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President's Message

Jai Jinendra,

We have arranged a funfair/open-house program on Saturday, August 10. I would like to personally invite all of you to visit our Jain center on that day with family and friends. Please give it a wide publicity and invite and encourage all of your friends to visit our center.

Paryushan Parva will be starting immediately after the labor-day weekend. We have invited an excellent Jain scholar and orator, Samani Shree Mangal Prajnaji (along with Samani Shree Sambodha Pragyaji) to grace our celebration this year. All of those who attended her Pravachan last year were very impressed with her. Do plan to attend all her Pravachan in the morning as well as evening. And also, plan to come on time for the Swapna ceremony and Samvatsari Pratikraman programs.

So far, I have received a call from 2 families who wish to donate \$501 each to sponsor the Swami Vatsalya Bhojan during Paryushan. We need more sponsors. Interested families are requested to call me at the earliest.

Along with our Sunday school for children, we are going to also start beginners' classes for adults. I would encourage all members to take advantage of this unique opportunity by joining these adult classes and enrolling their children in the Sunday school.

Looking forward to a large participation in all our programs,

Kanta Dharamsi

Mahavir Jayanti Celebration Saturday, April 20, 2002

Mahavir Jayanti was celebrated on Saturday, April 20th afternoon with a stage program followed by Swami Vatsalya Bhojan. The program was held in the Paint Branch High School near our temple. The stage programs were performed by our youngsters. These group programs included prayer songs, prayer dances, Jain Stutis, skits, and two dramas "Siddha Chakra no Mahima" and "Megh Kumar". All of the 71 the young participants were presented with a trophy sponsored by Premila and Lilaben Shah. The highlight of the program was the drama "Megh Kumar" performed with excellent costumes and background scenes. It was very well directed by Sharmila Mehta. This drama was staged again at the annual program of Gujarati Samaj.

Invited guests included Mr. Anil Choudhry, Minister for Community Affairs, Embassy of India; and Rev. Clark Lobestine, Executive Director of the Interfaith Conference of Metropolitan Washington. The stage program was followed by Swami Vatsalya Bhojan. Over 475 people attended the program.

Mahavir Jayanti Celebration at Indian Embassy

2601st Birth Anniversary of Bhagwan Mahavir was celebrated on Sunday, April 28th at the residence of the ambassador of India from 3:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The celebration was jointly sponsored by the Embassy of India and the Jain Community of North America represented by the Jain Society of Metropolitan Washington and the Federation of Jain Associations in

North America (JAINA). This is the first time that a Mahavir Jayanti celebration was sponsored by the Indian Embassy. Ambassador Lalit Mansinghji and Mrs. Mansinghji personally welcomed all attending guests and members of our Society. This unique celebration was attended by over 300 people including leaders of different faiths from the Interfaith Organizations of Metropolitan Washington, and the United Association of Hindu & Jain Temples of Metropolitan Washington. After a social hour from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., a short program was held until 5:15 p.m.

The program started with singing of Jain prayers by Dr. Manoj Dharamsi followed by an excellent welcome speech by H.E. Ambassador Lalit Mansinghji. A special message for Mahavir Jayanti received from President George W. Bush was read by Dr. Sushil Jain, Vice President of JAINA. Our past youth coordinator Tejas Doshi gave an excellent presentation on "Mahavir and his teachings" which was very well received. It was followed by prayer dances performed by our young artists Payal Vora, Monali Shah, Meera Mehta and Pooja Mehta. The program ended with a vote of thanks by Dr. Manoj Dharamsi, past president and chairman of the Mahavir Memorial Committee, JAINA. The program concluded with a hearty dinner.

Recognition Award

During the Mahavir Jayanti program, Dr. Sushil Jain was presented with a recognition plaque for his outstanding contribution to the Jain Society for the last 8 years. Congratulations to Sushil.

