One chapter ends and a new one begins.......  

July 5, 2014, was a unique day in the history of ZAGNY. From a beginning in 1973, when a group of Zoroastrians in New York began a search for a place to congregate and share their philosophy, religion and culture, to the inauguration of the Arbab Rustam Guiv Darbe Mehr in New Rochelle, NY in 1977 (our home for 24 years); to the inauguration of the Pomona Darbe Mehr in 2001 and now to July 5, 2014 - a day described by ZAGNY’s President as “a momentous day in the journey that the Zarathusthi community of Greater New York has been taking for the last 50 years”. It was a bitter sweet moment. We bid farewell to our home for the last 13 years at 106 Pomona Road, Suffern, New York. The day was meaningful also as it brought us closer to the fulfillment of our dreams.... A beautiful new Darbe Mehr – where generations to come will meet to share our religion, culture and heritage in a place that they can own with pride and gratitude.
Ten priests filled the hall with Jashan prayers, led by our own Ervad Pervez Patel. We are grateful to all of them, Ervads Adi Unwalla, Noshir Karanjia, Rohinton Madon, Xerxes Antia, Rohinton Dadina, Cyrus Pavri, Khushroo Vimadalal, Poruz Khambatta and Karl Khambatta. The echo of prayers in the room with the smell of sandalwood was profound as all assembled thanked Ahura Mazda for the bountiful blessings bestowed upon us to this day. At the end of the prayers, Ervad Pervez Patel addressed the gathering. He spoke about the dream of a new Darbe Mehr and said, “Before we know we will be sitting not too far from here and will witness another beautiful opening Jashan ceremony in our next home”. He ended by thanking “each and every Ervad Sahib who has participated in todays and numerous Jashans and prayers said in the past in this very house and for providing religious services to the community”.

The evening was graced by the presence of Katayun Kapadia, President of FEZANA.

The gathering of about 200 was treated to a fantastic video prepared by Ferzin Patel which captured the historical journey of our community. The audience was captivated, no murmurs or side talk were heard, (a hard challenge to achieve at any function at the Darbe Mehr!) but laughter and exclamations of awe filled the room for the last time as Ferzin’s video took us through events from the early days at the New Rochelle Darbe Mehr to events at Pomona and ended with the recent ground breaking for our new Dar-e-Mehr. Memorable scenes – picnics, celebrations, Navroze functions, religious classes, seminars, nataks, the last North American Congress organized by ZAGNY in 2012, the Jamva-Chaloji events, the children and youth’s performances of dance and garbas, the auctions and much more. The memories were special, heartwarming and extraordinary.

Astad Clubwala, our President, said “We as a community are truly blessed. First, we were blessed that Arbab Rustam Guv considered us worthy of providing us with the first Darbe Mehr in North America. His memory and that of his wife Morvarid is etched forever in our minds and hearts and will be remembered not only by those of us present today, but by future generations to come. This visionary individual’s action was the seed that allowed Zarathushtis in this part of the world to have a home from where we could strengthen our identity in this land of many immigrants.” Astad then continued, “Secondly we are blessed because we have been fortunate to have members who have given of themselves freely and worked selflessly for the greater interests of our community. On this day when we close one chapter and open another, it would be appropriate for us to recognize and acknowledge the individuals who contributed so much over the last 50 years”. He then announced, by name the “Pioneers of ZAGNY” – those that were involved in the creation of ZAGNY as a formal association and requested those present to come up on stage to be acknowledged and thanked by the community. Eruch Munshi, Lovji Cama, Homi Dalal, Farokh Patel, Pervez Patel, Framroze Patel, Khushroo Hakim, Lovji Hakim, Rohinton Cama, Edul Daver, Khushroo Patel, Thomas Dotiwala and Piloo Irani (Noting that Piloo Irani’s son Mayyar is on the current ZAGNY Board).

He thanked the 14 families who founded ZLAND which provided seed money which led to the purchase of the current Darbe Mehr and recognized the Darbe Mehr trustees, “It is a tribute to the DMZT Trustees that they have always managed to strike a balance between keeping the premises functioning by making a number of improvements without spending large amounts on repairs”.

