

ZAGNY BIDS FAREWELL TO OUR DEAR PROF. KAIKHOSROV D. IRANI

The Funeral of Prof. Kaikhosrov D. Irani

It would take volumes to illustrate the accomplishments and the impact that Kaikhosrov D. Irani had on the Zarathushti community at large. However, Kaikhosrov was always extremely gracious and one of his most endearing qualities was his utmost humility. So it should be no surprise that he instructed that his funeral, like that of his dear wife Piroja who predeceased him, should be small, simple and private.

On June 30, 2017 on a very pleasant and clear morning, the funeral ceremony was held at the Woolworth Chapel of the Woodlawn Cemetery in New York City. A few close friends and associates had gathered. ZAGNY was



represented by its president Astad Clubwala, IZA by its president Shirin Khosravi and DMZT by its chairperson Marzie Jafari.

Kaikhosrov had selected certain passages from the Gathas to be recited at his funeral. These were the same passages that were recited at the funeral of his beloved wife Piroja. Each passage was recited in the original Old Avestan by Dr. Lovji Cama followed by the English translation recited by Darius Weil, Professor Irani's grand nephew. The translations were those of Kaikhosrov's father Dinshaw J. Irani.

This was followed by the Sarosh Baj prayers recited collectively by Ervad Pervez Patel, Dr. Lovji Cama, Ervad Darius Antia and Kaikhosrov's lifelong friend Mr. Framroze Patel.

Darius Weil and Framroze Patel accompanied Kaikhosrov to the cremation chamber.

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GATHA PASSAGES RECITED AT THE FUNERAL OF PROF. KAIKHOSROV D. IRANI

AHUNAVATI 4.22

Clear is this all, to the man of wisdom, as to one who thinks with care:

He who upholds Truth with all the might of his power,

He who upholds Truth the utmost in his word and deed,

He, indeed, is Thy most valued helper, O Mazda Ahura!

AHUNAVATI 5.16

Following the enlightening doctrine is for us indeed the state of excellence,

Even when the vengeful harm of the wicked threaten us.

The power of Thy teaching, O Mazda Ahura, shall avert that harm from
befalling on Thy devotees.

AHUNAVATI 6.01

In accordance with the Primeval Laws of this existence,

The Ratu (Judge) shall deal perfect justice to all;

To the good who chose the Truth,

To the evil who chose Falsehood,

And to those in whom good and evil are mixed.

AHUNAVATI 6.02

He who opposes Evil by his thought or word,

Or by the work of his own two hands,

He who instructs people to their good,

Makes a worthy offering of faith to Thy Purpose,

O Ahura Mazda!

AHUNAVATI 6.05

I invoke Thy Sraosha (Inspiration) as the greatest of all aids at the
Consummation,

To attain Life Eternal in Thy Kingdom of the Good Mind,

To attain the straight path of Truth wherein Thou dwelleth, O Mazda Ahura!

AHUNAVATI 7.13

It is the Path of the Good Mind which Thou hast manifested to me, O Ahura!



Whereby the well-doers, in accordance with the teaching of the Spiritual Guides, acting in harmony with Truth alone,

Shall pass onward to the assigned reward of which Thou art the bestower, O Mazda!

USHTAVAITI 4.10

Whoever, man or woman, does what Thou, O Mazda Ahura, knowest to be the best in Life.

Whoever does right for the sake of Right,

Whoever in authority, governs with the aid of the Good Mind;

I shall bring all these to join in songs of Thy Praise,

Forth, shall I with them cross the Bridge of Judgment.

SPENTA MAINYU 4.04

With Truth moving my heart,

With Best Thought inspiring my mind,

With all the might of spiritual force within me,

I venerate Thee, O Mazda, with songs of Thy praise!

And at the Last, when I shall stand at Thy gate

I shall hear the echo of my prayers from Thy Abode of Songs.

VOHU KSHATHRA 1.06

At the last turning of life,

To the faithful making the right choice according to His norm,

Doth Ahura Mazda, the Lord judge, in His sovereign Power,

Bestow an end better than good.

But to him who shall not serve the cause of good

He giveth an end worse than bad.

At the last turning of life.

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OBITUARY

Kaikhosrov Dinshah Irani, born on May 1, 1922 in Bombay, India, was the eldest son of Dinshah Jijibhoy Irani and Banu Mithibai Sethna. He graduated from St. Xavier's College in Bombay and obtaining a Law Degree from Bombay University. He met his



future wife Piroja who was a fellow clerk in the law firm where they worked. He came to the United States and worked on the Manhattan Project at the Univ. of Chicago and then at the Princeton Institute of Physics, where he had the opportunity to have many interactions with Albert Einstein. So impressed was Einstein with him that he wrote a letter of recommendation for a teaching position in Philosophy at City College in New York which helped him to obtain the position. He returned to Bombay to marry Piroja.

Prof. Irani became Emeritus Professor of Philosophy at the City College of New York, after teaching there for 41 years. He was Chairman of the Department for nine years; and the Director, and Executive Director of the Program for the History and Philosophy of Science and was responsible for the development of the Program and its execution and teaching. He was also the Director of the Academy of Humanities and Sciences for





12 Years. He retired from teaching at the age of 90 and had a teaching record at City University in New York for 60 years. Here is a quote from one of his students: "Irani is an amazing professor; knows almost every major figure alive during his incredibly long lifetime; is lucid, precise, w/ fantastic memory. Be prepared for old, European pre-war teaching style. Take the class to learn, not to get a grade; he will not grade your work at all, but will give you a final grade from the gestalt of your performance."

Among the awards he received, are: The City College citation for distinguished teaching in 1960, the Outstanding Teachers Award in 1984, the Award of the Society of Indian Academics in America in 1991, for service to the cause of Education. He also received the award for service to the cause of Zoroastrianism from the World Zoroastrian Organization in 1991. The Federation of Zoroastrian Associations of North America Lifetime Achievement Award, 1994. One of his greatest honors was the establishment of the K D. Irani Chair of Philosophy, at The City College of New York, through an anonymous contribution of \$2,000,000, by one of his students in 1999.

His original field of teaching and research, was Philosophy of Science. Prof. Irani was one of those rare individuals whose unique background and interests allowed him to understand the works of both Albert Einstein and Emanuel Kant and to successfully apply this kind of knowledge to his chosen field of the Philosophy of Science. In the last thirty years he worked in the area of History and Philosophy of Ancient Thought -- Religious, Moral, Mythic, and Technological. He was a contributor on the Seminar for Ancient Ethics, presenting a paper on the Dawn of Conscience. He applied these philosophical analyses to Zoroastrian Scriptures. His original analysis of forms of religiosity was applied to Zoroastrianism and the Indo-Iranian religions and the work was published in the K. R. Cama Oriental



Institute Journal (1986) as part of the Government Fellowship Lectures in Bombay in 1981.

Prof Irani arrived in New York in 1947, long before ZAGNY. Over the long years of his association with ZAGNY and indeed the entire North American Zoroastrian community, he was our teacher and advisor and made us think what Zarathushtra really meant by our belief in Good Thoughts, Good Words and Good Deeds. His wisdom and guidance benefited us all. His lectures on Zoroastrianism and Philosophy instructed and guided us to be good Zarthushtis. His standing within academia helped with the recognition of the Zarathushti religion in North America.

