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Special Interest  
Articles:

-  Revlon Run/Walk Event
-  Seminar



### 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.

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.

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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**

## BRIEF NEWS

### ☀️ ZAGNY SCHLOARSHIP 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

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	
Ashodad	\$134.00
Rakesh Bansal via New York Life	\$312.00
Rustom Bhohti via United Way	\$600.00
Ruby and John Norwood	\$100.00
Pfizer Employees via United Way	\$384.75
<b>NEW BUILDING FUND</b>	
Rustom and Farangis Bhohti	\$135.00

## 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](mailto:mlcama@nfow.com)

Jamshed and Yasmin Ghadiali: [ghad@aol.com](mailto:ghad@aol.com)



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## 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 26<sup>th</sup> (7 pm on) to Sunday June 30<sup>th</sup> (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 26<sup>th</sup> (7 pm on) to Sunday June 30<sup>th</sup> (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:

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Any additional information:

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

Parent's name & address:

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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

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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](http://www.zoroastrainkids.com).



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