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NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

**ARBAB RUSTAM GUIV DEATH  
ANNIVERSARY**

**We shall not forget!**

**October 7, 2008** was the **28th Death Anniversary** of our benefactor, Late Arbab Rustam Guiv. He was our savior when back in 1973, our small Zoroastrian Community of about a hundred, was struggling to find a place of it's own to conduct religious classes and celebrate annual events. The late Dr. Rustom Sarfeh of California, who had attended our Navroz function at the UN School in 1975, on his visit to Iran mentioned of our plight to **Arbab Rustam Guiv and his wife, Khanum Morvarid**. Without any hesitation, Mr. & Mrs. Guiv were ready to commit more than \$100,000 to help find us **our first home - a Darbe-Mehr in New Rochelle**. We shall never forget their generosity or their vision! Who knew then, that a small community of about 100 Zoroastrians would grow to more than 500 in 35 years and get to enjoy their gracious gift!

We pray to Ahura-Mazda at this time to bless their souls and shower their blessings on us!  
*"The real measure of a man's wealth is what he has invested in Eternity."*

**Religious Classes**

- ◆ **Certificates will be awarded at the December 7, 2008 Religious Class to all our graduating students who moved up a class in September. We would like all kids to attend.**
- ◆ **Join us every first Sunday of the month at the Darbe Mehr, 1:30 PM to 2:30 PM and listen to Prof. Irani's interesting views on Zoroastrian Beliefs and Way of Life.**



**NEW YEAR'S EVE**  
Wednesday, December 31, 2008

Put on your dancing shoes and come celebrate the arrival of 2009 with your family & friends! ZAGNY has planned a **New Year's Eve Gala Celebration** with fun, food, games and music at the Darbe -Mehr starting **from 7 PM and onwards**. Please mail in your registration forms early to reach us by **December 15, 2008**. See attached form.

**ZAGNY BOARD NEWS**

- ◆ Due to severe time constraints of our elected Secretary, Pervin Tata Lobo, ZAGNY Board has decided to have **Behroz Dutia** take on the position and responsibilities of the **Secretary**. Pervin will continue to be a Member at Large on ZAGNY's Board.
- ◆ **Your Donations at Work!**  
The Board also voted on allocating \$2,000 to a family in California who is struggling to survive and another \$300 per month for a year to a parsi lady and two daughters, who are living in poverty in the slums of Mumbai. These funds will be distributed from ZAGNY's **Critical Assistance Fund**.

◆ ZAGNY Board had put a bid on the XV -2010 North American Zarthushti Congress, but at the request by FEZANA, opted to let Houston host it and instead has secured the bid for the **XVI - N.A. Congress to be held in New York in 2012**. We will once again be looking for volunteers to help us out in this massive task and to help make it a huge success!

**ZAGNY'S  
35<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY**  
6:30 PM; Saturday, January 24, 2009

Reminder to all, that Reservation Form for ZAGNY's 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Function is **due by January 9, 2009**. If you have not sent in your reservation yet and would like to join us in this celebration, please refer to our October Newsletter for the reservation form. We kindly request you to mail the form by the above due date. Please note that ZAGNY Board has decided to keep this Celebration open to all members of the Zoroastrian Community residing in the Tri-State Area for a nominal entry fee of \$15 (12 years and above, free for under 12 years). So what are you waiting for? Come join us and be a part of the Celebration as ZAGNY marks another milestone! We welcome **Sponsors for the Bar, Souvenirs, Paper Products, Entertainment, etc** for this event to help us defray the cost. Your donation is Tax Deductible. If interested, please contact: **Gev Nentin** or email to: [President@ZAGNY.ORG](mailto:President@ZAGNY.ORG).



**From the Secretary's  
Desk:**

As I take on the reins of this new position, I thank the Board and Members of ZAGNY for placing their trust in me. Along with other things, I shall try to bring timely & relevant news to the community via this newsletter. **Hope you all like the New Look of the Newsletter**. I am open to your comments & suggestions. Looking forward to your continued support for ZAGNY!