As a philosopher one may have expected him to be an ivory tower type. Far from this, he as a true Zoroastrian, involved himself in the life of the community. During 1993-95 Prof. Irani served as the President of ZAGNY and was on numerous Boards of ZAGNY. He arranged seminars and conferences under the ZAGNY umbrella. He also arranged the first and second Gatha Conferences held in the UK and Los Angeles and the first Yasht Conference in New Rochelle, NY. From the time of the inception of the Arbab Rustam Guiv Dar-e- Mehr in New York, Prof. Irani conducted classes for adults on the subject of Zoroastrianism. His common sense and ethical approach to problems helped him shed light on many complex problems that arise within the North American Zoroastrian community.



He had given lectures on Zoroastrianism throughout North America, Europe, India and Pakistan. His knowledge of Zoroastrianism, especially the Gathas, his wit and sense of humor, and his ability to fit the subject of Zoroastrianism in the broader field of Philosophy made him an engaging speaker and a great teacher. Prof. Irani was a person of great honesty and integrity, he held a firm belief in the teachings of Zarathushtra and was dedicated to these teachings. He had often trouble reconciling the social practices of Zoroastrianism when they were in conflict with these teachings.,

Prof. Irani's academic standing and respect gave him the ability to successfully represent and explain Zoroastrianism convincingly at many interfaith meetings. He was a unique treasure to the Zoroastrian community. His connections into the academic world provided the community access to some of the best minds who work in the field of religion and Zoroastrianism in particular. We were indeed fortunate to have amidst us this great philosopher, teacher and friend of our community and one of its finest members.

- Authored by Dr. Lovji Cama

NAVROZE CELEBRATION AND FIRST ANNIVERSARY JASHAN

BY NATASHA DUSAJ

Knowing that our Navroze function was on Sat., March 25, both my brother, Neville and I came home from college that weekend to celebrate Navroze with family and friends.

Zoroastrians around the world welcome the vernal equinox, the start of spring, with a celebration of the New Dawn. Since the Jamshedi Navroze for Parsi-Zoroastrians and the Persian Nowruz or New Year for Irani-Zoroastrians is a celebration of prime importance to both groups, ZAGNY and IZA once again had a joint function as they have in the past. This event on Sat., March 25th was by far the largest Navroze celebration to date

patiently waited in the long line catching up with friends.

My mom and ZAGNY VP, Khursheed Navder welcomed the guests into the hall and invited Astad Clubwala, our ZAGNY President to provide his greetings. He then introduced Mahshad Khosraviani who then provided an interesting glimpse of her journey as a female mobed.

Then for the entertainment segment of the evening, IZA President, Shirin Khosravi, introduced the Zandieh Family orchestra performers of Juilliard fame. The powerful solos by the three brothers—violinist Cameron (17 years old), cellist Charlie (15 years old), and pianist Christopher (12 years old) were received by a rapturous applause from the audience. The father, Dr. Peyman Zandieh, a distinguished OBGYN from Long Island who is also an amateur pianist accompanied his sons in some of the pieces. Our talented soprano Tara Jamshidian mesmerized the crowd yet again by her rendition of Puccini's "Senza Mamma"



with over 400 Parsis and Iranis in attendance. From food to music, the function was a true fusion of both cultures.

A beautiful Haft-Sin table was laid out in the foyer by our IZA members. The evening began with an Atash Niyaesh prayer which...a unique element this year was that for the very first time a female mobed, Mahshad Khosraviani joined our ZAGNY and IZA priests, Ervads Pervez Patel, Noshirwan Hormuzdiar, Rohinton Dadina, and Adi Sidhwa. The prayers were followed by delicious Persian appetizers from Ravagh restaurant that included different types of kebabs, a delicious salad with feta and fresh herbs, and an eggplant dish with pita bread. To get the crowd of 400+ moving along was no small feat but our amazing members



with Dr. Zandieh providing the piano accompaniment. All in all an amazing evening of spectacular performances from our these talented individuals! And just in case you were wondering where the piano came from for this performance, our longtime ZAGNY members Gool and Ramesh Thakarar generously donated their Kawai upright when they read the call go out in our last newsletter. So a big THANK YOU to the Thakarars... their generous gift will be well utilized by our community!

The delectable dinner of traditional Parsi dishes including Palao-Dar, Sali Marghi, kheemo, lagan nu custard was catered by Mehernosh Daruwala. As some guests lined up for dinner others hit the dance floor to a mix of Iranian, Hindi, and English



music DJed by my brother, Neville who has a very good sense of the music pulse of our community having done so for numerous years. The fun and festivities carried on into the night with folks having a great time on the dance floor and no one appearing in any rush to leave. As folks left, each family received the 2017 ZAGNY Directory. All in all yet another fun celebration in our new Dar-E-Mehr that I am so glad I got to attend.

THE FIRST SALGAREH - ANNIVERSARY OF DAR-E-MEHR

SUNDAY MARCH 26, 2017

Right after the Navroze celebration on Sat evening, about 125 ZAGNY and IZA members gathered again the next morning on Sun 3/26/17 to celebrate the one-year anniversary of our Dar-E-Mehr. The first salgareh was venerated with a memorable khushali nu jashan that was unique since it was for the very first time that a female mobed, Mahshad Khosraviani, joined our ZAGNY and IZA Ervads Pervez Patel, Xerxes Antia, Noshir Karanjia, Rohinton Dadina, Cyrus Pavri, Jehangir/Kaizad Madon, Poruz Khmabatta, Karl Khambatta, and our youngest new mobed Porus Pavri. The group of ten priests/priestess performed a beautiful religious ceremony blessing our DM.

After the prayers, a delicious home cooked lunch of dhan dar and sali-kheemo prepared by our Jasely Dukandar and Ravo prepared by Dilshad Todiwala was enjoyed by all.

Insha Aura, may we continue to enjoy this special day year after year to celebrate our beautiful new home built collectively by our commitment, love and trust as a legacy for our children and future generations. Amen!

NEW ZAGNY BOARD 2017-2020

SUNDAY APRIL 2, 2017

At the Annual General Meeting of ZAGNY on Sund April 2nd 2017 the community elected the new ZAGNY Board for a three-year term (2017-2020). We are excited to welcome two

new Board members, Natalie Rusi Gandhi and Navaz Lopinto.

NATALIE RUSI GANDHI resides in Montville, NJ with her husband Rusi, and daughter Asha. She will be serving on the religion/education committees & as the WZCC-NY liaison. She enjoys learning & knowing ZAGNY members.

NAVAZ LOPINTO resides in Allendale, NJ with her husband Andy, and son Cyrus. Here's what she has to say-- We, as a family, have been orbiting around ZAGNY and watching from the periphery for a while. Coming from mixed backgrounds we never felt like we belonged anywhere until we stepped into the ZAGNY world and were welcomed with open arms. We look forward to doing for the community what the community has done for us.

