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ZOROASTRIAN ASSOCIATION OF GREATER NEW YORK

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FEDERATION OF ZOROASTRIAN ASSOCIATIONS OF NORTH AMERICA (FEZANA) SILVER JUBILEE YEAR

2012 - 25TH YEAR OF FEZANA

FEZANA was registered in the State of Illinois on June 2, 1987 as a non-profit, religious and charitable organization. Since its conception with 16 North American Zoroastrian Associations under its umbrella, FEZANA has grown to encompass 27 Zoroastrian Associations across North America. The first FEZANA Annual General Meeting was held in Toronto on April 1, 1988, in conjunction with the sixth North American Zoroastrian Congress.

ZAGNY is proud to be a part of this milestone year and is honored to host the celebratory FEZANA Silver Jubilee gala dinner on August 2, 2012 as part of the XVI North American Zoroastrian Congress. Key individuals in FEZANA's history will be recognized at this event and it promises to be an evening you don't want to miss!



25th Anniversary Journal Special Issue

Dear Zarathushtis of North America and Global Zarathushtis:

2012 marks the historic 25th anniversary of the establishment of FEZANA and the FEZANA Journal. For this monumental silver jubilee, we will be publishing a special 25 page Journal issue showcasing the North American Zarathushti community and their milestone achievements in the past 25 years; and would like our Global Zarathushti community to be an integral part of this legacy to create a cohesive spirit of communal solidarity.

Thus, we invite you to send a 50-word submission on either a person or an event, which in your best judgment has made a significant footprint on the fabric of our North American Zarathushti community. People can be posthumously recognized as well.

You do not have to be a resident of North America to participate in this submission. 25 submissions will be chosen for publication. Please send your submission by **FEBRUARY 1, 2012**; via email to [**editor@fezana.org**](mailto:editor@fezana.org)

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XVI NORTH AMERICAN ZARATHUSHTI CONGRESS 2012

ZARATHUSHTI EXISTENCE IN THE CONTEMPORARY WORLD

DATE:

**AUGUST
02 - 05,
2012**

VENUE:

**HILTON
WESTCHESTER
RYE BROOK, NY**

HOSTED BY:

**ZOROASTRIAN ASSOCIATION
OF GREATER NEW YORK**



IN PARTNERSHIP WITH

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R E G I S T R A T I O N F O R M

THE CONGRESS

The XVIth North American Zarathushti Congress will bring together Zarathushtis of all ages from all over the world to celebrate our community and explore Zarathushti Existence in the Contemporary World.

Now is the time for us to examine where we are and how we need to adapt as a community to ensure that we not only survive, but thrive. What makes someone a Zarathushti? What can we do to make the Navjote ceremony a more meaningful ritual for our children? How can we encourage and prepare our youth to lead the community in the days to come?

The Congress will provide a forum for exploring these and other questions as you strengthen old friendships and create new ones. Whether this is your first or your 16th Congress, we will surely have something here for you. Pack your bags and book your tickets to New York from August 2nd to 5th, 2012. Bring your ideas and expect to participate fully. The 2012 North American Zarathushti Congress will take place in Rye Brook, New York, a short drive from New York City.

"Our existence in this world will depend on how our children and grandchildren feel and relate to our religion" *Keki Dadachanji*,
Program Committee Chair, NAZC2012

Congress organizers have conducted interviews with community members from all corners of the globe to identify emerging issues and relevant topics. These topics will be explored through presentations, discussions, and other activities designed to help participants learn from scholars, community leaders, and most importantly, one another.

THE PROGRAM

Panelists will share their views on who is a Zarathushti to stimulate audience discussion on the important topic of Zarathushti Identity. Core Beliefs will explore the unique elements of Zarathushtra's teachings and how they translate into daily living. In Rituals and Practices, participants will examine how the Navjote can be made more meaningful in the North American context. Worldwide Zarathushti Community issues will examine poverty, the destruction of our heritage sites, and other pressing issues that threaten the community. Zarathushti Youth will offer a forum to explore the issues of community involvement and identity of young people growing up in North America. One of the components of the Education Session will be a workshop for Religion Class Teachers focusing on developing lesson plans and teaching methodology. The other component of the session will be a course in Zarathushti History and Religion. An exhibit "From Then to Now" will transport you back in space and time from our heritage sites in ancient India and Iran, through the millennia of our Diaspora and to our existence in the contemporary world.

