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ZOROASTRIAN ASSOCIATION OF GREATER NEW YORK

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NEW DARBE MEHR BUILDING FUNDRAISING CLOSE TO \$2,000,000!

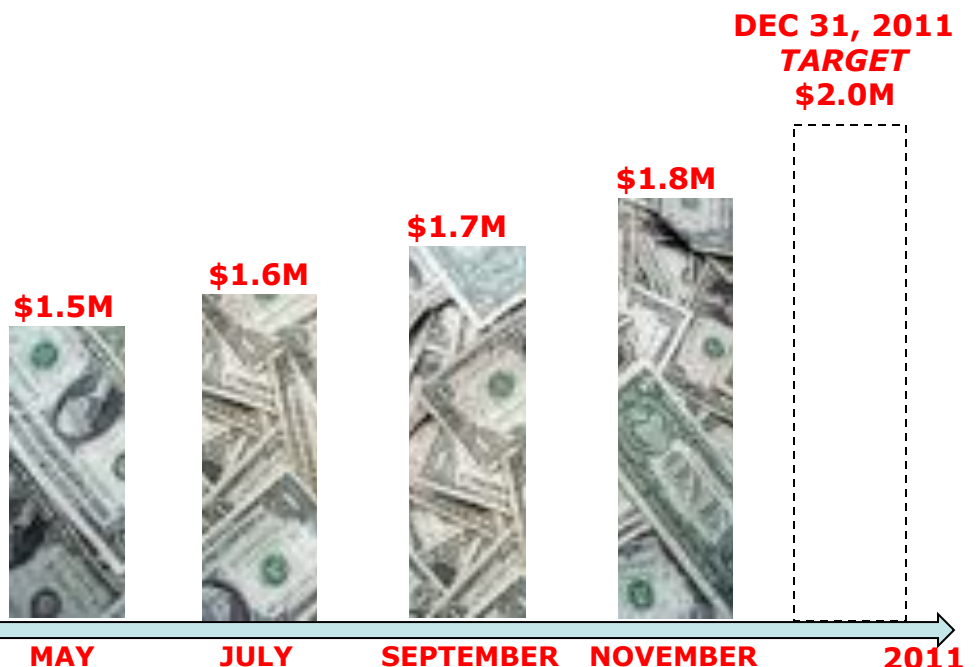
BY: EDUL DAVER

Growing our donors!....the story of the Fund Raising Committee

**GOAL
\$4,000,000**



AMOUNT OF FUNDS RAISED



\$2,000,000 TARGET BY DECEMBER 31, 2011

The New Darbe Mehr activities are in full swing! Here are some high lights:

- ◆ The Site Plan and permitting work has started. This is a tedious but critical part of the process, and hopefully, will be complete by Spring or Summer of 2012.

Contd.

- ◆ The Fund Raising Committee (FRC) is making steady progress.
 - Farrokh and Gool Patel visited Hong Kong and the 'Charity Funds of Hong Kong, Canton and Macau' have pledged \$100,000. It was a spontaneous gesture and we sincerely thank the Hong Kong community for their benevolence.
 - We received a \$5,000 check from Krishna and Uma Patel, well wishers who learnt of our plans and were not even solicited! It certainly surprised us and we thank Krishna and Uma for their generosity.
 - Thank you to our supporters who earmarked the New Darbe Mehr Fund for their wedding favors, birthday gifts and other celebrations.....what a wonderful way of showing your support and commitment!
 - Thank you also to our numerous donors who are pledging and contributing generously to make the community's dream come true.
- ◆ FRC's target is to reach \$2,000,000 by December 31, 2011. We are currently close to \$1,800,000 and working hard to meet and/or exceed this target. Donation cards will be mailed to all our community members to encourage them to include the New Darbe Mehr in their year-end donation budget. Donations are tax deductible and, depending on your age, there could be some benefits of transferring directly from your 401k.
- ◆ We would like to take this opportunity to remind those who have already pledged to start sending in their checks and take advantage of the tax deduction for 2011.

