Zoroastrian Association of Greater New York
May 2002 Newsletter

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 Bhatiwalla, Spenta Bharda, Mehru Cama, Aban and Eric Chavda, Usheen, Ustavita and Virasp Davar, Homi and Navroz Gandhi, Tinaz Hakim, Jimmy and Keki Master, Jasmin & Maneck Kotwal, Dinaz Langarana, Harry Saradangani, and Sam Shroff.

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 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.

HMMP... HMMP... 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.

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.

Everyone is encouraged to attend.
**BRIEF NEWS**

**ZAGNY SCHOLARSHIP FUND**
ZAGNY invites applications for Financial Assistance (Scholarship/Loan) from its members who are studying at institutions in the United States. Applicants should be full-time students. The last date for filing an application is September 1, 2002.

Application forms are enclosed and additional information can be obtained from the Scholarship Committee chairperson:
Cyrus F. Hirjibehedin
600 W. 114th Street, Apt. 1W
New York, NY  10025
Tel: 212-663-5768
E-mail: cfh6@columbia.edu.

**ZAGNY RELIGIOUS CLASSES....**
Thank you to all students, instructors and parents for another successful year of ZAGNY religious classes. As the 2001-2002 academic year comes to a close, the Religious Class Committee is proactively planning for the forthcoming year, which begins in September 2002.

The ZAGNY Board thanks those parents who responded to a survey regarding the religious classes, circulated by the previous ZAGNY Board. We intend to use your input to improve the way classes are conducted. We hope these new and exciting changes will make the classes a positive experience for all.

As part of this effort, we are asking for volunteers to serve as substitute teachers on an as needed basis. The substitute teachers will ensure continuity of the classes on the rare occasion that the primary teacher cannot attend. We are also seeking volunteer priests to serve as backup for Pervez Patel in times of his absence.

If you wish to assist in this regard, please contact the Religious Class Committee, by July 1, 2002.

Toni Ghadially 732-972-6527
Lovji Cama 201-569-7359
Vispi Kanga 201-227-1890

The Committee looks forward to speaking with you.

**WE APPRECIATE YOUR DONATIONS**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Change in Contact Information:**
K. and R. Harda have a new telephone number: <removed from web PDF>

Vira Saklatwalla, has a new mailing address, PO Box 3097, Guttenberg, NJ 07093

Please update your E-mail address books for the following:
Mehru Cama: mlcama@nfow.com
Jamshed and Yasmin Ghadiali: ghad@aol.com

**DOLLAR SIZE SES ENVELOPES FOR SALE.**
AVAILABLE IN BABY PINK, LIGHT YELLOW, AND BEIGE.

PACK OF 50 FOR $10 + SHIPPING & HANDLING

PLEASE E-MAIL ROVENA U. DAVAR AT KUKUBAI1@AOL.COM OR CALL 860 652 8398
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**Upcoming Events:**
- **August 2 – 4, 2002** | Zoroastrian Young Adult Camp
- **August 18, 2002** | Mukhtad Prayers
- **August 24, 2002** | Papeti Function
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!

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**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.*
The 2001 Zoroastrian Young Adult Camp will be held August 2nd – 4th at the Darbe Mehr. The camp is open to all Zoroastrians between the ages of 16 and 39. This event provides an opportunity to get together with fellow Zoroastrians, have fun and maybe even learn a little. If you know some Zoroastrians who may not have heard of the camp, please share this information with them.

The camp will begin on Friday, August 2nd at 5:00pm and end on Sunday, August 4th at 3:00pm. If you are unable to join the camp on Friday you may meet up with us Saturday morning. The camp will be held at the new Darbe Mehr. There will be facilities for showering. Meals will be provided. The contribution for the camp is $35.00.

You will need to bring your own sleeping gear (bag, blanket, pad, pillow, etc.), change of clothes, toiletries and a positive attitude. You may want to bring swimwear, sneakers, bug repellent, CDs and tapes, games. No alcoholic beverages will be allowed at the camp.

We hope you are able to join us for a weekend of fun. A map and directions to the camp will be sent to you when you register.

Please fill out the form below and return it with your contribution (please make checks payable to ZAGNY) to Xerxes Kotval, 23 Saddle Court, Tinton Falls, NJ 07753 by July 26th. If you have any questions please contact Xerxes Kotval at (in order of preference):

email: xerxes@lucent.com  
Home: 732-922-6765  
Office: 732-949-5489  
Mobile: 732-682-3035

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Registration Slip for Zoroastrian Young Adult Camp
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Name:  
Birth date: / /  
Phone Number(s):  
Parent’s Phone Number (if under 18):  
Email Address:  
Parent’s Email Address (if under 18):  
Mailing Address:  
Dietary Constraints:  

I, __________________________, would like to attend the Young Adult camp August 2nd to August 4th 2002. My contribution of $35.00 is enclosed (Please make checks payable to ZAGNY). If attendee is under the age of 18, a parent or legal guardian must sign this form.

___________________________ ___/___/___  OR  _____________________________ ___/___/___
Signature Date  
Signature of Parent/Guardian Date

Please fill out this registration form for the Zoroastrian Young Adult Camp and return it with your contribution (payable to ZAGNY) to  
Xerxes Kotval, 23 Saddle Court, Tinton Falls, NJ 07753  
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):

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Academic Honors / Scholarships etc.: ____________________________________________________________

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Zoroastrian Community Related Activities: _________________________________________________________

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Extra Curricular Activities: _____________________________________________________________________

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Annual Tuition Fees: $ ___________________  Personal Contribution: ______________________________

Other Scholarship Amount Received / Pledged: _____________________________________________________

Amount of Other Loans: ______________________  Total or per Year: _____________________________

Signature of the Student Applicant

Date: ________________________________ ___________________________ Student Applicant
Illustrate how the discovery of fire changed the lives of Hoshang and his people.

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

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.
ZAGNY
106 Pomona Road
Suffern, NY 10901

E-Mail: zagny_secretary@lycos.com
Phone: 845.362.2104
Fax: 201.670.6763

We're on the Web!
See us at:
www.zagny.org

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