On behalf of the community Astad then acknowledged and thanked members who had given of themselves freely in serving the community. He acknowledged the intellectual leadership of Prof. Kaikhsorov Irani and his lifelong passion for the Zoroastrian faith, Eruch Munshi – the first ZAGNY President and for being in the forefront of the fundraising efforts for the Udvada Atash Behram with Lovji and Mehru Cama; Lovji Cama for leading the religious classes at ZAGNY since their
inception and being a past President and Mehru Cama for serving as a DMZT Trustee with a degree of class and in a silent and selfless manner; Framroze Patel as past President of ZAGNY and FEZANA and as ZAGNY’s Accountant and Financial Advisor - both Framroze and Armaiti have been pillars of the community; Yasmin and Jamshed Ghadiali for their fundraising efforts for the Parsi General Hospital in Mumbai and countless other medical assistance they have provided to needy families from India; Ervad Pervez Patel and his wife Katie for selflessly giving of themselves performing religious ceremonies and rites not only for individuals at their homes, but for the community at large. Also recognized with affection and gratitude for their commitment, time, effort and selfless giving and service were: Gev Nentin, President for four terms and his wife Aban, Kamal Davar who had served on ZAGNY Boards for 16 years and her husband Virasp, Homi Gandhi, Past President and current Vice President of FEZANA; Sheroo and Vispi Kanga; Farrokh and Gool Patel; and Rohinton and Mahrukh Cama. And last but not least, a round of applause was for Wayne, our caretaker who has helped us keep the current property well cared for. Finally, in the most recent chapter of our history, Astad recognized Edul Davar who has been the driving force in leading the planning and fundraising for our new Darbe Mehr, as the “one man who can make a difference”.

Shirin Khosravi, President of IZA, in her address to the audience quoted from Yasna 31, “Asho Zarathushtra advises us how to live a truthful life in this world. Any person who follows the path of righteousness becomes the best disciple of God”. She continued, “Today as we are saying goodbye to the building that housed our community, our cultural and religious functions, our classes and our memories I would like to thank all the volunteers, all the board members, and all the attendees throughout the years that made all this possible.”

Jamsheed Banaji, Chairman of DMZT also addressed the gathering and thanked different groups of people “for their dedication to the maintenance and upkeep of this current building over the last several years”. He thanked the current and past chairmen, office bearers and board members of ZAGNY, IZA and DMZT for all their support and the Ervads who had so selflessly supported the community. Jamsheed also acknowledged all the members of the community, “It’s not just the office bearers, it’s not just the stalwarts, but it’s all of you who add value to the community. This community is because of all of you.” He ended by quoting words from Chaaye Hame Zarathosti, “May the Zarathushti faith live forever and live with prosperity.”

Maya Mistry accompanied by Natsha Dusaj on the keyboard, thrilled the audience by bidding goodbye to the Darbe Mehr with a beautiful rendition of “I will always remember you”. The formal activities was brought to a close by a thundering performance of Chaaye Hame Zarathosti sung by all the children and adults.

Needless to say, there was a delicious dinner prepared by Karma Café, (Thank you Mehernosh and Tina Daroowalla) which was enjoyed by one and all amid the usual talking, reminiscing, laughing and milling about. The entertainment was kicked off by a wonderful composition written by our Vice President Khursheed Navdar, and sung by all following the words on the screen karaoke style. The surprise entertainer was ZAGNY’s secretary Zubin Dumasia who enthralled everyone by singing old and new Bollywood songs – who knew we had such hidden talent on the ZAGNY Board! Neville Dusaj was our DJ and provided a wonderful selection of music to dance the night away. On the way out everyone was presented with a specially designed commemorative mug with a picture of the current Darbe Mehr on one side and the words, “Arbab Rustam Guiv Darbe Mehr, Suffern, NY, 2001-2014, ZAGNY - IZA” on the other side.

