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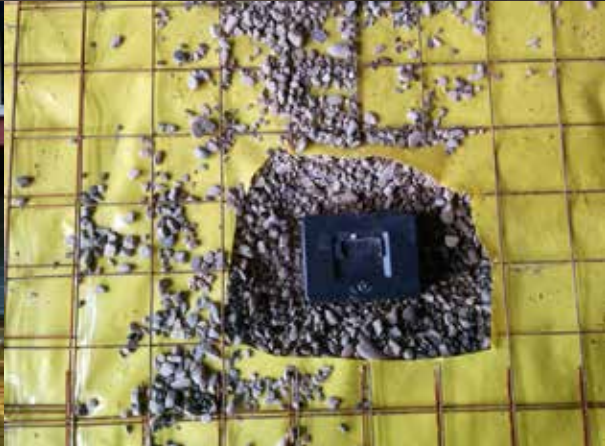
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AT THE ARBAB RUSTAM GUIV DAR-E-MEHR, 106 POMONA ROAD, POMONA, NY

COMMUNITY APPRECIATION AFTERNOON



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THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT OVER THE PAST 13 YEARS WITH THE REVLON WALK!

BY NATASHA DUSAJ

For 13 years ZAGNY TEAM 1109 has walked shoulder to shoulder in Times Square in the 5K Run/Walk in Central Park to raise money for Women's Cancers. I know my mom, Khursheed Navder joined the team when she started on the ZAGNY Board in 2005. Thanks to the commitment and profound generosity of our extraordinary community of supporters, and dedicated individuals like Sheroo Aunty and Homi Uncle, Team ZAGNY has raised close to \$100,000 for women's cancer research and support programs.

For the first initial years, Usheen Davar led our team followed by Sheroo Kanga with co-captain Khursheed Navder helping with the logistics of the meeting in New York. Last year I had the privilege to co-chair the team with Sheroo Aunty. I worked with my cousin, Khushnam Mirza (a design student at SCAD in Atlanta) to have special T-s for team ZAGNY with our Z life philosophy motto--Good Thoughts, Good Words and Good Deeds. Our team of 31 looked very coordinated and I am grateful to our walkers for being so supportive. Little did we know that it was going to be our last walk but looking back we can certainly say that we went out with a bang!

Early this Spring we were notified that Revlon and EIF had mutually decided to restructure their respective charitable efforts independently, and would no longer host the annual Run/Walk events in Los Angeles and New York. So for those of you who have wondered why you did not receive any email requests for donation this year, it was certainly not because Team Z fizzled out.

A big THANK YOU once again for your generosity over the years...the pictures below are glimpses of the fun times we've had. We will continue to work together to raise funds for such worthy causes and look forward to harnessing the power of our supporters in many such endeavors.



ZAGNY VOLUNTEERS AT FEED THE NEEDY

BY CYRUS MERCHANT

On February 18, a small group of ZAGNY volunteers braved the winter storm to pack meals for impoverished areas in Africa. Cyrus Merchant organized a team including the Merchant family and Percis and Vispi Daruwala.



The team had fun with packing grains in an assembly line while enjoying the energizing music, and camaraderie. The volunteer event was organized by Feed My Hungry Children, an entirely volunteer based organization. Two Million meals were packed in Clinton NJ in just 1 week by 8,000 volunteers this year. This year the meals will go to Liberia, where Ebola hit in the middle of their planting season causing famine and food shortages.

All grains are purchased through donor contributions. Eight thousand volunteers signed up online for two hour packing sessions in an extremely well run operation. Videos showed the volunteers the steps to the packing assembly lines and explained how the meals can save children in war torn and famine struck areas from starvation.

EDUCATION AND GENDER EQUALITY AT THE UNITED NATIONS

BY: ADINA MISTRY

As a 13-year old, an opportunity to present at the United Nations comes very rarely. It was an honor for me to participate as part of the Federation of Zoroastrian Associations of North America (FEZANA) UN NGO team presenting, "Education: A Powerful Tool for Gender Equality", at the 59th Commission on the Status of Women: Implementing the Beijing Platform for Action, on March 16, 2015.

But I have to be honest that at the beginning, I had no knowledge

of what this topic meant and how I could relate to it. To live in the United States, go to school, have options to study what I am passionate about, and enjoy afterschool activities are part of my life that I take for granted. I now know that getting even basic primary education is a struggle and privilege for many children around the world.

According to UNESCO, worldwide 121 million children ages 6 – 11 are denied access to education. This is a sobering statistic especially when viewed together with how the lack of education breeds poverty and exploitation, especially for girls.

I was very fortunate to learn about Pratham and was proud to introduce our audience to Pratham during our presentation. Over the last two decades, since its inception in 1995, Pratham has become the largest educational movement in India and one of India's largest and most respected education NGOs. Pratham has been recognized for its innovation and impact by many of the world's leading experts and philanthropic organizations, and received several awards year after year by a range of external and independent organizations for both the quality of its innovations and for its extensive impact in addressing literacy problems. And Pratham has achieved this success through several innovative programs such as Read India, which is Pratham's flagship program and helps to improve reading, writing and basic arithmetic skills of children 6-14 years of age; the Second Chance Program,



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT... SEATED: NINA MISTRY AND HOMI GANDHI, STANDING: ADINA MISTRY, NERGIS KAKALIA, AND NURELLE MEHTA.

which helps girls 14 years and older complete their secondary education; the Annual Status of Education Report, which is a highly influential survey and most comprehensive large-scale educational measurement tool that helps shift the focus of primary education from enrollment to learning quality; and the Vocational Training Program, which provides underserved young adults occupational skills so that they can be employed in the manufacturing and service sectors.

Today, I benefit from those that have come before me who made education an equal opportunity for boys and girls, men and women, and as I commence my high school years, I have the opportunity to pay it forward. Pratham has given me the inspiration to dedicate myself to the spread of education,

especially education for girls, as a tool for gender equality, as I do believe that knowledge brings independence and freedom of thought because as Nelson Mandela said, **“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”**

UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN 2015

EVERY GIRL DESERVES A “SECOND CHANCE”

BY NINA MISTRY

This year, the United Nations 59th Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) celebrates Beijing +20, which is the 20th anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women and adoption of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (BPfA).

