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## President's Message

**J**ai Jinendra. I thank you all for participating in our programs and special thanks to all volunteers and committee members for all the hard work they do.

We had a very strong representation from our membership at the JAINA Convention. We are pleased to report that Manu J. Shah and Ashok R. Shah received JAINA Recognition awards. Sharmila Mehta also received an award for her solo performance at the Cultural Program. The Washington Metro team consisting of Suchita Gala, Hiranya Maru and Raju Shah won the first place in the first ever JAINA "Iron Chef" competition. The details are provided elsewhere in the Newsletter. Siddha Chakra Poojan and 18-Abhishek programs were well attended. We continue to host outstanding guest speakers and the programs with Dr. Hukamchandji Bharill and Acharya Chandanaji were very well attended indeed. We also had a very successful Open House Fun and Health Fair on Sunday, August 7, 2005. It was very gratifying to see the participation and thanks to all our physician and other volunteers.

Paryushan Parva will be starting just before the Labor Day weekend with Nautambhai Vakil as speaker followed by Das Lakshan Parva with Pandit Dineshbhai & Dr. Ujjwalaben. I would like to personally request you all to help us publicize these events as well as participate in these activities with your family and friends (including Non-Jains). Also plan to come to Swapna ceremony and Samvatsari Pratikraman. Swami Vatsalya Dinner after Swapna ceremony is being sponsored by Pravin and Rashmi Bhavsar.

Due to cost considerations, our Youth Committee had to decline hosting of the 2006 YJA convention. I want to again thank Nisha

Jain and Mittal Haria for taking the lead role and spending hundreds of hours in researching and submitting the most attractive proposal to YJA.

On behalf of the Executive Committee, I want to thank all volunteers for their help during our past programs. Without your dedicated, selfless devotion, and spirit of volunteerism, we would not be successful. As always, we are looking forward to a large participation in all our future programs.

*Dr. Sushil Jain, President*

## Trustees' Report

**J**ai Jinendra. The Jain Center belongs to all members, and with ownership comes certain obligations including making contributions to cover the running expenses for the Jain Center. To facilitate this and to make it easier for members to do it automatically, we have decided to start two programs: Automatic withdrawal and Adopt Jain Center programs.

The automatic withdrawal program will allow you to make a monthly donation of \$10 or more to be deducted every month from your bank account. All you have to do is to complete a form, and your bank will start automatic monthly withdrawal of your donation amount from your account. At the end of each year, you will get a receipt for your total donations for the year.

In the Adopt Jain Center program, you can pledge to make an annual donation of \$151 or higher amount for adopting Jain Center for one day. You may select a date that has a special significance for your family (birthday, marriage day, etc.); however, selection of a date is optional. You can also select more than one dates with a donation pledge of \$151 for each date.

All members are urged to join one of these programs and support our Jain Center.

*Manoj Dharamsi, Chairman*

## Youth Committee Report

We just finished organizing children's games and many other activities for the August Fun Fair. We are making tentative plans for a Saturday to Sunday road trip to New York City in the fall to visit a college-based Jain youth group, and take a college tour. Other possible upcoming events include a movie night and a community service activity. We also have an interest in being involved in Paryushan activities. Youth members are certainly interested in developing their event organizing and leadership skills through this Youth Committee. Therefore, in the coming months, we will rotate having a youth in charge of certain events and certain aspects of events.

*Sonal Sheth, Youth Coordinator*

## Upcoming Events

### Shree Amrendra Munimaharajji

**Sunday, August 21**

We are pleased to announce that Amrendra Munimaharajji will bless us with Pravachan in Hindi on Sunday, August 21, 2005 at 10:30 a.m. at the Jain Center. It will be followed by light refreshments. Please contact Dr. Ashok or Sunanda Jain at 301-515-7247 for additional details.