While all of the board members have continued, we bid a fond farewell to one of our members at large, **KHUSHROO VIMADALAL** as the Vimadalals moved to Houston, TX this summer. Despite being on the go most of the time, Khushroo, our Master Mariner and Ervad, contributed immensely to all projects that the Board undertook. We thank him for his dedicated service to our community.....ZAGNY's loss is ZAH's gain.

DMZT AGM & BOARD ELECTION BY MARZIE JAFARI

The Annual General Meeting of the Dar-e-Mehr Zoroastrian Temple was held on Sunday, May 7, 2017 at 12:00 Noon at the Arbab Rustam Guiv Dar-e-Mehr. The DMZT's Chairperson (Darius Mody), Secretary (Marzie Jafari) and Treasurer (Anita Taistra) presented their annual reports. The Treasurer presented the account balances and budget which were approved.

2016-2017 was a busy and eventful year for the DMZT Board managing and maintaining our new facility which is larger and more complex than the old building. The Board had to develop and implement a maintenance program which was appropriate and cost effective for the needs of the new facility. For many of these tasks, the Board developed policies, procedures, and legal documents, including rental and service agreements. In some cases (e.g. obtaining a liquor license, operation of Z-Solar), professional legal services were retained.

For the past several months, the DMZT Board has been working closely with Edul Daver, who has been leading two major additions to the facility – building a front facing fountain and installing solar panels. Both projects will soon be completed and operational. At the AGM meeting, Edul Daver updated the congregation about the status of both projects.

Following the proceedings of the Annual General Meeting, the election for two new trustees was held independently by the election committee appointed for the purpose. One hundred members cast their ballots. Marzie Jafari and Fali Shroff were elected for a three-year term from the list of Nominated Candidates. Each candidate received 100 votes.

WZCC SPEAKER: SHEHRIYAR ANTIA

BY NATALIE GANDHI

The New York Chapter of WZCC held its Spring Quarterly Meeting on May 7 at the Dar-e-Mehr with its featured speaker, Mr. Shehriyar Antia. Shehriyar is the Founder and Chief Market Strategist of MIG, The Macro Insight Group (www.macroinsightgroup.com).

The consulting firm launched in 2013 to provide independent and accessible macro-themed investment strategy to investment professionals around the world. Prior to founding MIG, Shehriyar was a Senior Analyst at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. He advised policymakers, including Janet Yellen, Ben Bernanke, Timothy Geithner and William Dudley. Shehriyar has unique insight and expertise in monetary policy tools, QE programs and their implications for financial markets. He is the recipient of several awards – including the prestigious New York Fed President's Award – for thought leadership and analytical contributions during the financial crisis.

Shehriyar's commentaries are featured in international financial media including: Institutional Investor, Barron's, ETF.com, Bloomberg, Alpha Think Tank, and The Asahi Shimbun. In June



2015, Shehriyar was featured as a "Big Thinker" by ETF Report Magazine. Shehriyar's talk to WZCC-NY was a tour de force regarding the global economy and its prospects over the next years after QE. Quantitative Easing. Shehriyar is a life-long member of ZAGNY having grown up in the Tri-state region with his parents, Darius and Hilla Antia.

Together with his wife, Prof. Nerina Rustomji, they are raising two young children, Azad and Tahmir. Lunch was provided with gratefully-acknowledged facilitation by Jassely and Kerman Dukander. WZCC-NY's next meeting will be on July 9 in Manhattan, featuring mother and daughter team, Spenta Captain Kandawalla and Shaan Kandawalla. With a special focus on Youth, they will speak on "Business in Pakistan and Entrepreneurship in New York".

CONSERVATION OF OCEANS

BY NAWAZ MERCHANT



The Ocean Conference at the United Nations drew international attention to the serious issue of deterioration in our oceans, which increasingly poses a danger to people's lives, livelihoods and well-being. On 5 June, the Ocean

Conference was held in New York with a clear purpose of reversing this trend, presenting concrete solutions for healthy oceans and seas. We Zarthushtis, from the ancient Indo-Iranian times, respect and care for the elements of nature: air, water, earth, sky and fire. In keeping with the environmental emphasis of our faith tradition, FEZANA sent a delegation to participate in the "Ocean Conference" at the United Nations Headquarters in New York from 5th to 9th June 2017. This conference also celebrated World's Oceans Day on June 8th.

On Sunday June 4th, 2017 ZAGNY welcomed FEZANA participants for a panel discussion on topic Conservation of Oceans. Behram Pastakia Co-Chair of FEZANA's United Nations-Non Governmental Organizations Committee was



joined by two Zarathushti youth Anahita Verahrami and Sanaira Mondegarian, who were selected to speak about their work in the realm of conservations of oceans. Along with ZAGNY's own Rustom Bhohti, this team represented FEZANA at the OCEAN Conference at the U.N. Headquarters in New York City.

At Prayer Circle time, the monthly Hum-bandhagi prayer was followed by a brief introduction by Behram Pastakia. Rustom





Bhohti invited religion class students came forward and read prayers related to water and oceans from all the major religions. Then each religion class student was invited to take a pebble from a bowl of water in the center of the hall. They took the pebble home to place upon a prayer table, in order to help them remember to do all they can to preserve water and the oceans. Behram pointed out that future innovations that will save the oceans will come from young people thinking outside the box, and encouraged our youth to do so.

Rustom Bhohti presented a summary of the preparatory meeting and shared the concerns of many of the key nations present.

Anahita Verahrami spoke on the bioacoustics Affect on Ocean Life. She has a background in bioacoustics, or the study of sounds produced by or affecting living animals. Her study focuses on analyzing marine organism vocalizations or on examining the impacts of anthropogenic (shipping, sonar etc) noise of marine ecosystems. The melodious and resonant sounds of marine life filled our large hall for the first time, evoking a delightful atmosphere. Anahita played various calls and sounds from different species, and described bioacoustics effects on ocean life and how they impact our ecosystem. Anahita is an undergrad at the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Cornell University working as a research assistant on the Elephant Listening Project.



Next Sanaira Mondegarian spoke about Sharks in South Africa: Population counts, migration patterns and marine conservation. Sanaira Mondegarian is currently majoring in Environmental Science at SUNY Plattsburgh. She has studied the migration habits of great white sharks in Mossel Bay, South Africa. She described her experiences and the work at Mossel Bay, Gansbaai and False Bay in South Africa using photo identification to create a mark & recapture model that give an estimate of the super-population of Great Whites. Sanaira spoke about 'The Apex Predator' and how Great Whites react to the presence of Orca Whales. She discussed migration patterns and current marine conservation efforts for sharks on the Southern Cape.

These presentations were very well received, and the community expressed immense pride in these remarkable young Zarathushtis. We thank FEZANA for the opportunity for our community's youth to present at the United Nations Conference and gain international recognition. The talks were followed by a brief Q&A.

On this last Sunday of the Kids Prayer Class for the session 2016-17, the students' graduation ceremony took a new look! As each student was awarded their certificate, they were also handed a small arborvitae tree to take home and plant. This ended the eco themed event with positive energy and goodwill among all.

