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President's Message

Jai Jinendra.

For Paryushan Parva, we are very fortunate that an excellent Jain scholar Chandrakantbhai Mehta has kindly agreed to grace the celebration. Members are requested to attend his Pravachans, at least during evenings. In addition to daily morning and evening Pravachan sessions in Gujarati, we have also arranged his Pravachan in English on Sunday, August 24, especially for our youngsters. Parents are encouraged to bring their children with them to this special program in English scheduled on the first day of Paryushan Parva.

Note that this year, Paryushan Parva runs through the Labor Day weekend. Do not make any other plans for the Labor Day weekend. Please commit yourself to attending Swapna ceremony and Samvatsari Pratikraman programs during the Labor Day weekend.

For our Panch Teerth Yatra this year, we will be going south to visit temples in North Carolina and Virginia. This is our first time to go south. Details of this trip are given on page 2. Please act early to reserve your seat in the bus.

Uvassagaharam Maha Poojan and 18 Abhishek programs, and Navkar Mantra Poojan in English were very well received. Those of you who did not come to these programs certainly missed these excellent programs.

Looking forward to meeting all of you during Paryushan Parva.

Kanta Dharamsi

UPCOMING EVENTS

Paryushan Parva

August 24 -31, 2003

Paryushan Parva will be celebrated from Sunday, August 24th to Sunday 31st. We are pleased to announce that Chandrakantbhai Mehta, a well-known and highly recommended Jain scholar from New Jersey, has kindly agreed to grace the celebration. The program during the Paryushan Parva will be as follows:

Sunday, August 24

Morning Pravachan: 10:30 a.m. – Noon.
Pravachan in English: 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Evening Pravachan: 8:15 p.m. – 9:45 p.m.
Arti/Mangal Divo: 9:45 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Monday to Friday, August 25-29

Morning Pravachan: 10:30 a.m. – Noon.
Evening Pravachan: 8:15 p.m. – 9:45 p.m.
Arti/Mangal Divo: 9:45 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 30

Swapna Ceremony: 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Parnu/Arti/Mangal Divo: . 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Swami Vatsalya Bhojan: . 5:30 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.

Sunday, August 31

Morning Pravachan: 10:30 a.m. – Noon.
Afternoon Pravachan: 2:15 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Pratikraman Program: 3:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Pratikraman in English: .. 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Arti/Mangal Divo: 7:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Tapasvi Bahuman: 8:15 p.m. – 9:15 p.m.

On Sunday afternoon, a Pravachan in English will be held especially for our youngsters (also for adults). All other Pravachans will be in

Gujarati. Daily program will also include morning and evening Pratikraman. Chandrakantbhai will stay at the Jain Center during the Paryushan week. Anyone interested in staying at the Jain Center during the Paryushan Parva should contact Kanta Dharamsi at 703-620-9837.

Swapna Ceremony **Saturday, August 30, 2003**

Swapna ceremony will be held on August 30 starting at 1:30 p.m. During the ceremony, members will have the honor of carrying each Swapna to the beats of drums and music. Gheeboli will be performed for carrying each of the 14 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 will be followed by Swami Vatsalya Bhojan sponsored by **Narendra and Charu Parekh**. If you wish to take part in the Swami Vatsalya Bhojan, please send an e-mail to jmw@mail.com, or call any one of the following persons: Ashok Shah at 301-260-1264, Harshit Shah at 703-723-9363, or Niru Shah at 410-551-8324.

The program will be held at the **Benjamin Banneker Middle School** at 14800 Perrywood Drive in Burtonsville, Maryland. Directions are given below.

From I-495: Take exit 30A for Route US 29 north. After 6 miles, turn left on the traffic light for Briggs Chaney Road. Immediately, turn right on the first traffic light (Old Columbia Road). Within 1 mile, turn left on Perrywood Drive. The school will be on left.

From I-95: Take Exit 33 for Route 198 West to Burtonsville. After passing Route US 29, turn left on Old Columbia Road. After about 1 mile, turn right on Perrywood Drive. The school will be on your left.

From Jain Center: Turn right on Briggs Chaney Road. Turn left at the third traffic light for Old Columbia Road. Within 1 mile, turn left on Perrywood Drive. The school will be on your left.

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

Samvatsari Pratikraman will be held on Sunday, August 31 starting at 3:30 p.m. sharp with Gheeboli

for reciting Pratikraman Sutra. Pratikraman will start exactly at 4:00 p.m. To avoid causing any disturbance while the Pratikraman is in progress, all participants are requested to come early and be seated before 3:30 p.m. Please do not bring any children under the age of 6 years. Pratikraman *in English* will be held at the Jain Center from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM. Children as well as parents are welcome to participate.

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

Das Lakshan Parva will be celebrated from Monday Sept. 1 through Wednesday September 10. For details, please contact Rajni Gosalia at 301-464-5947, or Niren Nagda at 301-540-7708.

