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President's Message

Jai Jinendra,

Paryushan Parva celebration with Samani Shree Mangal Prajnaji and Prasanna Pragyaaji was excellent this year. Attendance at Pravachan programs as well as at Swapna ceremony and Samvatsari Pratikraman was very good. Thanks to all members for their participation in a large number.

We had an excellent participation in the funfair/open-house program held on Saturday, August 10. Thanks to Shah Associates for arranging various medical tests including EKG. Also thanks to all those who arranged the food-stalls.

We have started beginners' classes for adults. I would encourage all members to take advantage of this unique opportunity of learning basic principles of Jainism.

Elections for the next year will be held on December 8. I would encourage all members and especially our younger members to step forward and bring their knowledge, skills, and leadership abilities to the Jain Society by serving in the Executive or Youth Committee.

Short lead-time information like location for the Swapna Ceremony program was informed by e-mail to those members who have provided us their e-mail address. I would personally request all other members to inform us of their e-mail address by sending e-mail to jsmw@mail.com. Thanking you all,

Kanta Dharamsi

UPCOMING EVENTS

Ayambil

Sunday, October 13

Thursday, November 28

Ayambil on Sunday, October 13 is sponsored by Sharadaben Jayantilal Shah. It will be held at Jain Center starting at 12:30 p.m. If you wish to participate in it, please call Bhupendra/Jyotsna Shah at 410-750-6638.

We will celebrate the Thanksgiving Day, Thursday November 28, as an Ahimsa Day by having an Ayambil program at the Jain Center. At the present time, we do not have any sponsor for the Ayambil. If you wish to sponsor this event, please call Kanta Dharamsi at 703-620-9837.

Nav Smaran

Tuesday, November 5

Nav Smaran will be held at the Jain Center on New Year's Day, Nov 5 starting at 8:00 p.m. Nine Jain Stotras will be recited in memory of Bhagwan Mahavir's Nirvan and attainment of Keval Gnyan. All members are encouraged to come and wish "Happy New Year" to all.

Pravachan by Manak Muniji

Sunday, October 27, 2:30 PM

Pravachan by H.H. Manak Muniji will be held at the Jain center from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Do not miss this unique opportunity to listen to the Shatavadhani and very good Pravachankar Muniji like him.

Annual General Meeting Sunday, December 8 at 2:00 p.m.

The following is the agenda for the annual general meeting:

2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. General Body Meeting
3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Elections
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Open Discussion

General Body Meeting & Discussion:

During the Annual General Body Meeting, the Executive Committee, the Board of Trustees and the Youth Committee will present a report on the annual activities, accomplishments and the statement of accounts. Any other topics put forward by a member will be discussed and voted upon by the general body if required.

An informal session will be held after the elections to discuss future activities for our Society. All members are requested to attend the general body meeting and provide their feedback. Your suggestion/ideas are most welcome. Let us all decide together as to what course our Society should take in the future. The Jain Center belongs to all of us. Your voice will be heard, just show us your presence.

Elections:

Elections will be held for two (2) trustees for a term of 2 years, and for all positions of the Executive Committee and the Youth Committee for the year 2003. Serving on a committee is a very challenging and rewarding work. We encourage all members and especially our younger members to step forward and bring their knowledge, skills, and leadership abilities to the Jain Society. Please send your Nomination Form or hand deliver it before 2:00 p.m. Sunday, December 8, 2002 to Mr. Kanu Doshi who has kindly agreed to be the Election Officer. Nomination Form and the details of various positions open, eligibility requirements and other rules and regulations are provided in this newsletter.

Diwali Mela Saturday October 26

The Association of United Hindu and Jain Temples of Metro Washington cordially invites all our members to a Diwali Mela to be held on Saturday, October 26 from 12:00 Noon to 9:00 p.m. at the Prince George's Sports and Learning Complex in Landover, Maryland. The Mela will feature cultural programs, food stalls, Indian merchandize stalls, etc. For more details, please visit our website at www.jsmw.org.

PAST PROGRAMS

Paryushan Parva September 3-10, 2002

Paryushan Parva was celebrated from Tuesday September 3 to Tuesday September 10. The Parva was graced by Samani Shree Mangal Prajnaji and Samani Shree Prasanna Pragyaji. Every day, they delivered very inspiring Pravachan in the morning as well as in the evening. 18 Members stayed with them at the Jain Center during the Parva. In addition to delivering discourses, they were also engaged every day in carrying out other religious activities like Pratikraman, Samayik, Jaap, Q&A session, etc.

