



ZOROASTRIAN ASSOCIATION OF GREATER NEW YORK

NEWSLETTER

LLADRO ZARATHUSTRA VOTIVE INITIATIVE

BY BEHROZE CLUBWALA

I was pondering what next.... My time in 2014 was busy with Mystic India and the Western Classical Music night. 2015 is here – we need another \$800,000. Fashion show options with Parsi Bollywood actors performing, auctions and other ideas were rolling around in my mind when I recalled the beautiful Lladro votive which had our Asho Zarathushtra on one side and a Farohar on the other side which I had seen at Edul and Niloufer Daver's home. I loved the piece – it had found a special place in my heart. My cousins from India brought me one too. It occurred to me, I am sure all Zoroastrians would like to have one in their home.

I talked about it to Percis Bansal and she said "I'm with you on this Behroze, let's make this happen. My son Rohit has good contacts at Lladro." This was great news. Now, we had a stroke of good luck as well. The entire fund raising team agreed.

Rohit and I talked everyday for a few days. He was brilliant at the negotiations and went the extra mile for ZAGNY. No request I made was turned down. He was able to make an outstanding deal with Lladro.



The ZAGNY Board agreed to underwrite the purchase of 300 pieces. Would we be able to sell so many? Perhaps in 3 months? Arzan, as always, designed a spectacular circular and put it out for ZAGNY as an e-blast and the rest is history. ZAGNY sold 300 votives in 3 days. WOW!

As we go to press, we have sold over 700 VOTIVES IN 15 DAYS.

We have done it as an on-line order system with credit cards and so we have the majority of the money in the bank!!

The Lladro Initiative has been an outstanding success. We are so excited – we have orders from all over USA and even some from Australia, Dubai, Singapore and of course Canada. Our potential is unlimited. All the members of the Rapid Response team (Edul Daver, Mehru Cama, Sheroo Kanga, Percis Bansal, Percis Daruwala, Piroja Press, Ferzin Patel, Nina Mistry and Arzan Wadia) are reaching out to their contacts in all the Zoroastrian Associations in North America. Many who have called with specific questions have said: "Congratulations. ZAGNY is always on the forefront of ideas."

The core team working endlessly with me on the logistics of the orders and responses are Piroja Press and Ferzin Patel. Much credit is due to them for our success. Cyrus Pavri and Arzan Wadia support us tirelessly on the on-line order inventory and the credit card systems. And I can't thank Rohit enough. He is on the phone with me each

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

2014 has been a year unlike any other in our ZAGNY history since the opening of our original Darbe Mehr in New Rochelle in 1977. We were so used to having a home, that functioning without one posed new challenges, but to the community's credit everyone rose to the occasion and adapted seamlessly. And what an activity packed year it has been - from the Ceremonial Ground Breaking in March, the Farewell to our Darbe Mehr in July, the Mystic India performance in September, the Narendra Modi event at Madison Square Garden where ZAGNY was invited to be on the Welcoming Committee, the Western Classical Music concert in December and culminating with the North American Zoroastrian Congress in Los Angeles where ZAGNY was the largest visiting contingent.

You will read about the Congress in this newsletter, however I must mention a few things that impressed me the most. First of all congratulations to two of our own, Dinshaw J. Patel and Poruz Khambatta on winning FEZANA Awards – They make ZAGNY proud! The youth representation at this Congress was unsurpassed - 160 youth who had their own youth track of events specially catering to social and educational issues important to them – kudos LA! And I was tremendously impressed by Nadir Godrej who delivered the Keynote Welcome entirely in his trademark style of poetry. Exceedingly well done and I encourage you all to read it at www.fezana.org. One is used to chief guests and keynote speakers disappearing after their stage appearance, but to Nadir's credit he was there for the entire three days, mingling with everybody and always with his infectious smile.

