



# ZAPANJ

## ZOROASTRIAN ASSOCIATION OF PENNSYLVANIA AND NEW JERSEY Newsletter July 2006

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***Greetings and best wishes for the summer. We hope you are having a summer of sunshine in every sense of the word.***

Please mark your calendars for these upcoming events and the contact numbers:

### **Saturday - JULY 8, 2006 Trip to Hershey Park**

COME & JOIN US FOR THE ZAPANJ RELIGION CLASS TRIP TO>>>

[HERSHEY PARK - The Sweetest Place on Earth!](#)

[This trip is open to all ZAPANJ members and friends, so join in the fun](#)

**Date:** Saturday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2006    **Time:** 9:45 am

**Location to meet:** Outside the Main Gate near the Group Sales Office

**Dress:** Comfortable and suitable clothes for water rides (preferably ZAPANJ shirts-contact Phiroza Stoneback if you would like to buy shirts). Bring hats, sunscreen, towels, etc. as needed.

**Contact:** Adil and Nivedita Masani - Home: (610) 948 5337

Adil (cell) 610 256 5904 (on the day of the picnic)

Nivedita (cell) 610 613 0075 (on the day of the picnic)

**Ticket price:** \$23.50 per adult (for the first 30 to call). \$30.00 per adult on the day of the trip.

**Children attending the prayer class and Teachers-FREE!**

Make check payable to ZAPANJ and mail it to Adil Masani, 66 Malsby Road, Royersford, PA 19468

**Lunch Time:** Approximately between 1 pm and 2 pm

**Lunch Venue:** Two options

1. Minetown Cafeteria (restaurant inside the park serving Pizza, Chicken fingers, Burgers, Salads)
2. Bring your own picnic lunch, paper products, etc., and we can eat at the picnic tables and on the grass in the parking area outside the Main Gate.

Hershey Park is open from 10 am to 11 pm. The Chocolate Factory (open from 9 am to 10 pm) is walking distance from the park and may be an interesting stop for first time visitors to Hershey. You take a ride through the Chocolate Factory (free of charge) and at the end of it; you get a free candy bar!

**Directions and Other Information:** Check out the website (see link below)

[http://www.hersheypa.com/plan\\_your\\_trip/driving\\_directions.html](http://www.hersheypa.com/plan_your_trip/driving_directions.html)

For all other questions and to reserve your ticket, please call Adil and Nivedita Masani (610) 948 5337 as soon as possible.

### **Saturday - JULY 22, 2006 ANNUAL PICNIC at Marsh Creek State Park**

#### **ANNUAL ZAPANJ PICNIC**

**Date:** Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2006

**Time:** 10:00 am

**Location:** Marsh Creek State Park (for directions see attached page)

**Food & Drinks:** ZAPANJ will provide sodas, watermelons and paper products.

Each family should bring their own picnic lunch.

Please call and advise Havovi & Khushru Jokhi at 610-925-3905 if you will be coming.

## ***Sunday - AUGUST 20, 2006 Pateti/Navroze Celebration***

### **PATETI/ NAVROZE CELEBRATION**

**Date:** Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2006      **Time:** 11:30 am      (PLEASE NOTE NEW DATE AND TIME)  
**Location:** The Palace of Asia, Cherry Hill, NJ (for directions and rates please see attached page)  
Please fill out and return the attached registration form with your check to Adil Masani at 66 Malsby Road, Royersford, PA 19468. If you need additional information about the event, please contact Porus and Hutokhshi Cooper at 856-427-4481.

## ***Saturday – September 9, 2006 Remembrance Day & Religion Class***

Our first post-summer prayer and community enrichment class will be held on September 9<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. at Mt. Zion Church in Devon, PA. There will be a special event to remember family members and former ZAPANJ members who are no longer with us. Children and families should bring a photograph of a member of the family who has passed on. ZAPANJ will provide the flowers and divas. Those who are not regular attendees of the monthly gatherings are also welcome to join in this tribute. Please RSVP Khorshed Vakil-Unwala at 610-831-0716 latest by September 3, so that she can make appropriate arrangements.

