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## President's Message

**J**ai Jinendra. As a result of being CLIPed together we have completed several projects and we are working on others. Our Youth Committee, with guidance from many of you, has created a state of the art modern children's playground area that will be ready in 4- 6 weeks. In addition, the foldable partition to create two additional class rooms will also be ready by mid August. Thanks to Nilesh Parikh for providing his expertise to insure cost optimization and maximum safety.

The first phase of a small garden to uplift Center's appearance is also complete. Thanks to Subhash & Arti Choxi, Niyati Jhaveri, Asha Jain and other team members who have a multi-phase goal to improve the curb side appearance of our Center. As many of you have already noted, high speed wireless internet service has been installed in our Center. Thanks to Jignesh Dalal and his team members. They also donated and installed two computers for our use.

The Paryushan & Das Lakshan Parva will be starting on August 21. We have invited distinguished speakers Pramodaben Chitrabhanu for Paryushan, and Dr. Ujjwalaben & Pandit Dineshbhai for Das Lakshan. We have arranged several other programs including Health Fair, Picnic, Panch Teerth Yatra; and lectures by Dr. Bharill, Amrendra Muniji, Manak Muniji, Shrutpragya Swamiji, Pandit Dhirajlalji and Tarlaben Doshi. I personally request you all to publicize these events as well as participate with your family and friends (including non-Jains). Thanks to Narendra & Jyoti Goda, Kanta & Manoj Dharamsi, Niren & Jaya Nagda, Kamlesh & Arti Shah, Kamlesh & Aruna Parekh, and Asha Jain for hosting scholars while in Washington Area.

*We are looking for sponsor(s) for Swami Vatsalya Dinner during Paryushan. Please call us and let us know if you would like to be a sponsor or wish to partner with others for dinner.*

On behalf of Executive Committee I want to thank many volunteers and sponsors for making Mahavir Jayanti and other projects and programs successful.

*Dr. Sushil Jain*

## Trustee's Report

**I**n a meeting held on July 8, the Board of Trustees approved to implement a long term and short term investment strategy and transfer of funds to high yielding CDs, so as to get higher return on our funds. Also, capital expenditures were approved for facility beatification project, installation of partitions in the hall to increase number of class rooms, and installation of playground equipment for children.

*Dr. Atul Shah*

## Youth Committee Report

**S**ince our trip to New York City in March, the Youth Committee has announced an art competition for all ages on Jain themes; all submissions should be turned in to a Youth Committee member. The Six-Flag trip scheduled in June was cancelled due to inclement weather. The trip will be rescheduled. Three Youth Committee members, Payal Vora, Parita Shah, and Apurva Parikh, along with other youths, attended the Young Jains of America convention in Stamford, Connecticut. I also attended for a day and presented two interactive workshops with Amrita Wassan on Ahimsa: Walking the Talk. Whether Jains should "fight" for liberation was the theme of discussion.

*Sonal Sheth, Youth Coordinator*

## Treasurer's Report

Thanks to all members for their generous donations to our Jain Society. As per our policy, donations of \$51 and higher are acknowledged below:

### Donations

\$4135	Shah Associates	Swami Vatsalya MJ 2005
\$551	Himansu & Bindu Bhavsar	For Pooja
\$501	Chandresh & Gita Benani	For Pooja
\$501	Tarun & Ila Dharia	For Pooja
\$501	Manu J. Shah	For Pooja
\$301	Punamchand & Chandra Vora	Gheeboli
\$301	Bhadra & Chandralekha Shah	Swami Vatsalya MJ 2006
\$251	Gulab & Rekha Shah	General Donation
\$251	Hemant & Mallika Shah	Swami Vatsalya MJ 2006
\$251	Rekha Shah	Swami Vatsalya MJ 2006
\$251	Sanjay & Bela Shah	General Donation
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\$241	Rajiv & Leena Batavia	Swami Vatsalya MJ 2006
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\$226	Bhupendra & Kokila Mehta	Gheeboli
\$225	Rekha Mehta	Gheeboli
\$221	Bakula Bhavsar	Swami Vatsalya MJ 2006
\$221	Shashikant & Sharmi Mehta	Swami Vatsalya MJ 2006
\$201	Manu Shah	In memory of Inaxi Shah
\$201	Deepak Shah	General Donation
\$151	Apurva & Kalpana Varia	General Donation
\$125	Himmat & Tarlika Desai	General Donation
\$101	Kushal & Mankuwar Jain	General Donation
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\$101	Hiraben Mehta	In memory of Shivilalbhai Mehta