Of course, the 2014 – 2015 period will be known for the construction of our new Darbe Mehr. This is a massive project, and our sincere appreciation must go to the key players and the team that has been working ceaselessly, against all odds, for over two years to make this dream a reality. It is very heartwarming to be at the construction site and see the building beginning to take shape. I am also very impressed by those who have contributed large and small amounts towards this cause, and one may ask why? The answer is simple – it is because they Believe! They believe in the future – they believe in providing our future generations with a strong sense of identity and belonging, a spiritual base with a magnificent prayer room, a home for continuing religion classes and adult lectures, a gathering place for festive occasions and solemn ones and a center for the perpetuation of our Zarathushti community in the tri-state area. They believe that this will be the legacy of our generation – Our gift to the next! We are in the home stretch and need to raise the last \$800,000 within the next six months. May we ask you to also Believe!

ASTAD J. CLUBWALA

President, ZAGNY 2014-17

February 15, 2015

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2015

WWW.ZAGNY.ORG/MEMBERSHIP

night, coordinating the major logistics of now making sure that all the votives get delivered.

ZAGNY members don't miss this opportunity to own this "collector's item." Reach out and tell your friends, sagas and every Zarathushti you know.

May it bring "Ushta te" to every home.

To place an order visit www.zagny.org/lladro

OUR NEW DARBE MEHR

BY EDUL DAVER

*I wake up every day,
and plan to make it a pleasant day.*

*But my mind is busy thinking,
about our New Darbe Mehr in the making.*

*Friends, Zoroastrians, well-wishers, hear us out,
for with your help we will win and shout.*

*Parsees in India are almost lost,
because at reproduction we are naught.*

*America is the land of opportunity,
where we are growing with grace and dignity.*

*We are now building our new Darbe Mehr;
which future generations will use with flair.*

*It will have a prayer hall with traditional goodies,
which will replicate our Agiaries.*

*And of course a social hall,
that will seat for dinner, four hundred of us all.*

*We are good at making merry,
and will enjoy our whiskey and sali marghi.*

Our youth come monthly to learn our history and religion,

and for them we have seven learning stations.

*A library is there for those who love reading,
and a game room for those who like playing.*

*And best of all a façade that screams Persian,
so each time we enter we are proud to be a Zoroastrian.*

*Some say our youth will not use it a lot,
but wait until they have their own tots.*

*Others say they are committed to college fees and
other causes and rightly so,
but can you not please stretch your pockets, just a
little bit more?*

*A few feel that giving for a building does not seem
right,
but anthropologists have shown that structures
keep the faith alive.*

*We are sure you can see that we have an enthusiastic
working group,
who are toiling day and night to make our dream
come true.*

*So won't you please help with your generous
donations,
to bridge the funding gap and complete construction.*

*We are sure it can be done,
Indeed the race must be won.*

*It is with you we plead and request,
To open your hearts and do your best.*

*Remember, the more you give the more you get,
Ahura Mazda is great and will do the rest.*

NEW DARBE MEHR UPDATES

Work on the building of the new Darbe Mehr is on in full swing.

Site Work is 75% complete and Building 25 % complete. The weather has slowed us down but come March we will see a lot of rapid activity.

We are still on track to complete the building in the September to December, 2015 time frame.

Funding Update

Estimated Total Project Cost: \$ 4,600,000

Donations & Formal Pledges as of January 31st, 2015: \$ 3,806,829

FUNDING GAP as of January 31st, 2015: \$ 793,171

2015 Brings Us To A Critical Period In The Project

We need to maintain cash flow and eliminate our funding gap by September 30, 2015. We earnestly request payment of pending pledges amounting to \$265,112 as of January 31, 2015.

WE NEED TO BRIDGE THE FUNDING GAP and raise approximately \$100,000 per month for the next 8 months so as not to slow down construction.

For questions / further information, please contact

Edul Daver at eduldaver@gmail.com or Toos Daruvala at toosdaruvala@aol.com

To donate

Go Online: <http://www.dmzt.org/contribute-to-new-darbe-mehr-fund>

Or make checks payable to DMZT and mail to

Minu Dutia, DMZT Treasurer, 1 Broadview Drive, Medford, NJ 08055.

Thank you

Sincerely,

FUND RAISING COMMITTEE

To read the entire news update go to: www.dmzt.org/ndm1502

Check out www.dmzt.org for regular Construction photographs.

Latest Construction photographs on Page 8 & 9 of this newsletter.