**Behroz Dutia**

## PAST EVENTS

UDVADA ATASHBEHRAM  
FUND RAISER

Thanks to our long time members; **Erach Munshi, Lovji Cama & Mehru Cama**, ZAGNY once again sponsored the **24<sup>th</sup> Annual Udvada Atashbehram Fund Raiser** at the Darbe Mehr in Pomona on **October 19, 2008**.

It was well attended by about 100 attendees and started off with a jashan, followed by Erach's report on the disbursement of funds for the maintenance of the Mumbai, Udvada, Surat and Navsari Atashbehrams and Agiaries; and also funds providing monetary support to the mobeds and needy Zoroastrians in the area. It was then followed by a delicious lunch catered by Najma Akhtar.

Thanks to all who contributed, a sum of about **\$ 8,000** was collected on that day. From October 2007 to June 2008, \$30,200 was collected and distributed in India. This year a goal of collecting **\$40,000 by June 2009** has been set and we sincerely hope that it will be achieved with your generous contributions.

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

NASSESALARS FUND DRIVE

A sum of **\$8,000** has also been collected and distributed to the **Nassesalars and Support Staff at Doongervadi, Mumbai**. Thanks to the efforts of **Fali & Pervin Shroff**.

For further information or to contribute, please contact Fali via email at: [Fali\\_shroff@yahoo.com](mailto:Fali_shroff@yahoo.com).

SCHOLARSHIP  
RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to our ZAGNY Scholarship Recipient for the academic year 2008-2009! Every year ZAGNY awards interest free Scholarship Loans to qualifying candidates based on merit, need and other criteria as established by the Scholarship Committee. These funds are fortunately available from donations received from our members and from loans that have been repaid by our previous recipients.

This year ZAGNY received only one application for Scholarship and has awarded **\$500 Gift Scholarship plus \$5,000 Loan Scholarship to Yezad Hoshang Anklesaria**, who is pursuing studies in **Aerospace Engineering** in Rolla, Missouri.

ZAGNY wishes him and all our youth, continued success on their path to higher education!

ZAGNY thanks our Scholarship Chair, **Keki Dadachandji** for his efforts, as well as our members who contribute towards this noble cause, along with all the previous recipients who have repaid their loans so that others too can benefit from it.

*"A Mind is a terrible thing to waste"*



## HALLOWEEN PARADE

Our little youngsters, along with their moms and dads, were all too excited to take part in **ZAGNY's Annual Halloween Costume Parade** held on November 2, 2008. The kids ranged from 2 years to 14 years old. After the Religious Classes they all marched down the Main Hall in their various get-ups to the enjoyment of all present, where to their delight treats of candies awaited them - Thanks to **Parynaz & Khushroo Vimadalal**.

## NEWS FROM MUMBAI

**Seven candidates emerge victorious in Bombay Parsi Panchayat polls**

Source: Parsi Khabar By [arzan sam wadia](#) □  
October 24, 2008

Mumbai, October 23: **New trustees vow to work in harmony and revamp BPP**

After three weeks of polling, the votes for the first ever Bombay Parsi Panchayat (BPP) elections were counted on Wednesday evening, putting seven new trustees at the helm of affairs for the next seven years. The onus will now lie on the new leadership to revamp the BPP.

The seven candidates who emerged victorious, among the 32 candidates, were Arnavaz Mistry, Dinshaw Mehta, Jimmy Mistry, Khojeste Mistry, Yazdi Desai, Rustom Tirandaz and Noshir Dadrawala. While the candidates represented different groups or stood for the elections independently, they unanimously agreed to work together to bring about changes in the BPP.

"There is a need to create harmony among ourselves. We have had a good beginning at the first meeting, and we will have to work together in the future," says Noshir Dadrawala, who believes that the new blood would help in creating an energetic leadership, full of new ideas and enthusiasm.