\$101	Fatechand & Meera Shah	General Donation
\$101	Navin Shah	General Donation
\$101	Jayant & Mrudula Shah	General Donation
\$72	Anonymous	\$51 Jivdaya + \$21 General
\$71	Parash & Rina Shah	General Donation
\$51	Bhavik & Shrutee Shah	General Donation

### Membership (New & Renewal)

\$151	Devang Kinariwala	Life Membership
\$151	Hasmukh & Shobha Shah	Life Membership
\$151	Gyanchand/Chandrakala Shah	Life Membership
\$51	Anjali Kamani	Membership - 3 Yrs
\$51	Raamil Kinariwala	Membership - 3 Yrs
\$51	Mohit Shah	Membership - 3 Yrs

*Ashok Shah, Treasurer*

## ONGOING EVENTS

Details of the ongoing programs are given below.

1. Sunday School Pathshala will start on September 10. It will be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon followed by Lunch. Point of Contact (POC): Nilesh Shah 301-549-2776.
2. Adult religious classes in parallel with Sunday School.
3. Adult Adhyatmik studies each Sunday 8:00 -10:00 a.m. POC: Rajni Gosalia 301-464-5947.
4. Devshastra Guru Pooja on 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month at 10:30 a.m. Lunch provided. POC: Minal Zaveri 301-890-7689
5. Monthly Snatra Pooja followed by lunch (dates as announced). POC: Pallavi Shah: 301-260-1264
6. Monthly Executive Committee meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each Month at 1:30 p.m.. POC: Jatin Shah 202-966-4459

## FUTURE PROGRAMS

### Amrendra Muniji & Manak

### Muniji

### Sunday, July 30

We are honored to have both Manak Muniji as well as Amrendra Muniji in Metro Washington. As most of you know that they a very distinguished background not only in Jainism but other faiths as well. They have agreed to give religious discourse in Hindi on, Sunday 30 July 2006 at 10:30 am at Jain Center. For further information please contact Dr. Sushil Jain 301-670-0519.

## Shrutpraya Swamiji Wednesday, Aug 9 to Monday, Aug 14

**S**hrutpraya Swamiji is one of the most articulate and Scharismatic young spiritual leaders of the new generation. Swamiji's teachings integrate ancient scriptures and modern science which validate our day to day experience and knowledge. The greatest challenge we all face is managing our emotions in different facets of our daily life. The focus of his Pravachans in Hindi will be on both theory and practice for a balanced and healthy lifestyle for all, including topics like stress management, anger management, health management, improving your personality, etc. His discourses will be held from 8:30 p. m. to 10 p.m. on weekdays (Wednesday-Friday and Monday) and from 10:00 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

## Paryushan Parva

### Monday, Aug 21 to Aug 28

**T**he Paryushan Parva will be celebrated from Monday Aug 21 to Monday Aug 28. It is one of the most important and widely celebrated annual Jain festivals for purification of our soul. It is the celebration of spiritual awareness. It not only gives us an opportunity to practice basic tenets of Jainism, but also motivates us to do soul searching, self realization and introspection of the life we have led. It also promotes forgiveness for wrong doings performed intentionally or unintentionally.

We are honored to have **Pramodaben Chitrabhanu** to grace the celebration. She is a well known scholar and orator, and has authored many books in Gujarati and English. On Monday 21<sup>st</sup> to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> and on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>, **Pravachans in Gujarati** will be held at Jain Center in the morning from 10:30 to noon, and in the evening from 8:15 to 9:45. Also, a **Pravachan for children in English** will be held from 2:00 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> at Jain Center. Evening Pravachans will be followed by Aarti. The programs for Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> and Monday 28<sup>th</sup> are given below.

