

# ZAGNY

#### ZOROASTRIAN ASSOCIATION OF GREATER NEW YORK

## **April 2011 Newsletter**

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This is the first newsletter coming to you from your new Board. It gives us great pleasure in beginning this issue by congratulating and wishing our member Dolat J Cama, a very Happy 100th Birthday!

#### HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY TO DOLAT J CAMA

TO HONOR HER 100TH BIRTHDAY, THIS NEWSLETTER IS SPONSORED BY NELLY & CAWAS J CAMA AND FAMILY



Introducing Dolat Cama – a petite, cheerful and soft-spoken lady, Dolat was born in Calicut, now Kozikode, India, where her father, Ardeshir Marshall, had an insurance agency. Dolat attended a convent school in Calicut and believe it or not, speaks Malayalam to this day.

Dolat migrated to the USA in 1989, after the passing of her husband, Jehangirji Cama. Dolat currently resides with her son Cawas and daughter-in-law Nelly in Tillson, NY. Her younger son Naval and daughter-in-law Maharukh live in Mokena, Illinois.

Dolat has enjoyed raising five grand daughters Tenaz, Sherry, Dilnavaz, Parizad & Gulshan and is a doting great-grandmother to Mackenzie and Steven.

Dolat loves to cook and knit - hobbies she has enjoyed over the years. She is an avid reader and has exhausted all the books by her favorite authors at the local library. Seen in the picture above, Dolat is greeted by revered Dasturji Khushru Kaikobad Dastur (of Udvada) at the Darbe-Mehr, Pomona in May 2010.

**ZAGNY THANKS NELLY-CAWAS CAMA & FAMILY FOR SPONSORING THIS NEWSLETTER** 

#### FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

The 2008-2011 Term of the ZAGNY Board of Directors has ended. I am thankful to each and every board member for their hard work and dedication. Together, we accomplished a lot. The many things we do as a community on a regular basis now appear routine, such as our monthly religion classes, the Navroze and Pateti functions, the picnic, the summer camp and the Muktad prayers. Each however, requires careful thought, elaborate planning and a little bit of luck. Your Board has spent countless hours in this service to our community and we owe them a debt of gratitude.

The past Board was blessed with the presence of some of our younger members. They brought with them a certain technical prowess, a superior communication skill and a "can do" attitude that was refreshing. They have improved ZAGNY's ability to communicate with the community and elevated our web site to new levels of sophistication. I hope you have benefited from these improvements. It is our good fortune that most of our younger board members have decided to continue on the next 2011-2014 Board. I am confident that all of these brilliant people are ready to lead our community into the future.

One of ZAGNY's many functions is to assist in charitable efforts in North America, India and Pakistan. I am particularly proud of one situation in which we were able to assist a destitute Zarathushti lady and her two daughters to move their residence from one of the notorious slums of Mumbai to a modest apartment. Through this act, we did not change the world but the world did change for these three people. We will continue to try and make a difference one life at a time and will use your contributions to the Critical Assistance Fund in a judicious way.

In addition to the many tasks expected of the ZAGNY Board, the 2011-2014 Board will also be organizing the 2012 XVI North American Zarathushti Congress (NAZC). We expect over 500 people to attend. It is a major endeavor and the Board will be consumed at least until August 2012 with this effort to execute a successful Congress. You can all help. We will need volunteers for the many tasks ahead and we will need your active participation in our fund raising efforts both to organize and to support them with your donations. I have recently witnessed a significant rise in our community's involvement in projects. I ask that you continue your support in any way you can and become involved with your community.

I look forward to working with the new Board and I thank you for giving me so many opportunities through my life to serve the community I so love. THANK YOU!

**Gev Nentin** 

## MARCH 9, 2011: NINA GODIWALLA SPEAKS IN NEW YORK CITY

BY: ARZAN SAM WADIA

Author Nina Godiwalla released her first book titled "Suits: A Woman on Wall Street" last month. The book offers a behind-the-scenes look at the recklessness that ruled Wall Street during the dot-com boom days. Ms. Godiwalla was at the Borders Bookstore, Time Warner AOL Center in New York City for a book signing on Wednesday, March 9, 2011.

Ms. Godiwalla spoke about the reasons behind her book, life on Wall Street and What it meant growing up as a Parsi, an immigrant in Austin, Texas in the 1980's

and 90's. Her father is one of the central characters in the early part of the book and she dwelled on what it meant to grow up in a Parsi household. She touched upon the constant underlying expectations that her parents, especially her father, hinted at right through childhood. The expectation that every Parsi child had to grow up to be an over-achiever in whatever field or profession they chose.