WE ARE COUNTING ON **YOU** TO MEET OUR 2 MILLION TARGET BY DECEMBER 31, 2011

(to contribute, please complete Pledge / Donation form on page 10)



***"Persistence is what makes the impossible possible,
the possible likely, and the likely definite"***

R.Half



EVENT UPDATES

UDVADA ATASH BEHRAM FUNDRAISER

The Annual Udvada Atash Behram Fundraiser, hosted by Erach Munshi and Mehru & Lovji Cama, was held on Sunday, October 16th, 2011 at the Darbe Mehr, Pomona. All funds collected will be donated towards the maintenance of the Mumbai, Udvada, Surat and Navsari Atash Behrams and Agiaris; and also provide monetary support to the mobeds and needy Zoroastrians in the area.

Contributions are accepted throughout the year. Please make checks payable to "ZAGNY-Critical Assistance Fund" and mention "Udvada Atash Behram" in the memo line. For details, please call Erach Munshi at (212)865-6683.

Thank you for your support!

KIDS HALLOWEEN PARADE AT THE NOVEMBER 6TH RELIGION CLASS

BY: MEHERZEEN DARUWALA

On November 6th, 2011 our young ZAGNY members participated in the annual Halloween parade by dressing up as their favorite characters. The youngest participant was 18 months old and the oldest was 10 years old. There was a plethora of costumes as the children walked down the center of the hall on to the stage. All the kids looked fabulous and the cheering audience was entertained by the array of colors and costumes. The popular costume for boys was "the transformers" and for girls was "a princess". Costumes were so creative and varied that our teenage judges Zenia Banaji, Tanaz Karai and Farah & Friya Randelia had a really tough time deciding on the winners. They came up with many new categories such as "cutest costume", "cutest sibling costumes", "superhero costume", "cartoon character costume", and most "creative costume", to name a few. Thanks ladies for doing such a great job!

Thanks to everyone for participating and encouraging our wonderful children!

XVI NAZC FUNDRAISER UPDATES

“DANDIYA RAAS AT THE DARBE MEHR” FUNDRAISER

BY: KHURSHEED NAVDER

ZAGNY celebrated its first ever “Dandiya Raas” event at our Darbe Mehr on Saturday October, 22nd, 2011. Organized by the Social Committee, this was the first of two Fall fundraisers benefiting the upcoming XVI North American Zarathushti Congress that ZAGNY will host in August 2012.

Our garba enthusiasts, including some sporting men, dusted off their ethnic *chania-cholis* and *churidar-kurtas*, put on their comfy dancing shoes to enjoy an evening of non-stop dancing to the rhythmic clitter-clatter of dandiya sticks. Dandiya Raas is an ancient, traditional dance form of India performed during *Navratri* - a nine-day celebration of music and dance to observe the triumph of good over evil.

The evening started off with pairs, each dancer holding two sticks clacking them with their partners. As the evening progressed, the pairs moved to dancing in rows as a group, and as the crowd grew, eventually formed two circles—one going clockwise and the other counter clockwise with partners tapping sticks as they whirled and moved their feet and arms in a choreographed manner to lively bollywood music.

The Social Committee would like to thank **Percis Bansal** for arranging the dandiya sticks through **Vipul Bansal of Medusind Solutions**. And thank you to **Jasely Dukandar** for putting together a great spread of traditional mouthwatering *chaat* items for all to enjoy.

In terms of a fundraiser, this was certainly not one to write home about, but as our old Parsi adage goes—‘*Tipe Tipe Sarovar Bharai*’.....this one created its own fun-filled little ripple, as our members danced their blues away to dandiya-raas.

“JAMVA CHALOJI” FUNDRAISER

BY: ARZAN SAM WADIA

If you were at the Darbe Mehr on November 12th, 2011, you would have felt that you walked into Albless Baug in Mumbai. The setting was for Jamva Chaloji, a fantastically successful event organized by the Social Committee as yet another fundraiser for the XVI North American Zarathushti Congress 2012.

Ladies turned out in their gorgeous garas and sensational saris; men in their daglis, phetas and pagris. The mood was one of joy and happiness and the vibe was of a typical Parsi navjote or lagan celebration.

The guests started tucking into mouth watering appetizers and liquor flowed from the bar to raise spirits higher. This was followed by an entertainment segment that left everyone nostalgic, spellbound and clamoring for more. Audience participation was amazing, with a lot of the guests spontaneously taking the mic to share songs and jokes. Old Parsi songs forgotten over the generations were sung again and they brought a smile to the listeners’ faces. It evoked a sense of the times gone by when everyone in the audience remembered their time growing up back home. Entertainment ended with the singing of Chhaiye Hame Zarthoshti. Dance music with favorites from the 50's to the current day kept everyone on the dance floor for a while before dinner was served.

