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ZOROASTRIAN ASSOCIATION OF GREATER NEW YORK JUNE 2003 NEWSLETTER

ZAGNY'S ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC

With the summer months ahead of us, it's an ideal time to have a picnic!! Mark your calendars for Sunday, **August 3rd**. ZAGNY invites you and your friends for a day of fun, food and games at Tomahawk Lake!!



Tomahawk Lake offers many exciting attractions, including, but not limited to, an 18-acre crystal clear lake, a fabulous Kiddie Water World, the largest white sand beach in Sussex County, a 503-foot Black Snake waterslide, a 512-foot Rocky Mountain waterslide, a 70-foot high Speed Slide, a Rampage watercoaster, dual serpentine slides, bumper boats, paddle boats, row boats, an 18-hole miniature golf course, an arcade, and more!

We urge you to come and join us for action packed games of volleyball, Gilli Danda and cricket for the young and young at heart. Don't forget your swimsuits and towels for those who would like to enjoy the swimming, boating and waterpark facilities.

Bring your favorite potluck picnic dish (enough to share with 8-10 people). Grills are available for those who wish to cook out. As a treat, ZAGNY will provide watermelons, iced tea, hot tea and charcoal for the cook out.

ZAGNY WILL HAVE A RESERVED PICNIC SPOT, SO LOOK FOR OUR "ZAGNY" SIGNS. Admission is \$9.00 per person and \$7.00 for children under 8 yrs. old (this price includes admission, parking, and use of the beach, swimming facilities, kiddie park and picnic tables). Some of the waterslides and boat rides will have a separate admission charge. The park opens at 9:00 AM, so plan to be there early.

Please contact **Vispi & Sheroo Kanga** at (201) 227-1890 or **Toni & Viraf Ghadially** at (732) 972-6527 if you plan to attend. We sure hope you can join us! More details about Tomahawk Lake can be found on its website at www.tomahawklake.com.

How to Get There

FROM INTERSTATE 80

Exit Interstate 80 at Exit 34B and travel on Route 15 North. Exit Route 15 at the Lake Forest exit. After the jughandle, make the second right onto Route 181 North. Go approximately 3 miles. Turn left onto Green Road, which will be right after the Little White Tavern on your left. Proceed about $1-1 \frac{1}{2}$ miles and then make a left onto Tomahawk Trail. The main Tomahawk Lake entrance will be on your left.

FROM THE GARDEN STATE PARKWAY

There are many ways of reaching Interstate 80 from the Garden State Parkway, some faster than others. Depending on where you are coming from, one such way is to take Exit 145 on the Garden State Parkway for Interstate 280 West toward the Oranges to Interstate 80 West. Once you reach Interstate 80 West, follow the directions above.

FRANKLIN, NJ

Take Route 23 South to Route 517, Munsonhurst Road towards Ogdensburg and Sparta. Route 517 will become Main Street in the town of Sparta, which will then become Route 181 South (Woodport Road) at the traffic light by the Sparta Post Office Mall. When you come to the traffic light by the entrance sign to Lake Mohawk, continue straight onto Route 605 south (Stanhope Road). Continue on Route 605 for about 3 miles past the Blessed Kateri Church on the left. Then, turn left onto Tomahawk Trail. The main Tomahawk Lake entrance will be about ½ mile on your right.

SPECIAL INTEREST ARTICLES:

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A ZOROASTRIAN WAY OF LIFE and THE SACRED FIRE: VEDIC & ZOROASTRIAN

On Sunday, May 4th, ZAGNY was honored to host **Ervad Bajan** and his wife **Bapsy** from Mumbai. Ervad Bajan delivered a talk on "A Zoroastrian Way of Life". The focal point of this talk and subsequent discussion was on how a Zoroastrian man and woman should live his/her daily life. Below are some key points from the talk:

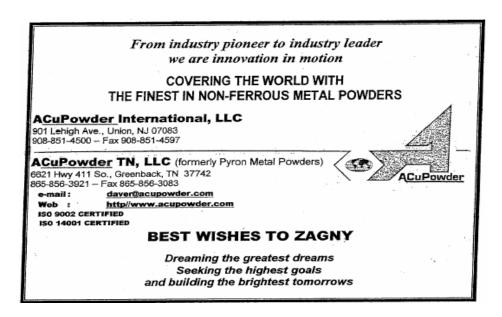
- A Zoroastrian should rise up early each morning and pray for righteousness & work for righteousness to prevent all evil.
- A Zoroastrian should not be away from good thoughts, good words, or good deeds. A prayer is necessary as one exits his bed and also when one exits his home each morning.
- A Zoroastrian should do righteousness work in this material world.
- A Zoroastrian should lead an active life, a spiritual life, a simple life, and an honest life.
- A Zoroastrian should have character that consists of goodwill, integrity, and charity.

As a thank you, the Bajans were presented with a copy of The Good Life book and were given two tickets to a sightseeing tour of Manhattan.

Our sincere thanks to the Kanga's, Sheroo and Vispi, for hosting the Bajan family during their stay in the metropolitan New York area and to Ervad Pervez Patel and Rusi Gandhi for volunteering to provide transportation.

Also, on May 4^{th} , **Danesh Modi**, a ZAGNY youth member, delivered an interesting talk titled "The Sacred Fire: Vedic & Zoroastrian". His discussion was on the important role of fire in the religious ceremonies of both Hindus and Zoroastrians alike. He described the rituals of both Hindus and Zoroastrians, and showed the differences and similarities between the implementation and basic philosophy of the sacred fire in each religion's practices.

Danesh graduated with honors from the University of Pennsylvania last spring, with degrees in psychology and Spanish. Currently he is working in a pharmacy and studying to go to medical school.



The Pateti Function will be held on August 23, 2003 at the Pomona Darbe Mehr

ADULTS	_	\$25.00	NUMBER	AMOUNT
NON-MEMBERS	_	\$35.00		
CHILDREN 5-15 YRS	-	\$15.00		
SENIOR CITIZENS	-	\$15.00		
DONATIONS:				
		TOTAL:		
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Jasmin Kotwal

12 Park Hill Terrace

Princeton Junction, NJ 08550-0102

Reservations must be received by August 10th, 2003. All registrations will be non-refundable.

A \$15.00 per person / \$25.00 per family **surcharge** will apply to all registrations done either at the door or received within 48 hours prior to the function.

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS & DONATIONS



CHANGE IN CONTACT INFORMATION

Faruk and Daisy Presswala 407 Villas Court Chester, VA 23836 (804) 530-2141



CONGRATULATIONS TO

Friaan Hakim and Xerxes Kotval on the arrival of their daughter, Tinaz Roshan Kotval. Tinaz was born on March 3rd, 2003.



WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Khushnoor Udwadia 310 East 44th Street, Apartment 1022 New York, NY 10017



OUR CONDOLENCES TO

Our heartfelt condolences to our members *Maharukh* & *Firoze Tarapore*, on the passing away of Maharukh's mother, Mrs. Mehru Taraporevala, in Bombay.

Shernaz and Dinshaw Patel on the passing of Shernaz's mother, Dr. Shirinbanu Sorabji Kutar, in London, England.



ZAGNY & REVLON RUN/WALK 2003

On Saturday, May 3rd, ZAGNY participated in the annual breast cancer Revlon Run/Walk in Manhattan. This was our second year participating as a team. We had a great turnout, 34 participants in total on the ZAGNY team and raised over \$5,300. A huge thanks goes out to all our participants and donors. Without your help, this event would not have been a success. Thank You.



2003-2004 ZAGNY SCHLOARSHIPS AVAILABLE

ZAGNY invites applications for financial assistance (Scholarship/Loan) for the academic year 2003-2004 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 July 1, 2003.

Application forms and information can be obtained from the scholarship committee chairperson: Cyrus F. Hirjibehedin, 600 West 114th Street, Apt. 1W, New York, NY 10025; Tel: (212) 663-5768; Email: cfh6@columbia.edu.