In an audience of over 75 people, it was great to see more than 10 ZAGNY members present. We all enjoyed the opportunity to speak with Nina at the end of the book signing event.

#### MARCH 26, 2011: NAVROZE CELEBRATION AT THE DARBE-MEHR

BY: MAHRUKH CAMA & NINA MISTRY

"Navroze Mubarak" greetings filled the air when the evening began with Prayers recited by Ervad Pervez Patel and Ervad Karl Khambatta. Ervad Pervez blessed the congregation and welcomed new members to the community. President, Gev Nentin, requested first time guests to introduce themselves and extended a warm welcome to them.

Mr. Nentin kicked-off the ZAGNY Annual General Meeting (AGM) and invited the Treasurer, Kerman Dukandar, to present the financial report for 2010. Mr. Dukandar pointed out that membership had declined in 2010 and urged the congregation to register and pay their dues for 2011. He emphasized that annual membership is vital for the successful functioning of our Association. He noted that Receivables under the Scholarship Fund had steadily increased and are currently at \$56,825. He informed that the Board is in the process of contacting past recipients of Scholarships who have graduated to repay their loans so that ZAGNY can continue to support deserving students in their educational pursuits. Member, Zubeen Shroff, moved to approve the financial report and member, Homi Gandhi, seconded the motion.

Secretary, Behroz Dutia, addressed the congregation next. She thanked the community for giving her a chance to serve on the Board and announced that she will not be running for reelection. She presented the Secretary's report and summarized all the activities hosted, organized and supported by ZAGNY in 2010.

Mr. Nentin called upon the 2008-2011 ZAGNY Board to join him on stage and thanked them for their dedication and service to the community for the past three years with a special mention for the efforts of the younger members of the Board (in alphabetical order) Nina Mistry, Ferzin Patel, Shiroy Ranji and Arzan Sam Wadia. Mementos were presented to members leaving the Board, Behroz Dutia, Ferzin Patel and Keki Dadachanji (not present) in recognition of their contributions.

Mr. Nentin then invited members running for the 2011-2014 Board to join him on stage as well – Secretary, Sheroo Kanga, Members-at-Large Mahrukh Cama, Rohinton Cama and Meherzeen Daruwala (not present). Mr. Nentin asked the congregation to approve the creation of additional Members-at-Large positions to support the preparations for the 2012 XVI NAZC. No objections were raised by the members present. Mr. Nentin concluded the AGM by wishing all 273 members and guests a happy and prosperous New Year!

Festivities commenced with enthusiastic bidding at the online auction, meet-n-greet accompanied by delicious appetizers and cash bar. After all ballots were counted, Framroze Patel on behalf of the Election Committee, declared the new ZAGNY Board for the 2011-2014 term elected as nominated.

A scrumptious Parsi dinner catered by Palace at the Ben was followed by a brief update on the new Darbe-Mehr initiative by Astad Clubwala and Urmez Davar. Mr. Clubwala took a walk down memory lane to the establishment of the first Darbe-Mehr in New Rochelle and the journey to our current location in Pomona. He added that it was time for some major maintenance to this building, including a new roof, the costs for which were astronomical. A better option would be to build a new structure suited to our needs. He stated that some members, including a few youth, have come together to form the New Darbe-Mehr Initiative and have collectively donated \$400,000 for the new building to commence the initial work on building design. This group has worked hard with DMZT, ZAGNY and IZA to arrive at a building plan and looks forward to presenting this plan to the community on May 1st, 2011 at the DMZT AGM. He encouraged all members to attend and participate.

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Mr. Davar spoke from the youth's perspective stating how we needed to plan for our future generations with a vision to encourage participation and growth by helping to create a bigger and better facility that accommodates the religious, cultural and social needs of the community under one roof.

The much-awaited Gara raffle drawing was next. Malcolm Shroff was called upon to verify and place all the stubs into the raffle drum. Mahrukh Cama expressed her sincere thanks to all those who bought raffle tickets to support this fund-raising initiative and to the volunteers who worked tirelessly to sell close to 450 raffle tickets to raise approximately \$7,000. Percis Bansal, the highest ticket selling volunteer, who sold 100 tickets, was given the honor of drawing the winning raffle ticket. As the audience waited in silence, Ms. Bansal turned the raffle drum wheel and the suspense ended in a crescendo drum roll with the announcement..."and the winner is – ticket #391, purchased by Ms. Thrity Bamji of Toronto, Canada".

