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## President's Message

Jai Jinendra.

If I have knowingly or unknowingly hurt your feelings anytime during the year, I hereby request you to please forgive me. Michchhami Dukkadam.

We had a very good celebration of Paryushan Parva this year. Thanks to Chandrakantbhai Mehta for his excellent Pravachan, and thanks to all members for taking part in the celebration in a large number. I am looking forward to a similar large participation in our Nav Smaran program on Sunday, Oct 26, and also in the annual meeting on Dec 7.

Elections for the next year will be held on Sunday, December 7. 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.

The Yatra trip to 5 temples went very well. My special thanks to Jain Sanghs of Charlotte, Raleigh and Richmond for their outstanding hospitality.

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank all those who provided their excellent support in carrying out various activities this year. Also thanks to all members for their generous donations.

Kanta Dharamsi

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Nav Smaran

Sunday, October 26

Nav Smaran program will be held at the Jain Center on October 26<sup>th</sup> starting at 10:30 a.m. It is the reciting of nine Stotras in the memory of Bhagwan Mahavir's Nirvan, a state when a soul gets liberated after shedding all eight types of Karma particles. All members are encouraged to come to the Jain Center, and wish Happy New Year to all.

### Diwali Mela

Saturday, October 11

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 11<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 Noon to 10:00 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, fire works, etc. For more details, please visit <http://www.dcunitedtemples.org>.

### Tarlaben Doshi

October 31 – November 3

Tarlaben Doshi, a well-known scholar from India, who had been with us during Paryushan and other times, accepted our invitation to deliver Pravachan from Friday, Oct 31<sup>st</sup> to Monday, Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>. Her Pravachan programs will be held on Friday and Monday in the evening starting at 8:30 p.m.; and on Saturday and Sunday from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., and again from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

## Ayambil

**Thursday, November 27<sup>th</sup>**

**S**amuh Ayambil will be held on the Thanksgiving Day, November 27<sup>th</sup>, starting at noon. It is sponsored by Manjuben & Fakirchand Dalal. If you wish to take part in the Ayambil, please call Manjuben at 301-577-5215.

## Annual General Meeting

**Sunday, December 7**

**T**he following is the agenda for the annual general meeting:

1:30 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, the Youth Committee, and the teachers 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. All suggestion/ideas are valid, and you are most welcome to present yours. 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 2004. 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 1:30 p.m. Sunday, December 7, 2003 to Mr. Kanubhai 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 on page # 5 and 6.

## PAST PROGRAMS

### Paryushan Parva

**August 24 -31, 2003**

**P**aryushan Parva celebration was graced by Chandrakantbhai Mehta, a well-known Jain scholar from New Jersey. Each day, he delivered inspiring Pravachan in the morning and evening, and held discussion and Q/A sessions in the afternoon. He explained Jain principles using practical examples and emphasized its application in daily life. Morning Pravachan included Kalpasutra and life stories of Lord Mahavir and other Tirthankars. Evening Pravachan covered different topics on following Jainism in daily life. His Kshamapana Pravachan on the last day was very touching. Over 125 persons who came to listen to him every day were very impressed and touched by his excellent Pravachans. He also held a lecture on basic principles of Jainism in English for children on Sunday August 24<sup>th</sup> afternoon. Daily program also included morning and evening Pratikraman.

Along with Chandrakantbhai and Pravinaben, 15 members stayed at the Jain Center. Groceries for all persons staying at the Jain center were donated by Dharmishta & Pinak Shah, Manna & Nilesh Shah, Mona & Sailesh Shah, and Kanta Dharamsi. Persons staying at the Jain Center donated \$601 to the Society.

### Swapna Ceremony

**Saturday, August 30, 2003**

**S**wapna ceremony was held on Saturday August 30<sup>th</sup>. During the ceremony, members had the honor of carrying each Swapna to the beats of drums and music led by a procession of children performing different dances. Invited guest Mr. Kumar Barve,

majority leader of the Maryland House of Delegates, gave a short speech to welcome all. Chandrakantbhai explained the significance of all Swapnas. Kanu Doshi and Kamlesh Shah completed the Gheeboli efficiently in 2 hours. The ceremony was followed by Swami Vatsalya Bhojan sponsored by Narendra and Charu Parekh. Over 500 members attended the program. Thanks to all volunteers for making the program a grand success.