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GENERAL FUND				
United Way of Somerset – unknown	\$ 97			
donor				
United Way of NYC – unknown donor	\$ 93			
NEW BUILDING FUND				
Pesi Satarawalla	\$ 51			
SCHLOARSHIP FUND				
Pesi Satarawalla	\$ 50			
LIBRARY FUND				
Rusi Gandhi, from the purchase of	\$ 177			
a home by Tanaz Dutia and Michel Reid				

FEZANA ELECTION RESULTS

On May 24th and 25th, FEZANA held its annual general meeting in Boston, Massachusetts. Congratulations to FEZANA's new Vice President, *Mahrukh Motafram* and Secretary, *Rita Engineer*.



BROADWAY'S NEWEST STAR

Kayhan Irani is making her Broadway debut in, Killing Us Softly, a series of monologues she has written as a response to the demonization of the Arab, Muslim and South Asian communities in the American media as terrorists and enemies of the state. The project explores how the creation of slippery legislation, such as the PATRIOT Act, and the Special Registrations, imposed by the INS at the end of 2002 further isolate these communities.

Each monologue is told from a women's perspectives as it is they who are left behind to re-define their roles and make sense of the rapidly changing atmosphere in the absence of their fathers, brothers, husbands and friends.

She will be performing at the Chashama Theatre (135 W42nd Street between 6th & 7th Avenue) on Monday, June 23rd 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10, \$5 for students and seniors.

GREAT PRIZES FOR JUST \$5! HELP ZAGNY RAISE FUNDS FOR THE DARBE MEHR

At the 2003 Navroze function, ZAGNY launched a fundraising raffle. The phenomenal prizes below have been donated to ZAGNY.

For just **\$5 BUCKS**, you could walk away with a fantastic prize:

FIRST PRIZE (\$1,000 value)



BOSE HOME ENTERTAINMENT SYSTEM

SECOND PRIZE (\$500 value)



BOSE WAVE RADIO W/CD

THIRD PRIZE (\$300 value)



BOSE HEADPHONE

ZAGNY is hoping to sell 1,000 raffle tickets and raise \$5,000. Proceeds from this raffle will go towards funding the improvements that the Darbe Mehr Zoroastrian Trustees (DMZT) have begun making in order to make our Community Center more beautiful.

We need your help to make this raffle a success! Please contact Toni Ghadially at (732) 972-6527 or sghadially@hotmail.com, or speak with any ZAGNY Board member, and get yourself tickets to sell to your friends, co-workers, and acquaintances. Prizes will be awarded at the August 23rd Pateti function. Those who win do not need to be present to claim their prize.

All ticket stubs from sold tickets and monies raised must be mailed by August 23, 2003 to Toni Ghadially, 12 Rockwell Circle, Marlboro, NJ 07746. Please send a check, payable to ZAGNY, for the monies raised, as cash will not be accepted.

NOW BEING ACCEPTED

The ZAGNY board is requesting bids from individuals interested in catering the Pateti function, which will be held on August 23, 2003.

We encourage anyone who is interested in providing Indian food with a predominance of Parsi flavor for this 250+ person affair to contact **Cyrus Hirjibehedin**, by phone at (212) 663-5768 or by email at cfh6@columbia.edu, for further information and to receive the bid package which contains the requirements.

Preference in the selection process will be given to ZAGNY members. The deadline for submitting a completed bid is July 12, 2003.

RELIGION OF ASHO ZARATHUSHT AND INFLUENCE THROUGH THE AGES BY JEHAN BAGLI

Religion of Asho Zarathusht and Influence through the Ages, Foreword by Farhang Mehr, Professor Emeritus, International Relations, Boston University, MA, USA.

This publication was made possible through the generosity of the trustees of Informal Religious Meetings (IRM) Trust Funds of Karachi, Pakistan. The book is a compilation of Jehan Bagli's essays and lectures over the past several decades, whose efforts are consistently directed to highlight the changes that the Gathic religion has undergone to evolve the Zoroastrianism of today, and the Spirituality embedded in the religion of Asho Zarathusht.

