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MUKTAD PRAYERS

August 15-19 2006

Our Zoroastrian community is invited to participate in the Muktad Prayers for all five days from August 15th through August 19th, 2006. In order to accommodate workday schedules, ZAGNY is offering the community prayer services in several locations around the tri-state area with the generous help from some of our members. Our thanks go out to the host families who have graciously volunteered their homes and to the Priests who have kindly agreed to perform the prayers.

The muktad prayers at the Darbe Mehr will be held on Saturday August 19th at 11:00 AM. Lunch will be served after the prayers. Our Mobeds will recite submitted names on all five days at the following locations:

Date	Tuesday August 15	Wednesday August 16	Thursday August 17	Friday August 18	Saturday August 19
Place	Long Island, NY	Queens, NY	Princeton Jct, NJ	Hawthorne, NJ	Pomona, NY:00
Time	6:30 pm	6:15 pm	6:30 pm	6:30 pm	11:00 am
Hosted By	Yasmin & Jamshed Ghadiali	Teshtar & Noshir Irani	Jasmin & Maneck Kotwal	Behroze & Astad Clubwala	ZAGNY

Please complete the form on page 6 of this newsletter and mail to reach us by **August 8th**. Should you have any other questions, please contact **Vispi Kanga** (201-227-1890) or **Ferzin Patel** (845-354-5163).

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ZAGNY SUMMER PICNIC

Sunday, August 6, 2006

IT'S ALMOST PICNIC TIME!!! Come join us with kids and families for our annual ZAGNY picnic at the Shepherd **Lake Recreation Area** located in **Ringwood State Park** (Ringwood, NJ). The spring-fed waters of the 74-acre Shepherd Lake offer swimming, boating, canoeing fishing, hiking trails etc. The park is open from 8:00am to 8:00PM daily. **THERE IS NO RESERVED SPACE SO PLEASE ARRIVE EARLY.** Some of us will try and get there around 9 am to save a few tables for our ZAGNY group. Since the park does not allow signs, we will have someone meet you in the parking area to direct you to the picnic location. There is no per person admission charge, however the park charges a parking fee of \$10.00 per car.

Bring your favorite potluck picnic dish (enough to share with 8-10 people), and come prepared to have a great time! Grills are available for cook-outs. ZAGNY will provide watermelon, iced tea, hot tea and charcoal for the cook out. Call **Vispi** (201-227-1890), **Khursheed** (973-402-1813) or **Kerman (732-494-7976)** if you plan to attend.

On the day of the picnic, once you are in the park, **Vispi, Khursheed** and **Kerman** will have their cell phones switched on in case you need directions to the picnic area. (**Cell numbers for day of picnic 201-248-7208--Vispi; 973-479-0603--Khursheed; 732-986-2408--Kerman**). Additional details are on the Park's website <http://www.state.nj.us/dep/parksandforests/parks/ringwood.html>.

So folks, do join us at our annual picnic--there's no better way to celebrate the summer season!

PATETI FUNCTION

Saturday, Aug 26th

ZAGNY will hold its Pateti function at the Pomona Darbe Mehr on Saturday, Aug 26th. We have a fun filled program and all are encouraged to attend.

Registration will start at 5:15 PM. The program will begin with an "Atash Niayesh" prayer at 5:30 PM, followed by cocktails, between 6 and 7 PM ONLY. Once the cocktail hour has closed, we have a professional DJ who will entertain the kids, teens, adults and seniors alike with games and music from 7-8 pm. This will be followed by good old Parsi *bhonu* and dancing. Please avoid the late surcharge and kindly mail the registration form ([page 7](#)) to reach us by **August 19th**.

ZAGNY NEWS

IVY F. GANDHI ZOROASTRIAN YOUTH CAMP 2006: June 9—11 at Pomona Darbe Mehr

Each year ZAGNY has been fortunate in holding the Ivy Gandhi Zoroastrian Youth Camp in the New York area owing to the untiring efforts of dedicated volunteers. This year again thanks to a great deal of effort and careful planning put in by organizers **Anahaita Kotval** and **Zubeen Shroff**, the camp was a super success. Despite the cool, raw weather predictions, twenty nine campers came equipped with the required gear and paraphernalia and most importantly their cheerful spirit and will to have fun. We would also like to extend our appreciation to all the chaperones--**Percy** and **Imroz Kavarana**, **Shiroy Ranji**, **Shahvir Vimadalal**, **Dinaz Bengali** and **Cyrus Bhote**. Our children will treasure the lifelong friendships and fun filled memories from these camps.



