



ZAPANJ



ZOROASTRIAN ASSOCIATION OF PENNSYLVANIA AND NEW JERSEY

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Secretary: Tina K. Mehta

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

March 2011 – RELIGION CLASS

- Date: Saturday 3/12/11 at the Gibson House Community Center

March 2011 – NAVROZE FUNCTION DATE CHANGE

- Our Navroze function date will be changed from March 19th to Saturday March 26th. Please mark this date on your calendar.
- The event will start at 6pm with our Annual General Meeting & Elections and will be followed by dinner, entertainment & dancing! More details to come!

May 2011 – NAMC MEETING (FOR THE MOBEDS ONLY)

- Date 5/14/11 & 5/15/11
- Location: The Gibson House Community Center

- Freny Ranji and Nergesh Unwalla will be coordinating meals for the meeting (Breakfast, lunch, dinner on Sat, breakfast & lunch on Sunday)
- Four to Five host families will be needed.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND ELECTIONS–ZAPANJ BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

It's time again for elections for the next two-year term, 2010–2013. As per our association's constitution and by-laws, a member may serve on the board for no more than four consecutive years while at least four years must elapse before a past board member can seek election to the board again.

These positions must be filled at the upcoming meeting. In this regard, we urge every member of the association in good standing to consider joining the board and serving the community.

If you are interested in joining the board, please send in a nomination form to Joint Secretary Fali Sidhva. The form must be postmarked no later than March 12, 2010. You can either nominate yourself or nominate someone else. The printable nomination form is attached.

Also, attached is a proxy form should you wish to authorize someone else to vote on your behalf. The Proxy form must be postmarked by **March 12, 2011**. If you have questions, feel free to contact any of the board members.

ZAPANJ DIRECTORY UPDATE:

We are in the progress of updating our ZAPANJ directory and a new one will be distributed at our March 26th Navroze Function.

In order to make sure that we have correctly captured all the changes needed, we sent out a separate email with the Directory draft. Please review any entries in the directory that apply to you, or to your family. If there are any revisions, please email them to Fali Sidhva at the email address below:

fsidhva@comcast.net

Please reply with corrections by March 1, 2011, so that we may have electronic versions available at our Navroze function. We will, of course, e-mail the completed directory as well.

RELIGION CLASSES- SNOW EMERGENCY UPDATE:

In the event of bad weather, please check your email to get the latest ZAPANJ updates on whether class will be held. If there is more than 6" of snow on the ground, ZAPANJ will cancel the religion class. If your child is in a class, it is imperative that parents contact their teacher directly as well.

The class will be scheduled the next Saturday at a home of one of the ZAPANJ members

Religion Class Teachers- Contact Information:

Marazban & Parwana Chhor		Anoo Sukhia	
PHONE (Home)	609-259-6256	PHONE (Home)	856-751-7233
PHONE (Cell)	609-516-9181	PHONE (Cell)	609-870-9138
Freny Ranji		Cyrus Tourkey	
PHONE (Home)	856-854-2251	PHONE (Home)	856-751-0633
		PHONE (Cell)	609-320-9562

MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2011:

Only members in good standing as of the date of the upcoming annual general meeting are eligible to vote for the new board of trustees. If you haven't already, please renew your membership now for the 2011 calendar year. **If you are not a member of ZAPANJ yet, we urge you to become one.**

The membership form is attached in this email. Please mail your check to Rustom Dinshaw, payable to ZAPANJ. Please note that FEZANA dues (\$2 per family per year) need to be paid even if you are a Life Member and do not owe ZAPANJ annual dues.

Families: \$35 (ZAPANJ MEMBERSHIP) + \$2 (FEZANA DUES)

Single Membership: \$20 (ZAPANJ MEMBERSHIP) + \$1 (FEZANA DUES)

Student: \$10 (ZAPANJ MEMBERSHIP) + \$1 (FEZANA DUES)

Please remember to renew or sign up for a ZAPANJ membership. You can visit the website www.zapanj.org to join or contact Rustom Dinshaw (rustomdinshaw@hotmail.com)!

COMMUNITY NEWS:

NEW LITTLE ADDITIONS TO THE COMMUNITY

Congratulations to Feroza (daughter of Cyrus & Khorshed Mistry) & Gill Nesbaum on the birth of their son Gev! Gev was born on January 23rd!

JOYOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to Adi and Nergish Unwalla on their 50th Wedding Anniversary!

ZACUCE NEWS:

The ZACUCE board has settled on a proposed design for our community center and we will be presenting the sketches to you at the Navroze function on March 26. Cyrus Rivetna, our architect, will be joining us and presenting the thinking and research that went into his design. Be sure to save the date!

We also encourage you to email us with any questions or suggestions you have prior to the presentation so we can incorporate that into our update.

ZAGNY NEWS

The Zoroastrian Association of Greater New York is having a "gara raffle" fundraiser for their 2012 North American Zoroastiran Congress. It is a beautiful black gara with multi-

colored embroidery from “Khordad Creations.” The winning ticket will be drawn at ZAGNY’s Navroze function on Sat., March 26th at the Darbe Mehr. Tickets are 1 for \$20, or 3 for \$50. To purchase tickets please contact Mahrukh Cama at mahrohi@verizon.net.

FEZANA NEWS:

15TH NORTH AMERICAN ZOROASTRIAN CONGRESS

The Zoroastrian Association of Houston (ZAH) hosted the 15th North American Zoroastrian Congress NAZC-2010, in Houston, Texas from 12/29/10-12/31/10. A few members from ZAPANJ attended this event. Thank you to Ava Lala, Tina Mehta, Cyrus Mehta, Vahbiz Karanjia, Feroze Karanjia, Percy Karanjia and Veera Karanjia for representing ZAPANJ at this event!