ZAGNY ZARATHUSHTI KIDS CLASSES

GRADUATION

BY SAM SHROFF

Sunday, December 7, 2014

With another year behind us, so goes another great year of classes for our ZAGNY youth. At the last class of 2014, we held a graduation ceremony where our youngsters were presented a certificate of completion in recognition of their efforts.



The classes are designed to help our children understand the religion they are part of and how it's woven into their daily life. Our 4 class levels cover various topics, from the very basic to the more in depth, none of which would be possible without the tireless efforts of our teaching staff. These community volunteers put together a myriad of activities, crafts and lesson plans so our children can learn.

The Board would like to thank all the teachers for their time and knowledge they share with our kids. Avan Patel, Pearl Ball, and Tanaz Karai team up to teach our youngest in Class 1. Class 2 is



headed up by Shiraz Antia and Farrah Randelia. Class 3 is held under the leadership of Lovji Cama and Friya Randelia. The duo of Daulat and Xerxes Kotval are tasked with managing the 4th and final year of the program. Please join us in thanking each of our wonderful teachers.

A special thanks goes out to all the families who attend and participate in the classes. We know kids have busy lives and we want to thank you for religiously taking time out of your schedule each month.

We look forward to another great year ahead.

AN EVENING OF WESTERN CLASSICAL MUSIC WITH NEVILLE BHARUCHA

BY KERMAN DUKANDAR

ZAGNY organized a unique event of Western Classical Music on December 13, 2014 at Our Lady of Peace Church in North Brunswick. With a perfect ambience of the Church hall, the magical performance by piano virtuoso and a child prodigy who is now 22 years old, Neville Bharucha, spell bounded the audience. We were further captivated and enchanted by the duet from Reinhold Glière by Liley Mehta on Cello and Cyrus Mehta on Violin. We were then entranced with the Carlo Yvon – Sonata in F minor for English Horn performance by Piroozi



Cooper-Wittlin. Gripping performance by our Soprano Tara Jamshedian of Guacomio Puccini further captivated the audience. The performances concluded with splendid and engrossing Piano recitals from the compositions of Chopin, Moszkowski, Saint-Seans and others by Neville Bharucha. Finally the sumptuous dinner was catered by The Pind Restaurant. Thanks to Lina Golvala for making all the necessary arrangements with the Church and Piroozi Cooper-Wittlin for procurement of Piano and development of program.

The entire performance is recorded in HD video and is available on: <http://zagny.org/nevillebharucha>

Below is an email we received from Zarir Bharucha, Neville's father.

Dear Edul

I am Neville's father Zarir writing to you. I join my wife Sanober in expressing our heartfelt gratitude for all the trouble and effort you and the ZAGNY members put in to provide Neville with this wonderful opportunity to showcase his talent. He was so appreciative of the lovely venue and the excellent piano you had arranged for him to play on. At this level of performance a good instrument makes a huge difference.

Although we were not there to witness it for ourselves, my brother Jehangir and Neville kept us updated of his activities in the US. As you must have already heard from Jehangir his recital at Seattle was also very well received.

He has now returned to London to continue with his studies. Please convey our sincere thanks to everyone at ZAGNY who selflessly worked to make the occasion such a grand success.

Best wishes and Season's greetings

Zarir Bharucha, Bangalore, India.

WZCC AWARDS 2014 TO EDUL DAVER AND SHIRIN KUMAANA-WADIA

At the Annual General Meeting and Gala Dinner of the World Zarathushti Chamber of Commerce, three Zarathushtis all from the USA, won the three awards presented.

ZAGNY's own Edul Daver won the 2014 Entrepreneur of the Year Award. Nina Godiwalla from Houston won the 2014 Professional of the Year Award. And ZAGNY's own Shirin Kumaana-Wadia won the Young Professional/Entrepreneur Award for 2014.

The Awards were presented to Edul and Shirin by Lord Karan Bilimoria. Nina could not attend due to prior commitments.

The Gala Dinner at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Dubai began with a warm welcome by WZCC Secretary Behroze Daruwalla. Minocher Patel, a public motivational speaker then gave a wonderful talk about what Happiness means to all of us and many spend all their lives striving to achieve it, without realizing

that it is in the now and here. Fitness guru Mickey Mehta spoke about how living healthy was a holistic process, both of body and mind.