BPfA was the result of advocates for women's rights from around the world who came together to network and lobby governments to develop a framework of comprehensive commitments promising to change the lives of women and girls everywhere and address the twelve critical areas of concern - Women and poverty, Education and training of women, Women and health, Violence against women, Women and armed conflict, Women and the economy, Women in power and decision-making, Institutional mechanism for the advancement of women, Human rights of women, Women and the media, Women and the environment, and The girl-child.

The 59th CSW is a two-week event at the UN Headquarters in New York from March 9 – 20, 2015, attended by representatives

of Member States, UN entities, and accredited non-governmental organizations (NGOs) from around the world. Active participation of NGOs is an essential component in the work of the CSW as NGOs have been influential in shaping the current global policy framework on women's empowerment and gender equality.

I was honored to participate at this forum through the Federation of Zoroastrian Associations of North America (FEZANA) UN NGO. Our FEZANA UN NGO team presented “Education: A Powerful Tool for Gender Equality” at a parallel event of the CSW on March 16, 2015. Collaborating with Pratham, one of India's largest and most respected education NGOs, I had the privilege to present Pratham's Second Chance Program. The Second Chance Program, so aptly named, promotes secondary education for economically marginalized girls and young women forced by circumstance to opt out of continuing their education, literally giving them a second chance to get back what they once lost – a chance to complete their formal education, a chance to empower themselves and a chance to strive for gender equality! It is inspiring to see the work done by Pratham in the short span of three years since the Second Chance Program was introduced in 2011.

Equally impressive is how Pratham has grown to become the largest educational movement in India advocating for educational reform and standing up for children's, especially girls, right to education. It is no doubt that Pratham's strategies and best practices coupled with innovative and cost effective program solutions are tested and built to continue to position Pratham for greater success in its mission to have “every child in school and learning well”. I hope that with my presentation I may have in my own small way inspired others, especially men, to play a crucial role in society to advocate and work towards gender equality, one girl at a time!

AS YOU SOW, SO SHALL YOU REAP!

Our New Dar-e-Mehr Building Fund recently received an unsolicited donation of \$5,000 from Kaivan Chinoy of Vancouver. While we are extremely grateful for Kaivan's unsolicited kind gesture and generosity, we were curious, “Who is Kaivan Chinoy and what is his connection to ZAGNY?”

Kaivan's association with ZAGNY goes back to 2007 when he was a student in the UK. A note that accompanied Kaivan's donation reads, “I was in desperate need of funds to complete my MSc degree course and no one helped me out, not even the Zoroastrian community in the UK where I had been residing for the past 5 years at the time. It was then that ZAGNY stepped in and showed personal interest in helping me out (referring to the tireless efforts made by Yasmin Ghadially). The loan was to be paid interest free over a 5-year period. However, once I completed my studies and went back to sea I was earning twice the loan

amount per month so naturally I had the ability to pay off the loan in a short period. Without the loan I would have struggled a lot! So I'll always be thankful to ZAGNY for their generosity!”.

This heartwarming story is surely one of many that ZAGNY has impacted over the years. If you ever wondered how your contributions to the various ZAGNY Funds are used, this is a first hand account of the difference your generosity makes to the life of another Zoroastrian / community member. Thank you for making it possible for ZAGNY to help out when need arises and validate the adage “As You Sow, So Shall You Reap!”.

And a big THANK YOU Kaivan, for helping us reduce our funding gap at this critical time and supporting our new Dar-e-Mehr building project.

CELEBRATING JAMSHEDI NAVROZE

ZAGNY STYLE

BY YASMIN C. PAVRI

Our Navroze function was held on Saturday, March 21, 2015 at Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Tenaflly. Almost 180 people from the community attended. Apart from being a Navroze function, there were many additional activities going on all throughout the evening.

Our thanks to the various members who graciously donated items for the silent auction and to those that bid on them. We had about 10 items and were able to raise \$3,000.00.

We also thank our community for supporting us in the Lladro initiative. It is a super hit fundraiser. A Lladro table was set up to give delivery of the votives to many community members that had purchased them and helped our cause.

We also had a kiddy raffle. Thanks to the efforts of Zarine and Sam Shroff who brought sporty items for raffle. Every kid participated and helped raise around \$300 that evening for our New Dar-e-Mehr.

It was something different which was liked and enjoyed, especially by the junior members of our community.

Along with all this going on at the side, we had the evening started with a small tandarosti prayer led by 3 of our board members. After that our ZAGNY President, Astad Clubwala, said a few words, followed by Edul Daver who gave us an update of where we stand in terms of construction as well as finances/fundraising. Our fund raising appeal for the new Dar-e-Mehr, which was intentionally limited to a brief 15 minutes, was extremely successful. It started with 3 donors contributing a total of \$50,000 matching seed money, which was more than matched by 22 generous supporters who contributed a total of \$72,636 to raise a total of \$122,636. We are very fortunate as a community that so many friends have been stepping up to the plate to help make our dream a reality. Our sincere thanks to all those who donated this evening. A complete list of all donors to date will be published in our next newsletter.

Spenta Cama had a wonderful idea to share with the members. She encouraged kids to participate by either donating a portion of their pocket money or doing some chores in and around the house to earn and donate some money for our Dar-e-Mehr. We even had 2 young members of our





community, Porus Pavri and Freyan Vimadalal speak from their perspective, what the new Dar-e-Mehr meant to them. Their words touched our hearts and the determination and motivation to complete our dream project became even stronger.

This fun filled evening also had some dhamaka Bollywood entertainment provided by Zenobia Dotiwala and her friends Hitesh Thaker and Juhi Laungani and the final performance had our very own ZAGNY members joining in.

