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**BEST WISHES FOR A WONDERFUL
HOLIDAY SEASON AND A
HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

CONGRATULATIONS!

ZAGNY wishes you the very best in your new role!

HOMI D. GANDHI ELECTED VICE-PRESIDENT OF FEZANA



ZAGNY is very happy to announce that our Homi D. Gandhi has been elected Vice-President of FEZANA (Federation of Zoroastrian Associations of North America) for 2012-2014.

Homi has been involved with FEZANA for many years, heading various committees and representing them at the United Nations and other forums.

Homi is a long standing and actively involved ZAGNY member. He has served our community in various capacities and has been ZAGNY's President for two terms from 2002 to 2008. Most recently, Homi chaired the Public Relations and Publications Committee of the XVI North American Zarathushti Congress 2012, hosted by ZAGNY.

Dr. NATALIE R. GANDHI ELECTED WORLD DIRECTOR OF WZCC



ZAGNY is very happy to announce that our WZCC (World Zarathushti Chamber of Commerce)-NY Chapter-Chair Dr. Natalie R. Gandhi has been elected WZCC World Director for a term of three years beginning January 1, 2013.

Dr. Natalie has been WZCC-NY Chapter-Chair and President since 2010. In this dynamic role Dr. Natalie has been leading, building, growing and inspiring the Organizing Team to reach new heights.

EVENT UPDATES

NOVEMBER 12TH TO 14TH, 2012 - FESTIVAL OF FAITHS

BY: HOMI D. GANDHI



The Festival of Faiths is an annual event that celebrates the religious diversity of the community in Louisville, Kentucky. The theme for this year's event "Sacred Fire-Light of Compassion" was the concluding theme in the series on the primal elements which began in 2009 (Sacred Water, Sacred Soil, and Sacred Air in the past years). All these themes very relevant to our Zarathushti faith.

The 2012 Festival began with the lighting of the Sacred Fire by the representatives of the

Indigenous Culture in Louisville central district on November 14. This fire remained lit throughout the Festival, which ended on November 18. The Sacred Fire was lit with coals handed down from the Eternal Fire of the Potawatomi, one of the Native American Nations that is part of the Three Fires Confederacy. The ceremony was accompanied by sacred music, chants, and reading from Hindu tradition. With the organizer's permission, I recited a short Zarathushti prayer which was much appreciated by the crowd. Thereafter the crowd moved in a procession to the Cathedral of the Assumption, where the Interfaith Thanksgiving Service was performed.

The Festival organizers had invited participation of Religions for Peace-USA (one of the oldest Interfaith organization in the North America, where FEZANA is represented and I act as the organization's Hon. Treasurer). Religions for Peace-USA took that opportunity to host its Council of Presidents meeting on the next day as many of the Interfaith leaders had travelled from around the continent.

The Festival continued with many teaching circles, seminars, lectures, etc. on varied subjects from Climate Control to preservation of all natural elements. But the highlight of this Festival, in my opinion, was the commitment of Louisville Mayor, Greg Fischer, to make Louisville the most compassionate city in the nation, reinforcing the theme of "Sacred Fire" bringing the "Light of Compassion" to the city of Louisville. This goal was enthusiastically endorsed by the Festival of Faiths.

DECEMBER 2ND, 2012 - ADULT LECTURE SERIES WITH PROF. DAN SHEFFIELD

Prof. Sheffield is a Zoroastrian scholar and a visiting lecturer at Princeton University's Department of Near Eastern Studies.

At the monthly Religion Class on December 2nd, Prof Sheffield visited our Darbe Mehr and addressed the gathering on the topic of *"The Quest for the Historical Zarathustra: Parsis and Philologists on the Prophet in 19th century Bombay."* In his talk, Prof. Sheffield illuminated the complex debates about the nature of Zoroastrian scripture and the historical character of Zarathustra and contextualized them within the intellectual networks in which they occurred in order to illustrate the complex relations between Zoroastrian scholarship, belief, and practice that in many ways continue to be of relevance for Zoroastrians today.

Community members in the audience were captivated by the presentation and left yearning for more.

ZAGNY would like to sincerely thank Prof. Dan Sheffield for making time to honor us with his presence. We hope to have Prof. Sheffield return to the Darbe Mehr in the near future.