VANCOUVER WORLD ZOROASTRIAN YOUTH CONGRESS:



The dates for this congress are June 30th-July 5th 2011 at the University of British Columbia. The registration price for the congress is \$640.00 Canadian Dollars. There are only a total of **500** spots available for this congress.

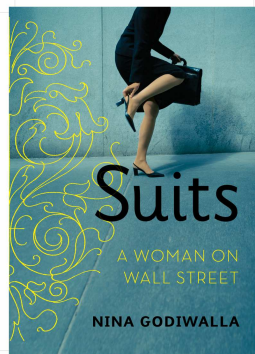
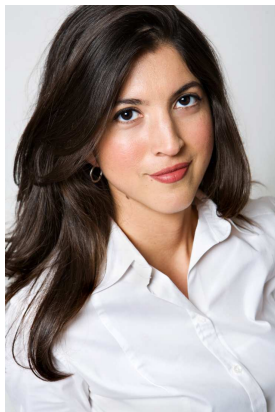
Registration includes accommodations, gala dinners, boat cruise, transportation, recreational activities, excursions and meals for all 5 days. The website is www.zsbc.org or email at congress2011@shaw.ca .

FEZANA has also passed a resolution at the AGM in Mississauga May 2010 to launch the FEZANA 5th World Zoroastrian Youth Congress 2011 SUBSIDY Program. Please send in the attached Subsidy Form by March 30th 2011.

NOTE: ZAPANJ will also help subsidize the registration costs for any youth ZAPANJ member who plans on attending. A youth would be defined as a non-earning fulltime student who is 18 and up. Please contact Tina Mehta (tkm_11@yahoo.com) ASAP if you are interested or plan on attending!

ZOROASTRIAN ARTICLES & ZOROASTRIANS IN THE NEWS:

Nina Godiwalla



Nina Godiwalla shares some themes from her upcoming book, *Suits: A Woman on Wall Street*, a memoir about her experience at Morgan Stanley best described as *Liar's Poker* meets *The Devil Wears Prada*. It's an insider's perspective on investment banking from an outsider's point of view—woman, second-generation Indian American, and Texan. *USA Today* chose *Suits* as one of their top books to read. In addition to discussing her experience as a first-year analyst in investment banking, Nina will talk about women and minorities conforming to corporate cultures, her career path from corporate executive to author, and using self-awareness to determine your optimal career path.

<http://www.whartonny.com/article.html?aid=1515>

Nina Godiwalla is a published author, entrepreneur, and public speaker. She is the author of *Suits: A Woman on Wall Street*, and CEO of MindWorks (www.mindworkscorp.com), which provides stress management and meditation

training to corporations and other professional organizations. Before founding MindWorks, she spent almost a decade working for Fortune 500 corporations. She speaks nationally on leadership and diversity in the workplace and has been featured in several major publications including *Bloomberg BusinessWeek*, *ABC News*, and *The Washington Post*. Nina has a MBA from Wharton School of Business, a MA focused in Creative Writing from Dartmouth, and a BBA from University of Texas at Austin.

For more information on *Suits: A Woman on Wall Street* visit www.ninagodiwalla.com.

Nina Godiwalla will be in Philadelphia at the Boarder Book Store (1 S. Broad, Philadelphia, PA 19107) near City Hall on March 15 at 6:30pm. .

ZYNG Youth Calendar:



They call themselves Zoroastrian Youth For The Next Generation -- and with their first-of-a-kind calendar, ZYNG have packed as much of a punch as their name.

With each passing year, we hear of more and more Indian calendars featuring beautiful women, but this is certainly one with a difference.

For starters, all the lovely young ladies have kept their clothes on -- no bikinis. And what's even more unusual, it's community-centric -- they're all Parsis!

The ZYNG 2011 calendar is the brainchild of the community's official youth group and youth wing of the Bombay Parsi Punchayet (BPP), 'Zoroastrian Youth For The Next Generation'. With the Parsi community's numbers dwindling in recent decades, these youngsters have rallied to create a 'non-political body that unites them under the common aim of social, cultural and religious interaction'. The calendar, for sale at a reasonable Rs 300, is an added means of boosting funds that will be pumped into

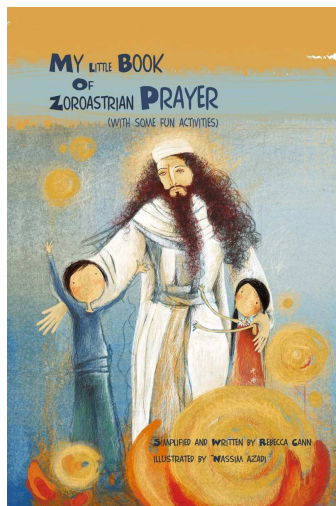
ZYNG's many activities.

We bring you a first look at the work of professional photographer Farzan Randelia, stylist Anaita Shroff Adajania and hair/makeup artist Mehera Kolah. The year kicks off with professional dancer Aneesha Dalal striking an alluring pose for January.

<http://www.rediff.com/getahead/slide-show/slide-show-1-glamour-first-look-at-the-zyng-calendar/20110202.htm>

<http://parsikhabar.net/news/the-zyng-2011-calendar/2910/>

Zoroastrian Children's Book



My Little Book of Zoroastrian Prayers is designed for children ages 9 to 12 and may be even useful to those adults who would like to learn about the basics of Zoroastrian religion.

This book contains more than 40 prayers taken from the various parts of the Avesta. These prayers have been simplified and shortened for children's better understanding. The second section of the book contains more than 30 questions followed by simple answers about Zoroastrianism, God, prayers and good and evil. The answers are accompanied by fun activities.

If you are interested in learning more about this book or to purchase it, please go to this link:www.zoroastriankids.com/mybook.html.