Then Chief Guest of the evening Lord Karan Bilimoria spoke of his journey as an entrepreneur and used his journey with Cobra beer to emphasize some of the finer points of entrepreneurship and running businesses.



This was followed by the much awaited awards ceremony.

To find out more about Edul and Shirin's achievement check out ZAGNY's website at: www.zagny.org/wzcc2014awards

ENTERPRISE DUBAI 2014

Enterprise Dubai 2014 is a two day event planned by the Zarathushtis of Dubai to highlight the entrepreneurial opportunities in the region, and specifically the city of Dubai. Over two days, leaders of industry and business are gathering to discuss and debate their journeys into running their own businesses. And it also provides those in the audience with opportunities to learn about setting up their own businesses in Dubai and the UAE.

The event got underway on Friday December 19th at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Dubai. Over 500 attendees, sponsors, and invited guests from industry and government witnessed a great opening ceremony. Films about Dubai and its superlatives, opportunities and possibilities introduced the city to the audience. The ceremonial lighting of the lamp was done in the presences of H.E. Mirza representing the local government and other dignitaries like Lord Karan Bilimoria, Fali Major and Vada Dasturji Khurshed of the Iranshah.

An operatic rendering of the Ashem Vohu and Yatha Ahu Vairyo by Farah Ghadially accompanied by Jamshed Turel on the piano provided the musical element of the opening.

Meher Bhesania who heads the organizing committee welcomed the delegates and promised a fun filled two days.



Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi sent in a congratulatory message acknowledging the millennial alliance and cohesiveness of Parsis within the Indian fabric.

A few events really stood out in the first day's program. The first was a fantastic presentation by one of the most eminent legal luminaries of India Fali Nariman. He spoke about ethics in business and in life. He said that this is the age of distraction where all of us are bombarded with extraneous distractions of the digital kind.

Continue reading at: www.parsikhabar.net/edxb2014

XVII NORTH AMERICAN ZOROASTRIAN CONGRESS 2014

A REPORT BY KAYOMARZ KHAMBATTA

After 29 years the Zoroastrian Association of California hosted the North American Zoroastrian Congress. The NAZC - XVII was held at the Hilton in Los Angeles, California from December 29 to 31. The theme of the program was Faith and Unity.

Whether liberal or conservative, Parsees or Persian, we showed that we are one community and shall strive and prosper in North America thru faith and unity.

It was three days packed with interesting and informative

sessions. There were extraordinary speakers, scholars, luminaries and experts in their respective fields showcasing the theme of this Congress.

It was attended by 760 attendees from the USA, Canada, United Kingdom, India, Pakistan, UAE and other countries. Those of us from ZAGNY numbered about 60, and on the Second day of the Congress, we all displayed our unity by wearing our Zagny t-shirts designed by our own Natasha Dusaj.

Each registrant was welcomed with a colorful vibrant orange and blue gift bag. These bags were filled with goodies, give-aways and the program book.

The program started with the Khushali-nu-Jashan, performed fantastically by Mobed Zarrir Bhandara (what a wonderful voice) and numerous other dastooors. Our two ZAGNY mobeds Poruz and Karl Khambatta were also present in celebrating the occasion.

The welcoming speech was done by Katayun Kapadia from FEZANA. This was followed by the wonderful poetic stylings of the very talented keynote speaker Nadir Godrej. [\[read on www.fezana.org\]](http://www.fezana.org) This was followed by a very interesting keynote address from Parissa Khosravi regarding following your dreams. She put forth a very strong message to all youngsters that they should pursue their passions and chase their dreams no matter what it takes.

Beside Faith and Unity, the topics covered included themes related to understanding the fundamentals of our religion, the challenges the next generation of young Zoroastrians in North America are facing, Yin and yang of Zoroastrian thoughts, our ancient history and culture, the significance of our ceremonies and of course interfaith in today's world.