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XVI NAZC 2012 SUCCESS STORY!

BY: KERMAN DUKANDAR - ZAGNY TREASURER AND FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR FOR THE XVI NAZC 2012

The Zoroastrian community witnessed a very successful event this year – The Sixteenth North American Zarathushti Congress, hosted by ZAGNY at the Rye Hilton, New York, from August 2nd to 5th, 2012! It was a tremendous effort organizing this very important event. All the NAZC organizing committees, our countless volunteers and valuable supporters did a stupendous job and stepped up to the challenge. The result was a resounding success!

Our Finance Committee goals were three-fold - a) to hold a grand event by ensuring we maintain reasonable registration fees so as to encourage participation and not burden our registrants, b) budget our expenses prudently and, c) raise sufficient funds through sponsorships, advertisement, donations and hosting various fund raising events. Through team work and collaborative effort we succeeded in meeting all of the above goals and the results speak for themselves – ZAGNY made a net profit of about \$58,000!

For the purpose of allocating this profit amongst the various ZAGNY Funds, the ZAGNY Board considered the current needs of our ZAGNY community. Two Funds were identified for allocation:

New Building Fund - Not only do we need to preserve our identity but we also need to plan for our future generations who will need a place to call 'home', to congregate for various events and occasions, and use for the foreseeable future. It was decided to allocate \$40,000 of the profit to ZAGNY's New Building Fund.

Scholarship Fund – Cash flow to this Fund has been dwindling in the recent past. This is due to the difficulty in collecting on past scholarship loans and also due to fewer contributions being received into this Fund. It was decided to allocate the balance of the profit to the Scholarship Fund.

Sincere thanks to each and every one of our loyal sponsors, ardent supporters, and dedicated volunteers for making this a success story!

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6TH, 2013 AND SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD, 2013 ADULT LECTURE SERIES WITH DR. PALLAN ICHAPORIA

Dr. Ichaporia studied Avesta and Pahlavi under Kayoji Mirza and Dhabhar at Bombay University. He also studied Ancient Iranian Languages under Prof. Russell at Columbia University. Dr. Ichaporia was elected Fellow of The Royal Asiatic Society of Great Britain and Ireland, and is a Government of India Research Scholar.

Dr. Ichaporia is the author of 'Translations and Texts of Ahunavaiti and Ushtavaiti Gathas', and has co-authored two books with Prof. Helmut Humbach – 'Heritage of Zarathushtra - A New Translation of His Gatha' and 'Zamyad Yasht, - Yasht 19, Text and Translation'. He has also co-authored 'Pahlavi Yasna of the Gathas and Yasna Haptanghaiti' (2nd Edition in the Press) with Prof. Malandra. In addition, he has two books in the Press – 'How the Zoroastrians Disappeared in Ancient China' and 'New Translation of Various Minor and Major Pahlavi Texts'.

Dr. Ichaporia will visit our Darbe Mehr on –

January 6th, 2013 at 1:30pm to talk about '*The Presence of Zoroastrianism in Ancient China*', and

February 3rd, 2013 at 1:30pm to talk about '*This is What I Believe: Is the Message of the Prophet*'

Community members are invited to attend these interesting presentations.

As a courtesy, please RSVP by January 1st, 2013 to Sheroo Kanga at secretary@zagny.org if you will attend and stay for lunch and are not a religion class attendee (religion class attendees who have signed up for the monthly lunch program need not respond). Thank you!



INTRODUCING OUR NEW COLUMN!

ASK THE LAWYER.....

Welcome to the first edition of "Ask the lawyer". My name is Zarnosh Maneckshaw, and I've been practicing law for nearly ten years. I have worked at small boutique law firms and large AM Law 100 firms, providing high quality services to clients ranging from individuals to Fortune 500 companies.

Like many Parsis in the community, the entrepreneurial spirit resides within me and I have recently started my own practice. As a result, I now have the ability to give back to a community that has given me so much. This column is designed to help serve that purpose. Send in your legal questions at Zarnosh@Manecklaw.com. I'll pick some of them and answer them in this column!