YOUTHFULLY SPEAKING

ZAGNY is proud to feature one of our youth members, **Rahul Bansal** for his inspirational commitment toward raising funds for the March of Dimes. Rahul believes that "if we each give our commitment to service, we further humanity's quest for happiness."

Rahul Bansal was introduced to the March of Dimes in seventh grade when he became a Walk America volunteer. After personal tragedy struck Rahul's family, he decided to focus not only on fundraising but also on educating others about the March of Dimes mission, in hopes of making a larger impact.

In 2002, Rahul initiated the first *Rangeela* show as an event where he could both, raise significant funds for the March of Dimes, as well as educate his local Indian community of the increasing problems of prematurity and infant mortality that currently exist. For Rahul, it is the mission of the March of Dimes that keeps the fire in his heart burning, to continuously volunteer in hopes that one day every baby will enter this world with the chances that he had; the opportunity to be born healthy.

Rahul has recently been elected as the 2006-07 Chair of the National Youth Council, where he works with eighteen college students around the country to assist the March of Dimes in the design and implementation of programs targeted to youth.

Through *Rangeela 2007*, Rahul and other volunteers hope to raise \$75,000 for this worthy cause and look forward to the ongoing support and commitment from friends. We wish him much success in this noble endeavor.



Zoroastrians Today - a Documentary Film by Tenaz Dubash Submitted by Rushad Pavri

The documentary "Zoroastrians Today" was an interesting argument for reforms in our community. It is creditable that Tenaz Dubash undertook this effort over four years whilst working full time. The documentary depicted various families of mixed marriages and also provided fair balance by including an interview with Khojeste Mistry. In the post-viewing discussion, Tenaz briefly spoke about the problems the community faces in Iran today. She mentioned that there was a liberal oriented email group of approx. 10,000 members and that someone hacked the list and destroyed it! It seems there's a section of the orthodoxy who are willing to get violent in order to impose their views on others. Talking about a gradual shift in many Zoroastrians' thinking, she also mentioned ARZ (Bombay), which welcomes the spouses and children of mixed marriages into the fold.

The diverse audience of about 60 press-related individuals enjoyed wine and samosas as well. Tenaz is now looking to gain a broader viewership for her production, such as networks like PBS and in schools/colleges. She will also take it to India later. We hope to air this film during a ZAGNY function in the near future.

SCHOLARSHIPS

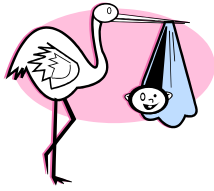
ZAGNY Scholarship: We invite applications for financial assistance (Scholarship/Loan) for the academic year 2006-2007 from members who are studying at accredited institutions in the United States. Applicants should be full-time students. The last date for filing an application is **August 31, 2006**. Application forms and information can be obtained from the ZAGNY website www.zagny.org or by contacting the scholarship committee chairperson: **Sherazad Y. Mehta**, 405 West 48th Street, Apt 1FE, New York, NY 10036; Tel: 212-307-1712; Email: sherazad.mehta@arup.com

Fali Chothia, and FEZANA Academic Scholarships: Check out the FEZANA website <http://www.fezana.org/about.scholarship.fezana.htm> for further information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations

•**NAVJOTE MUBARAK**--To **Neville** and **Natasha Dusaj** , children of Khursheed and Shailendra at the Royal Albert Palace in New Jersey on July 2nd 2006



•**BIRTH:** To **Malcolm and Dilnaz Shroff** on the birth of their son Farhaan on July 10th, at St. Peter's University Hospital in New Brunswick, NJ. Congratulations to the proud grandparents - Aban & Keki Shroff and Zarin & Farokh Kanga



Condolences

- To Drs. Satish and Phiroza Modi on the death of Satish's father Dr. Shantilal Modi, grandfather of Danesh, Tushar and Yasha, who passed away on July 9th in Rajkot, India.
- To Shiroy and Jeroo Ranji on the death of Shiroy Ranji's father, Col. Hosi Ranji, grandfather of Farhad and Sarosh, who passed away on July 11th in Pune, India.
- To Viraf and Maharukh Commissariat on the death of Viraf's father Mr. Pesi Commissariat, grandfather of Persis and Neville, who passed away on July 12th in Mumbai, India

May the Almighty grant their respective souls eternal peace.

Book Donation

Four volumes of a very rich publication **Enduring Legacy-Parsis of the 20th Century--edited by Dr. Nawaz Mody** have been received for the ZAGNY library with compliments of the **Zartoshty Brothers**. ZAGNY thanks them for their generous donation.