ZAGNY members were also present as speakers, panelists and moderators on many sessions. Shirin Kumaana-Wadia kicked off the very first Teen Track at a N.A. Zoroastrian Congress. Homi Gandhi and Poruz Khambatta were panelists on a session on Generational Perspectives. Natalie Gandhi was a panelist on a panel on Zoroastrian Parenting. Arzan Sam Wadia spoke about





the Zoroastrian Presence on the Internet and co-presented the Zoroastrian Return To Roots presentation. Homi Gandhi, Gev Nentin, Lovji Cama and Arzan Sam Wadia, all office bearers at FEZANA were part of the FEZANA Panel. Er. Soli Dastur and Navroz Gandhi both ZAGNY Non-Resident members also spoke at the Congress. Good friend of ZAGNY Dr. Dan Sheffield delivered the



Khorshed Jungalwala Memorial Lecture and was introduced by Lovji Cama.

On the first evening, the entertainment was classical Persian music performed by Mima Goodarz and her team.

During lunch on the second day, there was the FEZANA Award ceremony chaired by our very own Noshir Langrana and Adil Mistry. Just as in the past, the awards were distributed in different categories based on the criteria evaluated by the distinguished panel of judges.

Two awards were bestowed to members of our ZAGNY community. (1) The Jamshed And Shrin Guzdar Excellence In Business Or Profession award to Dinjaw J. Patel and (2) the Shirin Nariman Dastoor Outstanding Young Zarathushti Student Award to Poruz Khambatta.



On the second evening, we had the opportunity to witness a full World Zoroastrian Symphony Orchestra directed by Farobag Homi Cooper and conducted by Adil Mehta. The sopranos performed by Meher Pavri, Tina Siganporia and Ardavan Taraporewala were phenomenal. Neville Bharucha also gave a stunning performance. For those who missed him in New Jersey, it was a treat.

This was followed by Majah Masti (bawaji style) with small skits - apuro parsii style. And finally concluded by the famous Zorro band Generation One from Houston, playing our favorite melodies.

The last evening was a grand gala to ring in the New Year 2015!

Overall, the Congress was a testament to our community in North America. It would not have been possible without the gallant efforts of so many dedicated individuals from the Los Angeles Zoroastrian organizations and the willingness of nearly 760 Zoroastrians from across North America and even other continents to make the journey to LA. We, as a community are proud to call ourselves Zarthushtis, after witnessing so much that is wonderful about our culture and heritage.

For those who were unable to attend the Congress, it is strongly recommended that they attend the next North American Zoroastrian Congress to be held in Vancouver, Canada in July 2016. Additionally, for the youth interested in attending, there will be a spectacular World Zoroastrian Youth Congress which is scheduled to be held in New Zealand in December 2015.

As our community continues to flourish during the Zoroastrian diaspora, it is important for us to take the time to come together at these Congresses. They enable us to learn more about the religion, history and culture that bind us together, make new friends and reunite with old ones, and let our youth experience the wonder of what it means to be a Zoroastrian in the modern world.

Video recordings of the entire Congress are now available on their website at: www.nazc2014.org/congress-video







YOUNG RATESTARS: AN UPDATE

Over the years ZAGNY and its members have supported the amazing work done by Young Rathestars, a group of volunteers that provide relief and help to poor Zarathushtis in rural Gujarat.

ZAGNY members Rohinton and Yasmin Madon coordinate a lot of the group's fundraising effort here in the United States, and would like to share a report about the groups activities for the year 2013-14. You can read the entire report on ZAGNY's website at: zagny.org/downloads/ZAGNY_YR_2014.pdf

NYC HEMOPHILIA WALK THANK YOU

Team Champion conveys their heartfelt sincere gratitude for your generous donation towards the Hemophilia Walk 2014. This will be their 4th year participating in New York City Hemophilia Chapter's 10th Anniversary Hemophilia Walk. So far they have raised \$9,000 in 3 years. 10 year old Captain of the team Porus Cyrus Pavri and our Hemophilia Community appreciates all your good wishes, encouragement and support in helping raise money for research, advocacy, education and hopefully one day a CURE for this very painful bleeding disorder.



Kindly continue your support towards this cause and help our little Zoroastrian shine.

ZAGNY MEGA GARAGE SALE

A slight twist to a proven fund raising idea. Garage sales and flea markets are as American as apple pie and are almost always successful. A group in Bergen County has raised \$300 and proved the concept. So we propose to step it up to the big leagues. The idea is to join forces, combine our resources and make this initiative a bigger success and raise some real cash. It will also give us an opportunity to make new friends and spend a few hours together.