Here's an example of a question that I have posted on my website: "Q: what is Negligence? A: Although the term "negligence" is used in our everyday vocabulary as a general term for careless, thoughtless, or generally wrongful behavior, negligence is a legal principle and has a very specific definition under the law. Four elements must be met to find a defendant liable under negligence principles: duty, breach, causation, and damages. That is to say, it must be found that the defendant had a duty to you, that the defendant breached that duty to you, that the breach of that duty caused the accident, and that you were damaged as a result.

As they say, time is money, especially when you're talking to a lawyer! So let me give my time to you, and I will do my best to answer your questions, help, and hopefully entertain!

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ANNOUNCEMENT

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31ST, 2012 – NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY CANCELLED

Due to a lack of interest from the community, ZAGNY Board regrets to announce that there will be no New Year's Eve Party at the Darbe Mehr this year.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT



Patience and Jamshed Dastur welcomed their baby girl, **Naasha Zarin-Jamshed Dastur** on September 27th, 2012 in Livingston NJ.



Parizad and Anthony Torres welcomed their baby daughter, **Priya Cama Torres**, who arrived in the midst of super storm Sandy on Monday, October 29th, 2012. Priya weighed in at 7 lbs. and was 20.5 inches tall. Very happy grandparents are Nelly and Cawas Cama, and Theresa and Tony Torres. Little Priya is niece to Tenaz Cama, Sherry Bunt and Michael Torres; and cousin to Mackenzie and Steven Bunt; and great grand daughter to Dolat J. Cama.

ZAGNY welcomes our newest additions to the community

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT

Congratulations to Aban and Gev Nentin on the wedding of their son **Sarosh** to **Dana**, daughter of Diana and Nishan Vartabedian, on Saturday November 17th, 2012.



NAVJOTE MUBARAK



Congratulations to Zahra and Feroze on their Navjote Ceremony.

SAD DEMISE



Darayous Hakim, older brother to Kushru, Lovji, Rumi, Changis, and Eddie Hakim, Trustee of Vadodara (Baroda) Parsi Panchayat, passed away on November 14th, 2012.

Piroja Kaikhosrov Irani, wife of Professor Kaikhosrov Irani, passed away on November 28th, 2012 in New York.

ZAGNY extends it's heartfelt condolences to the grieving families

ZAGNY ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS 2012 - 2013

ZAGNY invites applications for financial assistance (Scholarship Loan) for the academic year 2012-2013 from members who are studying at accredited institutions in the United States. Applicants should be full-time students.

The ZAGNY Academic Scholarships provide financial assistance to Zarathushtis for full-time study at a college, university or equivalent academic institution. The Scholarships are offered in recognition of academic excellence and are intended to assist students who demonstrate a need for financial assistance.

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ZAGNY will provide THREE students with interest-free loans as financial assistance, repayable over a period of time, upon completion of the course of study. The detailed terms and conditions of the loan will be provided to the awardees by the Chair of the ZAGNY Scholarship Committee upon selection by the ZAGNY Board of Directors. The scholarships will be in the form of three loans for \$2,500/- each and a grant for \$500/- accompanying each loan.

Please visit http://zagny.org/downloads/ZAGNY_Educational_Scholarship_2012.pdf for eligibility and judging criteria, complete details of application process and to download the application form.

Application deadline is January 15, 2013

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

BY: VIRAF GHADIALLY



The "Good Life" religious emblem shows recognition of Zoroastrian youth by various Zoroastrian Associations in the United States for the advancement of their religious knowledge and participation in community service. The program is three-fold:

- to make Zoroastrian youth more aware of their faith, its outlook and achievements,
- to encourage them to live the values of their faith, and
- to encourage participation in community projects, thereby practicing the principle of Zoroastrian faith. The emphasis on service comes from one of the three commandments of our religion, "HUVARSHTA" – the good deeds, as those who served God best were those who rendered *active Service* to all creations, which include human beings.

The "Good Life" program is also associated with the Boys Scouts medal program. Youth who are in the process of completing high school are encouraged to attain this award as it helps with the College application process in showing that you are an unique individual who believes in the common good of community service.