For those disappointed at not winning the gara raffle, lady luck was looking for door prize winners to take home the creative haft-shin table centerpieces prepared by Sheroo Kanga. Tots-n-teens were called upon to pick the lucky winners from a box containing the names of all the attendees that evening. Ten lucky winners took home the beautiful arrangements.

DJ Alan closed out the evening by entertaining the crowd till midnight.

Here's to a memorable 2011 Navroze celebration!







#### **2011 ONLINE AUCTION FUND-RAISER**

BY: NINA MISTRY

March 5<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011 - Our first-ever online auction to benefit the 2012 XVI NAZC was a great success raising approximately \$7,800. Planning for the auction started several months ago with a desire to try something different and a leap of faith with technology.

As the Social Committee members got to work, our auction list grew to over 60 items with generous contributions from many within and outside of our community. This was matched by terrific enthusiasm from bidders in the tri-state area and outside. There was something for everyone – Air India flight tickets, a hotel stay in NYC, diamond earrings, silver Asho-Farohar pendant, website design services, private flying sessions, home-made Parsi dinners and delicacies, apparel and accessories, religious artifacts, numerous restaurant vouchers, perfumes and cosmetics, autographed books by prominent Parsi authors, and cooking classes for kids by renowned Parsi 'Next Iron Chef America' contestant. Several items generated tremendous interest and we saw feverish bidding in the last 30 minutes of the auction at the March 26, 2011 Navroze function. When bidding ended at 9:30pm, it was extremely gratifying for the organizers to see that close to 100 per cent of the items had been auctioned-off.

**THANK YOU** to all the contributors of auction items, to all the enthusiastic bidders and to all the many volunteers who made this auction so successful, both in terms of money raised and in engaging the community digitally.

#### APRIL 3, 2011: DR. ALI JAFAREY VISITS DARBE-MEHR, POMONA

BY: KEKI DADACHANJI

The theme of the 2012 XVI NAZC is "Zarathushti existence in the contemporary world". We hope that this theme will lead us to look at ourselves closely, and ask some questions.

- Who is a Zarathushti? What makes a person a Zarathushti? We call this the question of Zarathushti identity. We want to understand what the possible answers are to this question, how they got formulated that way, and what the practical implications are of how we answer this question now.
- The second question is what, if any, are the threats to our future existence. Here we need to understand and reflect on population dynamics, engagement or alienation of our youth, engagement or alienation of the children of interfaith marriages, economic challenges facing some Zarathushtis, danger to our heritage sites, and so on. We need to answer the question "what would happen if we did nothing". That should lead us to answering the question "should we change something, and if so, what and how?"
- Evolution requires adapting to the environment without compromising our core beliefs. How then should we adapt?

To raise and answer the right questions, we plan to invite a few Zarathushtis to share their thoughts with us between now and the day of the Congress. We want to make sure that we hear diverse points of view from people who have reflected on these questions deeply.

Dr. Ali Jafarey was the first speaker in the series intended to explore these questions. He addressed the question of Zarathushti Identity. The Zarathushti declaration of faith is expressed by the Kushti prayer "Jasa Me Avanghe Mazda", and this short prayer distils down the essence of Zarathushti Identity. Dr. Jafarey explained the meaning of this prayer in some detail as the best expression of what makes a person a Zarathushti.

He then addressed the question of the future survival of Zarathushti religion. He pointed out that if the population of Zarathushtis is defined only as born Zarathushtis, then that number is a little over 100,000 globally, and is likely to reduce in future. On the other hand, if we include all those people who want to return to their ancestral religion as Zarathushtis, the number will be much larger, and the future brighter.

Dr. Jafarey pointed out that there are practical challenges in broadening the definition of a Zarathushti in this manner. For example, should someone who returns to the ancestral religion have access to the charitable institutions available to born Zarathushtis? Dr. Jafarey suggested possible solutions, but agreed that these questions will have to be fully explored in months leading to the Congress.

The presentation was followed by a question-and-answer session.

The next speaker in this very exciting series will be Professor Kaikhosrov Irani. He will give us his perspective on this subject on June 5, 2011 from 1:30 to 3:30pm at the Darbe-Mehr. We invite you to join us and participate in the dialog.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **APRIL 30, 2011: REVLON RUN/WALK FOR WOMEN'S CANCER**

On Saturday, April 30th, 2011, ZAGNY will participate in the **14th Annual Revion Run/ Walk for Women** in the fight to help eradicate women's cancer. Over the past several years, with the participation of many ZAGNY members, their families and friends, we have raised thousands of dollars for this worthy cause. Our ZAGNY team name is "ZOROASTRIAN ASSOCIATION OF GREATER NEW YORK". Please register - it's not too late to join!