THE PLAN:

1. This spring/summer we will rent space at centrally located flea markets in NJ. (North, Central and South Jersey).
2. Members are requested to donate surplus, unused or lightly used items.

3. You can price your own item and haggle, like we do at home. :-).

So, we request you to please roll up your sleeves and begin spring cleaning a little early. It is the perfect opportunity to unclutter your basement, garage, closets, dressers, etc.

To get you started, here are a few suggestions on what type of items are needed.

1: Women accessories such as handbags, costume jewelry, scarves, pashminas, and dressy evening wear always sell quickly.

2: Home goods: vases, bowls, china, toys, etc., preferably in their original boxes.

3: Have realistic expectations and price the items to sell.

To join their efforts contact: Arnaz at amanecksha@aol.com or Piroja at pirojapress@gmail.com or Sheroo at kangavs@yahoo.com.

Please feel free to contact them with suggestions, questions on



logistics, etc. If you are unable to come to the markets, you may entrust them with your items. They will do their best to obtain the best offer.

Please bring/send your items to the religious class in March, April, May. Prior notice will be appreciated to make the necessary transportation arrangements. If the response is positive we will continue these efforts into the summer months.

BADAM NI BOI FUNDRAISER

This is a fundraising request from the ZAKOI Community (Zoroastrian Association of KY, OH, & IN (ZAKOI)).

The Badam ni Boi (a sweet pastry made with crushed almonds and flavorings), is a great addition to your Norooz Table and a yummy treat for your family and friends. You can order it for yourself or for sending it to your friends around the country. We will pack and ship it to your friends/family with a personalized note from you. All the profits raised from the sale of these Boi's will go to our ZAKOI Center Fund. This fund has been established and is continuously being raised to enable our community to have



our own Worship Center someday.

We will try to have a contact person in your community who will collect your orders, and

deliver the Boi to you at your local Norooz function, or you can arrange to pick it up from the contact person's home earlier if you like. Or, you can have the Boi delivered to your own home directly. A few families can plan together and place an order at any one family's address.

The Boi are \$32 for a Pair, or \$16 for 1 Boi .The S & H rates for the Boi through USPS will be \$6 for 1 Boi (Small Flat Rate Box) \$13 for 2 - 7 Boi (Medium Flat Rate Box) and \$18 for 8 -15 Boi (Large Flat Rate Box)

Please place your orders with me as soon as possible, latest by end February, if you would like to purchase the Badam ni Boi and help our community with this great cause. If you are not interested in buying the Boi but want to help with our fundraiser, we will gratefully accept your tax-deductible donation check made to the ZAKOI Center Fund, and mailed to Bakhtavar Desai, 6383 Jamesfield Ct., Fairfield, OH 45014. A receipt with

our Tax ID number will be mailed to you upon receipt of our donation.

Looking forward to receiving your orders and your help with spreading the word about our ZAKOI Worship Center fundraising, and thanking you in anticipation!

Bakhtavar's contact details are bfdesai@aol.com 513-560-0581 (cell) 513-829-7818 (home)

NEW POSITIONS ON ZAGNY BOARD

Zubin Dumasia our Secretary had moved to Tennessee along with his young family in September last year and Rashna and Zubin became proud parents of their second child, Zeenia in October. During his time as Secretary, Zubin proved to be extremely dedicated and dependable and was instrumental in getting out the first Newsletter for our Board. His willingness to pitch in and help will certainly be missed.

We are pleased to welcome our new Secretary, Meherzeen Daruwala and new Joint Secretary Kayomarz Khambatta. Congratulations both!

ZAGNY JAMSHEDI NAVROZE FUNCTION 2015

Date:

Saturday March 21, 2015

Venue:

Greek Orthodox Church, 353 East Clinton Ave. Tenafly, NJ 07670

Registration:

Adult Members \$40 per person

Senior Citizens \$30 per person

Children \$25 per child

Non-Members \$50 per person

6:30 PM: Registration

7:00 PM: Appetizers and Cash Bar

7:15 PM: Games and Entertainment for Kids

7:30 PM: New Darbe Mehr Construction Update

7:50 PM: Bollywood Dance Dhamaka !!