An exemplary youth, ZAGNY's **Neville Dusaj**, was awarded the "Good Life Emblem" award at a function held at the Darbe Mehr on November 24th, 2012. Neville, was actively involved in a variety of community programs, over a dozen projects in ZAGNY for more than four years and completed the Good Life work book requirements successfully for this award.

Amongst the community projects that Neville was recognized for were -

- Volunteering at UMDNJ to assist in cancer research
- Volunteering as an assistant instructor for the ZAGNY religion classes for two years
- Volunteering to video-record and preserve religious lectures given by esteemed professors to adults in order to preserve them for future generations
- Volunteering at Lincoln Park Nursing home
- Playing a leading role in several program activities at the XVI North American Zarathushti Congress, 2012, hosted by ZAGNY

Neville, recently graduated from Montville Township High School (MTHS) Class of 2012 where he achieved the number two spot in his class of 352 students and was recognized as a Salutatorian. Besides excelling in academics, he enjoys extra-curricular activities such as playing the viola and piano, tennis, skiing and forensics debates. Neville is now pursuing a Biochemistry major at the University of Pennsylvania, where he has been invited to join the Vagelos Scholars Program in the Molecular Life Sciences and looks forward to continuing on to medical school.

The Good Life Award was presented by Lovji Cama, Dean of Religious studies at ZAGNY, and Viraf Ghadially, who coordinates the Good Life Program and encourages other youth to follow the example set by Neville and complete the Good Life Program.

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NEW DARBE MEHR INITIATIVE APPEAL

Dear friends,

As we approach the end of the year, donation plans become a priority both for personal and tax reasons.

We would like to request you to consider our "New NY Darbe Mehr" as a potential recipient, and even more so if your Company has a Matching Donation Plan.

We had set \$3,000,000 as a target for December 31, 2012 and we're playing catch-up. Your donation, large or small, is greatly appreciated and will make it possible for us to reach this target by the end of the year.

Also note that 2013 tax benefits may or may not be as donor friendly as in 2012, so please donate now.

Please make your donation checks payable to 'DMZT - Special New Building Fund' and mail to Minu Dutia, DMZT Treasurer, 5 Amethyst Court, West Nyack, New York 10994. For your convenience, a donation form can be found on Page 10 of this Newsletter.

Thanks Very Much,
New Darbe Mehr Fund Raising Team

ZAGNY'S HURRICANE SANDY RELIEF EFFORT

Post-hurricane Sandy, today most of our community members are back to life as usual. But, there are a few families that were hit hard and are still working to get back on their feet and restore normalcy.

During the six weeks since 'Sandy', ZAGNY has been closely involved in supporting the community and has reached out to and provided assistance to our members in distress. ZAGNY continues to offer succor to members in need.

If you would like to join ZAGNY's ongoing efforts and show your support towards 'Sandy relief', please send your check payable to ZAGNY (mention 'hurricane Sandy' in the memo field), and mail to Kerman Dukandar, ZAGNY Treasurer, 96 Bernard Avenue, Edison, NJ 08837, no later than December 31st, 2012. We thank you in advance for your support!

If you / a community member in need, would like to request assistance, please contact Sheroo Kanga via email at secretary@zagny.org before January 15th, 2013. ZAGNY Board will evaluate the specific needs and disburse amounts accordingly to the specific member, or members, or families, by end of February 2013. If no requests are received for Sandy relief, the amount collected will be allocated to ZAGNY's Critical Assistance Fund.

All requests for assistance will be kept strictly confidential.

INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Marketing & PR Intern:

Chef Jehangir Mehta manages 3 restaurants and is looking for a hard-working, organized, detail oriented and enthusiastic marketing/social media person.

Candidate must be proficient in various social media platforms including Facebook, Twitter, Tumblr, and Pinterest; an understanding in Hootsuite and Tweetdeck is a plus. Proficiency in Photoshop and InDesign is also a plus. Strong writing skills are necessary as well as the ability to recognize creative that is aligned with the brand. The responsibilities include the following:

- Develop a social marketing plan
- Sourcing and engaging with key social media accounts and communication
- Writing a monthly newsletter to send to the restaurant clients

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- Daily updates and posts to twitter and Facebook - goal is to engage current fans and increase fan base
- Assist in creating restaurant collateral for print and online - source images, brainstorm concepts and copy writing
- Manage and organize existing content
- Tracking and analyzing the performance of the social media outlets
- Press filing, compiling press kit and press books
- Writing a blog for the chef every two weeks. This role is a part-time and would probably require the individual to spend about 2 hours a day, 5 - 6 days a week. This is a paid internship, and a great opportunity to be involved first hand in the restaurant /service industry, and work closely with a celebrity chef.