### Paryushan Parva, September 1-8

Paryushan Parva will be celebrated from Thursday, September 1 through Thursday, September 8 (Previously announced dates of August 31-September 7, taken from JAINA calendar, are incorrect as per Jain Panchang). We are pleased to announce that Nautambhai Vakil, a well-known Jain scholar from India, has kindly agreed to grace the celebration. He will deliver Pravachans in Gujarati. The programs during the Paryushan Parva will be held at the Jain Center except that the Swapna Ceremony program on September 4 and Samvatsari Pratikraman in Prakrut/Gujarati on September 8 (marked by asterisk sign) will be held at Montgomery County schools. Details of the program are given below:

#### Thursday, September 1 - Saturday, September 3

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

#### Sunday, September 4

No Pravachan in the morning  
Program in school

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	* Pravachan in Gujarati
2:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.	* Swapna Ceremony
5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	* Parnu/Arti/Mangal Divo
5:45 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	* Swami Vatsalya

#### Monday, September 5 – Wednesday, September 7

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

#### Thursday, September 8

10:30 a.m. – Noon.	Pravachan in Gujarati
4:00 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.	* Pratikraman in school
6:30 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.	Pratikraman in English
8:15 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Arti/Mangal Divo
8:45 p.m. – 9:45 p.m.	Tapasvi Bahuman.

Daily program will also include morning and evening Pratikraman. Nautambhai will stay at the Jain Center during the Paryushan week. Anyone interested in staying at the Jain Center during the Paryushan Parva should contact Manna/Nilesh Shah at 301-549-2776.

## Swapna Ceremony

**Sunday, September 4**

Pravachan and Swapna ceremony will be held at a school on Sunday, September 4. Pravachan in Gujarati will start at 1:30 p.m. Swapna ceremony will start at 2:30 p.m. During the Swapna ceremony, members will have the honor of carrying each Swapna to the beats of drums and music. First 10 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 9 Swapnas (#1-3 and #5-10) 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.

The Swapna ceremony will be followed by Swami Vatsalya Bhojan sponsored by **Pravin and Rashmi Bhavsar in memory of their daughter Anila**. If you wish to take part in the Swami Vatsalya Bhojan, please inform us of the number of participants (adults, and children of age 6-17) before Monday, August 29, 2005 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 filling in the dinner registration form at [JainSocietyDC.org/Registration.asp](http://JainSocietyDC.org/Registration.asp); or, by calling any one of the following persons: Ashok/Pallavi Shah at 301-260-1264, Nilesh/Manna Shah at 301-549-2776, or Manu/Niru

Shah at 410-551-8324. We will make arrangement for some extra food to accommodate guests and members who do not inform us before the deadline. Such members as well as their guests and non-members can take part in the Swami Vatsalya Bhojan by donating a minimum of \$6.00 per person to the Swami Vatsalya fund.

For this program, we have requested Montgomery County to allow us to use the nearby Benjamin Banneker Middle School located at 14800 Perrywood Drive in Burtonsville, Maryland. The county has not yet confirmed our request. In case they allocate a different school, the change in location will be announced during Paryushan program, and will also be posted at our Jain Center and on our web site JainSocietyDC.org. Directions to the Banneker Middle School are given below.

**FROM JAIN CENTER:** Turn right on Briggs Chaney Road. Turn left at the third traffic light for Old Columbia Pike. Within 1 mile, turn left on Perrywood Drive. The school will be on your left.

**FROM I-495:** Take exit 30A for Route US 29 North. After 6 miles, turn left on the traffic light for Briggs Chaney Road West. Immediately, turn right on the traffic light for Old Columbia Pike. Within 1 mile, turn left on Perrywood Drive. The school will be on left.

**FROM I-95:** Take Exit 33B for Route MD 198 West to Burtonsville. After passing Route US 29, turn left on the first traffic light for Old Columbia Pike. After about 1 mile, turn right on Perrywood Drive. The school will be on your left.

## Samvatsari Pratikraman Thursday, September 8

The Samvatsari Pratikraman in Prakrut/Gujarati will be held at a school. Samvatsari Pratikraman program will start at 4:00 p.m. sharp with Gheeboli for reciting Pratikraman Sutra. Pratikraman in Prakrut/Gujarati will start exactly at 4:30 p.m. To avoid causing any disturbance while the Pratikraman is in progress, all participants are requested to come early and be seated before 4:00 p.m., and please do not bring any children under the age of 8 years.