It was indeed a “grand farewell” to a home that held Navroze and Pateti functions, Navjotes, Mukkad Prayers, Religious Classes, Adult lectures and fond memories for all Zoroastrians in the tri-state area.
The 2014 Ivy Gandhi Youth Camp was held over the weekend of May 30th-June 1st. Nineteen kids and 18 chaperones took part in this year’s weekend long Z-Camp. The camp began on Friday evening with greetings, setting up camp, and a few getting-to-know-you games. After a cookies and milk night cap, we turned in early for the night in preparation for the fun ahead.

Saturday brought an action packed day starting with a return to Bear Mountain. This year’s camp was opened up to 5 and up, and the younger group visited the zoo at Bear Mountain State Park while the older group hiked up to the top.

The two groups met at the top for some rest, pictures and snacks.

After the hike down, the campers enjoyed a pizza lunch and a brief soccer game before we headed back to the Darbe Meher. Later in the afternoon we kicked off our team challenges comprising of an alphabet scavenger hunt, team “Olympics” and even a few chaperone trivia questions.

The Olympic events, which continued on into Sunday morning, included team members singing nursery rhymes in opera style, reciting the alphabet backwards, holding marshmallows in their mouth while trying to recite a new tongue twister, and a bubble gum bubble blowing contest. As with last year, the marshmallow tongue twister challenge was the favorite. Quite a few chaperones participated, with a variety of success, and some spectacular failures. Events were monitored, judged, and scored by the chaperones in attendance.

After dinner, the campers and chaperones enjoyed a campfire and s’mores before heading off to sleep. The conclusion of the team challenges and the announcement of the team awards kept everyone busy on Sunday morning before the start of the June religious classes.

Congratulations to Maya Mistry for designing the ZCamp T-Shirt this year!

Thanks to the following kids who also submitted their designs for the T-Shirt Contest: Zubin Noushi, Zarah Schenck, Yazna Nalladaru, Azad Antia, and Adina Mistry.

A big THANK YOU to all the parent chaperones for helping with meals and events, and participating throughout the weekend! We hope to continue the tradition next year and look forward to having an even bigger turn out.
Take a look at the dedicated volunteers...... what commitment.... From 10.00 am to 4.00 pm, the team you see above, worked non-stop......heave ho, heave ho, heave ho.... Off to Wayne’s basement we go.

From the three adorable young ones, Daarian Karanjawala, Cyrus and Zarah Shroff, no one's spirit was deterred. The youngsters helped assemble all the storage cartons and brought them to the various rooms; Jasely and the kitchen team worked through all the kitchen cabinets; Pervez Patel was in charge of the prayer room and with some help carefully emptied and packed the prayer room contents; several volunteers helped Lovji Cama organize the library books; Sam Shroff, Eric Karanjawala, Mayyar Noushi and Adrian Byramji did the heavy lifting, moving the steel cabinets and bookcases and drove the truck back and forth between the Darbe Mehr and to Wayne’s basement; Astad and Jamsheed Banaji organized the logistics in Wayne’s basement to ensure that the space was maximized and all the important items were well stacked. Adrian, armed with his large tool kit was a major mover and shaker!

Khushroo Vimadalal and Shailendra Dusaj were the men to the rescue, with a last minute pizza run to keep our energy level high.

Astad on behalf of ZAGNY and Jamsheed on behalf of DMZT were extremely grateful for the hard work, dedication and commitment from each and everyone that came that day. Our warm and sincere thanks to each and every one of you. Without your help, it could not have been done so smoothly! Bravo to the team. We salute you for being there.

And many thanks to our caretaker Wayne. In the subsequent days he moved the stove, freezer and refrigerator to his home; organized the removal and storage of all the light fixtures from the main hall; attached ventilators to the huge storage container and moved all the chairs, tables and other items into the container.