ENTERTAINMENT

Our Social Committee is working tirelessly to ensure unforgettable productions of entertainment programs throughout the Congress. We will feature a "Grand Opening Ceremony" and a Gala Banquet featuring talent from across our community, and conclude with a serene retrospective Closing Ceremony. On Wednesday August 01, the youth are arranging a fun filled Pre-Congress Night and on Thursday August 02, FEZANA will be celebrating its 25th Anniversary with a dinner and dance.

New York offers something for everyone; enjoy Manhattan on your own from afternoon to late night, choosing from a limitless variety of activities. Tour the city's most spectacular landmarks. Cruise around the island and enjoy breathtaking views of the New York skyline, or enjoy a Broadway show.

VENUE

The 2012 NAZC will be held at the resort complex of the Hilton Westchester Rye Brook, located at 699 Westchester Avenue, Rye Brook, New York 10573 Tel: 1-914-939-6300.

The resort situated on 45 beautifully landscaped acres of lush woodlands, is ten minutes east of White Plains, NY in Westchester County. The Hilton Rye Brook, NY hotel is Westchester County's premier hotel, combining the relaxed setting of a resort with the flexibility of a full-service business hotel. The Rye train station is 45 minutes away from Manhattan, NY by train or by car.

WZCC DAY 2012

The WZCC NY Chapter is organizing a WZCC DAY 2012 commencing in the afternoon of August 01, 2012, the day preceding the Congress. The day's program will include visits to NYC's business districts and dinner with keynote speakers. For further details, please visit www.WZCCDAY2012.COM

ADD-ON OPTIONS

FEZANA 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

THURSDAY AUGUST 02, 2012

The year 2012 marks the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of the founding of FEZANA. To mark this event, an evening of Celebrations, Dinner and Dance will be organized during the Congress on Thursday August 02, 2012.

AN EVENING IN NEW YORK CITY

FRIDAY AUGUST 03, 2012

Participants will have the opportunity to avail of an add-on event: **An Evening In New York City**. The NYC Transportation add-on option only includes bus transportation from the hotel to NYC and back.

Buses will leave promptly at 3:00 pm from the hotel and return from NYC at 11:00 pm and 1:00 am. Participants are expected to be at the location at least 15 minutes before the scheduled departure time.

The Congress organizing committee will negotiate discounted rates for NYC sightseeing. Please visit the Congress website <http://nazc.zagny.org> for more details.

DINNER & ENTERTAINMENT AT THE HILTON

FRIDAY AUGUST 03, 2012

For those not visiting New York City that evening, an entertainment program and dinner will be organized at the hotel during the evening of Friday August 03, 2012.

In order to ensure a proper headcount all FEZANA AGM Delegates must select this option.

For up-to-date information about the 2012 NAZC Congress, please visit

<http://nazc.zagny.org>

For any queries about the registration process for the 2012 NAZC please contact:

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On Facebook: <http://facebook.com/nazc2012> 
On Twitter: http://twitter.com/_zagny 

REGISTRATION RATES

All rates are in U.S. Dollars. Each 2012 NAZC registration includes :
3 lunches,
4 Coffee/Teas and
The Gala Banquet Dinner on Saturday August 04, 2012

Postmarked By	0 - 5 years	6-12 years	13 - 24 years	25-65 years	66 and above
Early Bird Before 01.31.2012	\$ 100	\$ 150	\$ 250	\$300	\$ 275
Regular 02.01.2012 - 05.31. 2012	\$ 150	\$ 200	\$ 300	\$ 350	\$ 325
Late 06.01.2012 - 07.26.2012	\$ 250	\$ 325	\$ 425	\$475	\$450

SCHEDULE

Below is a brief overall schedule of the XVI NAZC 2012.

For your convenience and planning, we have provided a general outline of the event days.

A more comprehensive schedule will unfold in the months leading up to the congress.

	Wednesday August 1, 2012	Thursday August 2, 2012	Friday August 3, 2012	Saturday August 4, 2012	Sunday August 5, 2012
Morning		Congress Begins Congress in Session	Congress in Session	Congress in Session	Congress in Session Congress Concludes
Lunch					
Afternoon	WZCC Day 2012	Congress in Session	FEZANA AGM Begins An Evening in NYC	Congress in Session	
Break					
Evening	Pre-Congress Youth Night	FEZANA 25th Anniversary Dinner	Dinner & Entertainment At The Hilton	Gala Banquet	

SPONSORSHIP

Organizing such an event requires substantial funds and we are seeking contributions from our philanthropic individuals and businesses to meet the program expenses. We have defined four (4) levels of sponsorship program - Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum. Each level of sponsorship is associated with certain privileges as listed below:

	BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD	PLATINUM
Sponsorship amount	\$3,500 & above	\$5,000 & above	\$10,000 & above	\$15,000 and above
Complimentary Registration* (no. of persons)	✓ (2)	✓ (2)	✓ (2)	✓ (4)
Electronically displayed Logo/Name	✓	✓	✓	✓
Acknowledgement in the Congress Brochure	✓	✓	✓	✓
Congress Insignia (Ribbon)	✓	✓	✓	✓
Preferred seating for Banquet		✓	✓	✓
Complimentary Hotel room (from Aug 1-4, 2012)		✓	✓	
Complimentary Hotel suite (from Aug 1-4, 2012)				✓
Complimentary Airport transportation			✓	✓
Broadway show (no. of tickets)			✓ (2)	✓ (4)
Full page ad in the Congress Brochure				✓

*Registration includes cost of registration for the Congress, FEZANA 25th anniversary dinner, and Add-on for transportation to NY City on Friday, August 3, 2012

REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT

If registering by MAIL:

Please refer to registration and option rates and make check payable to ZAGNY. In the memo line of the check please mention NAZC 2012. Payment must be in US Dollars either by a personal check or by cashier's check.

Please mail all checks and completed registration form to:

Piroja R. Press
653 Richmond Court, Ramsey, NJ 07446, U.S.A.

If registering ONLINE:

Visit <http://nazc.zagny.org> and complete your registration online. You will have the ability to make a secure online payment with a credit/debit card at no additional cost.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS & POLICIES

Please use additional forms if registering more than four participants.

Participants up to 12 years of age will be served kids meals.

Children under 6 years of age will not be allowed in the regular Congress sessions. A Children's Zarathushti Program will be available for ages 5-12 years at no additional cost. Baby sitting services may be provided for children 1-4 years.

Space permitting and at the discretion of the organizing committee reservations for a Banquet Only option may be made available between July 15 - 26, 2012.

GENERAL REGISTRATION & CANCELLATION POLICY

A 15% penalty for cancellation requests received by 6/30/2012.

No refunds on or after 7/1/2012.

Registration and admission to various events are subject to capacity restrictions.

The organizing committee reserves the right to cancel any event in case of inadequate interest or circumstances beyond its control.

ACCOMMODATION INFORMATION

Accommodations are at the Hilton Westchester Rye Brook, 699 Westchester Avenue, Rye Brook, NY 10573.

Registrants are responsible for hotel reservations and accommodation. Registrants are advised to handle these independently.

RATE

Block bookings have been arranged at a very special rate of \$119.00 per room (single/double/triple/quad) plus appropriate state and local taxes. In addition, these discounted rates will be offered based on availability 3 days before and 3 days after the Congress dates. In the event a room has been requested and one checks out prior to the reserved check-out date, the hotel will charge an early check-out fee of \$75.00 to your bill. In order to avoid an early check-out fee please advise Hilton Rye Brook at or before check-in of any change in planned length of stay.

CHECK-IN TIME

The check-in time is 3:00 PM and check-out time is 12:00 PM. All guests arriving before 3:00 PM will be accommodated as rooms become available. The Bell Staff can arrange to check-in baggage if you arrive early when rooms are unavailable. Parking is free at the hotel.

ROOM RESERVATIONS

The Reservations link for NAZC 2012 is <http://zagny.org/hilton> or by calling the Hilton Rye Brook room reservation department at 1-800-HILTONS. Please request the group rate for ZAGNY or give the unique group code [**ZAG**].

In order to confirm a room assignment the Hotel will require one night's deposit, refundable up to 72 hours in advance of the check-in date.

AIRPORT TRANSPORTATION

To book a car service from all major airports, please contact one of the providers below and mention ZAGNY to get special discounted rates.

Deluxe Limo and Luxury Car Service
1-866-703-0066 or 1-914-368-2182
<http://www.mydeluxelimo.com>

GO Airport Shuttle
1-866-284-3247 or 1-203-891-1280
<http://zagny.org/goairportshuttle>