To register, please go to <a href="http://do.eifoundation.org/site/TR?fr">http://do.eifoundation.org/site/TR?fr</a> id=1040&pg=entry

If you have any questions, please call team captain **Sheroo Kanga** at 609-448-0192 or email at kangavs@yahoo.com or co-captain **Khursheed Navder** at knavder@hunter.cuny.edu

We hope to see many of you there. Together, let's raise more funds for this very worthy cause.

#### MAY 1, 2011: NEW DARBE-MEHR BUILDING PROJECT

The New Rochelle Darbe-Mehr was the very first Zoroastrian Center in North America. The community enjoyed this large charming modified residential home for many decades. We outgrew this facility and after years of grueling searches found a wonderful property in Pomona NY which housed a Jewish community center. This was purchased in 2001 and has been the Zoroastrian community's home for the past 10 years. Over the years we have considered many options from upgrading to expansion to a completely new building.

After years of discussion, a group of community members have rationalized that a new building makes the most sense, got commitments of \$400,000 from die-hard supporters and approached DMZT/IZA/ZAGNY with their thought process to get their initial support to investigate this initiative further. The result is the New Darbe-Mehr Initiative (NDMI) LLC, a business entity which would spend the collected funds, rather than DMZT community funds, to explore this idea and opportunity. After more than 6 months of design options and a string of meetings with DMZT/IZA/ZAGNY we are finally at a point where we have a Building design which meets the needs identified by these organizations. We have very rough preliminary cost estimates and some preliminary pledges making the proposition exciting and certainly doable with wide participation.

We would like to present and discuss this project with the entire community on May 1st, 2011. It should be noted that this is a starting point and detailed design, detailed engineering, firm cost estimates etc. are all pending. DMZT/IZA/ZAGNY committees will continue to be intimately involved and when all of the information is available DMZT will conduct detailed due diligence before going to the community with its recommendation and the community's approval. We encourage all members of the Zoroastrian Community to please come and participate in the presentations and discussions –

Date & Venue: Sunday, May 1st at Darbe-Mehr, Pomona

12 Noon: DMZT - AGM

1:00 PM: Lunch hosted by NDMI

2:00 PM: New Building Presentation & Discussion by DMZT/IZA/ZAGNY/NDMI

**RSVP:** If you will stay for lunch and are not signed up for ZAGNY Lunch (regular Religion Class attendees need not RSVP), please email / call -

Jasely Dukandar - jaselydukandar@yahoo.com - Tel. No. 732-494-7976 (evenings only) OR Sheroo Kanga - kangavs@yahoo.com - Tel. No. 609-448-0192

It is a historic opportunity to build, utilize with pride, cherish, and pass on to the next generation.

PLEASE DO COME!

### **JUNE 3 – 5, 2011: 2011 IVY GANDHI YOUTH CAMP**

Welcome to the 2011 Ivy Gandhi Youth Camp - a combined camp for 6-16 year olds at the Darbe-Mehr, Pomona from June  $3^{rd}-5^{th}$  to coincide with the last Religion Class before we break for summer. To add to the fun, entertainment, outdoor activities and religious discussions, NEW THIS YEAR IS A DAY AT THE MOUNTAIN CREEK WATER PARK IN VERNON, NJ.

Volunteers for chaperons and transport are requested – one car for every four children is required to ride to & from the water park on Saturday, June 4th. Parents, please sign up!



Youth from Boston and Philly/Pennsylvania Z groups shall be invited to join.

See registration form below for further details. Look forward to seeing you in June! Camp Coordinator: Shiroy Ranji

## REGISTRATION, CONSENT & EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION FOR the 2011 IVY GANDHI YOUTH CAMP - JUNE 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011

NAME OF CHILD:			
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2011 Ivy Gandhi Youth swimming, boating and activities. I hereby confir and release the DMZT,	Camp. I understand that other sporting events and m that my child(ren) is phy ZAGNY, IZA and their office, causes of action, losses	nt to my child(ren)'s participation in the camp may involve hiking, clim that there is a risk of injury from sically able to participate in such acti- cers, employees, agents and chaper or damages which may arise out o	bing, such vities ones
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### **JUNE 25, 2011: PARSI GENERAL HOSPITAL FUNDRAISER**

Congratulations to Yasmin & Jamshed Ghadiali for hosting the PARSI GENERAL HOSPITAL FUNDRAISER for the last 25 years. Mark your calendar to join them and support their efforts!

