







## PAST EVENTS



### PATETTI 2009

ZAGNY's 2009 Patetti was celebrated at the Darbe Mehr on August 22<sup>nd</sup> starting with Atash Niyesh prayers led by Dr. Lovji Cama. It was followed by cocktails and hors d'Oeuvres and a ballroom dancing demonstration and group class, conducted by Victor Russu of Fred Astaire Dance Studio of New City. Some of our members seemed to enjoy learning the different steps of Salsa, Rumba, Waltz, and Fox Trot, while some joined in just to have a good time. Too bad our dance floor was not big enough to accommodate more of us on the floor! Spectators as well as our dancers had a great time. After having worked up an appetite, a delicious dinner was enjoyed by all. Thanks to Mehrnosh Darwalla of India on Hudson for catering the event, and Magic Mike for providing the dancing music for the evening. We also

thank all our members for participating and joining us in our celebration, and all our hard working Board members, for whom August was a busy month. We hope to see more of our community members join in at such joyous events in the future. It is a good time to catch up with old friends and at the same time build up some new ones too.



### The Zoroastrian Inter-married Group (ZIG) of ZAGNY

Started under the leadership of our past President, Homi Gandhi and conducted by Toni & Viraf Ghadially, the group recently met and honored Priest Nosirwan Hormuzdiar for his services to the community throughout the past 35 years. The group often meets informally at various individual private homes to discuss various religious and social topics affecting their family lifestyle and, help them and their families to easily assimilate in the local Zoroastrian community.

Anyone interested in joining this group, please contact Viraf Ghadially at [Vghad@hotmail.com](mailto:Vghad@hotmail.com).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Zoroastrian Stimulus Plan: Private Job Search & Career Counseling Service.

Looking for a job or contract work? Thinking about starting your own business? Seeking career guidance? FEZANA and the World Zarathushti Chamber of Commerce (WZCC) are excited to offer this free, private Job Search, Career Counseling, and Entrepreneur Mentoring service to the community. Visit <http://tinyurl.com/zorostimulus> to register for this service. We'll work with any Zoroastrian associations across North America to help connect you with other Zoroastrians who can be of assistance in finding job opportunities, career counseling, starting a business, etc. The service is designed to protect your privacy, so your name and contact info will not be shared broadly. Visit <http://tinyurl.com/zorostimulus-listings> to see the latest job and mentor listings. Visit <http://tinyurl.com/zorostimulus-help> to post a job opening or to sign-up as a mentor.

*If you have additional questions, feel free to email [zorostimulus@fezana.org](mailto:zorostimulus@fezana.org). This effort is being organized as part of the WZC's Youth Leadership Enhancement Program by Jasmine Dadachanji (Victoria, BC), Eric Engineer (Dallas, TX), and Carl Irani (Orlando, FL).*

**Want to share some news or make an announcement in our newsletter, please contact Behroz Dutia or email to: [Secretary@ZAGNY.ORG](mailto:Secretary@ZAGNY.ORG). We shall be glad to include it in our next newsletter as time and space permits. Please note that all information in the newsletter is posted on ZAGNY's website and is made public. So we request members to use their discretion when submitting their news or information.**

### UDVADA ATASHBEHRAM FUND RAISER

The Annual Udvada Atashbehram Fund Raiser was held at the Darbe Mehr in Pomona on **October 18, 2009**. It also commemorated the **300<sup>th</sup> birthday** of the Atashbehram. The event was once again sponsored by Erach Munshi, Lovji Cama & Mehru Cama. Total amount of \$30,200 was collected in 2008. All funds collected are donated towards the maintenance of the Mumbai, Udvada, Surat and Navsari Atash-behrams and Agiaries; and also to provide monetary support to the mobeds and needy Zoroastrians in the area.

If you wish to contribute to this worthwhile cause, please make your **check payable to ZAGNY CRITICAL ASSISTANCE FUND** and mail it to Erach Munshi. For further info: Call 212-865-6683.