The Darbe Mehr was now ready for the bull dozers!
On Sunday, July 13th, 2014, ZAGNY held its annual picnic at Spruce Run Recreation Area in Clinton, New Jersey. With perfect weather conditions, the day was a tremendous success. Attending the picnic were Parsis of all ages, and even a dog named Simba. He enjoyed the walks people gave him and all the lovable attention he received. With heaps of food lining all of the pavilion’s picnic tables, the group tried new foods and flavors. There were hot dogs, salads, tuna salad, ribs, chicken, Subway sandwiches, biryani, ravo, akuri, and pau bhaji. It was a great culmination of American and Parsi food. About that pau bhaji… ahh, well, you’ll see- or read- rather.

The adults and children enjoyed some interesting rounds of cricket. No one knew the score, but everyone had a wonderful time. Trying to hit a tiny tennis ball with an essentially flat, upside down baseball bat is much harder than it looks. Of course, we Parsis were soon hungry again, and the need to fill up our bottomless stomachs was great. Someone generously offered us malido. What a kind gesture, you may think. Well, think again. Remember that pao bhaji we mentioned before? Yeah, that was the “malido.” Without a serious inspection of the contents of the mysteriously orange dish, hungry players took spoonfuls of the pao bhaji. You had to see the look of shock and disappointment turn into pure rage after realizing they had been tricked. Some innocent players were further tricked into trying “malido” only to realize they too had fooled. It was definitely a memorable moment.

After eating properly identified foods, the group got another surprise: water balloons! No one was safe from them, especially when the event went from the kid sneaking up on their parents, to a guerilla style attack. With numerous people armed with multiple water balloons, the best victims could do was surrender their cell phones to an amused bystander and hope they wouldn’t get too wet. Unfortunately for them, such a limit was never defined, so everything was fair game. In a short while, everyone had the marks of water balloons on themselves and their clothes, but it was all worth it in the end.

Later in the evening, some families decided to venture off towards the lake to swim, while the rest stayed behind and played Antakshari and bingo. Some of the group even took up singing with an accompanying harmonica and sang old, Indian classics. Overall, the day was well-spent with amazing food, fun, and friends. Who’s ready for next year’s picnic?
The voting for the Election of Trustees for the Darbe Mehr Zoroastrian Temple was held on Sunday, June 8, 2014. The term of office of two of the Trustees, Cyrus Cama & Cyrus Pouroooshb was expiring this year and as both had completed only one term in office were eligible to stand for reelection. Both Cyrus Cama & Cyrus Pouroooshb ran unopposed as there were no additional candidates.

The AGM was held on June 8th – the meeting began at 12.00 noon with the Chairperson’s address to the congregation given by Cyrus Cama as the outgoing Chairperson. This was followed by the Secretary’s report by Jamsheed Banaji and the Treasurer’s report by Minu Dutia. This was followed by the Election Commission Address and the Q&A session. An update on the New Darbe Mehr was provided by Edul. This was followed by the voting with the members casting their votes & the announcement of the results – with both Cyrus Cama & Cyrus Pouroooshb being re-elected to a three year term.

Following the election, the DMZT Trustees met to elect the new office bearers for 2014-15. The following is the newly constituted Board

- Jamsheed Banaji - Chairman
- Viraf Commissariat - Secretary
- Minu Dutia - Treasurer
- Cyrus Cama – Trustee
- Darius Mody – Trustee
- Cyrus Pouroooshb - Trustee

The newly elected Trustee Board looks forward to working with the ZAGNY & IZA Boards as well as the Building Committee for serving the community in 2014/15.

**PERSIAN DAY PARADE**

*By Shirin Kiamanesh*

Nowruz is all about hope, with the first day of spring, the New Year celebration represents rebirth and hope.

The range and variety of Nowruz celebrations reflect the richness and diversity of Persian culture in the United States, which includes the people of many nations and ethnic backgrounds that were once part of the greater Persian Empire.