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

This year, for the first time, we will go South to visit the Hindu Jain Temples in Charlotte (NC), Raleigh (NC), Richmond (VA), and Chantilly (VA), and the beautiful Multi-Faith Lotus Temple near Lynchburg (VA). The bus will leave from our Jain Center at **6:00 a.m. sharp** on Saturday, Sept 20th, and will be back at about 9:30 p.m. on Sunday, Sept 21st.

On Saturday, we will visit Rajdhani Mandir, Lotus Temple and Charlotte Hindu-Jain Temple. On Sunday, we will visit Hindu-Jain Temples in Raleigh, and Richmond.

Charges for the trip will be \$100 per person for the first 2 members of a family, and \$75 per person for any additional members of the family living in the same house. Charges will cover all expenses except for the overnight stay on Saturday. For overnight stay, we have reserved 25 rooms in the Luxury Inn hotel in Charlotte, NC at a bargain price of only \$35 per room with 2 double beds. Participants will bear the expenses of their stay in the hotel.

We have reserved one 50-seater bus for the trip. Seat reservation will be made on a first come first serve basis on the receipt of the check and the enclosed form. To reserve your seat, please hand-deliver or mail your check along with the attached form to Manoj/Kanta Dharamsi, 11820 Triple Crown Road, Reston, VA 20191-3014.

Ayambil **Sunday, October 5** **Thursday, November 27**

Ayambil will start at 12:00 noon on Sunday, October 5, 2003. We will also hold Ayambil program on Thursday November 27th to celebrate the Thanksgiving Day as an Ahimsa Day. At the present time, we do not have the sponsor for either of the days. If you wish to sponsor Ayambil on any of these 2 days, please call Kanta Dharamsi at 703-620-9837.

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 from Noon to 10:00 p.m. at the Prince George's Sports and Learning Complex in Landover, Maryland. For more details, please visit our website at www.jsmw.org.

Diwali Celebration and **Nav Smaran on New Year's Day** **Sunday, October 26**

Nav Smaran (reciting of nine Stotras) will be held at the Jain Center on Sunday, October 26, starting at 10:30 a.m. It will be followed by lunch and Pooja. All members are encouraged to make plans to come to this program to celebrate Diwali and the New Year.

Tarlaben Doshi **October 31 – November 3**

Tarlaben Doshi, a scholar from India, has accepted our invitation to deliver Pravachan from Friday Oct 31 to Monday, Nov 3. Her Pravachan programs will start at 8:30 pm on Friday and Monday. On Saturday and Sunday, Pravachan will start at 1:30 PM.

Annual General Meeting **and Elections on Dec. 7**

The annual General Body meeting and elections will be held on Sunday, December 7 starting at 2:30 PM. Agenda for the meeting and Nomination Forms for elections will be mailed out with the next Newsletter.

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, 2003.** 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 to Kamlesh Shah before August 31st.

Adult Discussion Sessions

Two adult discussion sessions are held on Sundays; one from 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM on each Sunday; and the other on alternate Sundays at 10:15 AM in parallel with the children's classes. For details on the 8:30 AM sessions, please contact Rajni Gosalia at 301-464-5947. For the 10:15 AM sessions, please contact Pravin Dand at 301-384-3367.

Beginners' Adult Classes

In addition to the currently held two adult discussion sessions mentioned above, beginner's classes for adults are also held in parallel with children's classes from 10:15 AM to 12:30 PM on 2nd and 4th Sundays. As followers of Jain religion, it is incumbent upon us to know its basic principles. It is even more important for the parents of children attending children's classes to learn the basic principles of Jain religion. For more information on these classes, please contact Dr. Atul Shah at 301-274-0319.

PAST PROGRAMS **Narendrabhai Nandu**

Narendrabhai Nandu and his party were at our Jain Center from Friday June 20th thru Sunday June 22nd. The Bhavana program performed on Friday by their musical group was very well received. On Saturday, they performed Uvassagaharam Maha Poojan from 12:39 to 6 PM. Every one thoroughly enjoyed the excellent performance of the Poojan by the group, especially by Narendrabhai and 2 children. The program was followed by Swami Vatsalya Bhojan. Over 200 persons attended the program.

On Sunday, they performed an excellent 18 Abhishek program. In addition to performing 18 Abhishek on the Murties at the temple, Abhishek was also performed on the Murties brought by 12 families from their home. All participants enjoyed this very well done program.

Jain Scholar Visits

We were very fortunate to have the following speakers who delivered excellent Pravachan at our Jain Center during summer. All participants enjoyed their Pravachans:

Pandit Abhaykumarji Jain.....	June 24-30
Sunandaben Vohora	July 7 - 12
Diptiben Shah	July 18 - 24
Nautambhai Vakil	August 3 - 7

Saturday, July 12 being 'Chomasi Chaudas', a whole day program with 8 Samayik and 2 Pratikaman was held by Sunandaben Vohora. In addition to her daily Pravachan, Diptiben performed Navkar Mantra Poojan in English as detailed below.

Navkar Mantra Poojan

Diptiben Shah performed a Navkar Maha Mantra Poojan in English on Sunday, July 20. She explained the significance and meaning of Navkar Mantra, and performed an excellent Poojan. The Poojan started at 12:39 p.m. and lasted until about 4:30 p.m. Over 50 children participated with enthusiasm and performed various Poojas included in this Maha Poojan.