### ANNOUNCEMENT OF PAIDAST: PAIDAST DETAILS ON INTERNET

The Board of Trustees of Bombay Parsi Punchayet hereby announces that effective from July 4, 2009 (Shehansahi Roj Behram, Mah Bahman) all deaths of Parsi / Irani Zoroastrians consigned at Dooongerwadi are available on the Internet on the net address:

***bpppaidast.in*** This will include information of the name of the deceased and the place, date and time of demise, as also the address of the deceased and the names of close relatives of the deceased. This will also include information about Paidast ceremony and Uthamna ceremony and its place, date and time. On a daily basis this announcement would be updated twice in a day so that all deaths will be available on the Net to Parsi / Irani Zoroastrians spread all over the world for the bodies consigned or to be consigned at Tower of Silence, Mumbai. This facility is for the prompt information to all concerned. All community members can avail this facility by logging on to the above Net address.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees  
**(D.R. Mehta)**  
Chairman

### Heartiest Congratulations to:

- ❖ **Khushnuman & Pashang Patel**, on the birth of their second son, **Cyrus** on May 8<sup>th</sup>. Proud grand parents are Armaity & Framroze Patel.
- ❖ **Tinaz & Darius Mody** on the birth of their second son, **Jehan**, in May. Proud grandparents are Rupy & Lovji Hakim and Dianne & Keki Mody
- ❖ **Temilyn & Darius Mehta**, on the birth of their first child, son **Zane**, on August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Proud grandparents are Toni & Viraf Ghadiyali and Khurshed Mehta.
- ❖ **Dilnavaz & Nensha d Bardoliwalla**, on the birth of their second daughter, **Zara Sophi a**, on August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Proud grandparents are Hutoxi & Dinshaw Bardoliwalla.
- ❖ **Farzana & Cyrus Cama**, on the birth of their second child, son **Rayan** on Aug. 27<sup>th</sup>. Proud grandparents are Niloufer & Edul Davar and Mahrukh & Rohinton Cama.

ZAGNY extends its best wishes to all the newborns and their families!

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### Our Sincere Condolences to the families of:

- **Jasley & Kerman Dukandar**, on the passing away of Jasley's mother, on May 31, 2009 in Delhi, India.
- **Jeroo and Shiroy Ranji**, on the passing away of Jeroo's mother, on June 9<sup>th</sup> in India.
- **Kaika & Niloufer Clubwala**, on the sudden passing away of Niloufer's father, Dara S. Behrana, on June 30<sup>th</sup> in Campbell Hall, NY.
- **Gev & Aban Nentin**, on the passing away of Gev's father, Firoz Nentin on Aug. 12<sup>th</sup>.
- **Fali & Pam Shroff**, on the passing away of Fali's mother, Freny Darab Shroff, on Aug. 14<sup>th</sup> in Mumbai, India.
- **Shirin Khosravi**, on the passing away of her father, Behram Behmard Khosravi.

ZAGNY extends its heartfelt condolences to them & their families.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**



**World Zarathushti Chamber of Commerce (WZCC) New York Chapter**

**Presents a Panel Discussion**

**Real Estate Opportunities in Challenging Times**

**Sunday, November 22, 2009**

12:00-3:00 PM - Pomona Darbe Mehr.

Cost: A voluntary contribution to defray the cost of lunch.

Dinyar Hodiwala, Panelist – Foreclosures and Short Sales

Vispi Daruwala, Panelist – Securing Mortgages Today

Persis Daruwala, Panelist – The Role of the Title Company

Rusi D. Gandhi, Moderator – Real Estate Internet Auctions

**Event Organizer:**Rusi D. Gandhi, MBA

**RSVP:** [rusigandhi@gmail.com](mailto:rusigandhi@gmail.com)

**About WZCC:** The World Zarathushti Chamber Of Commerce (W ZCC) began in 2000. The Chamber's Headquarters are in North America, with more than 25 Chapters worldwide. The principles of Integrity and Industry are a Zarathushti hallmark known throughout the world. The Chamber facilitates worldwide networking of entrepreneurs and professionals. We enhance Trade & Commerce, with a goal of energizing the entrepreneurial spirit and bringing economic prosperity to our community and the people we touch worldwide [www.wzcc.net](http://www.wzcc.net)

**Contact:** Arnaz Ma neckshana, P resident, a t [Amaneksha@aol.com](mailto:Amaneksha@aol.com).

**Late Seth Rustomji Nusserwanji Rustom-Faramna Agiary- 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Oak Jubilee**

**687, Parsi Colony, Dadar, Mumbai 400 014. Tel No. 24128168**

**MESSAGE CUM APPEAL TO All Dadar Parsi Colonites (Past & Present)**

We are looking forward to support from devotees, colonites, ex-colonites settled in other parts of the country and overseas, towards our efforts to raise funds for the maintenance and upkeep of our Agiary. Donors are requested to make their cheques payable to the name of the Agiary.

