 2:00 - 4.30 pm*
- 23** *Prof. K. D. Irani's Seminar
11:00 - 4:00 pm*
- 26-30** *Ivy F. Gandhi Youth Zoroastrians'
Camp*

July 2002

- 4-7** *12th North American Zoroastrian
Congress, Chicago*

Upcoming Events:

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|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <i>August 2 - 4, 2002</i> | <i>Zoroastrian Young Adult Camp</i> |
| <i>August 18, 2002</i> | <i>Mukhtad Prayers</i> |
| <i>August 24, 2002</i> | <i>Papeti Function</i> |

Ivy F. Gandhi Young Zoroastrian Camp Registration Form

Wednesday June 26th (7 pm on) to Sunday June 30th (12:00 Noon).

This year's Ivy Gandhi Young Zoroastrian Camp will be a special treat!

PLACE: New Darbe Mehr, Pomona

DATES AND TIMES: Wednesday June 26th (7 pm on) to Sunday June 30th (12:00 Noon).

AGES: Six to Eighteen. Younger children welcome if accompanied by a parent.

THINGS TO BRING: Sleeping bags, pillows, blankets (nights may be cold), flashlights, topis, sweat shirts, swimsuits, towels, insect repellent, camera, sports equipment, board games, and most importantly your cheerful spirit!

THE IVY F. GANDHI YOUNG ZOROASTRIAN CAMP, 2002

We, _____, allow our children:

Name: _____ Age: _____ M/F: ____

Name: _____ Age: _____ M/F: ____

Name: _____ Age: _____ M/F: ____

to join the camp and participate in all the activities offered, and we specifically understand that our children may be taken on a field trip to Bear Mountain or elsewhere.

Parents: I/we _____ would like to attend
from _____ to _____.

Any medication or sickness we should be aware of:

Any additional information:

Our check for \$ _____ is enclosed. (\$ 60 per person)

Parent's name & address:

Phone Nos.: Home: _____ Work: _____

Name & phone number, for emergencies:

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please mail or fax this permission slip to Homi M. Byramji at:

1 Sheephill Rd., Boonton Twsp., NJ 07005. Phone: (973) 316-8636. Fax: (973) 263-0484.

ZAGNY Scholarship and Loan Application

Return to: **ZAGNY Scholarship Committee. c/o Cyrus F. Hirjibehedin**
135 Executive Drive, Manhasset Hills, NY 11040, 212-663-5768

APPLICANT NAME: _____

Application Date: _____

Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____

_____ State _____ ZIP _____

ZAGNY Member since: _____

Phone: (____) _____ - _____

Soc. Sec. No. : ____-____-_____

Name of College/University: _____

U. S. Citizen? _____

College Address: _____

If no, type of visa: _____

_____ State _____ ZIP _____

Driver's License: _____

Discipline of Studies: _____

Major: _____

Minor: _____

Current Year of Studies: _____

Undergraduate / Graduate Part-Time / Full-Time

Approx. Credits Needed for Completion: _____

Anticipated Date of Completion: _____

ACADEMIC RECORD (Start from High School and attach copies of transcripts):

School Name

City / State

Year Graduated

Grade Average

Academic Honors / Scholarships etc.: _____

Zoroastrian Community Related Activities: _____

Extra Curricular Activities: _____

Annual Tuition Fees: \$ _____

Personal Contribution: _____

Other Scholarship Amount Received / Pledged: _____

Amount of Other Loans: _____

Total or per Year: _____

Date: _____

Signature of the
Student Applicant

THE EARLIEST KINGS - HOSHANG



Note to parents: Please explain to your children that stories in the Shah-nama are mythical and help them decipher metaphors and representations.

After Gayomard died, his grandson Hoshang became the king and ruled the world. During his reign the people prospered. They learned to build canals and ditches to water the land. He taught his people to grow crops, so that they no longer depended only on wild fruits and roots for food.

Hoshang also discovered iron in the mountains and taught his people to separate it from the rock in which it was hidden. They used the iron to make tools to help them farm and cut wood.

One day Hoshang was travelling through the world with his men. Suddenly, from behind a mountain a huge snake stepped into his path.

His men fled in terror, but the brave King who had fought the army of Ahriman, stood firm.

From the ground he picked up a piece of rock streaked with iron and threw it at the enormous snake. The snake leaped aside but the stone struck a boulder and a spark flew from it. The snake escaped unharmed as Hoshang stood and marveled at what he had just seen. He realized that from striking a piece of iron against stone he could start a fire.

This is the way Ahura Mazda gave the gift of fire to Hoshang and his people. Now, they could stay warm in winter, cook their food and bake bread from the crops they grew. They could also melt the iron to make better tools.

The bright shining fire also became a symbol of Ahura Mazda and they worshipped it for the benefits it brought them.

THE EARLIEST KINGS - ACTIVITY

Illustrate how the discovery of fire changed the lives of Hoshang and his people.



ZOROASTRIAN WEBSITE FOR KIDS

Rebecca Cann of San Jose, California has created a website for kids. It is an educational/cultural site to teach children the basics of Zoroastrianism. The web address is www.zoroastrainkids.com.



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