"Now that the dust has settled, we're looking forward to put all the controversies around the elections behind us," he added.

Trustee, Jimmy Mistry, feels that the new committee will not face much problem in taking over new role because all the members have been familiar with community service. "We are not new to this and we all have done a fair amount of community service in the past. We need to get started to make the changes in the first year and present a united face to the community," said Mistry, who believes that the present leadership must encourage a more corporate-style management at the BPP.

"Though the elections were fairly bitter during the time of canvassing, but we must work together now because we're accountable to the entire community. We have to live up to our manifestos," said trustee Khojeste Mistry. "We have decided to work in harmony and overcome difficulties as mature adults. It's going to be a tough job ahead for the next seven years, but I am optimistic about it," he added.

The seven trustees will have their first board meeting on Monday.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**2009 ZAGNY DIRECTORY**

If interested in placing an ad in our 2009 Directory, please contact any of our Board members.

**Rates:****Back Cover: \$400 Sold****Inside Back Cover: \$350 Sold****Full Page: \$250****Half Page: \$150****Quarter Page: \$80****Shout Outs: \$10 (Max. 12 words)**

Members can convey their Good Wishes for Navroz to the community via Shout Outs.

Please note that **one copy** of the Directory per Advertiser (except Shout Outs) and per membership (ZAGNY members as of March 21, 2009) will be available free of charge at the Navroz function in March. If available, a fee of \$10.00 per copy will be charged to non-members + \$5.00 if mailed.

**Please submit your current information on the attached Directory/Membership form by Feb.15, 2009 to get included in the directory.**

**COVER DESIGN**

**Reminder:** Those who wish to participate in the **Competition for the Directory Cover Design**, Entry Form is due by **December 10th, 2008**(date extended). Entry.

Form & guidelines are available in the October Newsletter. We hope our talented youth will participate in this competition. **Design is due Jan. 10, 2009 (date extended).**

ZAGNY welcomes Sponsors for Prizes that will be awarded at the Navroz Function in March.

For further information, please contact [Behrozdunia@hotmail.com](mailto:Behrozdunia@hotmail.com)

**ZAGNY GOES GREEN!**

In an effort to go green and save on printing and mailing costs (about \$3,000 per year), ZAGNY would like to phase out the mailing of the newsletter.

**Starting January 2009, ZAGNY will be E-mailing notification** to the members when the next newsletter is posted on the web. Let's all try to do our share in being eco-friendly and at the same time save some money for ZAGNY.

We sincerely hope all our members will support us in this goal by selecting **Newsletter via E-mail** option and noting their E-mail address on the attached 2009 membership form or E-mail to [Dinyar@ZAGNY.ORG](mailto:Dinyar@ZAGNY.ORG) to opt for it.

ZAGNY Newsletters are always available at [WWW.ZAGNY.ORG](http://WWW.ZAGNY.ORG)

**2009 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

**January 1, 2009** marks the beginning of a **new membership year** that runs from January to December.

We urge current members to renew their membership and welcome new ones to join in and take advantage of the various activities at ZAGNY during 2009.

**Please mail the attached Directory - Membership form with your current information by February 15, 2009, to get included in ZAGNY's NEW 2009 DIRECTORY.**

**Navroz Mubark!**

Mark your calendars to join us for the Jamshedi Navroz Celebration to be held on **Saturday, March 21, 2009!** Details & Registration Form to follow in the next newsletter.

**Our Sincere Condolences to the families of:**

- Framroze & Armaity Patel and Edul & Niloufer Davar, on the passing away of Framroze's brother, Adi, brother in law of Niloufer; in Chicago on November 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Khorshed & Cyrus Mistry; (ZAPANJ member) on the passing away of Khorshed's mother, Mrs. Aloo Billimoria in Mumbai on October 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Mahrukh Mobed; of Lawrenceville, NJ ; on the passing away of her husband, Jehangir Mobed, on October 24<sup>th</sup>.