Of course no Parsi function is complete without delicious food and music, dance and merriment. Everyone enjoyed to their hearts content, hoping that next Navroze function we will be dancing in our new Dar-e-Mehr. Let's show the world that we are a very determined, committed, loyal community who cares for its religion and culture not only today but for many, many years to come.



Save the Date

SEPTEMBER 13, 2015

COMMUNITY APPRECIATION AFTERNOON

At Arbab Rustam Guiv Dar-e-Mehr site

106 Pomona Road, Pomona, NY

This event is sponsored by IZA & ZAGNY
in collaboration with DMZT and is
FREE for all our Dar-e-Mehr well wishers

Join us for a fun-filled afternoon with family and friends to recognize the community's support, celebrate our accomplishment, and together close the funding gap of \$475,000 to take us over the finish line.

Don't miss this opportunity to take a first look at your new Dar-e-Mehr building, which will be close to completion, while enjoying end of summer festivities.

It's our THANK YOU for making a vision in to a reality! We could not have come this far without your support and without everyone digging into their pockets. But donor fatigue cannot keep us from realizing our dream now when the end is within reach.

AMBITION IS THE PATH TO SUCCESS. PERSISTENCE IS THE VEHICLE YOU ARRIVE IN



OUR DREAM, YOUR LEGACY, SHAPING THE FUTURE OF OUR COMMUNITY



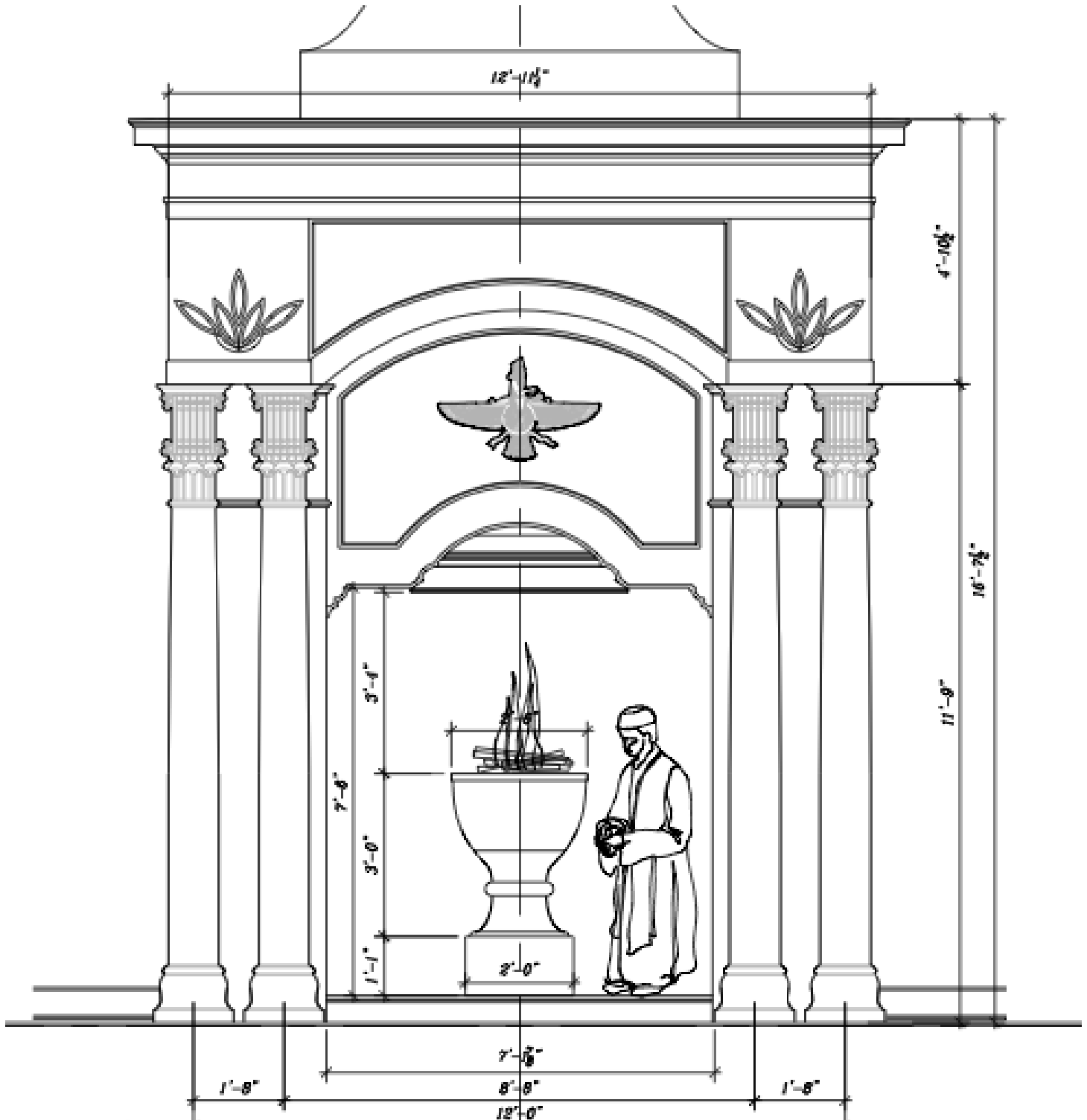
OUR NEW DAR-E-MEHR, HOME TO THE TRI-STATE ZOROASTRIAN COMMUNITY, WILL BE INSTRUMENTAL IN CREATING A SENSE OF BELONGING AND FORGING A STRONG BOND WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY TO PRESERVE OUR ANCIENT FAITH AND CULTURE AND TO FLOURISH IN THE NEW WORLD.