8:30 PM: Socialize

9:00 PM: Dinner

10:00 PM: Music and Dance

There will be raffle drawing throughout the evening at regular intervals.

Program:

Name: _____

Tel: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

_____ Adult Members @ \$40 each

_____ Senior Citizens Members @ \$30 each

_____ Children (5-12 years) @ \$25 each

_____ Non-Members \$50 each

_____ Donation Amount

Check #: _____ Total Amount: _____

MAIL THIS FORM AND CHECK TO:

Cyrus Pavri, Treasurer, ZAGNY

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COMMUNITY CORNER

ZAGNY MEMBERSHIP 2015

ZAGNY Board invites you to be a part of the tri-state Zoroastrian community. Become a 2015 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 building our new Darbe Mehr 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 14 and mail along with your check or sign up online at www.zagny.org

We look forward to your participation as a 2015 ZAGNY MEMBER and count on your support through membership dues and donations. Thank you!



Introducing **Zaydan Sherazad Mehta**, born December 16, 2014 in Manhattan, NY. Zaydan, Persian, means "to bring life." Proud parents Sherazad Mehta & Mrinalini (Mindi) Nair along with grandmothers Khurshid Mehta & Roji Nambiar enjoyed the early holiday gift.



Karl Daruwala, 24, passed away on November 9th 2014, in Monroe Township, NJ. Beloved son of Vispi and (Deceased Mother) Shehnaz Daruwala, step Mother Percis Daruwala and Brother of Tara

Daruwala. Karl was selfless, kind and caring man, he always put other's needs before his own. He was an avid Snow Border and great Bicyclist and was studying at Leslie School in Boston to become Early Child Hood educator.

Adil Phiroze Makhania, a caring, helpful, jovial and handsome man celebrated his 71st birthday on December 9, 2014 with his wife, Pinks, loving and caring son, Hormazd and his friend Keki. However, God needed an angel. Adil passed away suddenly, yet peacefully resting on a chair in his home at Dadar, Mumbai, India on December 24, 2014.

He was the beloved son, of Piloo and Phiroze Makhania who predeceased him. Adil is survived by his wife, Pinks Makhania, children, Hormazd Makhania and Zarine Shroff, his brother, Minoo Makhania, his son in law, Sam Shroff and his grandchildren, Cyrus and Zarah Shroff who were the light in his eyes. He is also survived by his mother in law, Bunny Daruwala and some

cousins. Thank you for loving, caring and sharing your life with us. May Ahura Mazda bless you and keep you safe as you are loved beyond words and missed beyond measure.

Sarosh Motiwalla, eldest son of Rohin and Prochi Motiwalla, died on 18 December 2014 at Reachview Village Home, Uxbridge, Ontario following a long term illness. He was 50 years old. Sarosh was born on 14 February 1964 in London, England. He moved to Dubai upon finishing school and became popular figure in the world of luxury goods. His outgoing and generous personality was appreciated by all especially amongst his local customers who appreciated his good humor and direct approach. He married the love of his life, Khurshid Daruwalla in March 1995 in Mumbai, India and they moved to Canada in 2001. Their daughter Kainaz was born in 2005 when Sarosh became a proud and devoted father.

Sarosh loved music, good food, congenial company and a good story. He had a passion for cars which he satisfied with a collection of model classics.

A kind and gentle soul, he nevertheless demonstrated great courage and resilience battling his long term illness. His greatest regret would be he did not have more time with his wife and daughter. He leaves behind many grieving family members and friends not least his parents and siblings.

STONY POINT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Our Temporary Home for Religious Classes

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.