## Swapna Ceremony Saturday, August 26

**T**he program will be held on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> at White Oak Middle School. **Pravachan** in Gujarati will start at 2:30 p.m. **Swapna ceremony** will start at 3:30 p.m. During the Swapna ceremony, members will have the honor of carrying each Swapna to the beats of drums and

music. First 9 Swapnas (except for the 4<sup>th</sup> Swapna – Lakshmi) will be pre-assigned for a donation of \$501 each. Please call Ashok/Pallavi Shah at 301-260-1264 if you wish to take any of these 8 Swapnas (#1-3 and #5-9) to be pre-assigned. This assignment will be done on a first come first served basis. Gheeboli will be performed for Lakshmi and other Swapnas that are not pre-assigned, and also for Parnu, Arti and Mangal Divo. Two or more families can join in Gheeboli or for the pre-assigned Swapnas. Signification of Swapna will be explained in English by our youths.

The Swapna ceremony will be followed by **Swami Vatsalya Bhojan** (dinner). If you wish to sponsor or partner with other sponsors please contact Dr. Sushil Jain 301-670-0519. If you wish to participate in the dinner, please inform us of the number of participants (adults, and children of age 5-17) by Tuesday, August 22, 2006 by sending an e-mail to [Dinner@JainSocietyDC.org](mailto:Dinner@JainSocietyDC.org) giving details of your name (both husband and wife), and phone number; OR, by registering at our web site [JainSocietyDC.org/Registration.asp](http://JainSocietyDC.org/Registration.asp); OR by mailing the dinner registration form attached herewith; OR, by calling any one of the following persons: Ashok/Pallavi Shah at 301-260-1264, Nilesh/Manna Shah at 301-549-2776, or Paresah Shah 703-435-8118. We will make arrangement for extra food to accommodate guests and members without RSVP. Such individuals can participate in the dinner by donating a minimum of \$6.00 per person to the Swami Vatsalya fund.

**Directions to White Oak Middle School** at 12201 New Hampshire Ave, Silver Spring, MD 20904 (301) 989-5780

**From Jain Center:** Turn left on Briggs Chaney Road and left on New Hampshire Ave. After about 4 miles, take a U-Turn on Jackson Road; the school will be on your right.  
**From I-495:** Take exit 28A for New Hampshire Ave going north to White Oak. After driving about 3 miles, the school will be on your right (immediately after passing Jackson Road). Alternatively, you can take exit 30A for Colesville Road (Route 29) going north and then take New Hampshire Ave going north. After 1 mile, school will be on your right.

## Samvatsari Day Monday, August 28

**P**ravachan on **Kshamapana** and **Samvatsari Pratikraman in Prakrit** will be held at Shri Mangal Mandir. Kshamapana Pravachan in Gujarati will be held from 2:00 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. The Samvatsari Pratikraman program will start at 3:30 p.m. sharp with Gheeboli for reciting Pratikraman Sutra. Pratikraman will start exactly at 4:00 p.m. sharp. To avoid causing any disturbance

while the Pratikraman is in progress, all Pratikraman participants are requested to come by 2:00 p.m. to listen to the important discourse on Kshamapana; or latest before 3:20 p.m. Please do not bring any children under the age of 8 years.

**Pratikraman in English** will be held at the Jain Center from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Children as well as parents are welcome to participate in this Pratikraman. After the Pratikraman at Mangal Mandir, Arti/Mangal Divo and **Tapasvi Bahuman** programs will be held at the Jain Center.

**Directions to Mangal Mandir** at 17110 New Hampshire Ave, Silver Spring, MD 20905 are given below:

**From Jain Temple:** Turn left on Briggs Chaney Road and right on the first traffic light for New Hampshire Ave. After 2 miles Mangal Mandir will be on your left (immediately after passing the traffic light for Ednor Road).

**From I-495:** Take exit #28A for north New Hampshire Ave (Route 650N). After about 7 miles, Mangal Mandir will be on your left (immediately after passing the traffic light for Ednor Road).

**From I-95 South:** Take exit 33B for Route 198 West towards Burtonsville. After about 4 miles, turn right at the traffic light for New Hampshire Ave. After 1 mile, Mangal Mandir will be on your left (immediately after passing the traffic light for Ednor Road).