## ***Sunday – October 1, 2006 Annual Jashan & Gahambar***

### **GAHAMBAR:**

**Date:** October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006      **Time:** 10.30am, Jashan ceremony  
**Location:** Palace of Asia, Cherry Hill, NJ.  
Youth Members Essay Contest winners will be announced and prizes will be distributed at the Gahambar. There will be a buffet lunch, followed by the monthly religion class. As always, everybody is encouraged to come attired in traditional Parsi clothes, sarees, daglis, etc. Please contact Katayun Kapadia at 856-722-1030 for additional details.

## ***ESSAY CONTEST***

The children attending ZAPANJ religion classes can participate in an essay competition. Topics have been selected by our young adults and you have the entire summer to prepare. Essay Contest submissions are due by September 9<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Porus P. Cooper at 856-427-4481 for additional details.

## ***LOOKING BACK...***

- **Our Jamshedi Navroze Function and ZAPANJ Annual General Meeting** was held on 25<sup>th</sup>. March at the Palace of Asia, Cherry Hill, NJ. It was well attended and everyone enjoyed the food, company and dancing.
- **The monthly Religion and Community Enrichment Classes** were held on the second Saturday of each month as usual. Thanks to Freny Ranji for coordinating the food, all the cooks for providing the food and Khurshid Bapasola and Phiroza Stoneback for setting the “haftshin” table in the March class. Also, thanks to Diana Dadachanji for providing the dinner at the May class.
- **Hike at Tyler State Park:** Phiroza & Bruce Stoneback hosted a children’s hike on May 21<sup>st</sup> at Tyler State Park, in Pennsylvania. Many thanks to Rachel and her parents for organizing the event.
- **Young Adult Picnic:** Our young adult group held a picnic on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. The picnic got rained out but nonetheless a group of them met at Ava Lala’s place and had a good time. Thanks to Tina Mehta and Ava Lala for organizing this event.

### **OUR HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS to:**

- **Cyrus Patel** (son of Freny and Syavux Patel and brother of Freddy Patel) for being initiated into our Zoroastrian faith! Cyrus’s Navjote was performed on June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2006 at the Palace of Asia at Fort Washington, PA.

- **Zarine Balsara** for getting her PhD. from Harvard University. Zarine worked in the Microbiology department studying the interaction between the obligate intracellular pathogen, Chlamydia trachomatis, and its mammalian host cell. She investigated the effect of C. trachomatis on host cell processes such as the cell cycle, apoptosis, and deubiquitination. She also studied what genetic factors make a host more or less susceptible to C. trachomatis infection.
- **Gulnar Mewawalla** for graduating with an MBA in Finance from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania
- **Feroza Mistry** for graduating with a Master of Arts from Creative Arts in Therapy Program at Drexel University, PA.
- **Minocher Dadachanji** for his Bachelor's Degree in Science from the University of Pennsylvania
- **Roshni Toorkey** for her Bachelor's Degree in Music from the University of Southern California
- **Malcolm Cooper** for earning a scholarship to attend the vocal institute for high school students at Westminster Choir College of Rider University, NJ.

**OUR PRAYERS and GET WELL WISHES to:**

Gulnar Balsara, Nergish Karanjia and Viloo Nalawalla for a swift and complete recovery from their respective surgeries.

**OUR CONDOLENCES to:**

- Arnavaz Sukhia and her family on the demise of her father in Poona, India on May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2006
- Kamal Desai and her family on the passing of her mother in Karachi, Pakistan in April 2006.

**OUR FAREWELL and BEST WISHES to:**

- Dara Sinor who will be leaving New Jersey to join his children in Charleston, South Carolina. We thank him for his contributions to the community and wish him all the best.
- Jeroo and Fram Dalal who will be leaving Pennsylvania to join their daughter and her family in Atlanta, Georgia. We would like to thank Jeroo and Fram for their contributions to the community too and wish them all the best.