"I DO NOT WANT MY HOUSE TO BE WALLED IN ON ALL SIDES AND MY WINDOWS TO BE STUFFED. I WANT THE CULTURES OF ALL THE LANDS TO BE BLOWN ABOUT MY HOUSE AS FREELY AS POSSIBLE. BUT I REFUSE TO BE BLOWN OFF MY FEET BY ANY." - MAHATMA GANDHI

UNVEILING OUR NEW DAR-E-MEHR KEBLA DESIGN

One of the main features of our new Dar-e-Mehr building is that it has been designed with an adequately large Prayer Hall that can accommodate approximately 100 people at prayer time. At the heart of the Prayer Hall is the Kebla, adorned with an Afarghanyu, Bell, Anni (tripod for “khumchas”), “Guraj” (rod with a bulls head on it) and other traditional implements. The Kebla is designed to be 12 X 12 feet with an open design that compliments the main front façade of the building. The front of the Kebla is completely open, while the sides have a short railing so that the Afarghanyu, Fire and Priest(s) are visible from anywhere in the Prayer Hall.

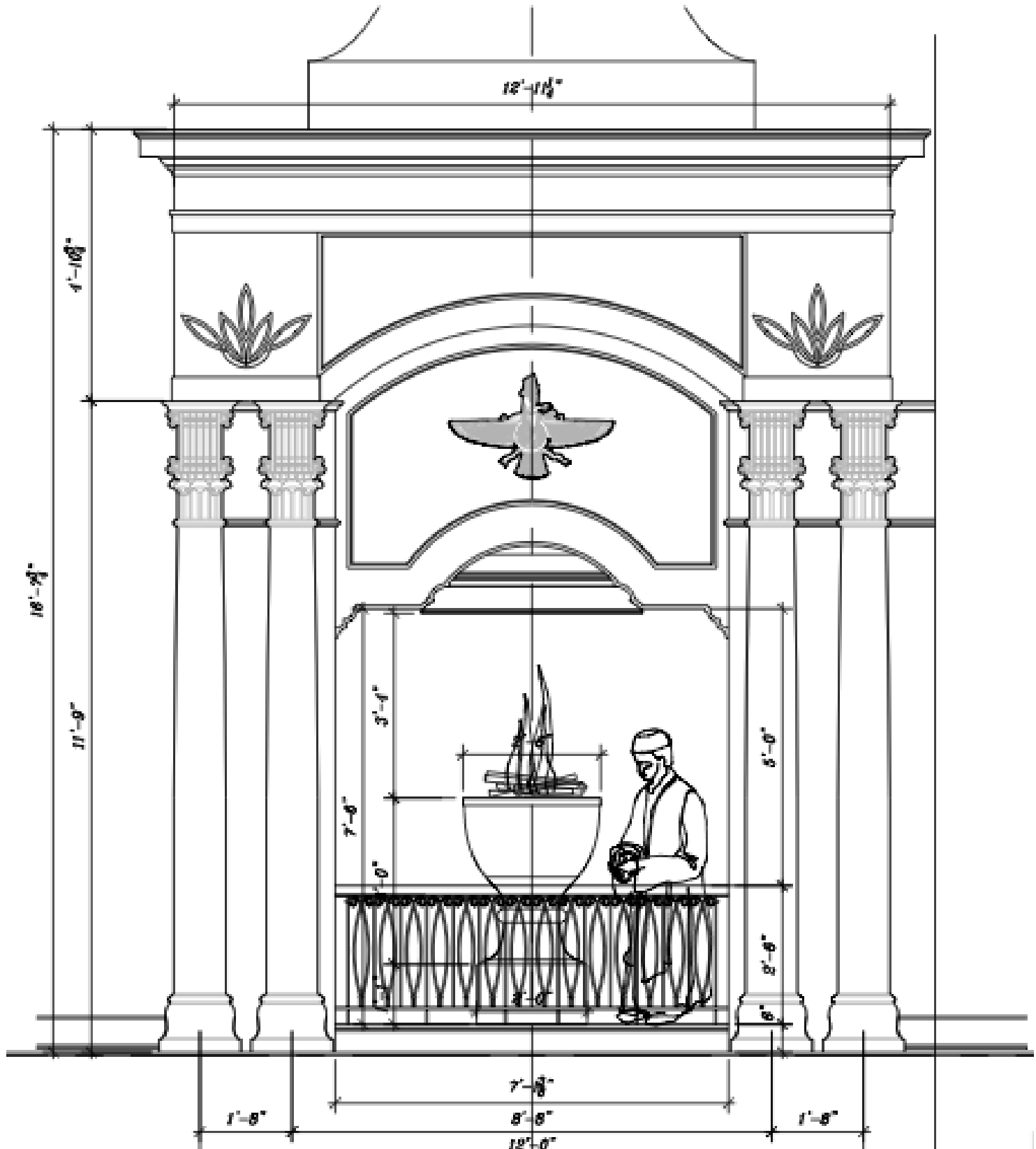
Artist rendering of the South Elevation of our Kebla



UNVEILING OUR NEW DAR-E-MEHR KEBLA DESIGN

The Afarghanyu shall sit at the center of the Kebla on a Khuan (pedestal), and shall have a traditional dome ceiling with a good ventilation system to minimize smoke in the Prayer Hall. The Kebla is an integral part of the Prayer Hall in our new Dar-e-Mehr and has been designed as a labor of love by our very own Dinyar Wadia and his team.

Artist rendering of the East Elevation of our Kebla



A FIRST LOOK AT PICTURES OF THE NEW CUSTOM MADE AFARGHANYU THAT WILL ADORN THE HEART OF OUR KEBLA

THANK YOU !

YASMIN, JAMSHED & AYSHA GHADIALI

FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATION.

Our new Afarghanyu design is based on the 250 year old prototype found at Dadiseth Atash Behram, Mumbai. It is an impressive 30 inches in diameter and 36 inches tall. It will sit on a Khuan (pedestal) 13 inches high.

The Afarghanyu was designed and built in Mumbai, India over a period of 18 months and shall be shipped to it's home here at our new Dar-e-Mehr, to arrive shortly in June 2015.