## **Das Lakshan Parva** **Tuesday, Aug 29 to Thursday,** **Sept 7**

**D**r. Ujjwalaben and **Pandit Dineshbhai** have kindly accepted our invitation to grace the Das Lakshan program again this year. In addition to recognizing the Das Lakshan (ten virtues) during the 10-day period, we will have Pravachans in Hindi by these two learned scholars at Jain Center. Their Pravachans are easy-to-understand and interesting. The Pravachan topics will be Tatvartha-Sutra, 14 Gunsthanak, and Chhaha-Dhala, along with Jain Siddhant Praveshika. The program will start on Tuesday, August 29 at 8:15 p.m. Thereafter, from August 30 to September 7, the Pravachans will be from 10 a.m. to noon, 3 to 5 pm, and 8:15 to 9:45 p.m. every day. During these days, simple meals will be prepared at the Jain Center and can be made available to those who notify Anju Vora (301-570-1910) or Jaya Nagda (301-540-7708) in advance. The cost will be \$10/meal or \$20/day. For more information, please contact Niren Nagda by email at

nnagda@emergenconsulting.com

## **Sunday School Pathshala** **September 2006 to May 2007**

**J**ain Sunday school is open to all children. The school year is from September through May and the classes are held generally on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday from 10:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. followed by snack or lunch for all. The school will start on September 10. It consists of 5 different levels of classes (A through E) each following a regular curriculum. We urge all members to take this opportunity to take advantage of this unique opportunity, and enroll their children for the Sunday School. Please register by mailing the form included in this news letter, or by download it from our web site. If you would like to volunteer to teach or assist, please let us know. For additional information please contact Mr. Nilesh Shah 301-549-2776 or Mr. Kamlesh Shah 301-838-9778.

## **Pandit Dhirajlalji Mehta** **Tuesday, Sept 12 to Sunday,** **Sept 17**

**P**andit Dhirajlalji Mehta is a well-known Jain scholar from India. He has been teaching Jain principles, Jain Sutras and their meaning to young munijis in India. He is an excellent orator, and has given Pravachan at our center in the past. His Pravachan in Gujarati will be held at our Jain from 8:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on weekdays (Sept 12 to 15) and from 10:30 a.m. to noon on Saturday and Sunday, Sept 17 & 18.

## **Panch Teerth Yatra** **Sept 23 and 24 Weekend**

**P**anch Teerth Yatra bus trip will be held during the weekend of September 23-24. The bus will leave at 6:00 a.m. sharp on Saturday, September 23, and will return at 9:30 p.m. on Sunday. We will visit temples at Philadelphia, Cherry Hill, North NJ, Siddhachalam, and the newly built Jain temple in Queens, NY. Overnight stay will be at Siddhachalam.

The trip will be open to members and their families living with the members at the same address. Charges will be \$100.00 each for the first 2 persons (age 13-64) and \$75.00 each for any additional person. Charges for senior citizens (over age 65) and for children below 12 will be \$75 per person. Children below 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

We have chartered a 50-seater bus for our trip. Reservation for the trip will be made on a **first come first serve basis** on the receipt of a non-refundable check for the trip (No refund for cancellation; however, you may transfer your seat to another member). To reserve your seat, please hand-deliver or mail your check along with the attached form to Manoj/Kanta Dharamsi at 11820 Triple Crown Road, Reston, VA 20191-3014.

## Ayambil

**Sunday, October 1, 2006**

The Ayambil program will be held on Sunday, October 1, 2006 at noon. It is sponsored by Sudhaben & Shilpa Udani (410-206-9526) and Payesh & Niyati Jhaveri (410-313-9188). To take part, please contact them.

## Tarlaben Doshi

**Tuesday, Oct 3 to  
Saturday, Oct 7**

Tarlaben Doshi is a well-known Jain scholar from India. She has given excellent Pravachans at our Jain Center for a number of years. Her lecture series in Gujarati will be held at Jain Center from 8:15 p.m. to 9:45 p.m. on weekdays (Oct 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6) and from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct 7.