The dinner seating was the star of the evening. ZAGNY's own Kamal and Virasp Davar catered a full-on Lagan Nu Bhonu. The menu included Sariya, Achaar, Murambo, Rotli, Akoori, Patra Ni Macchi, Jardaloo Sali Murghi, Gosht no Pulav-Dar, and Lagan Nu Custard. All this was served in traditional Paath style seating on Kera Na Patra (Banana leaves) flown in specially from Florida! Guests devoured this delectable feast served by ZAGNY's own members.

The event was a great success. Participation from our neighboring Z Association, ZAPANJ, made it even more special. Everyone in the gathering urged ZAGNY to make this an annual event in the coming years. With a vote of thanks to all who helped make this event happen, the evening concluded with more dance and music into the late hours.

ZAGNY DONATIONS RECEIVED LIST

BY: KERMAN DUKANDAR

The following is a list of donations received by ZAGNY for the period January to November 2011. The list includes donations in excess of \$25 and does not include donations towards the B.D. Petit Parsee General Hospital, Udvada Atash Behram and Nassesala Charities.

A sincere **THANK YOU** to all the donors for their generous contribution towards the various Funds and to every donor whose gracious contribution not exceeding \$25 is not listed herein.

Donor	Fund Category					
	New Building Fund	General Fund	Scholarship Fund	Critical Assistance	Library Fund	Congress 2012
Anonymous				\$150		
Antia, Darius and Hilla	\$65					\$215
Aria, Porus and Soonoo		\$100				
Bamboat, Shernaz and Minoo	\$100					
Bamji, Dolat		\$25				
Bamji, Edul and Tehnaz						\$50
Bansal, Percis and Rakesh	\$100					
Bardoliwala, Dinshaw and Hutoxi				\$35		
Bellihomji, Kamal and Adil	\$100					
Bharda, Aspi and Zarin				\$35		
Bharda, Darayes	\$201			\$100		
Birdie, Mitzie and Khurshed	\$100					
Byramji, Homi and Ellen	\$100					\$100
Byramji, Stefan	\$101					
Cama, Cawas and Nergish		\$400				
Cama, Kaizad and Dixie						\$51
Cama, Lovji and Mehru	\$100	\$121				
Cama, Rohinton and Mahrukh						\$100
Cassod, Vispi and Ignasha	\$50					
Clubwala, Astad and Behroz	\$100					\$200
Dadina, Rohinton and Navaz Katki	\$50	\$200				\$100
Dalal, Hormazdyar and Freny						\$50
Dalal, Yazad and Maharukh		\$60				
Damania, Farhad and Priya	\$100					
Daruvala, Toos and Hira		\$100				
Daruwala, Jahanbux and Nancy		\$55				
Dastur, Jamshed				\$29		
Dastur, Kavsy and Barbara		\$56				
Dastur, Nari and Dinoo				\$100		
Dastur, Soli and Jo Ann		\$55				
Davar, Virasp and Kamal				\$25		
Devitre, Dinyar and Aashish		\$880				
Dinshaw, Bomi and Nina						\$200
Dotivala, Tehmasp and Zarine				\$50		
Dubash, Darius and Mehru		\$540				
Dukandar, Kerman and Jasely	\$100			\$101		\$51
Dutia, Noshir and Kashmira				\$60		\$80
Gandhi, Navroz	\$100					
Gandhi, Rusi and Natalie		\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	
Gandhi, Shazneen	\$101					
Hakim, Khushru and Roshan	\$100					
Harda, Kersi and Rashna	\$100			\$200		
Irani, Khushru and Farzana				\$100		
Irani, Noshir and Teshtar			\$30			
Irani, Phiroza		\$35		\$30		
Kavarana, Percy and Imroze		\$50				
Kavarana, Rhoda				\$26		
Khambatta, Hoshang and Renate	\$100					
Khodadadi, Irandokht	\$33					
Kotwal, Maneck and Jasmin	\$100	\$101		\$25		
Langrana, Noshir and Dinaz	\$100		\$30			