Change of address

- Darius and Temilyn Mehta**, 45 Barkalow Avenue, Freehold, NJ 07728. 732-333-0087
- Farrokh and Gulestan Deboo**, 794 Oenoke Ridge, New Canaan, CT 06840. Tel # stays the same
- Dear Zagny friends - we have retired and have settled in Florida and our new address and phone no. is as follows: **Zahver and Fred Morris**, 13364 Beach Blvd., Unit no. 1015, Jacksonville, FL 32224. 904-992-3722

Thanks

Sherazad Mehta has stepped down from the ZAGNY Board of Directors and has been elected trustee of the Darbe Mehr Zoroastrian Temple (DMZT). Sherazad believes that his background will be more suitable in this capacity as a DMZT trustee. The ZAGNY Board thanks Sherazad for his contributions, especially as Chair of the Scholarship Committee, and wishes him the very best.

World Gujarati Conference

The Association of Indian Americans of North America (AIANA) is hosting World Gujarati Conference from September 1-3, 2006 at the Raritan Center Expo Hall in Edison. This event is expected to bring over 30,000 Gujaratis from all over the world. AIANA has invited us to participate in this conference. The tentative program is on the website www.wgc06.org and cost of registration is \$10 per person for all 3 days including meals.

Our Zoroastrian participation in this conference will be in the following ways:

1. We will have a stall exhibiting our culture and Zoroastrian contribution to Gujarat and India. If you are in possession of books, photos, articles, artifacts, clothing items, etc. on the Parsi/Zoroastrian heritage and/or with reference to connection with Gujarat/India, and would not mind loaning those items to us for the exhibition, please contact Nawaz Merchant, at vicepresident@zagny.org
2. A seminar on Zoroastrian faith and its tenets. If you would like to participate or help in this program, please contact Dr. Lovji Cama at ldcama@verizon.net
3. Short Parsi Gujarati Natak - "Tehmulji in Turmoil." Interested members, including youngsters and their parents, desiring to participate in the plays should contact Farokh at farokh@daruwala.net

If you would like to volunteer at the ZAGNY Booth, please contact Nawaz at vicepresident@zagny.org

Let us attend this event in large numbers. It is a great time to show our solidarity with the Gujarati community. Remember, a ruler of which (Jadav Rana of Sanjan) welcomed us when we needed a place to worship and shelter over a millennium ago. **Please visit the website www.wgc06.org and register yourself, your family and your friends.**

JOINT ACTIVITIES WITH ZAPANJ

- On October 1st, ZAPANJ has invited us to join their Ghambar at the Palace of Asia in Cherry Hill NJ. Please contact **Behnaz Toorkey** at ctoorkey@comcast.net or call 856-751-0633 if you would like to attend.
- On November 11th, ZAGNY plans to visit our sister organization ZAPANJ in Evesham Township (near Cherry Hill NJ) to participate in their religious class and dinner, where we will share news, plans and views. All ZAGNY members are welcome to join. Please let us know if you plan to attend (email vicepresident@ZAGNY.org).
- We are also actively raising funds for their proposed prayer hall and community center - see www.ZACUCE.com for a description of their fantastic raffles and prizes.

WZCC NEWS

WZCC-NY Chapter had its **Second Annual Entrepreneur and Networking Day** on Sunday June 4, 2006 at the Darbe Mehr in Suffern, NY with about 15 Exhibitors and over 50 attendees. Exhibitors ranged from well established business owners to rising entrepreneurs and professionals and included--Attorney, Caterer, CPA, Financial Planner, Florist, Mortgage broker, Title Company, Commercial & Residential Real Estate Specialist, Construction, Engineering, Manufacturing and Surveillance Companies. For the first time a health and resource booth was also set up to provide relevant information. Promotional and corporate gifts were raffled to add to the excitement. **Rusi Gandhi**, WZCC-NY Chapter Chairman thanked **Arnaz Maneckshana**, **Meher Hodiwala** and **Percis Pavri** for organizing the event, and the exhibitors and attendees for participating.

The next WZCC- NY Chapter meeting will be on Sunday, **September 17, 2006**, Topic--**Understanding social security and annuities as retirement tools**. Lunch will be served at 12PM and meeting will start at 1PM sharp. Please RSVP to rusigandhi@gmail.com, amanecksha@aol.com, noshd@hotmail.com.

Also note, the last meeting of 2006 will be on **December 10th**, speaker--Mr. Dinyar Devitre, Chief Financial Officer of Altria Group Inc.



FEZANA STANDING AND AD-HOC COMMITTEES

FEZANA Executive is inviting North American Zoroastrians to participate actively by serving on the FEZANA Standing and Ad-hoc Committees. If you are interested, please email vicepresident@zagny.org before July 30, 2006

Committee Appointments: Article VI of the FEZANA constitution states that--The committees will be working bodies and their role will be to execute and implement the Purposes of the Federation.