## Nav Smaran

**Sunday, October 22**

Nav Smaran program consisting of the recital of 9 Jain Stotras will be held on Sunday Oct 22, 2006 at 10:30 a.m. All members are encouraged to come and wish Happy New Year to each after Nav Smaran.

## PAST EVENTS

### 2006 YJA Convention

YJA Convention at Stamford CT, held from July 1 to 4, 2006, was a grand success. Over 700 youths from around the globe attended it. About 25 youths were from Washington DC Metro area. The convention featured lectures by several Jain Leaders, Samanijis and scholars; several workshops and sessions on Social and religious topics. Also, cultural dance competition programs, musical Garba and Bollywood ball were organized. The 4 days event was full of educational activities and fun.

## Mid Year Review Meeting

On Saturday July 8th, members of the Executive Committee and the Board of Trustees met at Ashok & Pallavi Shah's residence for working lunch. This meeting was also held as a Mid Year Review of how things were progressing and to brain storm ideas as to where we want to go now and how will we get there. The major points that came out of the meeting were:

- Trustees voted to implemented long term and short term investment strategies with investment consultant.
- Review of ongoing projects. i.e. installation of playground equipment, partition to create two class rooms along with furniture, facility ground clean up, facility beatification project, and carpet replacement. In addition, short term building and facilities concerns that need to be addressed were discussed and presented.
- Discussion on how to further improve our Sunday school curriculum to benchmark and stream line with national standards. It was recommended that teachers and parents should partner with this process improvement.
- Starting electronic fund transfer automatically from bank accounts.
- Spreading the word of Jainism in other faiths and encouraging our community to be more actively involved with the Jain Center activities.

## Hukamchandji Bharill

Dr. Bharill's Pravachans held on July 12 to 14 were on selected topics from Shri Pravachansaar Param Aagam which are literally the "abc"s of Jain Adhyatma. His Pravachans were simple and interesting to understand for everyone -- those who are new to the Jain Adhyatma or those who have been working at it for some time. Pravachans were recorded in MP3 format and are available. For more information, please contact Niren Nagda at [nnagda@ENERGENconsulting.com](mailto:nnagda@ENERGENconsulting.com).

## NAACP Convention kicks off With Jain Invocation Prayer

On Sunday, July 16, 2006 Dr. Sushil Jain delivered the Jain Invocation prayer at NAACP's annual convention in Washington, DC. This was the first time NAACP (National Association For the Advancement of Colored People) convened with invocation with Jain Prayer. Dr. Sushil Jain also presented a very brief overview of Jainism and its history. There were over 2600 people in attendance. The NAACP was established in 1909 and has grown to over 300,000 active members.

## Your E-Mail Address

Short lead-time information and last-minute changes are being informed to the members via e-mail. Eventually, we would like to send newsletters by e-mail. If you have not received any e-mail from us within last 30 days, then we do not have your correct email address or have an outdated e-mail address for you. Please help us keeping you informed in a timely manner by informing us of your email address by sending an email message to [Changes@JainSocietyDC.org](mailto:Changes@JainSocietyDC.org). You can also send any changes in your address/phone number, addition of new born baby, etc. to this address. We will update our data base.

## Our Web Site Updates

I am proud to announce the migration of our website [www.JainSocietyDC.org](http://www.JainSocietyDC.org) to the web server maintained by Jain Center of Northern California (JCNC). With excellent support from Mr. Girishbhai Shah, President of JCNC, I was able to host our website onto their server within moments. This move was necessary because we have had a lot of technical issues with our current hosting company and I have spent number of hours and days working with them with no solution so far. I take this opportunity to personally thank Girishbhai for his excellent support.

The website has been updated regularly. In order to facilitate the members with an easy-to-navigate website, new menu links have been created. A link for **volunteers** to register for various activities at the Jain Center has been created. Please note that volunteer opportunities are available in many committees as listed at [www.JainSocietyDC.org/Volunteers.htm](http://www.JainSocietyDC.org/Volunteers.htm).

A link to **Membership form** has also been created. Similarly we have created a secure web based donation program. Please visit our web site and click on **Donation** to make your donation.