PARSEE GENERAL HOSPITAL FUNDRAISER

BY KAYOMARZ KHAMBATTA

Every year the Ghadialis host a fundraiser at their residence for raising money for The B.D. Petit Parsee General Hospital. This year it was held on Saturday June 24., 2017 It started with a Jashan followed by dinner. As always, Yasmin, Jamshed and Ayesha were excellent hosts and need to be applauded for their philanthropic effort.

The fundraiser is open throughout the year and donations can be made payable to "ZAGNY-Critical Assistance Fund" (mention



in the memo - For Parsee General Hospital).

A small portion of the donation is also sent to the Parsi Ambulance Division for their upkeep and maintenance.

Health care costs have been escalating and your generous contribution helps to provide free and subsidized medications as also other services like free diagnostics, rehabilitation facilities, etc. to the poor and needy Zoroastrians.

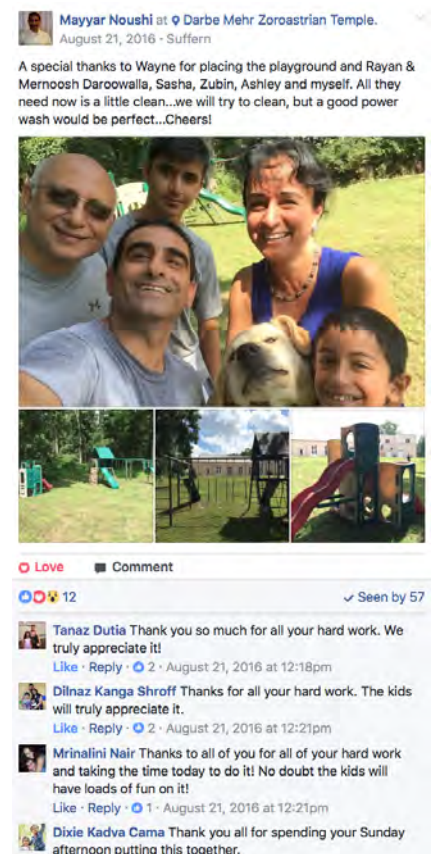
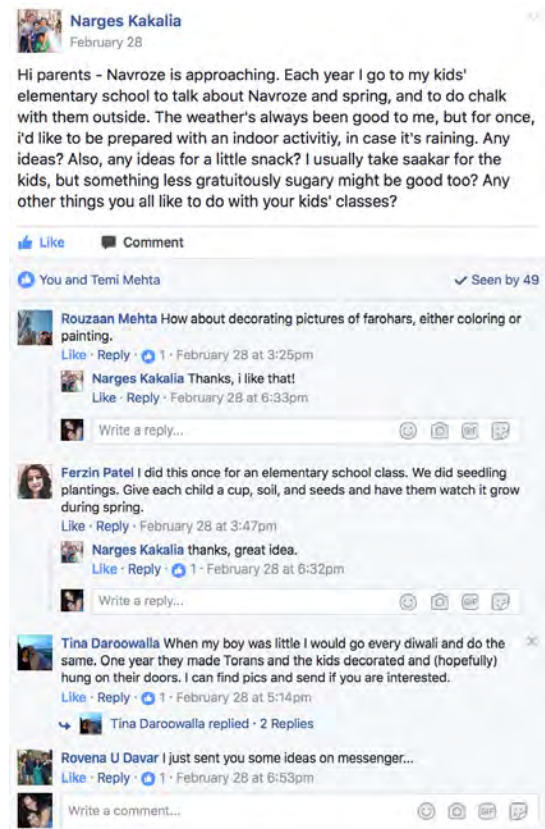
ZAGNY would like to encourage those that may not have yet donated this year to kindly do so for this very worthy cause. Please share this appeal with all your friends and family. Every donation counts, irrespective of the amount.

The Ghadialis sincerely thank all Zoroastrian friends from USA and Canada for their tremendous support, encouragement, and generosity.

ZAP UPDATES

ZAP (Zoroastrians + Spouses Association of Parents) is community group for Zoroastrian parents with kids 0-18 based in the New York tri-state area. ZAP empowers parents and gives them an open forum where parents can connect, share ideas and support one another. Started a year ago in July 2016, ZAP currently has over 80+ members.

- **Connects Families:** Offers a social forum where they can share personal and community experiences such as the Z Camp and other kids related activities
- **Kid- Related Activities:** Parents stay informed through a curated list of family-relevant community activities and events.
- **Redefines the Z Experience:** Acts as valuable forum to garner parent feedback to develop a more compelling religious and cultural experience for families to ensure their children stay engaged and connected with their community.
- **Develops Customized Kids Programs:** Helps gauge parent interest on upcoming kids activities. Recently, ZAP worked in conjunction with Edul Daver and the WZCC to develop a first-ever summer entrepreneurship program for children 5 - 18.
- **Supports Kids Causes:** Parents contributed to fundraising for the Teen Room led by Rayan Daroowala and gathered support for NYCHC's Hemophilia Walk to walk along with Porus Pavri.
- **Parent Involvement and Volunteers:** Involves parents in community activities such as rebuilding the playground at the new Dar-e-Mehr led by Mayyar Noushi.





IVY GANDHI ZOROASTRIAN KIDS CAMP

BY MAYYAR NOUSHI

What a weekend for the 35th annual 2017 Ivy Gandhi Z-Camp at Camp Me He Tu in Harriman State Park! They packed their jammies, sleeping bags, camp gear and plenty of bug spray for three day Father's day weekend. A big thanks to all the parents who made the journey from near and as far away as Virginia to make this year's Z-Camp successful! With their participation it made Friday night pot luck dinner, introductions and cabin assignments flow smoothly with lots of fun, excitement and energy! We had perfect cloud cover as well as nice temperatures to make our camp successful this year.

With breakfast out of the way, 32 children and 32 adults not only weathered the tremendous hike up the Appalachian Trail to the top of Perkins Memorial, but they also weathered the rain that threatened to hinder us. The entrance to Perkins Memorial drive was closed due to low cloud ceiling making it a risk not having the snack vehicle at the top of the mountain. With that in mind, everyone pitched in to take as many snacks as we could carry for the people that needed it or until we got to the top. With every twist and bend, the incline on the trail felt like a quad burn

at soccer practice or workout at the gym.

As we climbed, the clouds that once covered the mountain, had cleared, giving us a low ceiling field of view of the river 1,100 feet below. This gave enough time to stop; take a breath, a photo and a true appreciation for human spirit to reach the top. Up at the top we were met with snacks, drinks with joyful laughter of accomplishment and breathtaking views!

The hike down was faster for some than others so we could get back to camp for lunch. Before leaving Bear Mountain, we treated the kids to a carousel ride located within the park.

Back at camp, after lunch, the afternoon clouds were out, but the rain stayed away allowing swimming and boating for everyone down at the lake.



As the afternoon rolled on, with the help of some parents, the BBQ was started making things flow easily. The evening was filled with fun things that the children wanted to do without any help from parents. We had some wonderful performances by some outstanding children who took it upon themselves to perform for the parents. A small play, singing, karate demo, fencing demo and comedy that made it pleasurable and fun to watch... hats off



to our very talented children!!!