Member Associations or individuals interested in chairing or serving on committees may submit their names. The President of the Federation shall there upon make appointments to the committees, subject to the approval of the Membership.

Accordingly, the FEZANA President, Rustom Kevala, requests you to recommend individuals for serving on the FEZANA committees. A short biography giving pertinent qualifications of each recommended individual should be provided.

Note that the current Chairs may be re-appointed, or new Chairs and committee members may be appointed by the President, with the approval of the Members.

MUKTAD PRAYERS 2006

Please complete this form in **BLOCK** letters with the correct status circled for each name and return this form by **AUGUST 8, 2006**, to:

MAIL FORM TO:

Ferzin Patel

Attn: Muktab Prayers
137 CampHill Road,
Pomona, NY 10970

CHECKS PAYABLE TO: ZAGNY

Kindly include the following names in the daily prayers during the forthcoming Muktab ceremonies.

- I am enclosing herewith my contribution of \$ _____ (@ \$5 per name, maximum of 6 names) to defray costs for this event.
- I am enclosing my contribution of \$_____ (@\$5 per person), I/We _____ (# of people) will be attending the lunch, after the prayers, on August 19th, 2006. These monies will be used to defer the cost of this event.

Yours truly,

PRINT FULL NAME

TELEPHONE NUMBER

		Name of the Deceased		Names of His/Her Father/Husband
1	E O Oi B K		E O B	
2	E O Oi B K		E O B	
3	E O Oi B K		E O B	
4	E O Oi B K		E O B	
5	E O Oi B K		E O B	
6	E O Oi B K		E O B	

The names of the deceased are always recited together with their father/husband's name along with their status, i.e. Ervad, Osta, Osti, Behdin or Khurd, as per Zoroastrian custom. No surnames are recited in the prayers.

E = Ervad (male who is/was a Navar)
O = Osta (male from Athornan or priestly family but not a Navar)
Oi = Osti (female from Athornan family)
B = Behdin (male/female from Behdin or non-priestly family)
K = Khurd (whose Navjote has not been performed)

NO NAMES WILL BE ACCEPTED OVER THE PHONE OR ONCE THE PRAYERS ARE STARTED DURING THE MUKTAD DAYS.



PATETI MUBARAK



THE PATETI FUNCTION WILL BE HELD AT THE
DARBE MEHR

106 POMONA ROAD, SUFFERN, NY 10805

TEL. #: 845-362-2104

ON

SATURDAY, 26th AUGUST, 2006

PROGRAM: 5:15 P.M. REGISTRATION
5:30 P.M. "ATASH NIAYESH" PRAYER
6:00 P.M. COCKTAILS (6 TO 7 PM ONLY)
7:00 P.M. PROFESSIONAL DJ WILL ENTERTAIN
ONE AND ALL WITH GAMES AND MUSIC
FOLLOWED BY DINNER AND DANCING

REGISTRATION: PATETI FUNCTION

		NUMBER	AMOUNT
ADULTS	\$25.00	_____	_____
CHILDREN (6-12)	\$15.00	_____	_____
SENIORS (70 and above)	\$20.00	_____	_____
NON-MEMBERS (kids and seniors)	\$35.00	_____	_____
DONATIONS:	-	_____	_____
TOTAL:		_____	_____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TEL. NO. HOME: _____ BUSINESS: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

Kindly mail your form with check made out to ZAGNY to:

Minoo Bengali
1124 Indian Hill Road
Toms River, NJ 08753
Tel. No. 732-288-1227

Reservations must be received by
August 19th, 2006.

Registration will be non-refundable

Surcharge of \$15.00 per person and \$25.00 per family will apply to all registrations done either at the door or received within 48 hours prior to the function.

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Suffern, NY 10901

Phone
845.362.2104

E-Mail
secretary@zagny.org

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST 2006

8/6	ZAGNY ANNUAL PICNIC
8/15-19	MUKTAD PRAYERS—RSVP DATE 8/8
8/26	ZAGNY PATETI FUNCTION—RSVP DATE 8/19
8/31	ZAGNY SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE

SEPTEMBER 2006

9/1-9/3	ZOROASTRIAN PARTICIPATION IN WORLD GUJARATI CONFERENCE
9/10	ZAGNY RELIGIOUS CLASSES (1 pm START)
9/17	WZCC MEETING NY CHAPTER MEETING

OCTOBER 2006

10/1	ZAGNY RELIGIOUS CLASSES (1 pm START)
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LOOK HOT...STAY COOL AND SAFE!!



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