ZAGNY DONATIONS RECEIVED LIST (continued)

BY: KERMAN DUKANDAR

Donor	Fund Category					
	New Building Fund	General Fund	Scholarship Fund	Critical Assistance	Library Fund	Congress 2012
Madon, Rohinton and Yasmin	\$100			\$282		\$130
Malesra, Kobad				\$55		
Mama, Kayomarz and Katayun				\$601		
Mantri, Amit and Anahaita	\$100					
Masani, Zal	\$100					
Mehta, Feroza and Godrej	\$101					
Mehta, Firdosh and Maharukh				\$25		
Mehta, Ruyintan and Monica				\$100		
Mehta, Sherazad and Mrinalini Nair			\$40	\$40		
Merchant, Hoshi and Nawaz	\$100			\$170		
Merchant, Kamal				\$41		
Mistry, Adil and Nina	\$100					\$150
Mistry, Key and Khorshed			\$20	\$20		
Mody, Keki and Diane	\$250			\$235		
Navder, Khursheed and Shailendra Dusaj			\$30			
Nentin, Gev and Aban	\$500	\$60				
Neville, Mahrukh and Vincent		\$100		\$75		
Palkhiwala, Baji and Christine		\$35				\$35
Patel, Dinshaw and Shernaz		\$100				
Patel, Ferzin and Rajan						\$271
Patel, Framroze and Armaity		\$100		\$104		
Ranji, Shiroy	\$101					
Saraf, Sharad and Thrity		\$130				
Sarkary, Homi and Gul		\$150		\$50		
Sethna, Rusi and Shernaz	\$50					
Shroff, Phil and Dhun		\$75				
Shroff, Zubeen and Anahaita Kotval			\$60			
Sribnick, Zenobia and Ethan		\$180				
Subjally, Dinaz and Farhad	\$100		\$40			
Tavaria, Soli and Naju				\$40		
Udwadia, Dianne				\$100		
Udwadia, Viraf and Katy		\$31				
Vimadalal, Khushroo and Parynaz				\$51		
Wadia, Shirin and Arzan	\$100					\$240

The following list includes significant donations in excess of \$1,000 from a single donor.

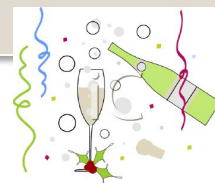
A heartfelt **THANK YOU** to all the donors for their very generous contributions towards the various Funds.

Donor	New Building Fund	General Fund	Scholarship Fund	Critical Assistance	Library Fund	Congress 2012
Antia, Smita and Xerxes		\$1,001		\$1,500		
Austin, Cyrus				\$14,000		
Bansal, Rakesh and Percis	\$800					\$700
Gandhi, Homi	\$2,121	\$122	\$51	\$163		\$301
Gandhi, Navroze						\$4,839
Malva, Ruby and John Norwood						\$1,000
Minwalla, Darius and Mickey	\$1,000					

UPCOMING EVENTS



NEW YEARS EVE CELEBRATION AT DARBE MEHR



Ring in the New Year with your family and friends at the
ZAGNY New Years Eve Celebration
on Saturday December 31st, 2011, 7:30pm onwards
at the Darbe Mehr, Pomona

Dance all evening with non-stop musical hits.....Enjoy a delicious dinner of Parsi favorites.....And count-down to 2012 with a champagne toast!

Adult members \$35, Senior Citizens (65 years & over) \$25, Tots-n-Teens up to 16 years \$15, Non-members \$50. Register online at www.zagny.org or complete the registration form below and mail to Kerman Dukandar before DECEMBER 23, 2011.

Look forward to bringing in the New Year with YOU!

NEW YEARS EVE CELEBRATION REGISTRATION FORM

Please DO NOT mail this form if you will register online (visit www.zagny.org)

Event Date: **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2011**
Venue: Darbe Mehr, 106 Pomona Road, Suffern, NY 10901
Time: 7:30pm onwards

Name: _____
Last Name First Name

Email: _____ **Phone:** _____

ADULT MEMBERS: _____ @ \$35.00= \$ _____

SENIOR CITIZENS (65 yrs & Over): _____ @ \$25.00= \$ _____

TOTS-N-TEENS (5 - 16 yrs): _____ @ \$15.00= \$ _____
(Children Under 5 yrs FREE)