As darkness rolled around with we had a bonfire to roast the marshmallows for Smoores'....Yummy!!!

The weekend was filled with lots of fun, new relationships and memories that will last a lifetime. Sunday morning, the clouds exited, the sun came up and breakfast was served as the last goodbyes were said with all looking towards meeting with the months ahead and next year's Z-Camp.

We have asked parents to guide children to express themselves by thinking and sending next year's camp Logo design.

Big thanks to all the parents that made this happen, to the camp lifeguard, and Camp counselor Dee for allowing us to use their boats and equipment on the lake.

Thanks again for making it another successful Zcamp

ASHDEEN LILAOWALA GIVES BACK TO ZAGNY IN HIS EXHIBITION “PAINTING WITH A NEEDLE”

BY BEHROZE CLUBWALA

The story is special. Ashdeen's story with ZAGNY actually starts in December 2000 at the 7th World Zoroastrian Congress held in Houston, Texas as a part of the Zarathushti Field Student Project. Purvez and Aban Rustomji of Houston raised funds to sponsor 21 students from India, Iran, Pakistan and Australia at the Congress, focusing on students who had never been exposed to travel out of their country, and who did not have the opportunity of participating in a World Zoroastrian Congress. Mani Clubwala, Astad's Mom, was in charge of the selection of students from India. Ashdeen was one of those students. On their return trip home from Houston, ZAGNY hosted the students for 3 days to explore New York City.

We all grow up hearing our parents say, “Parsi kom neh hamesh yad rakhjo.” The very “Angreze” Mom would say “Charity begins in your community dikra.”

Ashdeen now returns to New York and generously gives back to ZAGNY having emerged as a very successful designer of hand-embroidered gara work on saris, lenghas, shawls, dresses, jackets, scarves and clutch handbags. He donated a percentage

of the sales of his two exhibitions to ZAGNY. A very generous ZAGNY member donated \$5000.00 towards the event and with a return from the sales, the event has netted a profit of \$14,000 for ZAGNY to date and counting.....

Ashdeen has kindly agreed to continue providing a percentage of the sales that ZAGNY initiates. If you missed the two day exhibition and sale, please go to www.zagny.org/ashdeen to buy on line or call me, Behroze, Cell: 201-755-5714. Ashdeen will also design a special outfit or saree for you for a special occasion.

Ashdeen Lilaowala in 2012 launched his eponymous label ASHDEEN specializing in hand embroidered Gara saris and garments. He has dedicated a decade to travelling through China, India and Iran to trace the routes and origins of this craft. Elle magazine voted him as the “hottest design talent of 2013.” Ashdeen has been creating haute couture embroidered garments for clients in Europe and America and for international celebrities like Beyoncé Knowles and Mariah Carey. His saris have a soul and a story to tell and are inspired by centuries of Oriental and Persian hand embroidery techniques, craft and craftsmanship. Last week his saree was acquired by the Maharani Radhika Gaekwad of Baroda. The imagery evokes the traditional





Parsi aesthetic of Garas and kors; cockerels, peacocks and butterflies entwine themselves with flora and fauna with graceful figures and pagodas, in a narrative unique to the Orient. Silk threads, silver and gold zari embroideries adorn a bold palette of rich jewel tones. The style is timeless. His creations showed a flair and unique design sense – flying cranes, beautiful butterflies, gorgeous chrysanthemums and graceful bamboo – each creation telling its own story, yet tracing its roots back to the original gara designs.

Summer 2014: Fund-raising efforts were at a peak for our new Dar-e-Mehr. Ashdeen was visiting NYC and came to meet me. He was working on research on the “Parsi Gara” sari designs and techniques while also doing research for his book “Threads of Continuity – The Zoroastrian Craft of Kusti Weaving” for Parzor. He showed me pictures of his gara work and I was immediately impressed with not only the traditional designs that he was creating, but more impressed with his own design twist and the modern flair his creations had.

Mid-March 2017: Ashdeen called me to say that he was coming to California in June 2017. Travelling with his parents, he would have 6 suitcases and that ZAGNY might want to consider doing the show now. Percis and Rohit Bansal, Arzan Wadia, Astad and I have an initial conversation. Yes, we decide, looks feasible.

Early April 2017: “Chalo Chalo, jaldi conference call kariyeh with the Fund Raising Team.” The “Rapid Response Team” as Astad calls us, went into full gear. We had a very short time span to capitalize on Ashdeen’s visit. Ashdeen gave us the weekend of 16th June in NYC to make the event possible.

A two day fashion exhibition and sale is planned on 16 June 2017 at the DAG Modern, an exquisite Art Gallery on 57th Street and Madison. On 17 June a similar exhibition and sale



is set up at the beautiful club house at the Elements at West Windsor, New Jersey,

There is beautiful, dynamic, supernatural group energy -- we rallied together, conference calls were into the midnight hours to crystallize our vision, thinking and plans with the ZAGNY Board. Nina Mistry has this wonderful talent to take everything we write and edit it for a perfect message. Mindi Nair – we cannot do any event without her creativity, she gives all the spare time she has from Sherazad Mehta her husband and her two year old son Zayden to develop our PR brochures. Ferzin Patel sets up our Google Doc, to keep us on track and list the to-dos, Mehru Cama researches venues in NYC, Piroja Press directs the logistics, Edul, Sheroo and all the rest of the team reach out to the wider community, and of course Aban Chavda comes to the rescue with outreach to Air India partners and friends. Kayhan Irani joins the group and reaches out to several local organizations and Rohit becomes the resident Cashier. Everyone on the team reaches out to spread the word and get as much publicity for the event. Astad reaches out to Dinny Devitre, I talk to Toos and Hira Daruvala and Dhun and Phil Shroff. We bring all the resources within ZAGNY to the event. Arzan says he can make on-line ordering a possibility!!

We learnt all the official dialect for fashion exhibitions–T stands, Table T Stands, Mannequins and models.

Percis and Rohit Bansal are my partners and buddies from the Lladro sales effort to this event. I cannot find words to express the gratitude, thanks and gratefulness I feel in my heart for the endless support I get from them.

16 June 2017: 8.30 am at the freight elevator entrance for the



DAG Modern Gallery. Nasha Mehta, who designed our new Dar-e-Mehr Inauguration Invitation, recommended us to the DAG Modern Art Gallery in NYC and the deal was done!! Our heartfelt thanks to DAG and Josheen for graciously providing the Gallery at no cost to ZAGNY. Piroja Press, Mehru Cama, Kaika Clubwala, Nevil Cursetji, Rustom Bhojti, Rohit, Astad and myself: Set up the T Stands, display the shawls, steam the saris, lenghas and the shawls, arrange the flowers, display books on our heritage and religion and are ready for the guests to arrive at 2.00 p.m. Percis Bansal and Jasmine joined us to welcome the crowd, encourage the buyers and make the sale!! Arzan set up the slide presentation for a very interesting presentation by Ashdeen who took us down memory lane with pictures of Mamaijis and Bapaijis in their Garas and the evolution of the designs.