Please email hinata@mehtaphornyc.com

NATIONAL PEACE ESSAY CONTEST

The United States Institute of Peace is proud to announce the twenty-sixth annual National Peace Essay Contest, which began on November 1, 2012! USIP is committed to its mandate of sponsoring educational activities that enhance the understanding of international conflict and peacemaking. To that end, the Academy for International Conflict Management and Peacebuilding runs the essay contest based on the firm belief that *questions about peace, justice, freedom, and security are vital to civic education.*

The 2012-2013 topic is **Gender, War and Peacebuilding**. Typically each contest cycle sees a submission of over one-thousand essays from all American states, territories and the District of Columbia. All first-place state winners receive a \$1,000 college scholarship and compete for national awards of \$10,000, \$5,000, and \$2,500. Additionally, the first-place state winners are invited to attend an educational awards week in Washington D.C.

The essay contest website features a Guidebook and a Study Guide for those interested in participating in the contest. Registration opened **November 1, 2012 and students have through February 1, 2013** to submit their essays. Alternatively, if you would like to refer someone as a judge that would score the students' essays, please send the person's name, contact information, and state of residence to essaycontest@usip.org

Alli Phillips
National Peace Essay Contest Coordinator

<http://www.usip.org/programs/initiatives/national-peace-essay-contest>

ZOROASTRIAN EXHIBITION IN LONDON – SOAS, UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

THE EVERLASTING FLAME, ZOROASTRIANISM IN HISTORY AND IMAGINATION **Brunei Gallery, London, October 9th – December 14th, 2013**

"The story of Zoroastrianism has never before been told in the form of an exhibition. So here we have the opportunity to give visual expression to the history and culture of Zoroastrianism."

- Dr. Sarah Stewart, Lecturer in Zoroastrianism, SOAS University of London

"An exhibition of this sort and on the magnitude and scale that's envisioned is going to bring a lot of kudos to the community."

- Shahin Bekhradnia, Religious Affairs Spokesperson, World Zoroastrian Organisation (WZO)

"This is the first time ever an exhibition of this nature is being put up anywhere in the world so as to give ample opportunity for everybody to come and visit, look at the exhibition, be inspired by it."

- Malcolm Deboo, President Zoroastrian Trust Funds of Europe (ZTFE)

Please visit www.theeverlastingflame.com for more information and watch an introductory video on youtube at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6LnASfcfZa0&feature=youtu.be>.

PRESS RELEASE

10TH WORLD ZOROASTRIAN CONGRESS, MUMBAI

The 10th World Zoroastrian Congress will be held in Mumbai from 27th December 2013 to 31st December 2013. Mumbai is the birthplace of Parsi entrepreneurship, and is closely identified with Parsi and Iranian Zoroastrians. The community has made a substantial contribution to the city and the nation in every field of endeavour, including arts and culture, law, science and engineering, medicine, defense of the nation and more.

The theme of the 10th World Zoroastrian Congress, Mumbai is "Zoroastrianism in the 21st Century: Nurturing Growth and Affirming our Identity". The weblink is www.wzcmumbai.com.

Dr. Cyrus S. Poonawalla, Chairman, Serum Institute of India Ltd. has graciously offered to sponsor the 10th World Zoroastrian Congress to a significant extent.

The occasion of the 10th World Zoroastrian Congress will be utilised to showcase this contribution of the Parsi/ Iranian Zoroastrian community to the country and the world, and to provide an impetus for future generations to build on this contribution and ensure that the reputation of the community, which is completely disproportionate to its actual physical size, continues to evolve respect.

For this purpose, it is intended to make the 10th World Zoroastrian Congress not only a forum to discuss the community's strengths, weaknesses and opportunities internally but also to ensure that the focus of the country is on the community.