NON-MEMBERS: _____ @ \$50.00= \$ _____

VOLUNTARY DONATION (optional) towards VXI NORTH AMERICAN
ZARATHUSHTI CONGRESS 2012 = \$ _____

TOTAL via check # _____ **=** **\$** _____

Meal Preference: **Vegetarian** - _____ **Adults** _____ **Tots-n-Teens** _____ **Children**

Non-vegetarian - _____ **Adults** _____ **Tots-n-Teens** _____ **Children**

Please make checks payable to **ZAGNY** and mail before **DECEMBER 23rd, 2011** to:
Kerman Dukandar, ZAGNY Treasurer, 96 Bernard Avenue, Edison, NJ 08837.

At the Gate Fee & Registrations received after DECEMBER 23rd, 2011 will be charged \$55 per person

Registration fee is non-refundable

PHOTO GALLERY

DANDIYA RAAS AT THE DARBE MEHR



JAMVA CHALOJI



HALLOWEEN AT THE DARBE MEHR



COMMUNITY CORNER

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT



Grandparents Ruby Malva and John Norwood are delighted to share the news of the birth of their grandson **Shelly Joseph** on November 20, 2011 at 10:56pm, to their daughter Daniella Norwood-Bigda and her husband Brian Bigda.

ZAGNY welcomes our newest addition to the community

NAVJOTE MUBARAK

Congratulations to Darius and Cyrus Sarkary on their Navjote Ceremony on July 16th, 2011 at the Darbe Mehr, Pomona, NY.



Parents Xerxes and Jerilyn Sarkary and grandparents Gul and Homi Sarkary wish the boys the very best as they begin their Zoroastrian journey.

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT

Dianne Udwadia, daughter of Katy and Viraf A. Udwadia, and sister of Dr. Neville Udwadia, was married to Michael Kim in New Jersey on October 1, 2011.

Meher Dalal, daughter of Freny and Hormazdyar Dalal, was married to Marcelo Augusto Bossi on October 28th, 2011. Meher and Marcelo will live in Mountain View, California.



ZAGNY congratulates the newly-weds!

SAD DEMISE



Perin Colah, wife of late Jamshed, mother of Eric, Jessy, Percy and Aspi, mother-in-law of Pushpa Eric Colah, Annamarie Jessy Colah and Percis Aspi Colah, grandmother to Perin, Freddy, Zenobia, Zubin and Zeba, maami of Aban Chavda and Dinshaw Master, passed away peacefully on November 10, 2011 in Mumbai, India at the age of 88.

Rusi Patell, husband of Maharukh, passed away on October 12, 2011.

ZAGNY extends it's heartfelt condolences to the grieving families

APPEALS FOR HELP

Appeal from Federation of Zoroastrian Associations of North America (FEZANA):

During the year FEZANA Welfare Committee gets a number of requests, and after due diligence does it's best with the limited resources available. When you donate for a cause and the requirements are fulfilled, the money remains in the fund and is disbursed to the next applicant. We have helped community members here in North America and throughout the world.

At present we have been asked to assist a 35 year old single parent who has a 7 year old daughter. The mother has been treated for Encephalitis for the past four and a half months in Mumbai, India. She is partially paralyzed and is getting treatment through medication and physiotherapy. Her and her retired parents savings have been depleted to meet medical expenses.

We pray Ahura Mazda grants her strength to regain her health so that she can be there to guide her daughter to a good Zarathushti life and take care of her parents in their retired life.

Please send donations to FEZANA Treasurer: Ratan Mistry, 1258 Lily Way, San Jose. CA 95129. Thank you for your help and support always.

Freyaz Shroff, Houtoxi Contractor, Hosi Mehta
FEZANA Welfare Committee.

APPEALS FOR HELP (continued)

Appeal from The Zoroastrian Association of California (ZAC):

ZAC has received the following appeal from Ahmedabad, India. Delnaz Rayomand Kerawala born on 5th Feb, 1993 - 18 years old, was detected in May 2010 with stage II bone cancer which in medical terms is known as "E wing's Sarcoma / PNET, left retroperitoneal mass".

Delnaz is under treatment of Dr. Mandeep Shah who is an Orthopedic Oncologist. In her case, due to the very big tumor, she has already undergone 5 Chemotherapy treatments to reduce it's size. By God's grace the tumor has reduced by about 35% but after major surgery a permanent defect in the leg cannot be ruled out as the tumor is adversely affecting even her sciatic nerve.