JAINA Convention

The 12th Biennial JAINA Convention was held in Cincinnati, Ohio from July 3-6, 2003. As usual, it was a great success. Congratulations to Veena Dand, Nisha Jain and Dhiraj Shah for receiving JAINA Recognition Awards. Congratulations to Sushil Jain for his election as the Secretary of JAINA for the next two years.

During the cultural program on Saturday, our Jain Society presented the Jain drama "Meghkumar". The drama was performed by our children and featured different background screens for various acts of the drama. It was an excellent presentation and was very well received by all. Congratulations and thanks to all participants and organizers of the drama.

Pooja

Antaray Karma Nivaran Pooja was performed on June 7th at the Jain Center in the memory of Talak, Ratanben and late Nanalalbbhai Shah's mother. Vastuk Poojas were performed at the residence of Siddhartha & Dharmishta Galliara on June 8th and Himanshu Mehta on June 15th. 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.

Your E-mail Address

Short lead-time information including last-minute changes in programs is informed to all members by e-mail. If you have not received any e-mail from us recently, then we do not have your correct e-mail address. Please inform us of your email address by sending an email message to jsmw@mail.com.

Temple Open on Sundays

11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

If you wish to visit the temple at any other time, please call 301-236-4410 or 301-598-7464.

Phones to Remember

Jain Sunday School ...	Kamlesh Shah	301-838-9778
Adult Classes	Pravin Dand	301-384-3367
	Rajni Gosalia	301-464-5947
	Atul Shah	301-274-0319
Pooja	Jyoti Doshi	301-670-6844
Equipment Rental	Ashok R. Shah	301-260-1264

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Thanks to all donors for their generous donations. A list of donors who have donated \$25 or more to the Jain Society is given on the next page. As a policy, donations sent to other non-profit organizations through our Jain Society are not acknowledged. If you have not yet paid your donation for your Gheeboli/Pledge, please make your donation check payable to Jain Society, and mail it to our treasurer Mr. Manu J. Shah at 21009 Sunnycres Road, Gaithersburg, MD 20882-1249.

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Panch Teerth Yatra September 20-21, 2003 Registration Form

Participants:

<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>M.I.</u>	<u>Age of Children</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Medical Information:

Family Doctor's Name: _____ Doctor's Phone: _____

Medical Insurance Co.: _____ Policy # _____

In Case of Emergency Contact: _____
Name Phone Numbers.

Liability Release:

I hereby release Jain Society of Metropolitan Washington and its office bearers from ALL liabilities related to this trip. I hereby waive my rights to claim any compensation from Jain Society of Metropolitan Washington and all of its office bearers for any bodily and/or all types of injuries and pain that may result from taking this trip to any of participants listed above.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Reservations will be made on a **first-come, first-serve basis** upon receipt of a check or cash payment for the trip, along with this form duly signed. (Charges are \$100 each for first 2 members and \$75 for each additional member of the same family living at the same address. Hotel charge is \$35 per room with 2 double beds).

To reserve your seat in the bus, please hand-deliver or mail your signed form along with a check (payable to Jain Society) to: Kanta/Manoj Dharamsi, 11820 Triple Crown Road, Reston, VA 20191-3014

No. of hotel rooms: _____ Hotel Room charges: \$ _____ Bus charges: \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____ by Cash / Check No. _____



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Registration Form for Academic Year Sept 2003- May 2004

Student's Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Fax Number: _____

E-mail Addresses: _____
All including the one, which parents open regularly

Birth Date: _____ Age: _____ Grade _____
As of January 1, 2004 In School as of September 2003

Father's Name: _____ Mother's Name: _____

The class attended, if any, in 2002-2003 at Jain Sunday School: A B C D E
Circle one

Fees: \$15.00 (Regular registration fee, if paid* by August 31, 2003)
\$30.00 (Late registration fee, if paid after August 31, 2003)

*The "paid" date means either the postmarked date, or the date when check is hand-delivered to Kamlesh Shah. Please make the check payable to "Jain Society of Metropolitan Washington"

**A separate registration form must be completed for each student.
To enroll, student must complete age 6 by January 1, 2004**

Please mail or hand-deliver your completed Registration form before August 31, 2003 to:
Kamlesh Shah, 13704 Valley Oak Circle, Rockville, MD 20850

Upcoming Events for 2003

Sunday, August 24 – Sunday August 31:Paryushan Parva
Saturday, August 30: Swapna Ceremony
Sunday, August 31: Samvatsari Pratikraman
Monday, September 1 – Wednesday, September 10:Das Lakshan Parva
Saturday, September 20 – Sunday, September 21: Panch Teerth Yatra
Sunday, October 5:Ayambil
Sunday, October 26:Diwali Celebration and Nav Smaran
Friday, October 31 – Monday, November 3: Tarlaben Doshi
Thursday, November 27: Thanksgiving Day Ayambil
Sunday, December 7: Annual General Meeting and Elections



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