Jehangir Mehta, Chef and Owner, Graffiti, Graffiti and Me and Graffiti Earth restaurants in NYC donated appetizers of Mini Kababs, Cashew Chicken, Chutney Sandwiches and Sagan ni Sev. Kudos and thanks to Nina Mistry who does all the negotiating and organizing with Jehangir. They were delicious and savored by all. Thank you Jehangir and Hinata for your generosity.

WOW our beautiful models, Ferzin Patel, Kayhan Irani, Nina Mistry, Rashna Harda and Shirin Kumaana Wadia were stunning at DAG. Rohit kept the charges going..... we were selling well.

17 June 2017: 8.30 a.m. The West Windsor set up crew was there bright and early, Percis, Rakesh and Rohit Bansal, Mahrukh and Rohi Cama, Edul and Niloufer Daver, Sheroo and Vispi Kanga, Jasmin and Maneck Kotwal, Khursheed and Burges Palkhiwala, Sheila Bhatnagar, Arzan and Shirin Kumaana Wadia and apro

Namdev had the displays done for the 1.00 pm start. By now we were pros at setting up the coat racks and T-stands to display the jackets and saris, steam them, hang them up and make the sale. Percis and Rohit were indispensable for the successful organization at West Windsor. Our gratitude to Khursheed Palkhiwala for obtaining this beautiful location for us.



AMAZING ... Our models were gorgeous --Jasmine Dukandar, Pooja Bansal, Rashna Harda and Shirin Kumaana Wadia.

Nick Maneckshana, Palace of Asia generously donated the appetizers of Pakoras, Chicken Tikkas, Samosas, Potato Tikkis and a Cookie Platter with Iced Tea and Lemonade for this event.





Our thanks to Percis Bansal for working with Nick on this. They were excellent and delicious and helped put all the buyers in a good mood to buy. Nick went even beyond to provide Chicken Kathi Rolls and Chutney for our Volunteers for lunch. Thank you Nick for your generosity.

Our thanks also to Ashdeen's parents, Zubin and Shernaz who worked with us side by side in setting up both shows and who tirelessly gave of their vacation time to help ZAGNY. We are most grateful to all of you, but most of all to Ashdeen for his generous donation from the proceeds of the sales to ZAGNY. He did remember his own Zarathushti community that hosted him during his first visit to NYC in December 2000.

ZAGNY WELCOMES ZERBANOO GIFFORD & FARIDA MASTER FOR A BOOK READING AT DAR-E-MEHR

On Thursday May 25th, 2017, ZAGNY welcomed Zerbano Gifford from United Kingdom and Farida Master from New Zealand to our Dar-E-Mehr for a book reading event.



Farida Master is the author of "An Uncensored Life" a biography on the life of Zerbano Gifford. The book was launched in 2016 and Zerbano and Farida were on their maiden US Book tour. After successful events in Los Angeles, Houston, Chicago, Washington D.C., Philadelphia, the Dar-E-Mehr talk was the culmination of a nearly three week tour of the US.



Farida started the talk with reminiscing about how the project fell into her lap. And from her visits to the Asha Center and speaking with literally hundreds of people that have been a part of Zerbano's life; the research is seen in a fantastic book. Zerbano Gifford spoke about her early life in England, as a politician and women's rights activist. And then spoke about the amazing work the Asha Center does in empowering youth and especially women to become better leaders and citizens in their own societies.

This book reading also marked the first formal event in the Library Room of the Dar-E-Mehr.

A full video recording of the talk is available on ZAGNY's website at <https://zagny.org/video/>

LADY MOBEDYARS IN TRAINING AT THE Z GOLDIES SPRING EVENT

BY NAWAZ MERCHANT

The Z Goldies Spring Event was held on 9th April. It included a chair yoga session called "Yoga for All" with Jasmin Kotwal who led the group of about 40 seniors in a series of seated and standing yoga moves to build strength and balance, as well as relieve stress. Next, the group played a few rounds of Housie with prizes donated by friends and members, and then enjoyed a Chaat Party of Bhel Puri, Dahi vada and more.

Our group was also privileged to attend a very special event. For the first time, the atash niyesh prayer was led by Ervad Pervez Patel and two Lady Mobediars in training, Teshtar Irani and



Khurshid Mehta. These two lady mobediars from ZAGNY are learning to perform prayers for Jashans and other ceremonies under the tutelage of Ervad Pervez Patel. North America has only one Lady Mobediar so far, although others are undergoing training. The NAMC North American Mobeds Council approved the Mobediar program to address the shortage of priests for prayer services in areas without any ordained priests. Mobediars are lay persons who apprentice with an experienced priest in order to learn the prayers for specific ceremonies (prayers for the deceased, Jashan to bless the home for example).

Anyone interested in the Mobediar program should contact Ervad Pervez Patel at udvada@aol.com for further details. The time and efforts put in for this worthy cause especially by those who have recently retired from workplaces will be greatly appreciated. Let ZAGNY men & women lead other FEZANA bodies in this cause!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Mr. Aspy Mistry a long-time ZAGNY member passed away on January 4th 2017 in California USA. Husband of Roda, father of Percy and Khoosnam. He was father-in-law of Laura and Cawas Comissieriat and grandfather of Eric, Amy, Ava, Cyrus

Mr. Behram Pheroze Katrak, father of our ZAGNY Jt. Secretary Meherzeen Daruwala, passed away on March 31st 2017 in Mumbai, India. He was father-in-law of Darius Daruwala and grandfather of Carina Daruwala.

Mr. Homi Bhikhaji Munshi passed away on May 16th 2017 in Ahmedabad, India. Homi Bhikhaji Munshi was the husband of late Parin Homi Munshi. father of ZAGNY member Tehnaz Edul Bamji of Freehold NJ, Rita Jamshed Kapadia of Carlisle MA, and Vispi Munshi of Ahmedabad, India. He was father-in-law of Edul Bamji of Freehold NJ and Jamshed Kapadia of Carlisle MA, grandfather of Zarina Edul Bamji, Spenta Edul Bamji, Roshni & Cyrus Hirjibehdin, Cherag Jamshed Kapadia and Setareh Vispi Munshi.

Mrs Katie Lelinwalla passed away on June 30th 2017. She was a mother to Eric and Mark Lelinwalla, Mother in law to Nicole Lelinwalla (wife of Eric Lelinwalla), grandmother to Violet (daughter of Mark Lelinwalla). Sister to Furrokh Shroff and Khursheed Wadia. Sister in law to Mary Shroff and Jimmy Wadia. Aunt to Zorast and Kate Wadia, Cyrus and Dianne Wadia, Michael and Kevin Shroff. Also great aunt to Nicholas, Julie and Aiden Wadia.

Mr Rajan Modi passed away on July 3rd, 2017. He was brother of Satish, brother-in-law of Phiroza, husband of Meena, father of Vikram and Arjun, uncle of Danesh, Tushar, and Yasha, Valerie, Lauren, & Isha.