***NEWS From Federation of Zoroastrian Associations of North America (FEZANA)***

**The Executive Officers for FEZANA** effective May 27, 2006 are:

President – Rustom Kevala  
 Vice-President – Bomi Patel  
 Treasurer – Katayun Kapadia  
 Secretary – Rita Engineer  
 Asst. Secretary – Anahita Daryunshnejad

**10<sup>th</sup> Zarathushti Games** organized by the Zoroastrian Sports Committee (ZSC) are being held at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, California from June 30-July 4<sup>th</sup>. Bijan Khosraviani organized the 1<sup>st</sup> Zoroastrian Olympics way back in 1988 with his own money and volleyball net. He then joined hands with FEZANA and ZSC was formed. Over 400 participants from all over North America and some even representing Australia, Germany, England and Iran are participating in this event.

**4th World Zoroastrian Youth Congress** will be held in Victoria, Australia in December 2007. FEZANA has allocated \$10,000 to sponsor 40 Zarathushti youth from USA and Canada to go to this important global event. Watch for the announcement soon on the FEZANA website.

To get up-to-date information on Zarathusti events in North America visit [www.fezana.org](http://www.fezana.org)

***Other Items of Note:***

- **Membership Dues:** Please renew your annual membership. Mail your check, made out to ZAPANJ, to Adil Masani at 66 Malsby Road, Royersford, PA 19468. Life members also need to pay \$2 per family toward FEZANA. New members are most welcome. Membership rates are as follows:  
**Life membership: \$300 plus \$2 per family per year FEZANA dues.**

**Family membership (Parents and kids under 18): \$35 plus \$2 per family per year FEZANA dues.**

**Single Membership: \$20 plus \$1 per year FEZANA dues.**

**Student Membership: \$10 plus \$1 per year FEZANA dues.**

- **ZAPANJ Directory:** Contact Khushru Jokhi at [kjokhi@yahoo.com](mailto:kjokhi@yahoo.com) to receive a CD or email version of the latest ZAPANJ directory. Contact him also to update your contact information.
- **Newsletter:** Please e-mail Porus P. Cooper at [poruscooper@hotmail.com](mailto:poruscooper@hotmail.com) with news and photos of any events within your family or friends circle, whether local or far away, that might merit inclusion in the ZAPANJ newsletter. ZAPANJ is an extended family and every birth or death, every graduation, Navjote, marriage, job promotion and recognition, affects us all.
- **United Way:** Please inform Adil Masani at [namasani@comcast.net](mailto:namasani@comcast.net) of any donations you make to ZAPANJ through the United Way. It is vital to do that so we can acknowledge your donations and make sure ZAPANJ is affiliated with the United Way jurisdiction you use.

### **Religion & Community Enrichment Classes: September 2006 – May 2007**

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Location</b>
September 9, 2006 (Remembrance Day)	Mt. Zion Church, Devon, PA
October 1, 2006 (after Gahambar)	Palace of Asia, Cherry Hill, NJ
November 11, 2006	Evesham Township Community Center, Gibson House, NJ
December 9, 2006	Mt. Zion Church, Devon, PA
January 13, 2007	Gibson House, NJ
February 10, 2007	Mt. Zion Church, Devon, PA
March 10, 2007	Gibson House, NJ
April 14, 2007	Mt. Zion Church, Devon, PA
May 12, 2007	Gibson House, NJ

Our thanks to Adi Unwalla and Freny Ranji for booking of the locations for these classes in New Jersey and Pennsylvania respectively. Freny Ranji will continue to coordinate the food for the Religion & Community Enrichment Classes. Please contact her at 856-854-2251 for details. For directions please go to our web site [www.zapanj.org/locations](http://www.zapanj.org/locations)

### **ZACUCE RAFFLE - COMMUNITY HALL PROJECT**

A Reminder from the ZACUCE committee ...

The deadline for buying raffle tickets is fast approaching. For those of you who haven't bought tickets yet and have been putting it off now is your chance. For those who have already bought tickets, this is an opportunity to buy some more tickets and increase your chances of winning. Remember... the first prize is a fabulous Mercedes Benz sedan! Now, how often could you win a Mercedes for \$100 and be able to help the community build a new center? Please act quickly and buy your tickets TODAY!