The colorful NY Persian Parade 2014 featured a large number of activities, musical acts, dance ensembles, flags, floats, performers, marchers, and dignitaries, to show case again an impressive display of Persian Pride.
Every year our ZAGNY community offers us the opportunity to join in for Muktad prayers on the five holy Gatha days. This year the prayers were held from Wednesday, August 13th through Sunday August 17th. To accommodate various locations and work schedules, prayers were held in the evenings on the weekdays and Saturday, across the tri-state area. Our gracious hosts were Jasmin and Manek Kotwal, Gool and Ramesh Thakarar, Jasely and Kerman Dukandar, Dinaz and Farhad Subjally, and Teshtar and Noshir Irani. We offer them all a big thank you for throwing open their homes and hearts for the community. All the prayer locations had a wonderful set up of flowers, fruits, nuts, sweets and offerings for the visiting fravashis.

This year, due to the work involved with the new construction, we were unable to have the final Muktad prayer day at the Darbe-Mehr. Yasmin and Jamshed Ghadiali generously offered ZAGNY the use of their house for the community prayers. The final Gatha community services were therefore held at the Ghadiali home in Baldwin, Long Island on August 17th at 11:30a.m. Food was catered by Mehernosh Daroovala with Dhansak Dal, Chawal, Kachumber and Kabobs. Yasmin Ghadiali made chicken, and also provided cookies and ice-cream. Sheroo Kanga made delicious maleeda, which she provided to the host families as well. We offer our heartfelt thanks to each and everyone involved with the muktad prayers.

Community members all sent in names of their dearly departed and over 200 names were chanted by the priests during the prayers. The services were coordinated at various individual locations by Ervads Parvez Patel. Ervad Noshir Karanjia, Ervad Rohinton Madon, Ervad Xerxes Antia, Ervad Jehangir Madon and our young priests Ervads Poruz and Karl Khambatta all prayed at different homes. The hosts pulled out all stops for the community, who attended these prayers in large numbers. This year we had over 150 people that attended all the ceremonies. Thanks to everyone who helped and volunteered to put together this event and make it happen.
It was a truly happy new year for those at the Navroze celebration Saturday night. Dance music and smells of Mutton Pulav Dal and Salli chicken filled the halls of the Greek Orthodox Church. Upon arriving we all dropped our raffle tickets into baskets with hopeful looks at the wine and water guns to be won. Picking up a cool beverage we sat down to warm conversations. After Parsi Pakoras and tiny samosas for appetizers, catered by ZAGNY member Mehernosh Daroowala of Karma Café, the feature presentation for the night began.

Jehangir Madon, ZAGNY member and Return to Roots (RTR) Fellow; along with Dinsha Mistree and James Darius Ball, gave us a beautiful slideshow presentation of his experience with the RTR program. His pictures took the audience through the city of Mumbai on a Heritage Tour, attendance at the World Zoroastrian Congress, and into many religious and cultural scenes throughout Gujarat. Highlights included the Iran Shah Atashbehram, Nargol, Sanjan, Navsari and Surat. The presentation was introduced by Dinsha Mistree, a founding core team member of the RTR program. Dinsha, a ZAGNY member, gave us a great background into how the RTR program was initiated two years ago, led by a group of passionate youth, with the guidance of Aban Kabraji and Shernaz Cama. After Jehangir spoke, James Darius Ball, concluded the presentation with information about the next trip the program will be running.

Track B of the Return to Roots program will take place this March for ten days in Delhi, Mumbai, and Gujarat. It is open to all Zarathushtis who have had their Navjote ceremonies performed. The itinerary, still in development, will be catered to participants ages 20 to 38. The program is now raising funds for financial support and youth participants. To learn more or make a donation please visit www.zororoots.org.

After the RTR presentation, we were given an update on the status of the New Darbe Mehr Construction. Deconstruction of the existing building and site are complete. The hope is that the new building will be ready by the end of 2015. We were also reminded that the early bird registration price for the XVII North American Zoroastrian Congress in Los Angeles, California will be ending soon. Other announcements included the upcoming Mystic India Show hosted by ZAGNY on September 13, 2014.

Stuffed with more delicious food and drink, the evening ended with the raffle prizes and hugs goodbye. Thank you to all those that planned and prepared the evening. A wonderful time was had by all. Sal Mubarak and Khordad Sal Mubarak.
Address: Stony Point Presbyterian Church

125 West Main Street
Stony Point, NY 10980

Location: 3 miles from Exit 15 on Palisades Parkway
(7.7 miles from Exit 12)
So about 10 minutes longer than what we are used to!