Mrs Jerbanoo Bhadha passed away on June 22nd 2017. She was wife of late Peshotan Bhadha, mother of Sam Bhadha and Arnaz (Jangoo) Mistry, grandmother of Cyrus, Zareen, Benaifer and Shanaya, and Great Grandmother of four.

Our Condolences to the families.

WITH GRATITUDE

Life's vicissitudes demand both times of immense joy and incredible sorrow, and that has been amply shown to us this last week.

While a part of me has been irretrievably lost in the passing of my brother Rajan, I am heartened by the legacy he has left in his two incredible children and what the future holds for them.

The concept of "it takes a village to raise a child" equally applies to grief consolation.

The overwhelming support and love we have received from our Parsi brethren has uplifted us and will be remembered with gratitude for as long as we live. We cannot thank you enough.

In gratitude,

Phiroza & Satish Modi, Danesh, Valerie, Cyrus, Gia, Tushar, Lauren, Yasha & Isha

On behalf of the family, ZAGNY request prayers from your community for Nari Dastur who is extremely ill in hospital following a fall last month when he broke his hip. He also now has a number of other medical difficulties including issues with swallowing and eating and is extremely frail and has spent some time trying to recover after being in ICU on a ventilator.

He is also suspected to have central cord neck injury and prayers are requested for his mobility. He is currently at Yale University Hospital in New Haven after being hospitalized on June 25th.

Many sincere thanks,

Dinoo Dastur, wife & Jimmy Daruvalla, brother of Dinoo.

FEZANA NEWS

FEZANA UNVEILS NEW LOGO IN CELEBRATION OF ITS 30-YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Winning design by Karach-based graphic artist, Zara Contractor, selected for accentuating elements of air, earth, fire and water and strong Zoroastrian identity.



Federation of Zoroastrian Associations of North America, today unveiled a new logo to commemorate its 30-year anniversary. The winning logo, designed by graphic artist, Zara Contractor, was selected through an exhaustive independent evaluation of more than 100 outstanding logo design entries submitted by Zoroastrians from around the world. To read all about the winning entry visit this link

Living and working in Karachi, Pakistan, Contractor's logo subtly features the four elements most revered by Zoroastrians: air, earth, fire and water, and exudes a rich, striking Zoroastrian identity. The logo competition was managed by FEZANA Vice President Arzan Sam Wadia, and judged by leading Zoroastrian marketing, design and public relations industry professionals, including: Mantreh Atashband (New Jersey); Jim Engineer (Chicago); Feroza Fitch (Washington, D.C.); Mrinalini Nair (New York City), and Zen Yinger (North Carolina).



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FEZANA BESTOWS LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD TO ERVAD DR. JEHAN BAGLI AT 30TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING IN HOUSTON

At a glittering 30th Anniversary Gala in Houston on April 29, 2017, FEZANA bestowed the Lifetime Achievement Award to Ervad Dr. Jehan Bagli. The Gala was hosted by the Zoroastrian Association of Houston at its center, along with their Congress Legacy 10th Anniversary awards function.

All the seven past presidents were present along with the current President Homi D. Gandhi to honour Dr. Bagli.

In his acceptance speech Dr. Bagli thanked the community for giving him the opportunity to serve. He dedicated the award to his wife Freny who was present on this momentous occasion along with his son Darius. In a moving acceptance speech he spoke about his humble upbringings and the journey from India to Canada over the past six decades.





Dr. Bagli also inaugurated the 30th Anniversary Issue of the FEZANA Journal, and the Journal chief editor Dolly Dastoor said it was a befitting moment that the Journal's very first editor would inaugurate this 30th anniversary issue.

Immediate Past President Katayun Kapadia was the master of ceremonies for the evening when FEZANA also launched its new logo design. A retrospective of FEZANA's work over the past few years

was presented to the audience.

Local Houston kids performed various entertainment items to cap off a memorable evening.

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MEMORY AND IDENTITY: 2017 FIRES KEYNOTE ADDRESS



FEZANA Information Research Education System (FIRES) based at the Zoroastrian Heritage and Cultural Center in Houston, organized a spectacular exhibition as part of the 30th FEZANA Annual General Meeting in Houston.



To kick off the exhibition, FIRES invited Aban Marker-Kabraji as the Keynote speaker.

A video recording of the highly acclaimed talk can be viewed on the FIRES website at <http://fires-fezana.org>

WWW.FEZANA.ORG

ZOROASTRIAN ASSOCIATION OF QUEBEC TO CELEBRATE 50TH ANNIVERSARY

We are happy to know that ZAQ, our Canadian Zarathushti neighbors to the north, will be celebrating their Golden Anniversary at a glittering sold-out Gala event on Sunday August 6th, 2017 at the Saint-Laurent Crowne Plaza in Montreal.

ZAQ is North America's oldest association and was formed in 1967.

A souvenir booklet is planned to be inaugurated on the occasion.



ZAGNY shall join the celebrations and some of its members are planning a trip north specially for the event. Stay tuned for a report in the next newsletter.

UNVEILING OF THE FREEDOM SCULPTURE IN LOS ANGELES

The unveiling of the historical freedom monument of Cyrus' cylinder, (similar to the statue of liberty on the East coast) was unveiled on Santa Monica Blvd in Century City, Los Angeles on July 4, 2017.

A strong crowd of about 75,000 people attended the event, including our Zoroastrians gathered under the white flag of the California Zoroastrian Center. CZC was represented by Shabnam and FEZANA president Mr. Homi Gandhi, while the Zoroastrian Association of California was officially represented by president Mrs. Tehmi Damania, Mr. Maneck Damania, Zerkxis Bhandara and Zarrir Bhandara. Also present were Maneck Bhujwala, Shehnaz Bhujwala, Cushrow, Gulshan, Jamshid and Kaiomarz Bhadha, Behram Deboo and Farhad Choksy. Many CZC members also attended the event.

According to the Freedom Sculpture website: "California Governor Jerry Brown, Los Angeles Mayor, Eric Garcetti and 5th District Councilman Paul Koretz (along with all 15 LA City Councilmen) sent messages of unequivocal support for this soon-to-be national landmark and great symbol to our shared humanity! But now the door is open and we need to seize on this opportunity that is before us to do much more."



Also, the CROWDFUNDING GOAL WAS EXCEEDED BY ONE MILLION DOLLARS! The sculpture has been designed by architect and engineer CECIL BALMOND

More info here: <http://www.freedomsculpture.org/>

AUGUST 12–16, 2017

MUKTAD PRAYERS

Community members are invited to participate in the Muktaḍ Prayers for all five Gatha days from August 12th through August 16th, 2017. In order to accommodate workday schedules, ZAGNY is offering the community prayer services in several locations around the tri-state area with the generous help from some of our members. As a courtesy to the host families, please call to inform them that you will attend.

Community prayers to honor our dearly departed will be held on Saturday August 12 and Sunday, August 13, 2017, 11:00am, at the Dar-E-Mehr. Mobeds will recite the submitted names at the Prayers. Lunch will be served after the prayers. To RSVP, please complete the attached form and mail to Meherzeen Daruwala, to reach us by August 8, 2017.