REGISTRATION FORM

	ATTENDEE 1	ATTENDEE 2	ATTENDEE 3	ATTENDEE 4
First Name				
Last Name				
Email Address				
Age as of Aug 01, 2012	<input type="radio"/> Senior (66+ years) <input type="radio"/> Adult (25 - 65 years) <input type="radio"/> Youth (13 - 24 years) <input type="radio"/> Child (6 - 12 Years) <input type="radio"/> Toddler (0- 5 Years)	<input type="radio"/> Senior (66+ years) <input type="radio"/> Adult (25 - 65 years) <input type="radio"/> Youth (13 - 24 years) <input type="radio"/> Child (6 - 12 Years) <input type="radio"/> Toddler (0- 5 Years)	<input type="radio"/> Senior (66+ years) <input type="radio"/> Adult (25 - 65 years) <input type="radio"/> Youth (13 - 24 years) <input type="radio"/> Child (6 - 12 Years) <input type="radio"/> Toddler (0- 5 Years)	<input type="radio"/> Senior (66+ years) <input type="radio"/> Adult (25 - 65 years) <input type="radio"/> Youth (13 - 24 years) <input type="radio"/> Child (6 - 12 Years) <input type="radio"/> Toddler (0- 5 Years)
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Banquet Meal Preference	<input type="radio"/> Beef <input type="radio"/> Fish <input type="radio"/> Vegetarian	<input type="radio"/> Beef <input type="radio"/> Fish <input type="radio"/> Vegetarian	<input type="radio"/> Beef <input type="radio"/> Fish <input type="radio"/> Vegetarian	<input type="radio"/> Beef <input type="radio"/> Fish <input type="radio"/> Vegetarian
Registration	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$
FEZANA 25th Anniversary Dinner Thu Aug 02, 2012	<input type="radio"/> US \$ 75 (OPTIONAL)	<input type="radio"/> US \$ 75 (OPTIONAL)	<input type="radio"/> US \$ 75 (OPTIONAL)	<input type="radio"/> US \$ 75 (OPTIONAL)
NYC Roundtrip Transportation Fri Aug 03, 2012	<input type="radio"/> US \$ 25 (OPTIONAL)	<input type="radio"/> US \$ 25 (OPTIONAL)	<input type="radio"/> US \$ 25 (OPTIONAL)	<input type="radio"/> US \$ 25 (OPTIONAL)
Entertainment & Dinner at Hotel Fri Aug 03, 2012	<input type="radio"/> US \$ 50 (OPTIONAL)	<input type="radio"/> US \$ 50 (OPTIONAL)	<input type="radio"/> US \$ 50 (OPTIONAL)	<input type="radio"/> US \$ 50 (OPTIONAL)
Attendee Total	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$
Donation	US \$	FOR OFFICIAL USE Received On Registration # Entered By Checked By		
GRAND TOTAL	US \$			

PRIMARY REGISTRANT

We will use these contact details for all communications regarding your registration

**CONTACT
INFORMATION**

NAME

First Name

Middle Name

Last Name

ADDRESS

Street Address

City

State

Zip

Country

TELEPHONE

EMAIL

Home

Cell

Email Address

EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME AND PHONE NUMBER

**EMERGENCY
CONTACT INFO**

ACTIVITIES FOR REGISTERED CHILDREN

The following activities will be provided free, at no additional cost, to all registered children. These activities will be held only if we have a sufficient number of children registered for the specific activity. The children's program will take place concurrently with the adult sessions. Parents must pick up their children at meal times.

ZARATHUSHTI PROGRAM FOR THOSE REGISTERED CHILDREN AGES 5 - 12 YEARS

NUMBER OF CHILDREN: _____

AGES OF CHILDREN: _____

BABY SITTING FOR REGISTERED CHILDREN AGES 1 - 4 YEARS

NUMBER OF CHILDREN: _____

AGES OF CHILDREN: _____

**For Official Use
Registration #**



XVI NAZC, 2012

EXHIBIT ROOM: SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

The XVI NAZC, 2012 shall showcase the theme of the Congress, 'Zarathushti Existence in the Contemporary World' in an Exhibit Room.

We are looking for assistance in various areas, such as Audio-Visual support, Staging, Creating Wall Posters and Exhibits, etc.

For further information and if you would like to help with the Exhibit Room, please email Arnaz Maneckshana at amanecksha@aol.com or call (201)342-7283.

ELECTRONIC ITEMS RAFFLE FUNDRAISER

ZAGNY presents, a

"MUST HAVE ELECTRONICS RAFFLE"

(a fundraiser for the XVI North American Zarathushti Congress, 2012)

**THANK YOU
CYRUS WADIA for
your help in obtaining
the SONY prizes**

Grand Prize - SONY 55" Full HD, 3D, LED TV, 240hz Motion Flow

2nd Prize - SONY VAIO S series 13.3" LED laptop
(Intel I Series Processor, Win 7 Operating System)

3rd Prize - SONY Alpha DSLR Camera, Interchangeable Lenses

Tickets: \$25 each; or Buy 3 get 1 FREE

Drawing will be held at the Navroze celebration in March 2012

(ticket holders need not be present to win)

To purchase tickets or if you would like to help sell raffle tickets, please contact –

Mahrukh Cama at mahrukh@zagny.org

EVENT UPDATES

NEW YEARS EVE CELEBRATION AT THE DARBE MEHR

More than 100 people brought in 2012 on a high note at the Darbe Mehr. Starting at 7.30 p.m., folks started coming in ready to have a fun time together. Good food, music and lots of mingling set the tone for the evening. Nick Manekshaw catered the delicious appetizers from his restaurant, Palace of Asia. Yasmin and Jamshed Ghadiali contributed some wine to keep spirits high. The highlight of the evening was the awesome authentic Parsi dinner and dessert.

