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NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS



NEW YEAR'S EVE

Thursday, December 31, 2009

Come join us at our fun filled **New Year's Eve Gala Celebration** and enjoy the food, games and music at the Pomona Darbe Mehr starting **from 7 PM and onwards**. Come celebrate with your old friends and at the same time make some new ones too! All are welcome to attend.

Please mail in the attached registration form to reach us by **December 15, 2009**.

Religious Classes

- ◆ Certificates will be awarded at the **December 6, 2009** religious class to all our graduating students who moved up a class in September.
- ◆ Our adult classes have once again resumed, thanks to the efforts of our Jt. Secretary, Dr. Keki Dadachandji.

The September 13th and October 4th adult classes were conducted by Professor Irani. The **November 1st** class will be conducted by Framroze Patel. Starting **December 6th**, we intend to begin a detailed, but user-friendly series on the Gathas. There will be adult classes throughout the year. All sessions begin promptly after the joint prayer and announcements (around 1:30pm) on first Sunday of each month.

Kids Halloween Parade

Join us **November 1st** after the religious classes for a Kids Halloween Parade. Please inform Jasley Dukandar if you plan to attend.



XVI N.A.Z.C. Logo Design

The Public Relations Committee of the **XVI North American Zarathushti Congress** invites the **New York area Zoroastrians** to design a logo for the Congress, entitled "*Zoroastrian Existence in the Contemporary World*", which will be held on **August 2nd – 5th, 2012** in the New York area.

The logo should be a unique design and should incorporate representation of the theme of our Congress event. Your submission needs to be provided in a JPEG file with a brief description about the representation of the logo.

-Keep it simple. Your logo design should be scalable to any size without losing any image quality or visual impact.

-Typography is crucial. Your font's legibility must be of primary concern. Typefaces are selected for their distinctive character, variety of weights, widths and proportions.

-Your logo should be no more than 2-3 colors

-Make sure your logo design works well in black and white as well as color.

-A witty slogan or tagline can complement your logo well, imparting a sense of personality.

This logo will be used on all publicity materials including the brochure for this event. Each contestant may submit up to three different creations.

The winner will be selected by the Public Relations Committee in consultation with the ZAGNY Board and will receive recognition in the event program. All submitted entries will be retained by the ZAGNY. The submissions should be made by **November 30th, 2009** and e-mailed to Mehru Cama: mlcama@verizon.net.

For further information, please contact Homi Gandhi or Mehru Cama.

- Public Relations Committee

NAVROZ MUBARK!

Please mark your calendars to join us for the Jamshedi Navroz Celebration to be held on **Saturday, March 20, 2010!**

Details & Registration Form to follow in the next newsletter.

PAST EVENTS

2009 Ivy Gandhi Youth Camp (submitted by Shiroy Ranji)



The Ivy Gandhi Youth Camp 2009 or ZCamp, as it is affectionately called, was off to a rip rolling start on the **week end of June 26th**. There were 18 campers from 6 to 16 years who enjoyed a yummy dinner prepared by all the parents. The next day after an early breakfast, we were off to Bear Mountain for our annual hike. We are proud to say that this was the first year when all the campers climbed all the way to the summit. It was a hard climb but a great pleasure to see the older ones helping and encouraging the younger ones along the way. Great team work. A reward of a hot pizza lunch was appreciated by all. After chilling in the late afternoon, we gathered for an informal discussion on our religion, what it means to each of us and how we can apply it in our daily lives. The relevance of Good Thoughts, Good Words and Good Deeds brought out some interesting insights with each camper willing to do one good deed the next day and also at home. After dinner, we had a roaring bonfire with smores being consumed at a rapid pace. The next morning we started with some old fashion fun – tug of war, relay races, soccer and even some cricket. The camp was adjourned at lunch time with many friendships being strengthened and a close feeling of comradeship between the entire camp.

Our thanks to the parents for the Friday night dinner and to the chaperones; Shiroy Ranji, Dinaz & Minoo Bengali, Imroze & Percy Kavarana and Friaan Hakim. Keen interest has been received from ZAPANJ, ZAGBA (Boston) and ZCDMW (Washington DC). Hopefully next year we can have a combined camp with our sister associations and we look forward to more parents volunteering a few hours that weekend. ZAGNY thanks Shiroy Ranji for taking the lead in this fun filled event for kids.



GATHA COLLOQUIUM

ZAGNY proudly surpassed its limit of 100 attendees for the Gatha Colloquium held in New York City on **June 27th- 28th**. More than 145 people attended the Colloquium, thanks to the diligent efforts of Kaikhushroo Irani, Lovji Cama, Framroze Patel, Pervez Patel, Gev Nentin, Khursheed Navder, Ferzin Patel and Kerman Dukandar.

The Gathas, poems of **Prophet Zarthushttra** are the 17 Yasnas embedded within the 72 chapters of the Yasna. They are written in Old Avestan language, whereas the rest of the Yasnas are prose composed in the later or younger Avestan era. The Prophet's words are a time capsule, a poem written in strict meter, rhyme and rhythm that the zarathushti priests retained within their memories for centuries and recited for major life events. Since the words are in the Avestan languages, we must lean upon the learned scholars of ancient languages to fashion a key to that ancient wisdom.