For this, the Congress will not only have prominent Parsi/ Iranian Zoroastrians in all fields exchanging their views and preparing a blueprint for the community, but also important dignitaries attending the Congress, imparting it with an importance and acknowledging the past contributions and the future of the community.

Various committees have been formed for a systematic and intense approach towards the success of the 10th World Zoroastrian Congress. The **Organising Committee** is headed by Chairman of Bombay Parsi Punchayet, Mr. Dinshaw Mehta; the 6 BPP trustees, Mrs. Arnavaz Mistry, Mrs. Armaity Tirandaz, Mr. Jimmy Mistry, Mr. Khojeste Mistree, Mr. Yazdi Desai and Mr. Muncherji Cama along with Mr. Maneck Davar, Hon. Sec; Mr. Mehli Colah, C.E.O, BPP and Mr. Cawas Panthaki, Sr. Executive Welfare, BPP.

An exhibition of Parsi heritage has also been conceptualized by Mrs. Pheroza Godrej and Mrs. Firoza Punthakey Mistree, titled "From Canton to Mumbai – The Story of Parsi Textiles", this exhibition to be held at the National Gallery of Modern Art (NGMA) is intended to showcase Parsi Iranian Textiles and costumes, such as Gara saris, Tanchoi saris, Jablas (loose blouse) and Coatees, Ijars (loose pantaloons) Embroidered Shawls and Zoroastrian Costumes from the province of Yazd, Iran. Showcasing Canton of the 19th Century from where Parsi merchants purchased the Garas and brought them to Bombay to be worn by Parsi ladies. Iranian Costumes will also be displayed. These costumes were worn by immigrant Zoroastrians from Iran (popularly referred to as the Iranians in India) when they came to Bombay in the 19th Century.

Proposed Programme for the Congress will see a total of approximately 30 sessions and panel discussions addressed by eminent speakers and scholars from India and all over the world. There would be few topics dedicated to breakout sessions with experts speaking on topics as diverse as:

- Socio-Religious Issues including declining demography and how to arrest the decline.
- Lessons from History including global cooperation and respecting opposing views.
- Youth Affairs & Women's rights and their Status.
- Role of Mobed / Mobedi in the future including how to attract Mobed's son to the priestly profession as well as the options available with the growing shortage of Mobeds in the Diasporas.
- Arts, Theatre and Law – Aspects of Community Living
- The co-relation between Rituals and Religion
- Dedicated Iranian Section

Based on your experience of and insight into community issues in your part of the world, it is requested to give your suggestion about topics / subjects that you believe would have an impact on a global Parsi / Irani Zoroastrian audience, and also recommend names of prospective speakers who would have an in depth knowledge of such topics / subjects and articulate them in an interesting way. Since time is short it will be appreciated if you could provide your inputs at your earliest convenience.

In order to provide an opportunity to the creative talent in our community, the Organising Committee of the 10th World Zoroastrian Congress decided to host an international logo competition open to all Parsi/Iranian Zoroastrians, in all parts of the world, to design the logo for the Congress. The prize amount for the chosen logo was **Rs. 100,000/-**

The Contest received an overwhelming response with **more than 350 entries received from across the world, from people ranging in age from 13 to 83**. A record 75% of the entries were received from India, and the rest from USA, Iran, Canada, New Zealand, Pakistan, South Australia and UK.

Logo Design Contest Winner - Mr. Ashdeen Lilaowala, aged 31, from New Delhi, India is the winner of the 10th World Zoroastrian Congress International Logo Contest, Mumbai and has won the prize of Rs. 1,00,000/-.

Creator's Vision:

The Faravahar or Farohar is one of the best-known symbols of Zoroastrianism. To most Zoroastrians around the world, the symbol is a reminder of one's purpose in life, the righteous path and the union with Ahura Mazda. In my logo, I have artistically represented the Faravahar along with a handshake. I believe a handshake globally represents an expression of equality. It signifies a union of mind, body and soul. It is a positive symbol, which signifies peace and unity. Today, as our religion faces challenges towards tradition and rituals, a platform like the World Congress will help us to unite, reconnect and celebrate our glorious heritage and unique culture.



NEW DARBE MEHR PROJECT AT POMONA, NY

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\$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)

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Date - MM / DD / YYYY

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

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