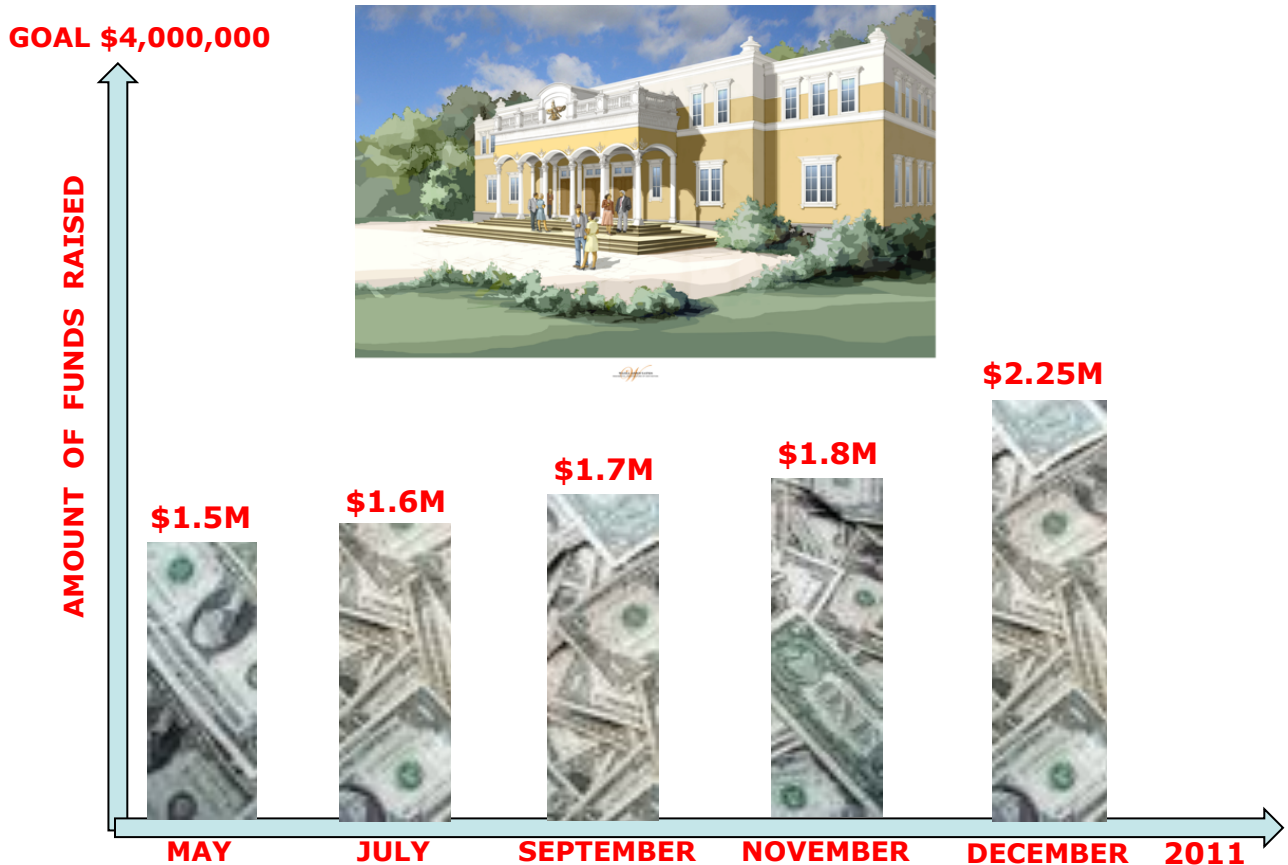
ZAGNY President, Gev Nentin, wished everyone a fun and festive evening, and invited Edul Daver to update the community on the fund raising efforts for the New Darbe Mehr. Niloufer Daver was called upon to update the Donation Meter to reflect the total pledges of \$2.25 million – a great way to finish 2011 and establish the momentum for 2012!

A valiant effort by the youngsters to sell raffle tickets for a painting contributed by Fram Cama, collected \$455 for the XVI NAZC, 2012. Yasmin and Rohinton Madon were the lucky winners of the raffle drawing and generously donated the painting to ZAGNY.