We thank **WZO & FEZANA** for giving ZAGNY the opportunity to host this event and also for bringing together such renowned speakers for the Colloquium; Sam Bhada for the accommodations at the Double Tree Hotel, and all those who helped out to make it such a successful event.

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ZAGNY ANNUAL PICNIC

ZAGNY's annual picnic on **August 9th, 2009** at Cheesequake State Park in NJ was a great success. Even though there was a light rain in the morning, we had an enthusiastic crowd of 55 fun loving young, old, restless, sporting and hungry members show up with all sorts of delicious food enough to share with everybody. We kicked off the picnic, as usual with food such as delicious Bhajia's, Poras, Papri Chat, Sandwiches and other goodies.

Thanks to Kerman & Jasely Dukandar and Vispi & Sheroo Kanga who organized the picnic and arrived early to reserve the area for the group. Grills were available for cook-out. ZAGNY provided watermelon, iced tea and charcoal for the cookout. We definitely enjoyed the nicest weather for the rest of the day and we took full advantage of it. The kids and elders alike joined in the game of throw ball and Frisbee.

Thanks to Neville Dusaj for bringing the cricket gear, so everyone played cricket and had a good time. Grandparents, parents, and kids all enjoyed some cricket on the field. The highlight of the day was an intense session of *Antakshari* that topped off a relaxing and fun day in the park. All in all, it was a fun-filled day.



2009 ZAGNY MUKTAD PRAYERS

Thanks to all our gracious host families---Yasmin and Jamshed Ghadiali, Teshtar and Noshir Irani, Jasmin and Maneck Kotwal, Mahrukh Mobed and Khursheed and Shailendra Dusaj—we were able to offer prayer services during the *gatha* days at various places



in our tristate area. Muktaad prayers were also held at our Darbe Mehr on **Sunday, August 16th**. We'd like to thank our revered priests--Pervez Patel, Xerxes Antia, Darius Antia, Rohinton Dadina, Cyrus Karkaria, Karl Khambatta, Poruz Khambatta, Rohinton Madon and Adi Sidhwa for reciting prayers on muktaad days.

The prayers at the Darbe Mehr were followed by a simple home cooked lunch of *chicken dhansak*, *kachumber*, *vegetable*, and *Malido/Ravo* for dessert—all prepared by volunteers for approximately 125 gathered that day. We'd like to thank Goolu Baria, Aban Chavda, Maharukh Commissariat, Jasely Dukandar, Kashmira Dutia, Rusi Gandhi, Toni Ghadially, Rashna Harda, Dinyar and Meher Hodiwala, Testar Irani, Sheroo and Vispi Kanga, Kashmira Karai, Yasmin Madon, Arnaz Maneckshana, Dilnaz Mory, Khursheed Navder, Armaity Patel, Shiroy Ranji, Dilshad Todiwala and Katy Udwadia for volunteering with the food.

Thanks to all who came in early to ensure that the *divo*, *ses*, *chamach* and *khumchas* were sparkling and the fruits and flowers were washed and ready for the prayers. Lastly, our special gratitude to our volunteers and Board members, who assisted with warming and serving of the food and who worked tirelessly to ensure that things kept moving in a timely fashion.

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PATETTI 2009

ZAGNY's 2009 Patetti was celebrated at the Darbe Mehr on August 22nd starting with Atash Niyaesh 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 NosHIRWAN 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.

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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. 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. 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 Atashbehrum Fund Raiser was held at the Darbe Mehr in Pomona on **October 18, 2009**. It also commemorated the **300th birthday** of the Atashbehrum. 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-behrums 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 Doongerwadi 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 8th. 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 22nd. Proud grandparents are Toni & Viraf Ghadially and Khurshed Mehta.
- ❖ **Dilnavaz & Nensha d Bardoliwalla**, on the birth of their second daughter, **Zara Sophia**, on August 22nd. Proud grandparents are Hutoxi & Dinshaw Bardoliwalla.
- ❖ **Farzana & Cyrus Cama**, on the birth of their second child, son **Rayan** on Aug. 27th. Proud grandparents are Niloufer & Edul Davar and Mahrukh & Rohinton Cama.

ZAGNY extends it's best wishes to all the newborns and their families!

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 9th in India.
- **Kaika & Niloufer Clubwala**, on the sudden passing away of Niloufer's father, Dara S. Behrana, on June 30th in Campbell Hall, NY.
- **Gev & Aban Nentin**, on the passing away of Gev's father, Firoz Nentin on Aug. 12th.
- **Fali & Pam Shroff**, on the passing away of Fali's mother, Freny Darab Shroff, on Aug. 14th in Mumbai, India.
- **Shirin Khosravi**, on the passing away of her father, Behram Behmard Khosravi.

ZAGNY extends it's 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

About WZCC: The World Zarathushti Chamber Of Commerce (WZCC) 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

Contact: Arnaz Maneckshana, President, at Amaneksha@aol.com.

**Late Seth Rustomji Nusserwanji Rustom-Faramna
Agiary- 80th 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 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**

**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 to take part in this program.

**Newsletters are always available
on our web site
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 DECEMBER 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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