Chemotherapy treatment costs between Rs.20,000-Rs.30,000 per session. All the other tests and medicine expenses already exceed Rs.250,000. Surgery, scheduled for 11th November will cost Rs.300,000 plus other incidental expenses.

Her mediclaim is for a very small amount. Her father Rayomand Kerawala is a manager at the Ahmedabad Parsi Dharamshala and earns a monthly salary of only Rs.4,500. The family supplements it's income by serving meals to guests at the Dharamashala. They have received some help from the trustees of Ahmedabad Parsi Panchayat and are also applying to trusts in Mumbai.

Please send donations to ZAC Treasurer: Rooky Fitter, 1424 East Walnut Ave, Orange, CA 92867. Or in India, please send donations to: Rayomand Ardesar Kerawalla, Dena Bank, Delhi Chakla Branch, Ahmedabad; Account number: 002010024462; Address: Lady Bachubai Navroji Vakil Parsi Dharamshala, Behind Relief Cinema, Salapas Road, Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India. Contact Mobile : 0091-9824923041.

Happy New Year



WISHING ALL OUR ZAGNY FAMILIES

THE VERY BEST FOR 2012!

- ZAGNY BOARD -

THE NEW DARBE MEHR PROJECT – PLEDGE / DONATION FORM

YES! I WOULD LIKE TO SHOW MY SUPPORT TOWARDS THE NEW DARBE MEHR BUILDING PROJECT

1. Personal Information

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Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Email: _____

2. I would like to show my support with a gift of – \$ _____ \$100,000 / \$50,000 / \$25,000 / \$10,000 / \$5,000

(Please note that gifts of \$100,000 and more will be recognized by permanent naming of various rooms in the new Darbe Mehr. Please contact Toos Daruvala at toosdaruvala@aol.com / Edul Daver at daver@acupowder.net for details)

3. Gift Options

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CHECK ENCLOSED – Check # _____

(Please make check payable to “**Darbe Mehr Zoroastrian Temple/Special New Building Fund**”)

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SECURITIES (Stocks, Bonds etc.)

Estimated Value: \$ _____

(Please contact DMZT-Treasurer, Minu Dutia at dutiaminu@yahoo.com for transfer instructions & other details)

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Number of Installments _____; Beginning (month/year)_____/_____
For a total gift of \$ _____ (should be same as in Item 2 above)

4. Please designate my gift (Please write name(s) as you would like them to appear on the Donor List)

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In MEMORY OF, NAME: _____

☐

In MY FAMILY NAME: _____

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5. Donor List

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☐ WITH the amount of my gift where amounts are stated

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☐

I do NOT wish to disclose the names listed in Item 4 above on the Donor List on a website, e-blast communications or printed in ZAGNY newsletters

Signature

Date - MM / DD / YYYY

Please return form to: Minu Dutia, DMZT-Treasurer, 5 Amethyst Court, West Nyack, New York 10994

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THANK YOU!

ARZAN SAM WADIA for your valuable
contributions as ZAGNY Board member
and XVI NAZC 2012 Organizing
Committee member. Your ‘can-do’
attitude makes you the ‘go-to’ person for
every request. We sincerely appreciate
all you do for the community!

MAHRUKH CAMA and **PAM SHROFF**
for taking the initiative to painstakingly
clean both trolleys used at the Darbe
Mehr kitchen. Your efforts are deeply
appreciated by all benefitting from the
use of spotlessly clean trolleys for meal
serving!

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**Be good, be kind, be humane, and charitable; love your fellows; console the afflicted;
pardon those who have done you wrong." —Zoroaster on Charity**



DECEMBER 2011

12/04, Sunday

- ZAGNY RELIGION CLASS

12/31, Saturday

- NEW YEARS EVE
CELEBRATION AT DARBE
MEHR

JANUARY 2012

01/08, Sunday

- ZAGNY RELIGION CLASS

FEBRUARY 2012

02/05, Sunday

- ZAGNY RELIGION CLASS

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03/03, Sunday

- ZAGNY RELIGION CLASS

DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED SHORTLY

- ZAGNY NAVROZE
CELEBRATION