At 11.30 p.m., party hats, tiaras and noise-makers added to the excitement leading up to the champagne toast, contributed by Percis and Rakesh Bansal. As the lights were dimmed, everyone counted down the ball drop at Times Square live, thanks to the projection screen set-up by Shailendra Dusaj. After wishing each other a Happy New Year, our party enthusiasts hit the dance floor for another half hour of dancing before the night came to an end.

With this, a very busy 2011 that was filled with many social events became another memorable year. In addition to the annual March and August functions, the ZAGNY Board and Social Committee for the XVI NAZC, 2012 organized several events that were a first – the Online Auction in March, the Dandiya Night in October and the gara-dagli gala 'Jamva Chaloji' in November – all to raise funds for the upcoming XVI NAZC, 2012, which promises to be the highlight of this year for ZAGNY!

NEW DARBE MEHR INITIATIVE UPDATE



2011 ENDS ON A HIGH NOTE

In the November newsletter you read about the aggressive target set by the New Darbe Mehr Fund Raising Committee of reaching the significant threshold of \$2,000,000 by December 31, 2011. To our surprise and delight, and with your generosity, we not only met this target but exceeded it with total pledges/donations of \$2,250,000 as of December. At the New Year's Eve party the Donation Meter at the Darbe Mehr was updated with enthusiastic applause. We are also happy to share that December was our best month for monies deposited - thank you to all the pledgers who sent in their checks.

We continue to work hard and are in the process of completing the detailed building design and site plan for the permit application. Community members are contributing their expertise which saves us \$\$\$. We are currently looking for a Mechanical Engineer with experience in designing HVAC (Heating/Ventilation/Air Conditioning) systems. Do we have a volunteer from within our community? Please contact Edul Daver at daver@acupowder.com for details.

We would like to appeal to all who are on the 'donation fence' to kindly consider joining our growing list of donors and contribute towards realizing this dream for our tri-state Zoroastrian community. For your convenience, a pledge/donation form is included on **page 14** of this newsletter.

Now here's a little inspiration for all who are undecided.....

During a terrible storm at sea, a liner sank leaving two survivors who swam to a tiny island. As they sat on the sand, the younger survivor bemoaned their fate. The older survivor who was a Zarathushti started humming a happy tune with a smile on his face. The young man was annoyed and asked the Zarathushti if he recognized the seriousness of their situation? The Zarathushti smiled even wider and said, "In 2010, I donated \$5,000 to the New Darbe Mehr Fund". The young man looked puzzled. The Zarathushti continued, "And in 2011, I doubled my donation". The young man was perplexed and said, "I don't know what you're driving at!". The Zarathushti smugly replied, "I have pledged \$25,000 for the New Darbe Mehr in 2012 and I know that sooner or later they will find a way to rescue me!"and on that humorous note, we wish you and your families a 2012 filled with fun and laughter, prosperity and success!

UPCOMING EVENTS

NAVROZE & ZARATHUSTRA'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION SATURDAY, MARCH 31, 2012

ZAGNY & IZA PRESENT THE THIRD JOINT CELEBRATION FOR NAVROZE AND ZARATHUSTRA'S BIRTHDAY

ON SATURDAY, MARCH 31, 2011, 6:30PM ONWARDS

AT THE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH, 353 E. CLINTON AVE, TENAFLY, NJ 07670

Program for the Evening -

- 6:30pm: Registration
- 7:00pm: Cocktails (Cash Bar) and Appetizers
- 8:00pm: New Darbe Mehr Building Presentation
- 8:30pm: Entertainment
- 9:00pm: Dinner and Dessert
- 9:30pm: Electronics Raffle Drawing
- 10:00pm onwards Dancing

To register, please mail completed form along with your check or visit www.zagny.org to register online

REGISTRATION FORM FOR NAVROZE & ZARATHUSTRA'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

NAME: _____
LAST FIRST

EMAIL: _____ **PHONE:** (____) _____

ADULT MEMBERS (ZAGNY / IZA) _____ @ \$40.00 = \$ _____

SENIOR CITIZENS (65 YRS & OVER) _____ @ \$30.00 = \$ _____

CHILDREN (5 TO 12 YRS) _____ @ \$25.00 = \$ _____
(UNDER 5 YRS FREE)

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

DONATION (OPTIONAL) _____ = \$ _____
(PLEASE SPECIFY WHICH FUND)

TOTAL VIA CHECK # _____ **= \$** _____

MEAL PREFERENCE: VEGETARIAN - _____ ADULTS _____ CHILDREN

NON-VEGETARIAN - _____ ADULTS _____ CHILDREN

PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO ZAGNY AND MAIL **BEFORE MARCH 22, 2012** TO:
KERMAN DUKANDAR, ZAGNY TREASURER, 96 BERNARD AVENUE, EDISON, NJ 08837

At-the-Gate-Fee and Registrations received after March 22, 2012 will be charged \$55 per person

ZAGNY / IZA reserve the right to close registration at any time.