Richmond Sangh's Visit

About 25 people from the Jain Sangh of Richmond visited our temple on Saturday, March 23rd. A number of members from our center were present to give a warm welcome to the Sangh..

Mercersbury Academy's Visit

On Sunday, April 21st, Rabbi Harold White along with 15 high school students from Mercersbury Academy of Pennsylvania visited the Jain Center from 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. as part of their religious studies. Various questions on Jainism asked by the students were satisfactorily answered by our Sunday School youths.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Pravachan by Dhirajlalji Mehta July 26-28, 2002

Pandit Dhirajlalji Mehta, a well-known Jain scholar from India, has kindly agreed to deliver a series of Pravachan in Gujarati at our center on the weekend of July 26-28. Pandit Dhirajlalji Mehta has been teaching Jain principles, Jain Sutras and their meanings to young munijis in India. He is an excellent orator, and has given Pravachan at our center in the past. The schedule for his speeches is given below:

- Friday, July 26: 8:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.
- Saturday, July 27: 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Sunday, July 28: Same timings as Saturday

Fun & Health Fair Join us for Fun, Food and Fiesta On Saturday, August 10 At our Jain Center grounds

TIME: 2:00 PM – 7:00 PM

No Entry Fee ... All are welcome



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INVITE YOUR FRIENDS
AND SPREAD THE WORD**

**To reserve a space for a food stall, please
call Kamlesh & Chandrika Shah
301-933-8123
(First come, First served)**

Paryushan Parva September 3-10, 2002

Paryushan Parva will be celebrated from Tuesday September 3 to Tuesday September 10. We are pleased to announce that **Samani Shree Mangal Prajnaji** and **Samani Shree Sambodha Pragyaji** have kindly agreed to grace the celebration. Their Pravachan in Hindi will be held at the Jain center as detailed below:

September 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9

Morning Pravachan: 10:30 AM. - 12:30 PM

Evening Pravachan: 8:30 PM. - 10:00 PM.

Saturday, September 7

Swapna Ceremony: 2:00 AM. - 6:30 PM

Swami Vatsalya: 6:30 PM - 8 PM

Tuesday, Sept 10

Morning Pravachan: 10:30 AM. - 12:30 PM

Afternoon Pravachan: 2:30 PM. - 4:00 PM

Pratikraman Program: 4:30 PM - 9:00 PM

Both Samanijis will stay at the Jain Center. Persons who wish to stay at the Jain Center during the Paryushan Parva are requested to contact Kanta Dharamsi at 703-620-9837

Swapna Ceremony Saturday, September 7, 2002

Swapna ceremony will be held on Saturday, September 7th **starting at 2:00 p.m.** The location is not yet finalized. We have requested the county to allocate one of the 2 schools near Jain center. Our first preference is the Benjamin Banneker Middle School located on 14800 Perrywood Drive in Burtonsville, MD. Second preference is Briggs Chaney Middle School on 1901 Rainbow Drive in Burtonsville, MD. However, we will not get any confirmation until August. When finalized, the location for the program and directions will be provided on our website jmw.org, and will also be informed via e-mail to all those members who have provided us their e-mail. If you have not yet sent us your e-mail address, please do so by sending e-mail to jmw@mail.com.

Gheeboli will be done for all carrying the Swapnas, for swinging the Parnu, and for performing Arti and Mangal Divo. More than one family can join together in the Gheeboli. The Swapna ceremony program will be followed by a Swami Vatsalya Bhojan. If we do not have enough members to fully sponsor the Swami Vatsalya Bhojan, a minimum donation of \$6.00 per person will be requested from all members.

Need Sponsors for Swami Vatsalya Bhojan

The expenses for the Swami Vatsalya Bhojan during Paryushan are expected to be about \$4,000. A group of families can join together to sponsor it. Alternatively, separate individual families can sponsor it by making a donation of about \$501 each. Interested sponsors/donors are requested to contact Kanta Dharamsi at 703-620-9837.