If you have information to share with other community members, like addition to your family, death of a member of your family living in USA, etc., please send an email to [Info@JainSocietyDC.org](mailto:Info@JainSocietyDC.org). If appropriate, we will share such information with our members by posting it on the website. For any suggestions, ideas or comments, please feel free to either click on "Contact Us" link, or send an email to [WebMaster@JainSocietyDC.org](mailto:WebMaster@JainSocietyDC.org). We will try to implement your comments as soon as we can.

**Janak Rajani, Web Master**

## Visiting The Temple

The Jain Center is open during scheduled programs. If you wish to visit any other time, you may enter from the door with a cipher combination lock. To maintain highest level of security, we will be **changing our combination** effective September 20, 2006. Please call one of Executive Committee members for the new combination. To ensure security, please make sure that all doors are locked when you leave.

## Pooja

We encourage all of you to sponsor the performance of Snatra Pooja, Panch Kalyanak Pooja, Vastuk Pooja, Antaray Karma Pooja, etc. at either your home, office or at the Jain Center. Please contact Mrs. Jyoti Doshi at 301-670-6844.

## Commandments of Non-Violence (Ahimsa)

1. Live and let live. Love all. Serve all.
2. Where there is love, there is life. Violence is suicide.
3. All souls are alike and potentially divine. None is superior or inferior.
4. All living beings long to live. No one wants to die.
5. Have compassion towards all living beings. Hatred leads destruction.
6. Silence and self control is non-violence.
7. I dislike pain, so all other beings also dislike pain.
8. A wise person does not kill, nor causes others to kill, nor consents to the killing by others.
9. Respect for all living beings is non-violence.
10. Non-violence is the highest religion.

## Teachings of Lord Mahavir

- Fight with yourself, why fight with external foes?

He who conquers himself through himself will obtain happiness.

- All beings hate pain, therefore one should not hurt or kill them. Ahimsa (non-violence) is the highest religion.

- A man is seated on the top of a tree in the midst of a burning forest. He sees all living beings perish. But he doesn't realize that the same fate is soon to overtake him also. That man is a fool.



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### Swapna Ceremony SWAMI VATSALAY BHOJAN on August 26, 2006

Member's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Member's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Member's Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Member's E-Mail addresses: \_\_\_\_\_

1. The following family members will attend Swami Vatsalya Bhojan:

No. of Adults and Children over 12: \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Children age 5 to12: \_\_\_\_\_

2. We wish to make a donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to the Swami Vatsalya Fund.

3. We would like make following suggestions for future programs:

\_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
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(Please mail this form so as to reach before August 22, 2006)

(Alternatively, you can send above information by e-mail to [dinner@JainSocietyDC.org](mailto:dinner@JainSocietyDC.org))



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### PANCH TEERTH YATRA ON SEPTEMBER 23-24, 2006

**We the following persons of our family (all living at the same address) would like to join the bus trip:**

Last Name	First Name	Male / Female	Age of Child or Senior Citizen

Members' Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Addresses: \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Insurance Information (Company and Group & Policy No.) : \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Doctor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phones: \_\_\_\_\_

For Emergency, Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phones: \_\_\_\_\_

Reservations will be made on a **first-come, first-serve** basis on the receipt of a check or cash by Manoj/Kanta Dharamsi. Charges for persons of the same family living at the same address will be \$100 each for first 2 persons, and \$75 for each additional person. Charges for senior citizens (over age 65) and for children below 12 will be \$75 per person.

Total Amount paid = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Paid by Cash \_\_\_\_\_ By Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please make your check payable to Jain Society and hand- deliver or mail it along with this form to:  
Manoj/Kanta Dharamsi, 11820 Triple Crown Road, Reston, VA 20191-3014*





# JAIN

## SOCIETY OF METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON

A NON-PROFIT TAX-EXEMPT RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION, ID # 54-1139623  
JAIN CENTER LOCATION: 1021 BRIGGS CHANEY ROAD, SILVER SPRING, MD • PH: (301) 236-4466  
MAILING ADDRESS: P.O. BOX 4548, SILVER SPRING, MD 20914  
WEB ADDRESS: [www.JainSocietyDC.org](http://www.JainSocietyDC.org)