## **Samvatsari Pratikraman Sunday, August 31, 2003**

**S**amvatsari Pratikraman was held at the Briggs Chaney Middle School on Sunday, August 31<sup>st</sup> after a discourse by Chandrakantbhai Mehta. Over 300 members took part in the Pratikraman. Pratikraman in English for children was also held in parallel at the Jain Center. About 150 children and adults participated in this Pratikraman

After the Pratikraman, Arti and Mangal Divo were performed at the temple. After that, a program was held to honor all Tapasvis who had performed Atthai, and very young children who fasted for 1 to 3 days. Atthai was performed by the following members: Rekha R. Chheda, Narendra Goda, Prakash Mehta, Padma M. Shah, Nalini D. Shah, Nilaben Shah, Niyanti D. Shah, Sailesh Shah and Navin Vora. Congratulations to all Tapasvis.

Parnu was held on Monday, Sept 1<sup>st</sup>. It was sponsored by all members who stayed at the temple during Paryushan.

## **Das Lakshan Parva September 1 to 10, 2003**

**D**as Lakshan Parva was celebrated from September 1<sup>st</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup>. The program included a brief explanation of each of ten Dharma, Siddha Poojan and listening to tapes on Pravachan by Gurudev Chitrabhanu, Dr. Bharill, and Pandit Sumatprakashji.

**ALL BEINGS HATE PAIN, THEREFORE  
ONE SHOULD NOT HURT OR KILL THEM.  
AHIMSA IS THE HIGHEST RELIGION.**

## **Panch Teerth Yatra September 20-21, 2003**

**P**anch Teerth Yatra was held during the weekend of September 20-21, 2003. A total of 85 people traveled by 2 buses and visited 5 temples. All visited centers gave a very warm welcome, and offered excellent hospitality. On Saturday, the group left from our Jain Center at 6:00 a.m., visited Rajdhani Mandir (in Chantilly, Virginia), and then went to the beautiful Lotus temple (Yogaville) near Lynchburg, VA. The Lotus temple located on a mountain with a lake at the bottom is a multi-faith temple and has idols/scriptures of all religions of the world. After lunch, the group visited Yogaville's Kailash shrine, located on the top of the mountain, with a big Natraj idol which dances (rotates) 3 times every day. After that, buses drove for 5 hours and reached the Hindu-Jain Temple in Charlotte, NC. After a grand welcome by Charlotte Sangh and after performing Darshan, they were treated with excellent dinner. After dinner, a Bhavana program was held at the temple. The overnight stay was arranged at the Luxury Inn hotel in Charlotte. On Sunday morning, the group left the hotel at 6:15 a.m. to go to the temple to perform Darshan and Pooja. After breakfast, they left Charlotte temple and reached the Hindu-Jain temples in Raleigh, NC at 11:30 a.m. After welcome, and an excellent lunch served by the Raleigh Jain Sangh, a Bhavana program was held at the temple. The buses left at 2:00 p.m. for the Hindu-Jain temple of Richmond, VA. After welcome and delicious dinner served by the Richmond Jain Sangh, a Bhavana program was held at the temple. Buses left Richmond temple at 8:15 p.m. and came back to our Jain Center at 10:30 p.m. Participants were entertained in the bus with Pravachan videotapes, playing Jain quiz games, discussion of Jain principles, other entertainment programs, and serving of snacks. All participants enjoyed the trip and were impressed with the enthusiasm and hospitality shown by visited centers.

## **Ayambil Sunday, October 5**

**S**amuh Ayambil program was held on Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. It was sponsored by Dr. Atul Shah and his brothers & sisters in memory of their mother. Over 35 persons performed Ayambil.