### **JULY 10, 2011: ZAGNY ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC**

#### IT'S PICNIC TIME!

**SUNDAY JULY 10 2011** 

AT 11:00am

More details to follow in next newsletter.....



Pack your picnic basket With all the goodies you love Take along a Frisbee, Cricket bat, ball and gloves

Bring a blanket to sit upon Bug spray and sunscreen too Get the kids into the car To enjoy the day with you

And now that you're on your way To have a day of fun Look out for your ZAGNY friends Frolicking in the sun!

### **AUGUST 14, 2011: MUKTAD PRAYERS AT DARBE-MEHR**

ZAGNY invites you to join the community in prayer during the holy Muktad days this August. Prayers to honor our dearly departed will be held in Bergen County, Long Island, Princeton, Queens, Westchester/Connecticut (one or more locations per day, not in any particular order) at 6:30pm on Monday 8/15, Tuesday 8/16, Wednesday 8/17, Thursday 8/18.

Sunday 8/14 Prayers will be at the Darbe-Mehr, Pomona, NY at 11am.

We are currently accepting requests to host the Prayers at your residence on any one of the evenings that is convenient for you. As a host, you will be responsible for providing all the items required for the prayers such as flowers, fruits, sukhad-loban etc. You may choose to extend a dinner invitation / pot-luck for the attendees. ZAGNY will help arrange for the Priest to perform the Prayers.

We sincerely urge you to volunteer and participate. To host, please contact, Vispi Kanga - kangavs@yahoo.com or Meherzeen Daruwala - meherzeen@zagny.org

Thank you in advance!

## SEPTEMBER 17 & 18, 2011: NATAK, "SASOO NO SUNTAAP"

Produced and acted by the acclaimed Toronto Parsi Drama Group, "SASOO NO SUNTAAP" is a hilarious Parsi-Gujarati natak you do not want to miss!

#### **SAVE THE DATES:**

Saturday, September 17, 2011

Hindu Temple Auditorium, Flushing, NY

Sunday, September 18, 2011

North Brunswick High School Auditorium, North Brunswick, NJ

Yet another fundraising initiative to support the 2012 XVI NAZC

More details to follow in next newsletter.....



#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### AN EXTRAORDINARY OPPORTUNITY FOR ZAGNY YOUTH

The youth of our community will lead us to our future, let us guide them. ZAGNY will offer a grant to its Youth members (ages 15 to 40 years) to encourage them to attend, participate & represent our tri-state area at local, regional, national and international Zoroastrian community events. The 5th World Zoroastrian Youth Conference in Vancouver, Canada (June 30-July 5, 2011) is one such event. To kick-off this initiative, ZAGNY is committed to awarding six grants, each in the amount of \$500, on a first-come-first-served basis, to defray the travel/registration costs for our Youth members interested in attending this conference.

Four of the six grants have been awarded! We look forward to hearing from you with your request to join our Traveling Scholars to Vancouver this summer. The registration limit is 550, and has already reached 520, so please rush to contact Kerman Dukandar at 732-494-7974 if you are interested in attending.

#### **Requirements:**

- \*Please note that all awardees must be current ZAGNY members
- \*Awardees must have a valid identification or passport when traveling to Canada
- \*Awardees will provide a summary of their experience for us to share in the ZAGNY newsletter

#### **CALLING ALL DANCERS!**

The Social Committee for the 2012 XVI NAZC is looking for boys and girls of all ages (kids, tweens, teens and adults), with AT LEAST 2 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE in either, ballet, tap, jazz, hip-hop, Indian classical/Bollywood/garba, to join a variety of performances for Banquet Night (August 4, 2012) during the Congress.

To participate, please contact **Zarina Bamji** (zxb5011@psu.edu),

**Tehnaz Bamji** (tehnaz13@gmail.com) or **Khursheed Navder** (knavder@hunter.cuny.edu)

Please provide the following information in your email -

Participant's Name:

Address: Email or Phone Contact:

Age: M/F:

Type of Dance: A brief explanation of prior dance experience:

#### PLEASE NOTE:

- 1. Children must be able to attend ALL practices and be an active participant. Missing practices will result in being removed from our team. Practice days will be every other week during summer 2011 and every week closer to the Congress date next year.
- 2. Each participant will be required to have proper shoes and attire for all practices (i.e. ballet/tap/jazz shoes/paws and leotard/tights/shorts/skirt).
- 3. There will be a cost involved towards costumes for performance night.
- 4. Try-outs will be held at the end of May date to be announced shortly!