To order a copy, please enclose a check payable to NAMC and mail it to:

Jehan Bagli 1569 Wembury Road Mississauga Ont L5J 2L8 CANADA

Phone: (905) 855-1132 Fax: (905) 855-7730 E-mail: jbagli@rogers.com

The cost is US\$ 8.00 + 4.00 (postage) for US orders, and C\$ 12.00 + 4.00 (postage) for Canadian orders. All proceeds will be equally divided between IRM and NAMC.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

JULY 2003	AUGUST 2003
 1 ZAGNY SCHLOARSHIP DEADLINE (details on page 4) 5 IZA Tirgan Function (see details below) 	3 ZAGNY Summer Picnic (details on page 1) 16 – 20 Muktad Prayers (details below) 23 ZAGNY PAPETI Function (details below)

IZA TIRGAN FUNCTION - JULY 5, 2003

The Tirgan function, the celebration of water, will be held by IZA at the Darbe Mehr grounds. As part of the tradition, attendees will be throwing water at each other!!!! IZA invites all ZAGNY members to join in this celebration and a potluck lunch. YOU WILL NEED TO BRING EXTRA CLOTHES!! This year, the celebration of Tirgan will be combined with the graduation of the children from the Farsi classes. For additional information, please contact **Shirin Kiamanish** at (516) 385-8471.

MUKTAD PRAYERS - AUGUST 16th -20th , 2003

The ZAGNY community can participate in the Muktad Prayers for all five days from August 16th through August 20th, 2003. 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.

There will be a charge of \$5 per name, with a maximum of 6 names, to be recited during the Muktad prayer days. Our Mobeds will recite submitted names on all five days of the Muktad prayers at all locations. ZAGNY will have a lunch following the prayers on August 17th, 2003. Donations/contributions are appreciated. The collected monies from this event will go into the ZAGNY Critical Assistance Fund (our charity fund).

Directions to all locations of the interest and exact time of the prayers will be provided once your list with your indication of location and location/date is received.

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Date	Saturday	Sunday	lay Monday Tuesday		Wednesday
	August 16th	August 17th	August 18th	August 19th	August 20
Location	Queens,	Darbe Mehr	Waldwick,	Princeton Jct,	Baldwin,
	New York	Pomona, NY	New Jersey	New Jersey	Long Island
Time	11:00AM	11:00 AM	6:30 PM	6:30 PM	6:30 PM
Hosted	Teshtar and	ZAGNY	Pam and	Jasmin and	Yasmin and
Ву	Noshir		Fali	Maneck	Jamshed
	Irani		Shroff	Kotwal	Ghadiali

Please complete the form on page 11 of this newsletter. Should you have any other questions, please contact **Goolu Baria** at (203) 353-8651 or **Vispi and Sheroo Kanga** at (201) 227-1890.

PAPETI FUNCTION - AUGUST 23rd, 2003

ZAGNY will hold its Pateti function on August 23rd, 2003 at the Pomona Darbe Mehr. All are encouraged to register at 5 pm. The program will begin with an Atash Niayesh prayer at 5:30 pm. Other highlights of the program will be a Parsi comedy "Natak Noo Chetak," a special presentation by the DMZT trustees on future plans for the Darbe Mehr, and a short play performed by our own kids between the ages of 3 and 8. This will be followed by dinner and dancing.

The registration form can be found on page 3. To avoid any late registration surcharges, all forms must be received by August 10th, 2003.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF PROFESSOR KAIKHOSROV D. IRANI

WRITTEN BY: AYSHA AND YASMIN GHADIALI

We are writing to all ZAGNY members on behalf of an exciting new project that will highlight and celebrate the accomplished life of our very own and very beloved **Professor Kaikhosrov D. Irani**. Currently, a documentary including a series of interviews with the Professor and a personal narrative life history has been filmed and edited. But, in order for us to truly honor ZAGNY's own Professor, post-production and distribution of these videos must be completed. We are therefore asking that all ZAGNY members be part of this effort and give generously to a project that will benefit audiences both young and old, Zoroastrian and non-Zoroastrian, about the life and times of our premier teacher and philosopher.

This project started as a way to honor Professor K. D. Irani by creating a forum for his words of wisdom to be captured on tape and made available to the public. Phase I, which included the filming and interviews was made possible through the estate of the Late Merhraban Farhangi, and was completed in May 1998, in Vancouver. Phase II, is currently in progress where the tapes are being edited in Los Angeles. Phase III will be the post-production and duplication costs, for which ZAGNY has decided to help with a contribution and contributions from its members.