For this program, we have requested Montgomery County to allow us to use the Briggs Chaney Middle School located at 1901 Rainbow Drive, Burtonsville, MD 20866. The county has not yet confirmed our request. In case of any change in the location, the new location will be announced during Paryushan program, and will also be posted at our Jain Center and on our web site JainSocietyDC.org. Directions to the Briggs Chaney School are given below:

**FROM JAIN CENTER:** Turn right on Briggs Chaney Road. Turn left on the first traffic light for Good Hope Road. Drive about half a mile and turn right on the stop sign for Rainbow Drive. After ¼ mile, the school will be on your right.

**FROM I-495:** Take exit # 28A for New Hampshire Avenue North (Route MD 650 North). Drive about 5.5 miles and turn right on the traffic light for Good Hope Road (called Bonifant Road on the left side). Pass one traffic light (Briggs Chaney Road). Turn right on the stop sign for Rainbow Drive. After ¼ mile, the school will be on your right.

**FROM I-95:** Take exit # 33B (Route MD 198 West) towards Burtonsville. After about 5 miles, turn left on Good Hope Road. Turn left on the stop sign for Rainbow Drive. After ¼ mile, the school will be on your right.

**Pratikraman in English** will be held at the Jain Center from 6:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. on September 8. Children as well as parents are welcome to participate in this. Arti/Mangal Divo and Tapasvi Bahuman programs will be held at the Jain Center.

## Das Lakshan Parva September 9 to 18

Dr. Ujjwalaben and Pandit Dineshbhai have kindly agreed to grace the Das Lakshan program 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. They visited us in 2004 and their Pravachans were easy to understand and interesting, and benefited many of us who attended regularly. This year, Pandit Dineshbhai will cover the Jain Siddhant Praveshika from the most basic as well as advanced points of view. Dr. Ujjwalaben's Pravachans will be on Panch Labdhi. We will have multiple copies of the book 'Panch Labdhi' written by Dr. Ujjwalaben and 'Jain Laghu Siddhant Praveshika' so that we will have books in front of us during the Pravachans. The tentative schedule for their Pravachans, to be held every day from September 9 to 17 at the Jain Center, is as follows:

1:00 to 3:00 p.m.	Pravachan in Hindi
3:30 to 5:30 p.m.	Pravachan in Hindi
8:15 to 9:45 p.m.	Pravachan in Hindi

Afternoon Pravachans will cover Panch Labdhi and Jain Siddhant Praveshika. Evening Pravachans will cover the meaning of Das Lakshan and Jain geography. The timings for the Pravachans are to be confirmed with Dr. Ujjwalaben and Pandit Dineshbhai. The timings along with the program for the Pratikraman day, September 18, 2005, will be announced later. For more information on

the program and schedule, please contact Niren Nagda by email: [nnagda@ENERGENconsulting.com](mailto:nnagda@ENERGENconsulting.com).

## **Tarlaben Doshi** **September 22 - 28**

**T**arlaben Doshi is a well-known Jain scholar from India. She has given excellent Pravachans at our Jain Center for number of years, and has also graced our Paryushan Parva celebration in the past. Her lecture series will be held at Jain Center from 8:15 p.m. to 9:45 p.m. on weekdays (September 22, 23, 26, 27, 28) and from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, September 24. Her program on Sunday, September 25 will be held at the Greater Baltimore Temple.

## **2005 YJP Convention**

### **"The Future of Jainism and Jain Dharma"** **October 7 - 10**

**T**he 2005 YJP convention venue will be in our area. The convention hotel is Grand Hyatt Crystal City. The program of events includes:

- Ice Breakers
- Boat Cruise
- Scavenger Hunt
- Speaker lead sessions

For more information or to volunteer, please email [convention@yjponline.org](mailto:convention@yjponline.org) or visit the YJP homepage at <http://www.yjponline.org/index.asp>.

## **Nav Smaran**

### **Wednesday, November 2**

**N**av Smaran program consisting of the recital of 9 Jain Stotras will be held on November 2, the Indian New Year's Day, from 8:15 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. All members are encouraged to come and wish Happy New Year to other members.

## **Past Events**

### **2005 JAINA Convention, July 1-4**

**J**AINA Convention at Santa Clara, CA held from July 1 to 4, 2005 was a grand success. Almost 3,500 delegates attended it. About 30 families were from Washington DC Metro area. After Los Angeles, New York was number two in participation with 110 delegates, and Washington, DC was number three with 108 delegates.