#### 7th ZOROASTRIAN UNITY CUP SOCCER TOURNAMENT

The Zoroastrian Sports Committee (ZSC) invites you to join the **7th Zoroastrian Unity Cup Soccer Tournament**, scheduled for this Labor Day weekend **(September 3-4<sup>th</sup>, 2011)** in beautiful Southern California **(Redondo Beach, Sunny Southern California)**.

Get your teams ready, get your fans hyped up and join us for a weekend of soccer, friends and lasting memories! Mark your calendars, spread the word and watch out for the application which will be available online shortly at <a href="https://www.zathletics.com">www.zathletics.com</a>

#### 2011-2012 FEZANA ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP

The FEZANA scholarship program was started in 1998 to recognize academic excellence and provide financial assistance to Zarathushti students studying in university programs in U.S.A. and Canada.

The following FEZANA Academic Scholarships are available for 2011-2012:

☐ FEZANA ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

MEHRABAN AND MORVORID KHERADI ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

□ FEZANA 20th ANNIVERSARY ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

□BANOOBAI AND MANECKSHAW KAPADIA ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

TKHORSHED PANTHAKY ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

Please visit <a href="www.fezana.org">www.fezana.org</a> for eligibility, judging and selection criteria; application procedures and forms. Completed applications must be sent electronically to Dr. Dolly Dastoor, Chair FEZANA Academic Scholarship Committee at: academicscholarship@fezana.org

#### **APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN AUGUST 1, 2011**

#### **COMMUNITY CORNER**

## MELCOWE

#### **NEW MEMBERS**

Kamal & Adil Bellihomji

Vira Byramji

Maharukh & Yazad Dalal

Dr. Aban & Keki Darbary

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816 Cinder Road, Edison, NJ 08820

18 Justin Lane, Wethersfield, CT 06109

604 Leigh Drive, Westfield, NJ 07090

#### **BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT**



Grandparents Dinci and Nausheer Avari are delighted to share the news of the birth of their grand-daughter, ASHA MARIA AVARI SILVA, on February 4, 2011, to their daughter Jennifer Avari Silva and her husband Jonathon Silva.

#### WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT

Congratulations to Jehan and Beroze Kasad on the wedding of their son Cyrus Kasad to Heidi Mak on March 19th, 2011.



#### SAD DEMISE



**Nergis Unwalla**, wife of Ervad Adi Unwalla, mother of Daraius and Shenaz, mother-in-law of Denise and grandmother of Alexis, Madeline, Simone and Victoria

**Hutoxi Pallan Ichaporia**, wife of Dr. Pallan Ichaporia and mother of Burjor, Farida, Aban, Mani and Rashna



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#### MARCH OF DIMES 10TH-YEAR SHOW "RANGEELA"

**ON** June 4th 2011, 4:30PM

AT West Windsor Plainsboro High School North,

90 Grover Mills Road, Plainsboro, NJ

**TICKETS:** VIP \$100, Gold \$50, Silver \$35; Students \$15 – price includes dinner catered by Palace of Asia

Support the youth who organize this show under the mentorship of Percis Bansal and help this worthy cause that saves babies.

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Attitude determines how well you do it"



## **APRIL 2011**

## 4/30, Saturday

REVLON RUN/WALK
 FOR WOMEN'S
 CANCER

## **MAY 2011**

## **5/01, Sunday**

- ZAGNY RELIGION CLASS
- DMZT AGM
- NEW DARBE-MEHR PRESENTATION

## **JUNE 2011**

## 6/3-5, Friday-Sunday

IVY GANDHI YOUTH CAMP

## 6/5, Sunday

- ZAGNY RELIGION CLASS
- GUEST SPEAKER Dr. IRANI

### **6/25, Sunday**

 PARSI GENERAL HOSPITAL FUNDRAISER - 25<sup>th</sup> YEAR

## **JULY 2011**

## **7/10, Sunday**

ZAGNY PICNIC

## **AUGUST 2011**

## 8/14, Sunday

MUKTAD PRAYER AT DM

### 8/15-18, Monday-Thursday

 MUKTAD PRAYER AT HOST FAMILY RESIDENCES

## 8/20, Saturday

 PATETI CELEBRATION AT DM

## **SEPTEMBER 2011**

## 9/17-18, Saturday-Sunday

 NATAK, 'SÁSOO NO SUNTAAP'