Dinshaw Tamboly- Trustee



**ZAGNY & DMZT DOCUMENTS**  
(Submitted by Homi Gandhi)

**ZAGNY and DMZT** have appointed a Committee to establish procedures for the collection and preservation of its documents, books, records, papers and other property (collectively, “documents”). The Committee comprises of **Homi Gandhi (Chairman), Viraf Commissariat, Kerman Dukandar, Michel Reid and Viraf Udwadia.**

The Committee is aware that various members of the community, e.g. current and past members of the Board of Directors / Trustees of ZAGNY and DMZT and others, may have in their possession documents that may relate to ZAGNY and DMZT.

At this time the Committee requests that all individuals, who may have such documents in their possession, should communicate by e-mail to Homi Gandhi at [homidgandhi@gmail.com](mailto:homidgandhi@gmail.com) and inform him (in as much detail as possible) the nature of the documents or property they have in their possession.

The communication to Homi is requested by **November 30, 2009**. It is expected that upon receipt of this information, the Committee will proceed to determine the manner of collection of the various documents at a central location (probably Pomona). Thanks for your co-operation  
– **ZAGNY & DMZT Board**

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**Have a Happy Thanksgiving!**



**Thanks to:**

ZAGNY acknowledges with thanks the donation of Sukhad to our Darbe Meher made by the following ZAGNY members:

- 1) Framroze & Armaity Patel
- 2) Khurshid Yezdi Mehta in gratitude and celebration of her newly born grand son Zane Darius Mehta.



**GOOD LIFE PROGRAM AWARD**

Congratulations to **Neville Comissariat** for successfully completing the **Good Life Program!** Neville was awarded the “Good Life Emblem” in July 2009. This program sponsored by the Boy Scouts of America, encourages our ZAGNY youth to help perform good deeds by taking part in various community projects. Neville was actively involved for more than four years in a variety of community programs and worthwhile projects, including volunteering as a religious class teacher at ZAGNY. He also completed the Good Life Workbook requirements to be eligible for this award. **Way to go, Neville!**

We encourage all our ZAGNY youth to continue and complete their requirements and earn this worthy award!

Interested youngsters, please contact Viraf Ghadially at [Vghad@hotmail.com](mailto:Vghad@hotmail.com) to take part in this program.

**Newsletters are always available on our web site [WWW.ZAGNY.org](http://WWW.ZAGNY.org).**



# ZAGNY'S

## NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2009

**GOOD-BYE 2009 - HELLO 2010**

Come join us in the fun as we usher in 2010 and say Good bye to 2009!  
**Starting at 7:00 PM - At Pomona Darbe-Mehr – Suffern, NY**

Cocktails (Cash Bar) & Hors D'Ouevres  
Dinner & Dancing  
Door Prizes/Raffles/Games  
Champagne Toast at Midnight

**Reservation Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

ADULT MEMBERS:	_____	@ \$35.00 = \$	_____
SENIOR CITIZENS (65 & OVER):	_____	@ \$25.00 = \$	_____
CHILDREN (5-12 YRS):	_____	@ \$15.00 = \$	_____
CHILDREN (UNDER 5):	_____	FREE	
NON-MEMBERS:	_____	@ \$50.00 = \$	_____

Make your check payable to: **ZAGNY**  
and mail to: Treasurer, Kerman Dukandar  
96 Bernard Avenue, Edison, NJ 08837

**TOTAL: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

To take advantage of the above rates, mail in your reservations  
**POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN DECMEBER 15, 2009.**  
**No phone reservations will be taken after this date.**

**Surcharge of \$15 per person will apply at the gate and for reservations  
received after DEC. 15, 2009.**

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## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

### NOVEMBER 2009

11/1 1:00 PM ZAGNY RELIGIOUS CLASSES; ADULT CLASSES (1:30 PM)  
KIDS HALLOWEEN PARADE (Note Daylight Savings Time)

### DECEMBER 2009

12/6 1:00 PM ZAGNY RELIGIOUS CLASSES; ADULT CLASSES (1:30 PM)  
12/31 7:00 PM NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION (MAIL FORM BY 12/15/09)

### JANUARY 2010

1/3 1:00 PM ZAGNY RELIGIOUS CLASSES; ADULT CLASSES (1:30 PM)

### FEBRUARY 2010

2/7 1:00 PM ZAGNY RELIGIOUS CLASSES; ADULT CLASSES (1:30 PM)

### MARCH 2010

3/7 1:00 PM ZAGNY RELIGIOUS CLASSES; ADULT CLASSES (1:30 PM)  
3/20 ZAGNY'S NAVROZE FUNCTION (DETAILS TO FOLLOW)



**WISHING YOU ALL A HAPPY THANKSGIVING  
AND  
A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON!!**



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