**New Address:**

**Farhad Billimoria**, 66 Glenbrook Rd., Apt. 2322, Stamford, CT 06902  
Phone: (H) 203-517-9072  
(C)203-908-6922

**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.**

**DID YOU KNOW?**

**Emergency Medical Service** personnel can contact your next of kin if you have them listed on your cell phone contact list under "ICE" (In case of Emergency). If you have more than one, then you can set them up as ICE1, ICE2, and so on.

Thanks for this great tip  
**Ellen Byramji & Sheroo Kanga!**

## 2009 ZAGNY DIRECTORY/MEMBERSHIP FORM

Mail form by 2/15/09 to get included in 2009 Directory.  
Please note Directory will be made available to our advertisers.

New Member     Returning Member

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_  
*Last Name*
*First Name*
*Spouse's Name*

**CHILDREN:**

	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date of Birth (mm/yy)</i>
	_____	_____
	_____	_____
	_____	_____

**HOME ADDRESS:**

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▶ Prefer Newsletter via Email:  Yes     No

Phone (Home): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Cell) : \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please include the checked addresses on ZAGNY email list.*

My contact information has changed within the last year.

**SELF INFO.**

**SPOUSE'S INFO.**

Originally from: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Profession/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Business Fax: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Business E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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Business Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Business Fax: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

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**If you wish to become member of ZAGNY please select one:**

<u>Regular Member*</u>	<u>Associate Member**</u>		
[ ]	[ ]	Family membership	\$100
[ ]	[ ]	Individual adult membership	50
[ ]	[ ]	Senior citizens-per person	30
[ ]	[ ]	Full time student membership	25
[ ]	[ ]	Non-resident membership	40
		<b>Copy of 2009 Directory</b>	<b>10</b>
		(1 free copy per membership) – <b>Shipping</b>	<b>5</b>

Please allocate my donation to the following fund(s):

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

New Building \_\_\_\_\_

General Fund \_\_\_\_\_

Scholarship \_\_\_\_\_

Critical Assist. \_\_\_\_\_

Library \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

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\* Regular Members: At least one member of the family is Zoroastrian

\*\*Associate Members: No member of the familv is Zoroastrian

Donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

- o Family: Parent(s) and their Children under the age of 21 years.
- o Individual Adult: 21 years old and over.
- o Senior Citizen: 65 years old and over.
- o Student: Enrolled Full-Time at an Academic Institution.
- o Non-Resident: Residing outside the States of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut.

**Please make your check payable to ZAGNY and mail it with your form to:**

**ZAGNY Treasurer, Kerman N. Dukandar**  
**96 Bernard Avenue, Edison, NJ 08837**  
**Tel. 732-494-7976**



# ZAGNY'S

## NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2008**

**GOOD-BYE 2008 - HELLO 2009**

Come join us in the fun as we usher in 2009 and say Good bye to 2008!  
**Starting at 7:00 PM - At Pomona Darbe-Mehr – Suffern, NY**

Cocktails (Cash Bar) & Hors D'Ouvres  
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, 2008.**

**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, 2008.**

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## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

### DECEMBER 2008

12/7 1:00 PM ZAGNY RELIGIOUS CLASSES; ADULT CLASSES (1:30 PM)  
12/31 7:00 PM NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION (MAIL FORM BY 12/15/08)

### JANUARY 2008

1/4 1:00 PM ZAGNY RELIGIOUS CLASSES; ADULT CLASSES (1:30 PM)  
1/24 6:30 PM ZAGNY'S 35<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION (MAIL FORM BY 1/9/09)

### FEBRUARY 2008

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

### MARCH 2008

3/1 1:00 PM ZAGNY RELIGIOUS CLASSES; ADULT CLASSES (1:30 PM)  
3/21 ZAGNY'S NAVROZE FUNCTION (DETAILS TO FOLLOW)



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



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