OUR NEW DAR-E-MEHR FROM VISION TO REALITY

CURRENTLY AT MAY-END

- Roof Completed
- Side wall Insulation completed
- Underground utilities completed
- Upper level flooring poured

LOOKING AHEAD.....BY JUNE-END

- June 5, 2015: Ground floor poured and the “Sagan” box, filled with auspicious items at the Ceremonial Groundbreaking in March 2014, placed under the Kebla flooring.
- Inside framing is well on it's way and will be completed in June.
- Electrical and plumbing work will commence.

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Total pledges / donations amount to \$4,125,977 as of May 31, 2015. Our new Dar-e-Mehr building construction is on schedule and REDCOM can complete construction by September 2015!

We need to raise the last approx. \$475,000 with urgency in the next four months to complete construction on schedule.

We request all our donors to kindly fulfill current outstanding pledges amounting to \$310,219 as of May 31, 2015, and promptly mail checks (made out to 'DMZT') to Minu Dutia, DMZT Treasurer, 1 Broadview Drive, Medford, NJ 08055.

Thank you in advance to our donors who have indicated that they will contribute more. Please send us your checks at the very earliest to help avoid construction delays and resultant cost escalations.

We urge all our supporters and donors to kindly consider an additional contribution to bridge the approx. \$475,000 funding gap.

We earnestly request ALL our community members who have not yet contributed, to support the new Dar-e-Mehr building initiative and join our 325 donors. It will be a proud moment when we cross the finish line with 100% participation from our local Zoroastrian community!

Our dream of a new Dar-e-Mehr building is just a few months away. The time is NOW! Together, let us realize this dream – after all, beyond the “bricks and mortar” plans, our new building is about the 21st Century community growing that will take place within the walls of our new Dar-e-Mehr!





Thank you!

Obtaining all the Kebla implements for our new Dar-e-Mehr would not have been possible without the dedicated and tireless efforts of Yasmin Ghadiali. Our heartfelt thanks to Yasmin, who coordinated all aspects of sourcing and shipping our Afarghanhyu and other implements for the Kebla from India. Kebla implements were procured with the help of countless believers and supporters. Some items were donated, others were provided at discounted prices and there were many gracious and generous facilitators / volunteers at every step. Our deepest gratitude to:

- Firdosh Mehta for helping coordinate the shipping of items.
- Zersiss Buhariwala of Buhariwala Logistics for coordinating the collection, packaging and shipping of these items from India.
- Dinshaw Tamboly for the invaluable efforts in facilitating, coordinating and working as Yasmin's liaison in Mumbai.
- An Anonymous donor of other items, and helper for coordinating all aspects of the Afarghanyu fabrication.
- Vada Dasturji Khurshed Dastur who on behalf of the Samast Udvada Anjuman, authorized the donation of "Guraj" (rod with a bulls head on it) and silver Torans as a small token of appreciation for all that the Zoroastrians of the tri-state area have done for Iranshah over the years.
- Khushru Press of Jivanji Jewellers for the restoration and polishing of the above items in a very short time.
- Sima & Pervez Najmi for the Khuan donation.
- Khushru Vesuna for facilitating the donation of other items, and for sponsoring the polishing of these items.
- Veera Bharucha for coordinating the contribution of prayer topis and scarves, and arranging for the fabrication of Diva Glasses.
- R. N. Kerawalla & Co. for contributing prayer topis at subsidized rates and for gifting Sukhad for the opening ceremony Jashan.
- Sanjaybhai of Jai Khodiyar/Mazda Stores for custom making and contributing our Diva Glasses at a subsidized rate.

"THOSE WHO DO GOOD AS OPPORTUNITY OFFERS ARE SOWING SEEDS ALL THE TIME AND NEED NOT DOUBT THE HARVEST"

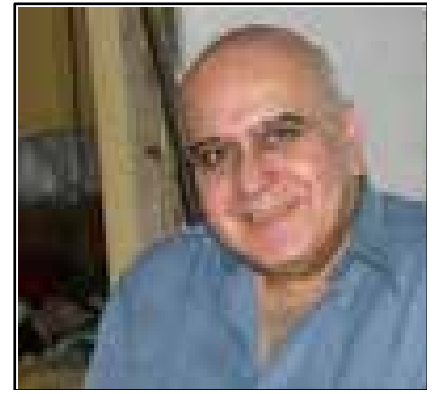
DINSHAW TAMBOLY OF THE WORLD ZOROASTRIAN ORGANIZATION (WZO) WRITES TO OUR DMZT TRUSTEES

"It has been my pleasure to do what little WZO Trust Funds and I could to assist in the project.

We recognize that with the rapid depletion in the numbers of our community in India, the responsibility of maintaining and preserving our pristine faith now lies with Zoroastrians residing in the western diaspora in general and North America in particular.

It is a sign of the times we live in, and the will of Ahura Mazda that whilst our places of worship are facing an uncertain future in India, new ones are gradually coming up in North America.

My colleagues join me in extending to you and your colleague Trustees our very best wishes for your far sighted vision and fervor of preserving our faith in the years to come."



Join us to create a legacy for many generations to enjoy and cherish

To show your support, please make checks payable to 'DMZT' & mail to,
Minu Dutia, DMZT Treasurer, 1 Broadview Drive, Medford, NJ 08055

For up to date infoabout the new Dar-e-Mehr Building Project visit: www.dmzt.org

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NEW DAR-E-MEHR FUNDRAISING INITIATIVES

OUR YOUTH, DREAMING BIG.....DOING BIGGER!

As the younger members of the Zoroastrian community, we are eager to help with the fundraising effort to build our new Dar-e-Mehr. Over the years, ZAGNY has taught us about our faith and culture, cultivated lifelong friendships, and fostered a sense of community. We hope that our contribution, however small, will demonstrate our appreciation and support.

Each of us is offering a service or product as listed below. Please contact the person directly if you are interested. In return for each service, we ask that you contribute however much you want towards our new Dar-e-Mehr building.

Please join us in our effort to help build our new Dar-e-Mehr and strengthen the Zoroastrian community – in New York and beyond.