Registration fee is NON-REFUNDABLE

COMMUNITY CORNER

CHANGE IN DATE FOR ZAGNY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Due to the joint ZAGNY – IZA Navroze and Zarathustra's Birthday celebration on March 31, 2012, ZAGNY's Annual General Meeting, scheduled to take place at the March function shall now be held during Religion Class on **Sunday, April 1, 2012 at 1:30 pm** (after circle time).

All members are invited to attend and participate in the discussions. As a courtesy please RSVP Sheroo Kanga at kangavs@yahoo.com or Jasely Dukandar at jdukandar@pomeroy.com by March 27, 2012, if you will stay for lunch (and are not a Religion Class attendee).

ZAGNY 2012 MEMBERSHIP

ZAGNY Board invites you to be a part of the tri-state Zoroastrian community. Become a 2012 ZAGNY MEMBER and avail of member registration rates for ZAGNY events; be a part of our email list to receive community news-flashes and event updates; subscribe to our info-packed newsletters; bring your tots-n-teens to the Darbe Mehr for monthly Religion Classes; and share in the pride of hosting the XVI North American Zarathushti Congress, 2012 as a ZAGNY member!

New members are welcome to join our growing tri-state community! Existing members, kindly renew your membership to continue to participate in ZAGNY events and activities. Your Board has strived not to increase membership dues and has maintained the same membership rates as in the past year.

Please complete the membership form on **page 13** and mail along with your check or sign up online at www.zagny.org

We look forward to your participation as a 2012 ZAGNY MEMBER and count on your support through membership dues and donations. Thank you!

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT



Grandparents Gool and Ramesh Thakarar are delighted to share the news of the birth of their granddaughter **Audrey Soona Scherquist** on August 23, 2011, to their daughter Dina.

ZAGNY welcomes our newest addition to the community

NAVJOTE MUBARAK

Congratulations to Porus Pavri on his Navjote Ceremony on December 14th, 2011 in Mumbai, India.



Parents Yasmin and Cyrus Pavri and older sister, Farah wish him the very best as he begins his journey as a Zoroastrian.

ADDRESS CHANGE

Mrs. Dolly Bamji

13, Equinox Lane
Freehold, NJ 07728

Nergeez and Rohinton Bulsara

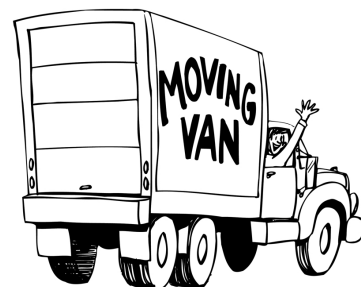
416C Andover Dr.
Monroe Twp., NJ 08831-7614

Ruzbeh Mistry

25 County Center Rd # C19,
White Plains NY 10607

Shirin and Arzan Sam Wadia

195 Willoughby Avenue, Apt 1113,
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NEW MEMBERS



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ZAGNY extends a warm welcome to our new members

13th ZOROASTRIAN GAMES IN TORONTO

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

The Zoroastrian Society of Ontario (ZSO) and the Zoroastrian Sports Committee (ZSC) proudly announce that registration for this years games is now open! We invite you to take advantage of our early bird deadline of **March 22, 2012** and register to attend and participate in the **13th Zoroastrian Games** in Toronto, ON Canada.

We encourage you to register early as all spots for athletes, housing, and social events will be on a first-come-first-serve basis - and we tend to reach capacity very fast. For more information and to register please visit any of the following websites:

www.zso.org

www.zathletics.com

www.zgames-2012.com

If you have any questions, please email us at: ZGames2012@yahoo.ca

What: The 13th Zoroastrian Games

When: June 29 - July 3, 2012

Where: The Magnificent York University

We look forward to seeing you in Toronto from June 29- July 3rd 2012!

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

As reported in 'India West': At a glittering event in New York on December 14, 2011 United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon awarded the Silver Medal in the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation/UNCA Global Prize to MediaGlobal News, a non-profit media agency based at the United Nations Secretariat, for its reporting on issues related to climate change and its disproportionate impact on the least developed countries and the small island developing states.