# CELEBRATE PATETI/NAVROZE

AT

## The Palace of Asia

(former Bombay Cuisine at Howard Johnson)

(856) 317-1900 or (856) 773-1200

2389 Route 70 East, Cherry Hill, NJ 08002

**SUNDAY, August 20, 2006, 11:30 AM - 4 PM**



Enjoy food and fun with family and friends!!  
Please fill out and return the registration form below with your check!!

### RATES:

_____	Adult Members	@ \$25 per person
_____	Student Members	@ \$8 per person
_____	Children (3-12 years)	@ FREE
_____	Children (13-18 years)	@ \$8 per person
_____	**Kids meal (Under 12)	@ FREE
_____	Adult non-members	@ \$30 per person



**PATETI/NAVROZE LUNCH REGISTRATION FORM**

**FOR AUGUST 20, 2006**

(Mail this form and your check to **Adil Masani at 66 Malsby Road, Royersford, PA 19468; PLEASE MAIL NO LATER THAN AUG. 5)**

Name:

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Address:

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# of members: \_\_\_\_\_; # of non-members: \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount on enclosed check:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**DIRECTIONS TO PALACE OF ASIA FOR PATETI/NAVROZE AND GAHAMBAR FUNCTIONS:**  
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**FROM NORTH:** New Jersey Turnpike South to Exit 4. Exit ramp merges onto Route 73 North. Stay briefly on Route 73 North and then exit to Route 295 South. Take Route 295 South to exit 34B (Cherry Hill). Exit ramp merges onto Route 70 West. Take Route 70 West until you see Howard Johnson on your left. Make a U Turn, taking the U Turn exit indicated at this point.

**FROM DELAWARE AND POINTS SOUTH:** Take Route 295 North to Exit 34 B (Cherry Hill). Follow rest of the directions above.

**FROM CENTER CITY PHILADELPHIA:** Take Ben Franklin Bridge to New Jersey. Follow signs to Route 70 East and stay on Route 70 East until reaching Howard Johnson on your right.

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**DIRECTIONS TO MARSH CREEK STATE PARK:**  
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**From the PA Turnpike:**

Take Downingtown/Westchester Interchange # 23 for PA Route 100 N.; then turn right at TPK exit to go north on Route 100 (Pottstown Pike). Then go through a 2-horse town called Eagle Village. Going down the hill, see Moore's Furniture on right and two gas stations on left. You will be directly facing "Eagle Tavern". \*Turn left to go WNW on Little Conestoga Road.

First crossroad is "Park Road" for Marsh Creek State Park. Turn left. The road dead-ends in Marsh Creek State Park.

Follow directions below \*\*for *parking inside the park*.

**From King of Prussia, PA:**

Take US Rt. 202 S to Frazer, PA. Take US 30 W (Business--not the Exton Bypass) to Exton and Downingtown. Turn right on US Rt. 30 to go West. After several lights, turn right on PA Rt. 100. Go approx. 5 miles to reach Eagle Tavern. \*Follow other directions from there.

**From Delaware:**

Take US 202 N. Pass West Chester, PA. Take the exit for PA Rt. 100 N to Exton and Pottstown. Watch for junction with US Rt. 30. Continue on and go approx. 5 miles to reach Eagle Tavern. \*Follow other directions from there.

**Directions from PA Route 100 South:** Come down South on PA Rt. 100 S from Pottstown. Pass Font Road on your right and Fellowship Road on your left. Climb up a hill on Rt. 100 and come down the hill. At the bottom of the hill, turn right on Park Road. The road dead-ends in Marsh Creek State Park. Follow directions below \*\*for *parking inside the park*.

**\*\*Directions inside Marsh Creek Park:** When you see the parking lot, turn left and go up the hill. You will see another parking lot, just across from the swimming pool. Turn left and park in this parking lot. ZAPANJ holds the picnic in the wooded area just before this parking lot in the children's play area.

**Directions to Kasads (Adi & Persis) for Tea in the evening:**

Come back to Little Conestoga Road and turn left on it. Take first "Right" turn into 122 Christine Drive, Downingtown PA. Kasads are 7<sup>th</sup> home on right.