Our sincere thanks to the host families who have graciously volunteered their homes and to the Mobeds who have kindly agreed to perform the prayers. Mobeds will recite the submitted names on all five days at the following locations:

We still have two dates that are open. If you are interested in hosting Muktaḍ prayers at your home on **Tuesday August 15**, or **Wednesday August 16**, please contact Kayomarz Khambatta at (201) 755-2208.

<u>DAY / DATE</u>	<u>GATHA</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Saturday August 12	Ahunavad Gatha	11 am	Dar-E-Mehr
Sunday August 13	Ushtavad Gatha	11 am	Dar-E-Mehr
Monday August 14	Spentomad Gatha	6:00pm	Dinaz & Farhad Subjally 10 Crestwood Drive, Chatham NJ 973-635-6984 Home 973-307-4453 Cell Farah & Rustom Bhopti 5 Park Hill Terrace Princeton Junction, NJ (609) 799-7757 (Home) (609) 540-9837 (Cell)
Tuesday August 15	Vohukxarthra Gatha		OPEN
Wednesday August 16	Vahistoist Gatha		OPEN

ZOROASTRIAN ASSOCIATION OF GREATER NEW YORK

MUKTAD PRAYERS 2017

Please complete this form in **BLOCK** letters with the correct status circled for **each** name and mail to reach us by **August 8, 2017**.

MAIL FORM TO:

Meherzeen Daruwala
248 Park Avenue
West Harrison, NY 10604

CHECKS PAYABLE TO: ZAGNY

MEMO DESCRIPTION: MUKTAD

Kindly include the following names in the five-day Muktab 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	

Note:

- 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)

I enclose herewith my contribution towards costs for prayers at this event

@ **\$8** per name, maximum of 6 names.....\$_____

I enclose herewith my contribution towards lunch for _____ people

@ **\$10** per person for Sat. Aug. 12..... \$_____

@ **\$10** per person for Sun. Aug. 13..... \$_____

I enclose herewith my voluntary contribution towards

ZAGNY critical assistance fund (optional).....\$_____

Total amount via check ~~##~~.....\$_____

PRINT FULL NAMES BLOCK LETTERS

TELEPHONE NUMBER

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

REGISTER ONLINE AT : [HTTPS://ZAGNY.ORG/MUKTAD-PRAYERS-2017-SIGN-UP/](https://zagny.org/muktad-prayers-2017-sign-up/)



**WZCC NY-CHAPTER PRESENTS
AN ENTREPRENEURSHIP & FINANCIAL LITERACY
PROGRAM
FOR YOUTH 5 – 18 YEARS
BY SPARK BUSINESS ACADEMY**

WZCC–NY Chapter is pleased to bring Spark Business Academy to our Dar-e-Mehr and introduce our youth to the concept of entrepreneurship through a two-day program in financial education.

Entrepreneurship is not taught in school, although children as young as 5 years engage in enterprising efforts such as selling girl-scout cookies or setting up a lemonade stand, making it critical to develop financial literacy in our youth from an early age. Spark Business Academy does just that through their programs and activities tailored for different age groups - 5-9, 10-13 and 14-18 years old.

LOCATION: Arbab Rustam Guiv Dar-e-Mehr, 106 Pomona Rd, Suffern, NY 10901

DATE: Saturday, August 26 & Sunday, August 27, 2017

TIME: 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM

REGISTRATION: \$330 per registrant. \$264 for second sibling. \$231 for third sibling.

SPECIAL OFFER: *An early registration incentive of \$50 each to the first 20 families that register will be reimbursed at the Program on Saturday, August 26 by WZCC–NY Chapter.*

Lunch and snacks for the youth participants shall be provided, courtesy of WZCC–NY Chapter.

To learn more about the two-day weekend program and curriculum, please download the **SPARK Brochure** at <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B5DbHni6ZOg9UTd4RkIzS0VNN1E/view>

To sign up **please register no later than July 31, 2017** by completing the online form at <https://goo.gl/forms/k8cWayl8bijgVYHT2> or complete the below registration details and mail your check, made out to Spark Business Academy, to –
Noshir Dutia, WZCC–NY Chapter Treasurer, 2 Viking Court, Randolph, NJ 07869

NAME(S):

AGE(S):

MAILING ADDRESS:

E-MAIL:

PHONE #: (MOBILE / HOME)

NUMBER OF CHILDREN ENROLLED:

CHECK INCLUDED: \$ _____

Number of Parents attending: NONE / ONE / TWO (please circle one)

(Parents are welcome to attend and observe, so long as their presence will not be a distraction for their child.)

PLEASE NOTE: Registration fee will be refunded in full if a minimum number of participants do not enroll and the program is cancelled.

For questions, please contact Edul Daver at eduldaver@gmail.com /phone (908) 397-4443

FURNITURE SALE

Selling our family furniture which ranges from 125 years to 95 years old.

Full size bed (mint condition)- \$750,

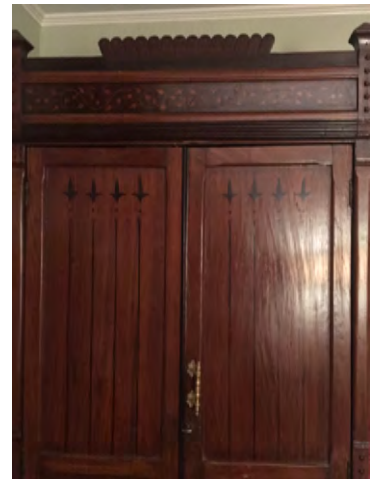
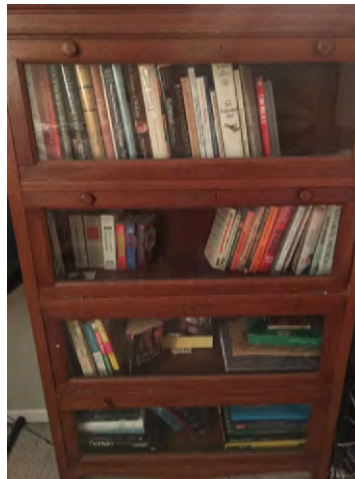
Cupboard \$750(mint condition),

Desk with 2 deep drawers \$250 (A bit tarnished),

A book case \$150 (needs some work).

Please contact Hinata or Jehnagir Mehta at

hinataj@ yahoo.com or call us at 646-515-6001





Kayomarz Khambatta

ZAGNY SECRETARY

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UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST

- SAT 12: MUKTAD PRAYERS AT DAR-E-MEHR
SUN 13: MUKTAD PRAYERS AT DAR-E-MEHR
SAT 19: PARSİ NEW YEAR FUNCTION AT DAR-E-MEHR

SEPTEMBER

- SAT 9: MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR PROF. K.D. IRANI
SAT 16: COMBINED RELIGION CLASS WITH ZAPANJ & ZAGBA
MODEL-A WZCC FUNDRAISING EVENT

OCTOBER

- SUN 1: MONTHLY ZAGNY RELIGION CLASS
SAT 14: WZCC-NY Autumn Quarterly Meeting with
WZCC VP Yazdi Tantra of Mumbai
SUN 15: UDVADA FUNDRAISER JASHAN

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