Nosh Nalavala, the MediaGlobal News bureau chief, received the award. The UNCA awards are given annually to honor the best media coverage of the United Nations, and are open to worldwide media. Previous winners of the award include the Associated Press and The Economist.

MediaGlobal News was founded in 2006 by Nalavala to create awareness in the global media of the suffering of the world's poorest countries on issues of economic development, global health, food security and the impact of climate change on developing nations. "Our correspondents highlight interrelated issues such as climate change and food security in the world's most vulnerable countries," said Nalavala."



THANK YOU!

Heartfelt thanks to our many volunteers who help out in the kitchen, assist with meal serving and stay late to clean up every month on Religion Class Sundays.

Our Darbe Mehr is buzzing with activities related to the Congress and New Building Fund Raising. Your help in any way, big or small, is valued and any time you can devote is sincerely appreciated.



2012 ZAGNY MEMBERSHIP FORM ☐ New Member ☐ Returning Member

Note: all information on this membership form may be made public – please use your discretion when completing the form

NAME: _____
Last Name First Name Spouse's Name

CHILDREN: Name Date of Birth (mm/yyyy)

My contact information has changed within the last year ☐ YES ☐ NO

HOME ADDRESS:

Phone (Home): _____
Phone (Cell): _____
E-Mail: _____ ☐
Spouse's E-Mail: _____ ☐

Please check box if you would NOT like to be on the ZAGNY email list

Prefer Newsletter via: Email ☐ Hard Copy ☐

MEMBER'S INFORMATION

Originally from: _____
Company Name: _____
Profession/Title: _____
Address: _____

Business Phone: (____) ____-____
Business Fax: (____) ____-____
Business E-mail: _____

SPOUSE'S INFORMATION

Business Phone: (____) ____-____
Business Fax: (____) ____-____
Business E-mail: _____

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP (please select one):

Regular Member*	Associate Member**
[]	[] Family membership \$120
[]	[] Individual adult membership \$60
[]	[] Senior citizen - per person \$35
[]	[] Student membership \$30
[]	[] Non-resident membership \$45

Donation***: \$ _____

TOTAL via CHECK # _____: \$ _____

***Please allocate my donation to the foll. fund(s):

☐ New Building \$ _____
☐ General Fund \$ _____
☐ Scholarship \$ _____
☐ Critical Assist. \$ _____
☐ Library \$ _____
☐ 2012 Congress \$ _____
☐ Other \$ _____

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

**Associate Member: No member of the family is Zoroastrian

- o **Family:** Parent(s) and their Children under the age of 21 yrs.
- 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 along with your completed form to:
ZAGNY Treasurer - Kerman Dukandar
96 Bernard Avenue
Edison, NJ 08837
Tel. 732-494-7976

PLEASE NOTE: THE NEXT ZAGNY MEMBERS DIRECTORY WILL BE PUBLISHED IN 2013

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

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

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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PLEDGE OF \$ _____ to be paid (please circle one)
ONE-TIME / ANNUALLY / SEMI-ANNUALLY / QUARTERLY / MONTHLY
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 HONOR OF, NAME: _____

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In MEMORY OF, NAME: _____

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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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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!

SHAILENDRA DUSAJ for always being on hand with a cheerful smile ready to help with our many requests.....to get the mic working, set up the music system, make sure there is a projector when needed, and for always being the familiar face holding fort at the bar at our ZAGNY events...thank you for all you do!

SEND US YOUR NEWS

ZAGNY Newsletters shall continue to share with the community, announcements of joyous occasions as well as sad demises. If you wish to include an announcement, kindly email the information to a newsletter team member listed below. Thank you!

FROM YOUR NEWSLETTER TEAM

If you do not wish to receive future ZAGNY Newsletters, please contact a Newsletter Team Member listed below.

To receive your newsletter online, please sign-up at –

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The ZAGNY Board wishes all its members and the larger community a happy, healthy and prosperous 2012!



FEBRUARY 2012

02/05, Sunday

- ZAGNY RELIGION CLASS

MARCH 2012

03/04, Sunday

- ZAGNY RELIGION CLASS

03/31, Saturday

- ZAGNY – IZA NAVROZE & ZARATHUSTRA'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

APRIL 2012

04/01, Sunday

- ZAGNY RELIGION CLASS
- ZAGNY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MAY 2012

05/05, Saturday

- REVLON RUN/WALK FOR WOMEN'S CANCER
- FIRST ANNUAL ZOROASTRIAN DAY OF SERVICE

05/06, Sunday

- ZAGNY RELIGION CLASS