Zarina & Spenta Bamji	Offering fitness classes with a focus on muscle toning all levels of experience welcome Contact Zarina: zarina.bamji@gmail.com 609-529-6058 Spenta: 732-804-8139
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Zal Shroff	Offering advice for the college admissions process (essays, interviews, SAT's, etc.) Contact: 845-729-2639

ZAGNY T-SHIRTS

GET YOURS TODAY AND HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR OUR NEW DAR-E-MEHR

Order your Zoroastrian Life Motto "Good Thoughts, Good Words, Good Deeds" T-shirts. Wear them with pride at family events and get-togethers and raise Z Awareness!

The T-s have the Faravahar symbol in front with Humata (Good Thoughts), Hukhta (Good Words) and Hvarshta (Good Deeds); and the back has our ZAGNY logo. This eye-catching design is an all black T with white graphics.

The standard size T-s are \$12 for kids and \$15 for adults. 100% of the profits from the sales will be donated towards our new Dar-e-Mehr.

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. I have pledged a minimum of \$1,500 for our new Dar-e-Mehr.



Please claim your T's by calling / emailing me, NATASHA DUSAJ, to let me know your size at (862) 812-1340 or ndusaj@gmail.Com

Thank you!

WEARING OUR ZAGNY T-S WITH PRIDE!

KIDS COUNT FOR THE NEW DAR-E-MEHR

Launched at the March 2015 Navroze Function, "KIDS COUNT FOR THE NEW DAR-E-MEHR" program energized our youngsters ages 5 – 14 years to contribute to the fundraising campaign through their efforts with household chores and other tasks during the months of the April, May, and June Religion classes.

The Sribnick family has generously offered to match the kids' contributions up to \$1,000.

Watch this space in our next newsletter to read about the contagious enthusiasm of our youngsters, and be prepared to be inspired!



THE ZAGNY FLEA MARKET !!

WORKING FOR OUR CAUSE AND MOTIVATED TO SUCCEED

Dear ZAGNY Members:

Thank you for responding to our request to spring clean and donate your surplus items and help us raise funds for our Dar-e-Mehr. The list of generous Donors (including our non-Zoroastrian friends) adds up to an impressive 35. Too many to name here so we will display the list along with our list of volunteers at upcoming ZAGNY events.

The Flea Market Sale organizers and volunteers have been working diligently for the last several months. It has been a physically demanding and time consuming undertaking. However it has also been a rewarding experience loaded with laughs, camaraderie and feasting.

Our TEAM is proud and pleased to announce we have raised \$1,000 so far from the sale of your items. We are even more pleased to inform you that a ZAGNY member, who wishes to remain anonymous, was very impressed with our dedication and efforts, and has awarded us a matching donation of \$1,400.

Our anonymous donor's generous gesture motivates us to continue our work. We will accept your donations but limit them to very lightly used handbags, costume jewelry, scarves, pashminas, and household items, preferably boxed. These are relatively easy to transport and sell. Thank you for your understanding.

Unfortunately it has been a challenge to sell clothing. We are researching an alternate plan for lightly used clothes. So please continue to collect them in strong plastic bags not weighing more than 40 pounds each. Stay tuned for further details regarding location and date to bring your bags.

Once again, our sincere thanks to the generous donors, the anonymous matching donor, our hard working field volunteers for supporting us along with their families on weekends and to the ZAGNY Board for its cooperation.

Sincerely,

Arnaz, Piroja and Sheroo.



ZAGNY EXPANDS LLADRO

FUND RAISING INITIATIVE

BY BEHROZE A. CLUBWALA

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you! The Zarathustra Lladro votive initiative has been an amazing success story and the best fund raiser to date with \$40,000 profit already deposited into the New Dar-e-Mehr fund with more to come!

The Zarathustra campaign continues and would it not be great if every ZAGNY member has one of these beautiful votives grace their home! So those who may not have yet ordered kindly do so for our very worthy cause – we will certainly appreciate it. They make wonderful gifts to friends and family and we ship worldwide for only \$5.00 per shipment!

This experience has encouraged us to expand our program to include votives from other religions and cultures from the Lladro Votive series. We all have friends and associates and we need everyone's help in spreading the word and promoting sales.

Here are some ideas:

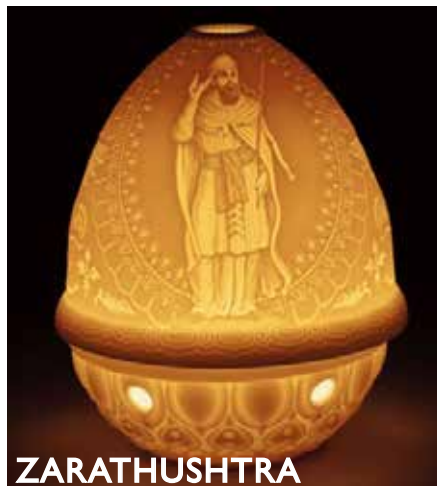
- Gifts to our non Zoroastrian friends and associates especially on their religious festival days.
- Corporations and businesses that may give these out as “employee appreciation” gifts.
- You may have friends that belong to their own cultural associations. Please pass on their contact information to us so that we may request them to publicize the votives to their members in their newsletters and eblasts.

Our great thanks to Rohit Bansal, not only for his initial contacts with Lladro, but also for his ceaseless dedication to this project on a daily basis. Many thanks also to the core team of Percis Bansal, Arzan Sam Wadia, Cyrus Pavri, Piroja Press and Ferzin Patel who continue to put in endless hours.