### Jain Sunday School Registration Form For Academic Year Sept. 2006- May 2007

Parents' Names: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name Father's Name Mother's Name

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Numbers: Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Office: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency (If other than above) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Addresses: \_\_\_\_\_

**Enrollment** (you can enroll only those children who will complete age 6 by December 31, 2006, i.e., born in 2000 or earlier):

Name of Student	Date of Birth	School Grade	Jain class (A,B,C,D,E)	
			Last Year	This Year
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Fee per student: \$25.00 (Regular registration fee, if paid\* by August 31, 2006)

\$40.00 (Late registration fee, if paid after August 31, 2006)

\* "paid" date means the date postmarked by or hand-delivered to Nilesh Shah

Registration Fee Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ by Cash \_\_\_ or Check No. \_\_\_\_\_

Please make the check payable to "Jain Society of Metropolitan Washington"

Member's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail or hand-deliver your completed Registration form before August 31, 2006 to:  
Nilesh Shah, 4323 Ambrose Court, Burtonsville, MD 20866-2222.



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### General Guidelines for Sunday school

1. School Year – The school year will start from 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of September and end on 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of May (except otherwise stated).
2. Date/Time – School will operate every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday (except otherwise stated) from 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon.
3. Age Limit – Only children who are 6 years and above by December 31 are allowed to enroll.
4. Punctuality – School timings are to be strictly followed. It is important that all children attend classes regularly and come to classes 10 min before time. Parents who drop off their children should arrive 10 minutes early and should pick their children after the school is over. Parents are encouraged to stay in the Temple premises and attend adult classes. The JSMW is not responsible for the children after the classes are over. Please note that:
  - If student is more than 10 minutes late, he/she will be given a tardy slip.
  - After 3 tardy slips, it will be considered 1 absence.
  - After 3 absences without informing the teacher in advance, student will be deregistered.
5. All parents must provide their emergency contact phone numbers.
6. Students are not to bring any other materials such as games, story books, drawing materials, non Pathshala school homework, etc. as these tend to be distractive.
7. Parents must inform teachers if their children are not able to attend a class.
8. Students who have not attended classes for a cumulative period of 3 sessions (without any valid reason) will be deregistered.
9. Annual Assessment Tests will be held in May on the last Sunday of the school. All registered students are required to take the tests.
10. Transportation – All parents are responsible to drop off and pick up their children on time.
11. Both parents and children should keep our Temple premises clean and in good condition. Please ensure that items such as candy wrappers or snack bags are placed in the garbage can.
12. Volunteers run the Sunday school. Your participation in classroom activities is encouraged.
13. Complaints/suggestions in relation to Sunday school are to be made to the school coordinator for resolution.
14. Food, personal CDs or cassette players will not be allowed in the classroom areas during Sunday school hours.
15. Cancellation: Due to unavailability of teachers, volunteers, and lack of enrollment, or for any other reason; in worse case, individual classes may be cancelled or rescheduled without notice.



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**ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED  
FORWARDING POSTAGE GUARANTEED**

## **Upcoming Events for 2006**

Sunday, July 30 .....Amrendra Muniji & Manak Muniji  
Wednesday, August 9 – Sunday, August 13 ..... Shrutpragya Swamiji  
Monday, August 21 – Monday, August 28 ..... Paryushan Parva  
Saturday, August 26 ..... Swapna Ceremony  
Monday, August 28 ..... Samvatsari Pratikraman  
Tuesday, August 29 – Thursday, September 7. .... Das Lakshan Parva  
Tuesday, Sept 12 – Sunday, Sept 17 ..... Pandit Dhirajlalji Mehta  
Saturday, Sept. 23 – Sunday, Sept 24 ..... Panch Teerth Yatra  
Sunday, October 1 ..... Ayambil at Jain Center  
Tuesday, October 3 to Saturday, October 7 ..... Tarlaben Doshi  
Sunday October 15 ..... Health Fare/picnic  
Sunday, October 22 .....Mahavir Nirvan Day / Nav Smaran  
Thursday, November 23.....Thanksgiving Day Ayambil  
Sunday, December 10 ..... Annual General Meeting and Elections