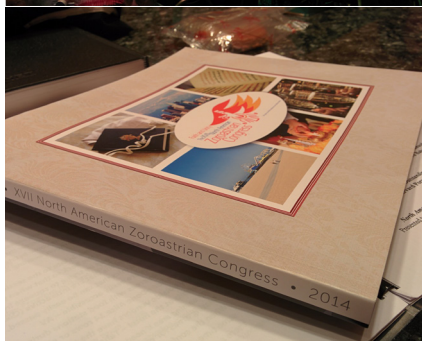
UPCOMING TOUR TO IRAN

APRIL 23-MAY 15

For more information please call 949-551-5252 or silloopmehta@gmail.com

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ZAGNY Newsletter shall continue to share with the community, announcements for births, navjotes, weddings, graduations, address changes and sad demises. To include an announcement email jtsecretary@zagny.org





ZOROASTRIAN ASSOCIATION OF GREATER NEW YORK

2015 MEMBERSHIP FORM

WEB: WWW.ZAGNY.ORG | FACEBOOK: [FACEBOOK.COM/ZAGNYUSA](https://www.facebook.com/ZAGNYUSA) | TWITTER: [TWITTER.COM/_ZAGNY](https://twitter.com/_ZAGNY)

NAME: _____
Last Name First Name Middle Name Name of Spouse

NAME OF CHILDREN: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____
Street City State Zip Country

CONTACT _____
Home Tel Cell Phone Spouse Cell Phone
Email Address Spouse's Email Address

	MEMBER	SPOUSE
ORIGINALLY FROM:	_____	_____
PROFESSION / TITLE / BUSINESS:	_____	_____
COMPANY NAME:	_____	_____
ADDRESS:	_____	_____
EMAIL:	_____	_____
TELEPHONE:	_____	_____

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP: REGULAR ☐ ASSOCIATE ☐
REGULAR MEMBER: AT LEAST ONE MEMBER OF THE FAMILY IS ZOROASTRIAN
ASSOCIATE MEMBER: NO MEMBER OF THE FAMILY IS ZOROASTRIAN

CATEGORY OF MEMBERSHIP:	**ALLOCATE DONATION TO THE FOLLOWING FUND(S)	MEMBERSHIP:
FAMILY @ \$ 120 <input type="checkbox"/>	NEW BUILDING \$ _____	MEMBERSHIP: _____
INDIVIDUAL @ \$ 60 <input type="checkbox"/>	GENERAL FUND \$ _____	DONATION**:
SENIOR CITIZEN @ \$ 35 EACH <input type="checkbox"/>	SCHOLARSHIP \$ _____	TOTAL VIA CHECK: \$ _____
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NON-RESIDENT FAMILY @ \$ 45 <input type="checkbox"/>	LIBRARY \$ _____	

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FAMILY: PARENT(S) AND CHILDREN UNDER 21 YEARS
INDIVIDUAL ADULT: 21 YEARS TO 65 YEARS
SENIOR CITIZEN: 65 YEARS AND OLDER
STUDENT: ENROLLED FULL-TIME AT AN ACADEMIC INSTITUTE
NON-RESIDENT FAMILY: RESIDING OUTSIDE THE TRI-STATE AREA OF NY, NJ AND CT.

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO **ZAGNY** AND MAIL ALONG WITH THIS FORM TO:

CYRUS PAVRI
TREASURER, ZAGNY
227 RIVER MEWS LANE, EDGEWATER NJ 07020



NEW DARBE MEHR PROJECT AT SUFFERN, NY

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: _____ E mail: _____

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 eduldaver@gmail.com for details)

3. Gift Options

☐ CHECK ENCLOSED – Check # _____

(Please make check payable to "DMZT - New Building Fund")

☐ SECURITIES (Stocks, Bonds etc.)

Estimated Value: \$ _____

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

☐ PLEDGE OF \$ _____ to be paid (please circle one)

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Signature

Date - MM / DD / YYYY

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Meherzeen Daruwala

ZAGNY SECRETARY

248 Park Avenue

West Harrison, NY 10604

2015 SUNDAY RELIGION CLASS SCHEDULE

March 1st,

April 12th, (**NOTE CHANGE**)

May 3rd, and June 7th.

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!**

UPCOMING EVENTS - SAVE THE DATE

Sat March 21

Navroze function

Sun April 12

ZAGNY Annual General Meeting

Sun May 3

DMZT Annual General Meeting

Sat May 16

Jamva Chaloji Gala Dinner

Fri June 19 - Sun Jun 21

Ivy Gandhi Zarathushti Kids Camp

Sat July 18

ZAGNY Annual Summer Picnic



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