Directions:
• From Palisades Parkway North, take exit 15 for Gate Hill Rd toward Stony Point
• Turn left on Gate Hill Rd, which will become Central Drive (2.7 miles)
• Turn left onto S. Liberty Drive (0.2 miles)
• Turn left onto W. Main St (0.1 miles)
• Take the 2nd right onto Church street
• Entrance to Stony Point Church is immediately on the left.

Why did we select Stony Point?
Soon after we were notified that the current Darbe Mehr needed to be demolished prior to the construction of our new building we started looking for alternate locations, preferably as close to us as possible. We realised of course that whichever place we found would require a certain amount of adjustment and compromise when compared to our own place. But, that it would be for a temporary period. After researching various possibilities we found three places that would be acceptable.

The immediate first choice was the Pomona Middle School which is directly across that road from us. A few members visited the school and considered it ideal. We would rent 4 classrooms and the cafeteria space for the adults. (Sorry – no kitchen). This would cost $750.00 for 4 hours, but could go up to $825.00. Considering this high cost we decided to keep looking for something less expensive.

Next, directly off Exit 12 of Palisades Parkway, the Unitarian-Universalist Congregation. A relatively modern looking facility which would meet our needs but also at $750.00.

Stony Point Church is an older facility which has a separate building which houses three classrooms. The church itself has a relatively large foyer and a large basement which has a recreation type area with many chairs and tables. Also includes a kitchen (nothing fancy though!) which we can use. The parking lot can accommodate 25 to 30 cars, but there is also street parking. The clincher was the cost - $300.00. Presuming on the outside we would need to rent for 18 months, it comes to spending $13,500.00 for the school, or $5,400 for Stony Point! So even though Stony Point is a bit “run down” we just couldn’t see ourselves spending $8,100 more. However our agreement with Stony Point is month to month so if anyone finds a better place, at of course a reasonable price, we can move at any time.

2014 – 2015 Sunday Religious Class Schedule
Start at 1:00 pm sharp. We pay by the hour, so will need to do something that we have never done before – START ON TIME!
September 7, October 5, November 2, December 7, January 11, 2015, February 1, March 1, April 5, May 3, June 7
ZAGNY is proud to host this Bollywood spectacular, proceeds from which will benefit our new Darbe Mehr building. The event will take place on September 13th at the Ritz Theatre in Elizabeth, New Jersey.

WE ARE OFF TO A RUNNING START - approximately 800 tickets have been currently sold to and via ZAGNY members.....our event promotion effort shifted in to full gear on August 1 and we are now counting down to September 13th!

ZAGNY is pleased to continue to offer you choice private sale tickets. Save on ticket service charges and purchase your tickets by contacting Piroja Press at (201) 236 – 9440 (between 6:00 – 9:00pm). Tickets are priced at $28, $37, $50, $75, $100 and $150. Please note: All ticket sales are final with no refunds or cancellations and no seat change requests will be honored.

ZAGNY encourages youth participation and is offering a student discount. To avail of this discount, please use discount code ‘STUDENT’ and buy your tickets at - http://www.instaevents.com/Event/Mystic-India---Bollywood-Dance/62

Don’t wait!!! If you haven’t already bought your tickets, rush to order since seating is allocated first come first serve. Reserve your seats today for this sensational show and encourage family, friends, neighbors and co-workers to join you for this magical evening.

We need your support to make this show a success. Come join us today! To volunteer to help please email Behroze Clubwala at bclubwala@aol.com or call (201) 755 – 5714. For questions and additional information, please email Edul Daver at edul@zagny.org

ZAGNY Organizing Committee
We are pleased to announce that ZAGNY has joined the Indian American Community Foundation (IACF) as a Welcoming Partner for the upcoming visit of Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the Madison Square Garden on Sunday September 28th, 2014.

The event is free to attend.