Swapna Ceremony Saturday, September 7, 2002

Swapna ceremony was held on Saturday, September 7. Over 600 people participated in the program. It was followed by Swami Vatsalya Bhojan sponsored by Shah Associates in the memory of Kasturchandbhai M. Shah. Thanks to Shah Associates for that.

Samvatsari Pratikraman Tuesday, September 10, 2002

Samvatsari Pratikraman was held at the Jain Center on Tuesday, September 10 after a discourse by

Samani Shree Mangal Prajnaji. Pratikraman in English for children was also held in parallel. About 250 adults and 75 children participated in the Pratikraman. Pratikraman was followed by the program of honoring all Tapasvis. Congratulations to Dharini Khona for performing fast for 16 days, and congratulations to the following persons for performing Atthai: Rekha Chheda, Pravin Dand, Dilip Dharamshi, Manoj Dharamsi, Prakash Mehta, Nalini Shah, and Shilpa Shah.

Das Lakshan Parva September 11 to 20, 2002

Das Lakshan Parva was celebrated from Wednesday Sept 11 to Friday Sept 20. Mr. Ramnikbhai Savla, a Jain scholar from India, graced the celebration. Pravachan was held on weekday evenings, and weekend mornings and afternoons.

Fun & Health Fair August 10, 2002

The fun and health fair was a great success. About 150 people took part. We had three food stalls with a variety of delicious food items. Everyone took advantage of the free medical check up. We thank Shah Associates for setting up free blood and EKG tests for the attendees. Thanks to Kamlesh P. Shah for taking a lead.

Jain Scholars

During the summer, we were fortunate to have a number of scholars at the Jain Center as below:

Dr. Hukamchandji Bharill	June 26-30
Pandit Dhirajlal Mehta	July 26-28
Samani Shree Mangal Prajnaji	Sept 3-Sept 10
Ramniklalbhai Savla	Sept 11-Sept 20
Jinchandraji (Bandhu Triputi)	Sept 21
Heera Ratan Manek	Sept 21
Sunandaben Vohora	Sep 29-Oct 2

Recent speech programs in September were very well attended. About 200 persons attended the program

on September 21. Jinchandraji gave an excellent and inspiring Pravachan which was very well received by all. His Pravachan was followed by an interesting speech by Mr. Heera Ratan Manek who has not eaten any solid food for the last 7 years, and has also performed Jain fast for 411 days. He explained how it is possible for him (and also, for any one else) to survive on solar energy. He is currently being tested by various doctors at Thomas Jefferson University Medical College. Sunandaben's Pravachan was very well attended on all 4 days.

Thanks to Sudhir and Dharini Khona for sponsoring Swami Vatsalya Bhojan on September 21. Also thanks to Jyotsna Goda, Vasanti Sanghvi and Nayana Talsania for sponsoring Swami Vatsalya Bhojan on September 29.

Sunday Classes

Sunday classes started on Sunday Sept 22. These include 5 levels of classes for children and 2 classes for adults. The adult's classes include the newly started Beginners' Class for adults. All members are encouraged to join this Beginners' Class and learn the basic principles of Jainism. Sunday classes will be held until May, generally on 2nd and 4th Sundays. Thanks to following volunteers for teaching these classes: Anjali Dalal, Pravin Dand, Veena Dand, Arvind Mehta, Atul Shah, Kamlesh Shah, Ranjan Shah, Rupal Shah, and Kashmira Vaywala.

Donations

Thanks to all members for their generous donations to the Jain Society. A list of all donors who have donated \$25 or more recently (received until September 30) is given elsewhere in the newsletter. Please note that Jain Society also allows transfer of donations to other non-profit organizations in USA and abroad for a nominal fee of 5% of the total amount transferred (minimum fee of \$50 and maximum of \$500). Since such donations are not for Jain Society, they are not acknowledged in the Newsletter.

If you have not yet sent your tax-deductible donation check for Gheeboli, pledge, or any other donation,

please send your donation check at the earliest to our treasurer Mr. Manu J. Shah at 21009 Sunnyacres Road, Gaithersburg, MD 20882-1249.