Samvatsari Pratikraman Tuesday, September 10, 2002

Samvatsari Pratikraman will be held at the Jain Center on Tuesday, September 10th. Gheeboli for reciting Pratikraman Sutra will start at 4:30 p.m. Pratikraman will start exactly at 5:00 p.m. It will be followed by Arati & Mangal Divo. To avoid causing any disturbance while the Pratikraman is in progress, all participants are requested to come early and be seated before 4:30 p.m. Please do not bring any children under the age of 6 years. Pratikraman in English will be held upstairs from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Children as well as parents are welcome to participate in this Pratikraman in English.

Das Lakshan Parva September 11 to 20, 2002

Das Lakshan Parva will be celebrated from Wednesday Sept 11 to Friday Sept 20. Mr. Ramnikbhai Savla, a Jain scholar from India, will grace the celebration. Pravachan in Gujrati will be held from 8:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. on weekdays. On Saturday and Sunday, Pravachan will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; and again from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Jain Sunday School For Children

Jain Sunday School is held from September through May. It consists of 5 levels of classes (A thru E). The classes are held on 2nd and 4th Sundays from 10:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. A planned curriculum is followed for each class. Enrollment is open to all members. The next session will start in September. We urge all the members to enroll their children and take advantage of this unique opportunity. Please fill in the attached Enrollment form and mail or hand-deliver to Kamlesh Shah before Sept 8.

Adult Discussion Sessions

Two adult discussion sessions are held on Sundays; one from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on each Sunday; and the other on alternate Sundays from 10:30 a.m. in parallel with the children's classes. For details on the 8:30 a.m. sessions, please contact Rajni Gosalia at 301-464-5947. For the 10:30 a.m. sessions, please contact Pravin Dand at 301-384-3367.

Beginners' Adult Classes Starting in September

In addition to the currently held two adult discussion sessions mentioned above, beginners' classes for adults will start in September. These classes will be held on 2nd and 4th Sundays from 10:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (same time as children's classes). These classes will follow a regular curriculum covering basic principles of Jainism. As followers of Jain religion, it is incumbent upon us to know at least the basic principles. It is even more important for the parents of children attending children's classes to learn the basic principles. For more information on these classes, please contact Mr. Kamlesh R. Shah at 301-838-9778, or Pravin Dand at 301-384-3367.

Donations

Thanks to all members for their generous donations. Donations of \$25 and more received until June 29, 2002 are listed below (Donations received for

participation in Swami Vatsalya Bhojan on Mahavir Jayanti programs on April 20 and 28 are not listed):

Dharamsi, Manoj & Kanta	\$ 51
Doshi, Anil & Chhaya	51
Goda, Narendra & Jyotsna	150
Havaldar, Kanti & Kokila	51
Jain Center Of Richmond, Virginia	201
Jain, Rita S.	31
Khona, Sudhir & Dharini	225
Mehta, Alpa	51
Parikh, Dilip & Leena	51
Parikh, Nilesh & Ruta	101
Patil, Adinath & Aruna	301
Sanghvi, Vasantiben	75
Shah, Ashok & Satish	401
Shah, Mahendra & Bharti	501
Shah, Mahesh & Premila	450
Shah, Manan & Nikki	121
Shah, Minaxi	101
Shah, Natu & Pushpa	25
Shah, Nilesh & Rupal	501
Shah, Rajiv & Sujaini	101
Vaidya, Harish & Kamlini	51

Membership

Gandhi, Sanjay & Manisha	\$151
Rajani, Janak & Mayuri	151
Shah, Chandrakant & Sudha	151
Patel, Bharat & Hetal	51

Adopt Jain Center

Talsania, Nayana	\$101
Udani, Kanti & Sudha	101

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Verizon - (Shefali P. Dalal)	500

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Special Donations

Thanks to *Khimji & Devkuvar Dharamsi* for donating Silver Thali, Arti & Mangal Divo. Also thanks to *Nenbai Momaiya* for donating Silver Thali and Mangal Divo.