The Prime Minister is eager to address the Indian-American community during his September 2014 visit.

IACF is striving for genuine diversity in age, gender, geography, language, religion and economic status in allocating tickets for the event - so it would be great if we made a strong showing. The event will be held on Sunday, September 28 at Madison Square Garden, New York, NY. Doors open at 9.30 am.

For online individual registration for a free ticket, visit: www.PMvisit.org

For those attending it would be appropriate to show up in our daglis and sarees!

ZAGNY ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP 2014-15
Application Deadline December 1, 2014

ZAGNY is currently accepting applications for The ZAGNY Academic Scholarships for the academic year 2014-2015. These Scholarships provide financial assistance (Scholarship Loan) to Zarathushtis for full-time study at a college, university or equivalent accredited academic institution in the United States. The Scholarships are offered in recognition of academic excellence and are intended to assist students who demonstrate a need for financial assistance.

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 an interest-free loan for $2,500/- each and a grant of $500/- accompanying each loan.

Please visit our website for eligibility and judging criteria, complete details of application process and to download the application form. Application deadline is December 1, 2014.

ARBAB RUSTAM GUIV 34th DEATH ANNIVERSARY
October 7, 2014

October 7, 2014 will mark the 34th death anniversary of our benefactor Arbab Rustam Guiv. Without him and his wife, Khanum Morvarid’s generous and benevolent hearts, the New York area Zarathushti community would not have had a place to call it’s own. Our growing and thriving community will forever be grateful to them. We pray Ahura-Mazda bless their souls and shower their blessings on us!
Contribute your special skill / talent and help raise funds for the new building. Thank you to our members for volunteering to contribute –

**ZAGNY T-SHIRT FUNDRAISER.** Buy your ZAGNY T-Shirts, wear them with pride at family events and get-togethers and raise Z Awareness! As you can see, the T-shirts have the Faravahar symbol in front with Humata (Good Thoughts), Hukhta (Good Words) and Hvarshta (Good Deeds); and the back says ZAGNY and has our logo. The standard size T-shirts are **$12 for kids and $15 for adults.** 100% of the profits from the sales will be donated toward our new Darbe Mehr project. I have been extremely impressed and motivated by the generosity of our community at the various fundraisers and as an 11th grader I would like to do my share! Please claim yours by calling/emailing me, **NATASHA DUSAJ** to let me know your size at ndusaj@gmail.com or (862) 812-1340. Thank You.

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To contribute towards the New Darbe Mehr building, please make your checks payable to **DMZT** and mail to – Minu Dutio, DMZT Treasurer, 1 Broadview Dr., Medford, NJ, 08055.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND CONSIDERATION!**
EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION EXTENDED UNTIL SEP 20, 2014

We invite you to attend the XVII North American Zoroastrian Congress in Los Angeles from December 29-31, 2014. To celebrate the success of our registration drive and response to popular demand, the discounted prices for Early Bird Registration are now available until September 20, 2014. Don't miss out! Register now and save before the Early Bird flies off forever!

You can register via our website To make the Congress meaningful for families, we offer special rates for children and youth, for whom we have created several special programs. To make your stay in LA enjoyable, we also offer several sightseeing and social events on the days surrounding the Congress, including an entire Pre-Congress Youth Weekend. Finally, as you add-on events, don’t forget to add on the New Year’s Eve Gala to your registration. This will be a night to remember!

For more information, please visit our website or engage with us on Facebook

The XVII North American Congress Committee
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Our Temporary Home for Sunday Religious Classes for 2014-15

Stony Point Presbyterian Church
125 West Main Street
Stony Point, NY 10980

Start at 1:00 pm sharp. We pay by the hour, so will need to do something that we have never done before – START ON TIME!!!

SEPTEMBER – NOVEMBER 2014

09/7, Sunday: Religious Class
09/13, Saturday: Mystic India World Tour Show
09/28, Sunday: Narendra Modi Community Reception
10/5, Sunday: Religious Class
11/2, Sunday: Religious Class, Halloween Parade