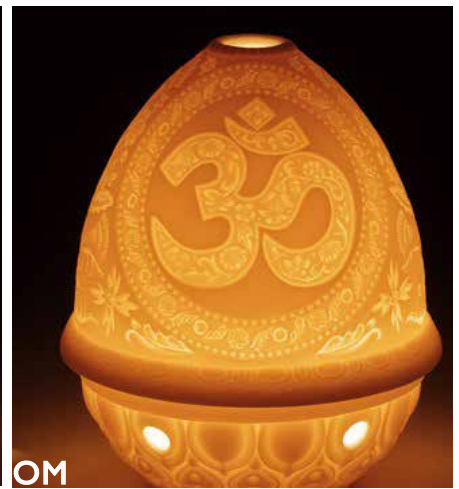
With kind regards and much appreciation for your support.... Behroze

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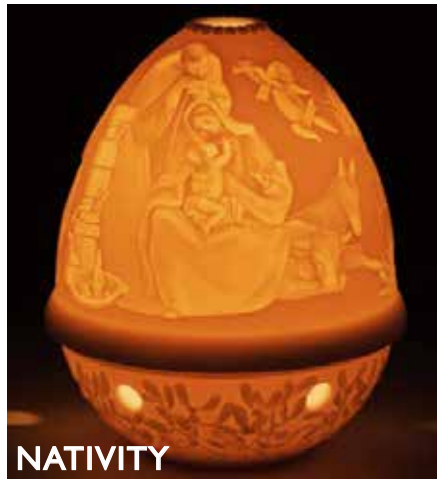
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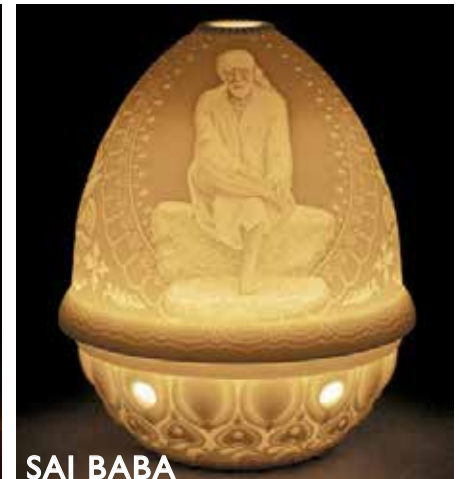
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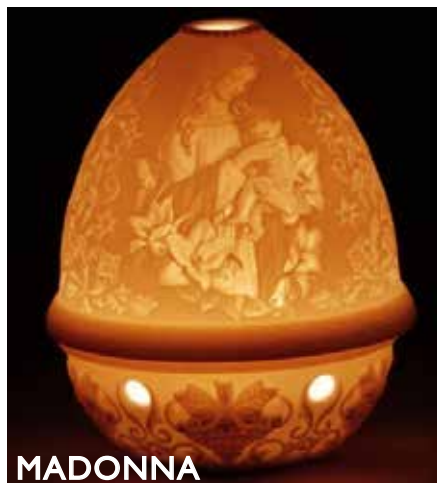
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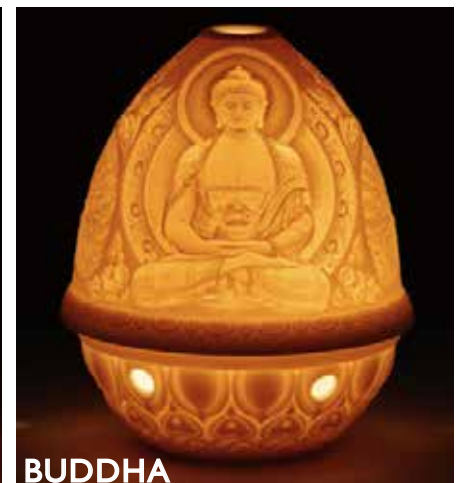
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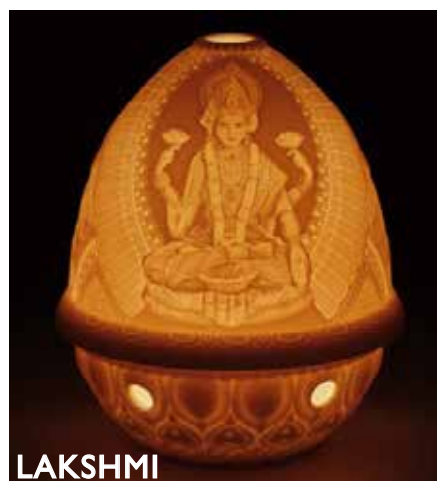
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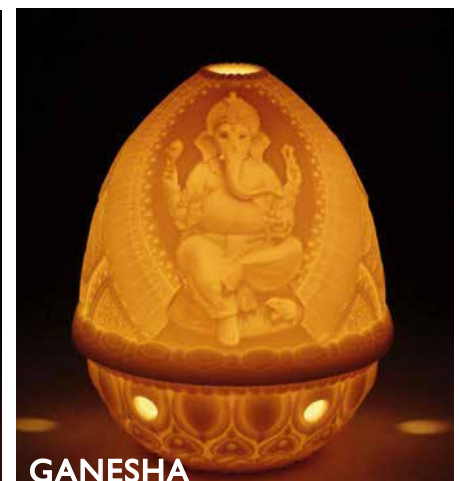
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NEW DARBE MEHR PROJECT AT SUFFERN, NY

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 / E dul 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)

ONE-TIME / ANNUALLY / SEMI-ANNUALLY / QUARTERLY / MONTHLY

Number of Installments _____; Beginning (month/year) ____/____

For a total gift of \$ _____ (should be same as in Item 2 above)

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

☐ In HONOR OF, NAME: _____

☐ In MEMORY OF, NAME: _____

☐ In MY FAMILY NAME: _____

☐ ANONYMOUS

5. Donor List

☐ I CONSENT to disclosing the name(s) listed in Item 4 above on the Donor List on a website, e-blast communications or printed in ZAGNY newsletters

☐ WITH the amount of my gift where amounts are stated

☐ WITHOUT the amount of my gift where amounts are stated

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

Signature

Date - MM / DD / YYYY

Please return completed form to: Minu Dutia, DMZT-Treasurer, 1 Broadview Drive, Medford, NJ 08055.

Darbe Mehr Zoroastrian Temple is a 501(c)3 organization. Your gifts may qualify for federal and state tax deductions or credits as laws allow. Please consult your tax advisor for the actual tax deductibility of your gift. A receipt will be sent to you after your gift has been received.