## Sunday Classes

**S**unday classes are now in full swing. A total of 60 children have registered and are attending the classes. They are held on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays from September to May from 10:30 a.m. to noon. The curriculum for children's classes is divided into 5 levels of classes, A, B, C, D, and E. Thanks to Veena Dand, Kalpana Hegde, Dr. Arvind Mehta, Nayana Mehta, Hemangini Shah, Kamlesh Shah, Ranjan Shah, Rupal Shah, and Kashmira Vaywala for devoting their time to prepare for and teach classes regularly.

In addition, two adult's classes are also being held at the Jain Center. One adult class, led by Rajni Gosalia, is held every Sunday from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. The other adult class is run in parallel with the children's classes. It consists of basic principles of Jainism taught by Dr. Atul Shah, and significance & meaning of 12 Bhavanas taught by Pravin Dand. Thanks to Rajni, Pravin and Atul for their time and devotion.

## Pooja

**A**yushya Karma Nivaran Pooja, sponsored by Jayvantiben Shah, was held at the Jain center on September 7<sup>th</sup> in memory of her son Anish Shah. Vastuk Pooja was performed at the new residences of Ashok & Mina Shah and Navin & Nirmala Vora on October 4 and 5 respectively. Members are welcome to sponsor the performance of Snatra Pooja, Panch Kalyanak Pooja, Vastuk Pooja, Antaray Karma Nivaran Pooja, etc. at the Jain Center or at member's house. If you wish to sponsor any Pooja, please contact Jyotiben Doshi at 301-670-6844.

## Donations

**T**hanks to all members for their generous donations. A list of all donors who have donated \$25 or more from August 1 through September 30, 2003 is given on page 7. As per our policy, donations made for Yatra charges or for buying tapes/books are not acknowledged in this list.

Thanks to Jyotsna Goda for donating \$151 to celebrate successful completion of Ayambil Varsi Tap by Narendra Goda. Congratulations to Narendra

for performing Ayambil Varsi Tap. Thanks to Arvind & Sanyukta Shah for donating a computer.

Thanks to all for their Gheebolis during Paryushan and for other donation pledges. If you have not yet sent your donation check for Gheeboli or pledge, please send your tax-deductible donation check to our treasurer Mr. Manu J. Shah at 21009 Sunnyacres Road, Gaithersburg, MD 20882-1249.

## Food for the Homeless

**W**e have set up a box at the Jain Center for the collection of canned goods for donating to the homeless. We will be collecting them through the end of October. Please donate generously.

## Temple Open on Sundays

**C**handubhai Sanghavi is kindly keeping the Jain center open from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. every Sunday. To visit the temple at any other time, please call 301-476-7620, or 301-384-9550.

## Our Web Site

**O**ur website [www.jsmw.org](http://www.jsmw.org) provides details on our Jain Society and Jain Center, directions, planned programs, updates, etc. Please visit the site, and provide your suggestions. Thanks to Kala Jain for administrating our website. We are now looking for some other **volunteer to serve as the administrator** of our website. We earnestly request our younger generation to come forward. If interested, please contact Kala Jain at 703-425-6662.

## Donations Through United Way

**U**nited Way contribution form will be passed to you at your office soon. Please designate "Jain Society of Metropolitan Washington, P. O. Box 4548, Silver Spring, MD 20914" as your charity organization. If your organization also matches the funds, please send the form to us for filling it out. For the point of contact, please enter: President, Kanta Dharamsi, 11820 Triple Crown Road, Reston, Virginia 20191-3014, Phone: 703-620-9837. For further details, please contact Manu J. Shah at 301-963-3920.