Play Group for Children Ages 1-4 Years

We are planning to start a Jain playgroup for younger children between the ages of 1-4 to be held at the Jain Center on First and/or third Sundays. If you are interested in joining the group, please contact Monica Desai at 301-208-8543 for further information

Pooja

Antray Karma Pooja was held at the Jain Center on Saturday, October 5 in the memory of Sumil Shah (son of Ajit & Shilpa Shah). A Panch Kalyanak Pooja was also held at the residence of Aruna and Dilip Arwindekar on Sunday, October 6. Members are welcome to sponsor the performance of Snatra Pooja, Panch Kalyanak Pooja, Vastuk Pooja, Antray Karma Pooja, etc. at member's house or at the Jain Center. If you wish to sponsor any Pooja, please contact Jyoti Doshi at 301-670-6844.

Your E-mail Address

Short lead-time information and last-minute changes are being informed to the members via e-mail. Eventually, we will send newsletters also by e-mail. In order to fully take advantage of all future activities and updates, please inform us of your e-mail address by sending an e-mail to jsmw@mail.com.

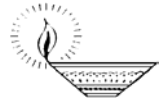
Temple Open on Sundays 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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.

Phones to Remember

Pooja Jyoti Doshi @ 301-670-6844
Jain Sunday School Kamlesh Shah @ 301-838-9778
Adult Classes Pravin Dand @ 301-384-3367
Equipment Rental Ashok R. Shah @ 301-260-1264

Condolence



We also regret to inform that 32 year old Anish Nanalal Shah, son of Jayvanti Shah, passed away on July 3, 2002. A prayer service was held on July 8 at the Jain Center. We pray that his soul rest in peace, and convey our hearty condolence to her family members.

We regret to inform that Shree Kasturchandbhai Shah, the Patriarch of Shah Family of Southern Maryland passed away on July 27, 2002. We pray that his soul rest in peace, and convey our hearty condolence to all members of Shah Associates.

We also regret to inform that 21 year old Sumil Shah, son of Ajit and Shilpa Shah, passed away on August 12, 2002. Along with him, his cousin Nikesh Shah, son of Shashi and Smruti Shah (sister of Shilpa Shah) of Chicago also passed away. We pray that their souls rest in peace, and convey our hearty condolence to their 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



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ELECTIONS 2003 Nomination Form

I, the undersigned, hereby nominate: _____

for the position of: _____ to the

_____ Board of Trustees

_____ Executive Committee

_____ Youth Committee

Date

Name of the Nominator

Signature of the Nominator

I accept the above nomination and if elected, agree to serve the Jain Society to the best of my abilities.

Date

Signature of the Candidate

Home Phone Number

Office Phone Number

E-mail address

The nomination form must be received by the Election Officer Mr. Kanu Doshi by Sunday 2:00 p.m. on December 8, 2002. It may be hand-delivered to him or mailed to 132 Mission Drive, Gaithersburg, MD 20878-5245.

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR ELECTIONS

1. POSITIONS

The nomination form may be filled for any one of the following 16 positions.

Board of Trustees: Two Trustees for a term of 2 years.

Executive Committee: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Joint-Secretary, Treasurer, Joint-Treasurer, and three members-at-large for a term of one year.

Youth Committee: Coordinator, and four members for a term of one year.

2. RESTRICTIONS

The same person shall not be elected to more than one of the above 16 positions. Only one member from a family shall be elected to the Executive Committee. The same rule will apply to the Board of Trustees as well as to the Youth Committee. No officer of the Executive Committee can apply for election to the same office for more than three consecutive terms.

3. VOTING RIGHTS

A. Husband, wife, their parents and unmarried children of age 18 years and over living in the same household are entitled to vote at the general body meeting, and also for the election of the Board of Trustees and the Executive Committee.

B. Members of age below 25 years and the children of all members between the age of 15 and 25 years are entitled to vote for the election of the Youth Committee.

4. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT FOR NOMINATORS

A person who is eligible for voting for the election of a position is eligible for nominating a candidate for that position.

5. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR CANDIDATES

Board of Trustees: To be eligible for election to the Board of Trustees, a person must be a life member of the Society for at least one year and must have paid a minimum of \$5000 donation (excluding any payments for Gheebolis, membership fees or charges for programs or other services) to the Jain Society, prior to January 1 of the year for which the elections are being held.

Executive Committee: To be eligible for election to the Executive Committee, a person must be a member of the Society for one year prior to the day of election.

Youth Committee: Coordinator shall be of age 18 years and over. Members shall be of age not less than 15 years. The age requirement must be satisfied on the 1st January of the year for which the elections are being held.