The final program will be made into four VHS (depending on the edited version) or 2 DVDs. It starts with a discussion with Professor K. D. Irani, The Person—his life experiences, childhood, his parents, his experiences with Einstein and others. The next section will be a discussion on Zoroastrianism—the basics of the religion, and a more advanced segment. The final section will be the Professor's original contribution to philosophy, and what he calls the "Domains of Belief." The final version will be given to Professor rani for the final approval before copies are made. There will also be a presentation in New York to honor Professor Irani when the project is launched to the public.

It is our hope that this project will produce an excellent resource not only for Zarathushtis, but also for other interested markets such as his students, University departments of Philosophy and Theology, and libraries. The editing will be completed by mid-June, which leaves the post-production and duplication to follow in the next two months. In order for this project to run successfully we need ZAGNY members to take part and donate generously!

- All sponsors who contribute \$100 or more will receive a complementary set of VHS or DVD of the project.
- All sponsors who contribute \$1,000 or more will be acknowledged at the end of the program along with the Late Merhraban Farhangi, ZSBC, and ZAGNY.

It is now time for us to give back to the man who has given us all so much. It is time to honor a person who has enriched the minds and the social well being of our community by challenging us to truly think about our spirituality, our lives as Zarathushtis, and as contributors to the human race.

Please make checks payable to ZAGNY, with a memo KDI Video Project, and mail to:

Yasmin Ghadiali 2686 Belcher Street Baldwin, NY 11510-3937

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL WZCC SEMINAR NEW BUSINESS START UP

The NY Chapter of the WZCC sponsored the workshop **New Business Start Up** on May 18th. At this well-attended workshop, four successful entrepreneurs made some very interesting presentations, as described below.

Mr. Ruyintan Mehta, President of Premium Moulding, explained the importance of formulating and developing a well-researched business plan. Focus on your SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats), Ruyintan said.

Mr. Framroze Patel, CPA and CVA, elaborated on the cash flow analysis of a business plan. He emphasized that a simple yet credible, factual and accurate plan is bound to impress venture capitalists and evaluators. Framroze also remarked that no other country makes starting a business as easy as the United States.

Mr. Michael Rowland, attorney at law, addressed some legal issues, including liability and statutory aspects. He suggested that seeking advice from a team of professionals could facilitate the successful implementation of a plan.

Lastly, **Dr. German Bustos**, President of Bustos Marketing Communications, shared time tested sales and marketing techniques. His trick is finding that one unique quality which makes you different from the competitors. Express yourself through your work and you will be happy.

Thanks go to the above speakers who humbly shared their experiences, knowledge, and time, and to **Rusi Gandhi**, Chapter Chair, for organizing such a great event. Attendees are sure to benefit from this workshop both professionally and personally.

In addition to receiving extremely positive feedback via the evaluation forms (overall rating 95% satisfaction) here are some of the comments from the attendees:

Manin Kushesh, IZA member, "very informative and productive workshop" and Fali Shroff, ZAGNY member, "time well spent."

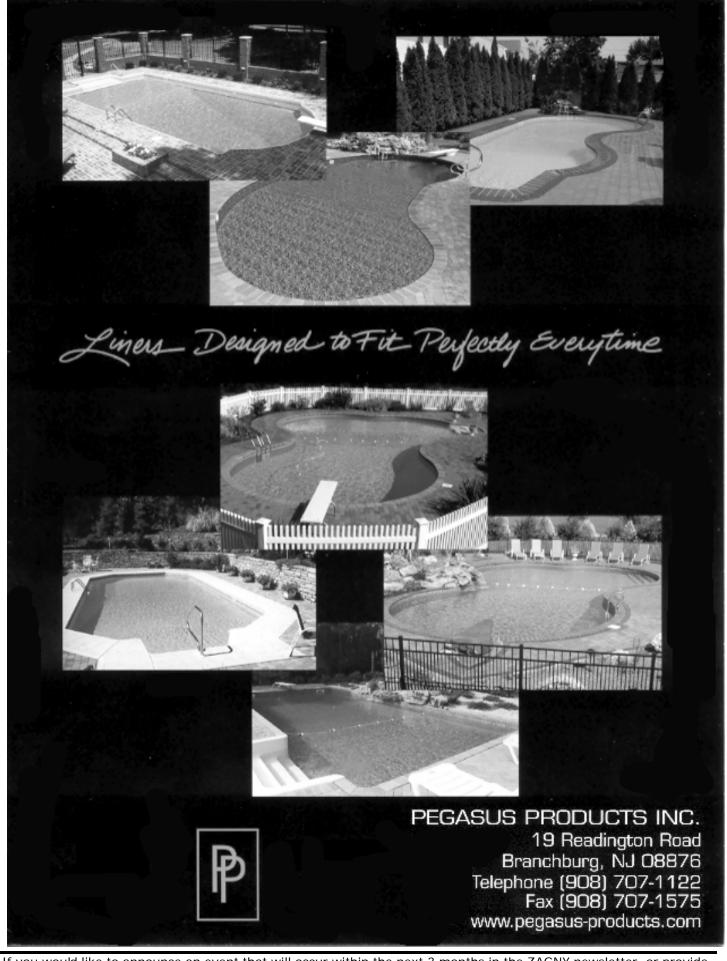
Stay tuned for further details on upcoming meetings.