Your E-mail Address

Short lead-time information (such as directions for the Swapna Ceremony program) is being conveyed to members via e-mail. All members are requested to inform us of their e-mail address by sending e-mail to jsmw@mail.com.

Pooja

Poojas were held at the residences of Narendra & Jyotsna Goda, Nilesh & Ruta Parikh, Kamlesh & Gita Shah, and Nilesh & Rupal Shah. Members are welcome to sponsor the performance of Snatra Pooja, Panch Kalyanak Pooja, Vastuk Pooja, Antray Karma Pooja, etc. either at the member's house or at the Jain Center. If you wish to sponsor any Pooja, please contact Jyotiben Doshi at 301-670-6844.

Temple Open on Sundays 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Mr. Chandubhai Sanghvi has kindly agreed to keep the Jain center open from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. every Sunday. (If you wish to visit the temple at other time, please call 301-236-4410 or 301-598-7464 for keys).

Jain Bhavana Program with Ghanshyam Joshi

Ghanshyam Joshi is a professional singer and has published a Jain tape "Aa Chhe Angaar Amaara". The program will be held on Saturday, July 27 at the Greater Baltimore Temple in celebration of the 3rd anniversary of Jain Pratishtha. The Baltimore Hindu temple is located at 2909 Bloom Road, Finksburg, MD (For directions, see our Members' Directory). Swami Vatsalya Bhojan will start at 5:30 p.m. If you wish to take part in Swami Vatsalya Bhojan, please call (410) 771-0251 or 269-8837, or send e-mail to jainsocietybaltimore@yahoo.com before July 19, 2002.

Pratishtha Mahotsav Hindu Temple in Atlantic City

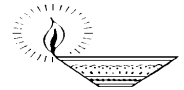
Pratishtha Mahotsav of Jain idols in the Hindu Temple in Atlantic City will be held on July 12-14, 2002 as follows:

Friday, July 12:	6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
Saturday, July 13:	1:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Sunday, July 14:	9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Program will include Bhavana/Ras Garba on Friday; Procession/Abhishek/Cultural program on Saturday; and Pratishtha/Poojas on Sunday. Lunch/dinner in between programs will be provided. Poojas will be performed by Mr. Narendra Nandu and his group from India. The temple is located at 571 South Pomona Road in Pomona, NJ 08240. For further information, please call: (609) 748-0032, 645-8081, 652-5273, 965-0627, 965-1348.

Condolence

We regret to inform that our member Mr. Jay Bhavsar passed away on April 27. We pray that his soul rest in peace, and convey our hearty condolence to his family members. A Pooja was held in his memory at the Jain center on Saturday, June 8, 2002.



We regret to inform that Bhanumatiben Gala, mother of Nirmala Vora and Gunwanti Bhavsar, passed away on June 19. We pray that her soul rest in peace, and convey our hearty condolence to her family members.

Advertisement in Newsletter

We have decided to allow printing of advertisements in our newsletters to offset the cost of printing and mailing them. Charges for advertisement are \$150 for full page and \$100 for half page. Interested parties are requested to call Kanta Dharamsi at 703-620-9837

Upcoming Events for 2002

Friday, July 26 to Sunday, July 28:Pravachan by Pandit Dhirajlal Mehta
Saturday, August 10: Funfair at Jain Center
Tuesday, Sept. 3 to Tuesday, Sept. 10:Paryushan Parva
Saturday, September 7: Swapna Ceremony
Tuesday, September 10: Samvatsari Pratikraman
Wednesday, Sept 11to Friday, Sept 20: Das Lakshan Parva
Sunday, Sept 29 to Tuesday, October 2Pravachan by Sunandaben Vohora
Sunday, October 13:Ayambil
Tuesday, November 5:Nav Smaran
Saturday, November 9:Diwali
Thursday, November 26:Ayambil - Thanksgiving



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