List of Donors (\$ 25 and above), June 30 - Sept 30, 2002

Life Members

Khona, Pradip & Niral	\$151
Nawab, Rajesh & Sonal	151
Parekh, Rasik & Kalpana	151
Shah, Jayesh & Hina	151
Shah, Pinak & Dharmishta	151

Jain Center Pledge

Shah, Narendra & Sangita	\$500
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3-Year Members

Mehta, Vipul & Parul	\$51
Shah, Gaurav & Helli	51
Shah, Hemant & Pratima	51
Sheth, Dipak & Nayana	51
Subhas, Naveen & Nital	51

Advertisement In Directory

Shah, Satish	\$200
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Ajmera, Chetan & Sonal	\$117
Babu, Bhupesh & Pallavi	901
Bapna, Karan & Prema	100
Bhavsar, Himanshu & Bindu	122
Bhavsar, Jay & Bakula	201
Chheda, Ratilal & Rekha	51
Dand, Kekin	151
Dand, Pravin & Veena	206
Dharamshi, Dilip & Kusum	2265
Dharamshi, Heerbai	75
Dharamsi, Keerti & Hema *	111
Dharamsi, Manoj & Kanta	679
Dharamsi, Sunil & Pallavi *	151
Dhila, Bhadresh & Shefali	117
Dhulla, Nirmalaben	601
Doshi, Jasvant & Kunju	102
Doshi, Kanu & Jyoti	334
Gala, Harak & Nalini	101
Gangar, Ashok & Nayana	602
Goda, Narendra & Jyotsana	375
Gosalia, Rajni & Sarla	101
Haria, Mansukhlal & Niranjana	101
Jain, Bhawanji & Kalavati	101
Jain, Jatin & Parul	101
Jain, Kushal & Mankunwar	151
Kamdar, Devang & Seema	101
Khona, Naren & Datta	176
Khona, Pratix M.	51
Kothari, Mrudang & Mausambi	151
Mahadevia Kishore & Jayshree	601
Maloo, Manchand & Nirmala	2030
Mehta, C. M. & Pravina	117
Mehta, Alpa	101
Mehta, Bhupendra & Kokila	135
Mehta, Dinesh & Bhavana	117
Mehta, Ketan & Vandana	351
Mehta, Kiran & Sharmila	30
Mehta, Lalit & Hansa	401
Mehta, Prakash & Kirtida	117
Merchant, Deepak & Sunila	252
Momaiya, Ashwin & Pratixa	226
Nagda, Niren & Jaya	387
Nirula, Gagan & Rena	67

Nuthan, Rebecca L. **	\$100
Parekh, Kamlesh & Aruna	51
Parekh, Narendra & Charu	135
Patel, Pravin & Ila	34
Sanghani, Kamal & Jyoti	101
Sanghvi, Vasantiben	451
Savla, Maganlal & Sakarben	62
Shah, Ajit & Shilpa	528
Shah, Anish & Jayanti	76
Shah, Anupam & Mainaki	112
Shah, Arvind & Sanyukta	413
Shah, Ashok & Mina	112
Shah, Bipin & Asha	51
Shah, Dhiraj & Nalini	32
Shah, Harshad & Amita	101
Shah, Harshit & Hemangini	351
Shah, Hasmukh & Sudha	101
Shah, Jawahar & Doler	50
Shah, Kirit & Nilaxi	51
Shah, Mahendra & Saroj	72
Shah, Meera	51
Shah, Minaxi	101
Shah, Narendra & Sangita	302
Shah, Nilesh & Manna	117
Shah, Nilesh & Rupal	101
Shah, Prabodh & Aruna	101
Shah, Pranab & Vaishali	651
Shah, Shailesh & Mona	51
Shah, Talak & Ranjana	152
Sheth, Yogen & Rupa	125
Subhas, Naveen & Nital	51
Surana, Ravat & Kusum	25
Talsania, Nayana	375
Tejani, Jitendra & Niranjana	135
Thakkar, Indravadan & Dharmishta	201
Townes, Toni Y. **	100
Turakhia, Bipin & Rashmi	40
United Way Of Frederick County	90
Vora, Bhavi & Anju	51
Vora, Navin & Nirmala	411
Vora, Rajesh & Sujata	754
Friends of Anish Shah **	101

* For Atthai performed by Dilip Dharamshi and Manoj Dharamsi

** In Memory of Anish Shah

Upcoming Events for 2002

Sunday, October 13: Ayambil

Tuesday, November 5: Nav Smaran

Sunday, October 27: Pravachan by Manak Muniji

Thursday, November 28: Ayambil – Thanksgiving

Saturday, December 8: Annual General Meeting



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