ZOROASTRIAN ASSOCIATION OF GREATER NEW YORK

2015 MEMBERSHIP FORM

WEB: WWW.ZAGNY.ORG | FACEBOOK: FACEBOOK.COM/ZAGNYUSA | TWITTER: 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:

FAMILY @ \$ 120 ☐
INDIVIDUAL @ \$ 60 ☐
SENIOR CITIZEN @ \$ 35 EACH ☐
STUDENT @ \$ 30 ☐
NON-RESIDENT FAMILY @ \$ 45 ☐

**ALLOCATE DONATION TO THE
FOLLOWING FUND(S)

NEW BUILDING \$ _____
GENERAL FUND \$ _____
SCHOLARSHIP \$ _____
CRITICAL ASSISTANCE \$ _____
LIBRARY \$ _____

MEMBERSHIP: _____

DONATION**: _____

TOTAL VIA CHECK: \$ _____

CHECK # _____

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☐ EMAIL

☐ US POST

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY:

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

2015 ZAGNY MUKTAD SCHEDULE

THIS YEAR THE HOSTS FOR THE MUKHTAD CEREMONY ARE AS FOLLOWS:

DATE	NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE	TIME
Thursday August 13th	Jasmine and Maneck Kotwal	12 Park Hill Terrace Princeton Junction, New Jersey 08550	(609) 275-5952	7:00 PM
Friday August 14th	Pam and Fali Shroff	39 Crescent Ave, Waldwick, New Jersey 07463	(201) 670-6762	7:00 PM
Saturday August 15th	Dinaz and Farhad Subjally	10 Crestwood Drive Chatham, New Jersey 07928	(973) 635-6984	6:00 PM
Saturday August 15th	Teshtar and Noshir Irani	150-60 Jewel Avenue, Apt 76b Flushing, New York 11367	(718) 575-9888	6:00 PM
Sunday August 16th	Behroze and Astad Clubwala	25 Peach Tree Court, Hawthorne, New Jersey 07506	(973) 238 0630	11:30 AM
Monday August 17th	Gool and Ramesh Thakrar	2 Fenbrook Drive Larchmont, New York 10538	(914) 833-1116	7:00 PM

COMMUNITY CORNER

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Hormazd and Freny Dalal joyfully announce the birth of their Grandson JEHAN , in Singapore, on March 15, 2015 Big brother KAIHAN and parents Yazad and Maharukh are delighted.

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SAD NEWS

Khorshed Daruwala (83) mother of Meher Hodiwala and Kairasp Daruwala, passed away in Karachi on Friday March 20, 2015.

We are saddened to announce the passing away of a very long

standing ZAGNY member Piloo Nekoo, aged 92 who passed away peacefully on March 26, 2015

Piloo aunty was the mother of Pouru Hirjibehedin, mother-in-law to Farokh and granny to Cyrus Hirjibehedin.

Our condolences go out to the Nekoo and Hirjibehedin families and all friends of Piloo Aunty.

CONGRATULATIONS

Kaivan Kotval Shroff graduated on May 24, 2015 at Brown University's 247th commencement. He received a B.A. degree magna cum laude in Political Science and was inducted into the Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science National Honor Society.

He joins his mother, Anahaita, and his brother, Zal, in now being a Brown alumnus.

In September, Kaivan expects to join Yale University as a member of its incoming MBA class.....recapitulating the MBA path of his father, Zubeen, and his grandmother, Daulat.

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MUKTAD PRAYERS 2015

Please complete this form in BLOCK letters with the correct status circled for each name and mail to reach us **by Friday, August 7, 2015**

- No surnames are recited in the prayers.
- The name of the deceased is always recited together with his/her father/husband's name as per Zoroastrian custom.
- The name of the deceased as well as the name of the father/husband is preceded by their status, i.e. Ervad, Behdin, Osti etc. Kindly indicate the status by circling the appropriate abbreviation for each name in the table above.

Key: E = Ervad (male who is/was a Navar) O = Osta (male from Athornan or priestly family but not a Navar) Oi = Osti (female from Athornan family) B = Behdin (male/female from Behdin or non-priestly family) K = Khud (whose Navjote has not been performed)

Kindly include the following names in the five-day Muktaḍ Prayers -

		Name of the Deceased		Name of His/Her Father/Husband
1	E O Oi B K		E O B	
2	E O Oi B K		E O B	
3	E O Oi B K		E O B	
4	E O Oi B K		E O B	
5	E O Oi B K		E O B	
6	E O Oi B K		E O B	

I enclose herewith my contribution towards costs for prayers at \$5 per name, maximum of 6 names \$_____

I enclose herewith my contribution towards lunch for _____ people @ \$10 per person \$_____

I enclose herewith my voluntary contribution towards ZAGNY critical assistance fund (optional) \$_____

Total amount via check # _____ \$_____ Your Name: _____ Tel No. : _____

MAIL FORM TO: Meherzeen Daruwala 248 Park Avenue West Harrison, NY 10604

CHECKS PAYABLE TO: ZAGNY **MEMO DESCRIPTION:** MUKTAD

PLEASE NOTE: NO NAMES WILL BE ACCEPTED OVER THE PHONE OR ONCE THE PRAYERS HAVE STARTED DURING THE MUKTAD PRAYERS



Meherzeen Daruwala

ZAGNY SECRETARY

248 Park Avenue

West Harrison, NY 10604

2015 SUNDAY RELIGION CLASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY AUGUST 30 *NOTE CHANGE OF DATE*

SUNDAY OCTOBER 4TH

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 1ST

SUNDAY DECEMBER 6TH

UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY:

Sunday 19th ZAGNY Picnic

AUGUST:

Thu/Fri/Sat/Mon 13th, 14th, 15th, and 17th Mukhtad at host's house. See Schedule inside newsletter

Sun 16th Mukhtad for Community

Sat 22nd Parsi Navroze Function

Sun 30th Religious class for New Academic Year

SEPTEMBER:

Sunday 13th Community Appreciation Afternoon



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