# 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.

**DONATIONS TO JAIN SOCIETY (OVER \$ 25)**  
**Received from August 1 through September 30, 2003**

**Life Members**

Bhansaly	Raj & Sneh	151
Batavia	Rajiv & Leena	151
Dhulla	Hement & Nirmala	151
Mehta	Pinak & Nikki	151
Parikh	Mukesh & Mona	151
Rao	Rajesh & Sheetal	151
Shah	Piyush & Rachana	151

**Adopt Jain Center**

Nagda	Niren & Jaya	101
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Parekh	Bhushan & Abha	51
Parikh	Kaushal & Purvi	51
Shah	Alap	51
Shah	Bhavin & Harsha	51
Shah	Chirag S.	51
Sogani	Nitin & Meeta	51

**In Memory of Anish**

Shah	Jayvanti	501
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**Other Donations**

Arwindekar	Dilip & Aruna	501	Mehta	Vinod & Hansa	501
Bapna	Karan & Prema	166	Merchant	Deepak & Sunila	903
Broker	Nayan & Nayana	437	Mody	Vinit & Kiran	451
Broker	Pramathesh/Minaxi	396	Momaiya	Pratixa	25
Dalal	Jignesh & Rajeshri	58	Nagda	Niren & Jaya	168
Dand	Pravin & Veena	101	Parekh	Kamlesh & Aruna	51
Dharamsi	Dilip & Kusum	71	Parekh	Narendra & Charu	300
Dharamsi	Manoj & Kanta	130	Parikh	Kaushal & Purvi	551
Dhila	Taraben R.	51	Sanghvi	Vasantiben	100
Doshi	Hetal & Mausami	51	Savla	Chhaya M.	51
Doshi	Jasvant & Kunju	51	Shah	Alap	61
Doshi	Kamal & Arti	150	Shah	Anupam & Mainaki	76
Doshi	Kanu & Jyoti	51	Shah	Arvind & Sanyukta	251
Doshi	Nilesh & Megha	151	Shah	Ashok & Pallavi	111
Doshi	Prashant & Sweta	151	Shah	Atul & Aruna	51
Doshi	Rajni & Divya	51	Shah	Bhadresh/Chandrika	126
Doshi	Urvi J.	201	Shah	Chandrakant/Kumud	51
Gangar	Jadhavji & Meena	51	Shah	Dipak & Jyoti	90
Gangar	Kantilal & Meeta	101	Shah	Harish & Dina	320
Goda	Narendra & Jyotsna	102	Shah	Harshit & Hemangini	402
Gosalia	Rajni & Sarla	126	Shah	Jayvanti	25
Haria	Enterprises	352	Shah	Kalpesh & Nita	851
Hegde	Manohar & Kalpana	51	Shah	Mahendra & Saroj	31
Jain	Bhawanji & Kala	1101	Shah	Meera	51
Jain	Jatin & Parul	151	Shah	Minaxi	101
Jain	Kushal/Mankunwar	202	Shah	Narendra & Sangita	101
Joglekar	Anjana A.	87	Shah	Navin C.	101
Khona	Sudhir & Dharini	301	Shah	Nitesh & Tanuja	300
Kothari	Ekta	251	Shah	Parash & Rina	523
Mahadevia	Kishor & Jayshree	601	Shah	Paresh & Shilpa	166
Maloo	Manchand & Nirmala	121	Shah	Prashant & Rajul	151
Mehta	Bhupendra & Kokila	201	Shah	Sailesh & Mona	253
Mehta	Chandrakant/Pravina	101	Shah	Rajiv & Sujaini	731
Mehta	Dinesh & Bhavana	51	Shah	Talak & Ranjana	101
Mehta	Hasmukh & Varsha	51	Sheth	Yogen & Rupa	251
Mehta	Hiraben	51	Talsania	Nayana	551
Mehta	Kailash & Rekha	451	Tejani	Jitendra & Niranjana	323
Mehta	Kiran & Sharmila	91	Varia	Hansa	51
Mehta	Nilesh & Minaxi	301	Vora	Bhavi & Anju	51
Mehta	Ramesh & Varsha	121	Vora	Rajesh & Sujata	824
Mehta	Savitaben	51	Zariwala	Munawar & Bina	42
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## **Jain Society of Metropolitan Washington Upcoming Events for 2003**

**Sunday, October 26: .....Nav Smaran – New Year’s Day**

**Friday, Oct 31 – Monday, Nov 3: ..... Tarlaben Doshi**

**Thursday, November 27: .....Thanksgiving Day Ayambil**

**Sunday, December 7: .....Annual General Meeting and Elections**