September 14, 2003: SBA Loans to finance small businesses. Speaker to be announced. November 16, 2003: Health Care Issues in the Business Environment. Speaker: Dr. Yasmin Ghadiali.

WORLD ZARATHUSHTI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUSINESS ADVISORY BOARD

The first Business Advisory Board (BAB) of the World Zarathushti Chamber of Commerce (WZCC) has been established in Chicago by the Chicago Chapter of the WZCC, reports Hoshang Karani, Chair of the Chicago Chapter. Inspired by Homi Davier, the idea of establishing the BAB was floated at the last AGM of the WZCC. All Chapters of the WZCC were urged to establish a BAB in their Chapters. Chicago Chapter respective The embraced the idea and worked on the creation of the BAB at several of its meetings with inputs from all of its members. The BAB in Chicago is now fully functional and ready to undertake its first challenge, reports its manager, Yaz Bilimoria. Yaz who has worked with WZCC in the past to prepare an outline of a "Business Plan" for use by WZCC "Business members for advertising new Opportunities" advises that the BAB is staffed with several experienced business professionals who will be available for consultation to advise persons interested in organizing new business or to advise existing businesses looking for specific help and quidance. Yaz himself is a business professional operating two Quiznos stores and is well on the way to owning a third. Since this BAB is the first of its kind with no other such service available in the community, to the extent possible, the Chicago BAB will entertain requests from outside Chicago as well. If you would like assistance, please contact Yaz Bilimoria at yaz@bilimoria.com.





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MUKTAD PRAYERS 2003

Please complete this form in BLOCK letters with the correct status circled for each name and return this form by **AUGUST 1, 2003**, to:

Vispi Kanga,
Attn: Muktad Prayers
147 12th Street
Cresskill, NJ 07626
Checks should be made payable to ZAGNY.

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

I am enclosing herewith my contribution of \$ _____ (@ \$5 per name) to defray costs.

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	I will not be at	tending the luncheon on August 1	7 th , 2003.	
You	urs truly,			
PR	INT YOUR FULL	NAME	TELEPHO	NE NUMBER
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3	E O Oi B K		ЕОВ	
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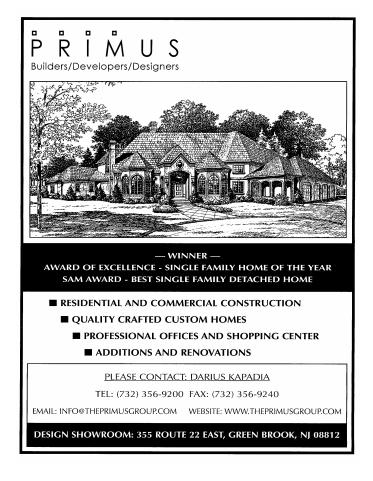
The names of the deceased are always recited together with their father/husband's name along with their status, i.e. Ervad, Osta, Osti, Behdin or Khurd, as per Zoroastrian custom. No surnames are recited in the prayers.

- E = Ervad (male who is/was a Navar)
- O = Osta (male from Athornan or priestly family but not a Navar)
- Oi = Osti (female from Arhornan 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.



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