The convention featured lectures by several Jain Munijis and scholars, several workshops and sessions on religious

topics, cultural programs, and musical night with Anuradha Podwal and Manhar Udhas. The 4 days event was full of activities and fun.

Jain Society of Metropolitan Washington DC received several awards and recognition for different categories and activities. Our Ashok R. Shah and Manu J. Shah were each presented JAINA Recognition Award by the chairman of the awards committee, Dr. Manoj Dharamsi. Our Sharmila Mehta was the runner-up in the solo performance category during the cultural program. Youth team of Suchita Gala with Hiranya Maru and Raju Shah won the Iron Chef competition. For details on Iron Chef Competition, please go to [www.JainSocietyDC.org/IronChefCompetition.html](http://www.JainSocietyDC.org/IronChefCompetition.html).

We express our appreciation to all participants and congratulate all winners and achievers.

## **Hukamchandji Bharill, July 20-24**

**D**r. Bharill's Pravachans were on selected Gathas 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 from the Swadhyay group that meets at our temple on most Sundays from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Please contact Niren Nagda [nnagda@ENERGENconsulting.com](mailto:nnagda@ENERGENconsulting.com) for more information.

## **Acharya Chandanaji / Shubhamji** **July 29 - 31**

**S**adhvi Shree Shubhamji gave excellent Pravachans on Friday and Saturday, August 26 and 27. On Sunday, Acharya Chandanaji came to Jain Center in spite of her recent heart procedure, and gave an excellent speech on Jainism and also on the humanitarian and religious work being performed by her Veerayatan Ashrams in India (offering medical help and performing eye/polio operations, educating young children in earthquake affected area, reviving auspicious Jain places in Bihar, etc.). The programs were very well attended.

## **Narendrabhai Nandu, July 23 - 24**

**N**arendrabhai Nandu and his party performed Siddha Chakra Maha Poojan from 12:39 p.m. (Vijay Muhurat) to 6 p.m. on Saturday, July 23. Every one took active part in various Poojas and thoroughly enjoyed the excellent musical performance of the Poojan by the group and explanation by Narendrabhai. The program was followed by Swami Vatsalya Bhojan sponsored by Arvind

and Nayana Mehta. Over 200 persons attended the program.

On Sunday, the group performed an excellent 18 Abhisheks program from 12:39 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. All participants took active part in various Abhisheks, and enjoyed the whole program and danced to the excellent music. In addition to performing 18 Abhisheks on the deities at the temple, 12 families also performed Abhishek on their own Murties which they brought from their home. The program was followed by snacks sponsored by Ajit and Shilpa Shah. Over 125 persons attended the program.

### **Pandit Abhaykumarji**

**P**andit Abhaykumarji's Pravachans were on 47 Naya (Naya means a point of view). In the treatise TatvaPradeepika on Pravachansaar, Acharya-Shri Amrutchandacharya explained a student's question "What is this Atma and how do I experience my Atma?" through Naya.

### **World Religions Class Field Trip Freedom Bible College & Seminary Saturday, July 16**

**O**n Saturday, July 16, 2005 nearly 20 post graduate students visited our temple. Drs. Sushil Jain and Pavan Zaveri presented a brief over view of Jainism, including history, devotees, symbols, and daily prayers. This was followed by a tour of temple. Impressed with our all inclusive Namokar Mantra prayer, the group invited both doctors to start evening dinner banquet program with Namokar Mantra and was asked to participate in the Interfaith Peace Forum discussion. The banquet held at Muslim Center was attended by over 100 participants.

### **Mid Year Review Meeting Sunday, July 17**

**O**n Sunday July 17th, members of the Executive Committee, Board of Trustees, and Committee Chairs met at Sushil Jain's residence for an informal gathering. 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:

- Some short term building and facilities concerns that need to be addressed.
- Couple of long term options of purchasing additional property, building Derasar, building classrooms and a hall.

- Starting 'Adopt Jain Center' program.
- 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.

### **Health & Fun Fair Sunday, August 7**

**T**he Health Fair was a great success. Approximately 125 individuals took advantage of free medical screening including EKG, breast and vision examination, dental screening, blood testing for diabetes and urine testing for diabetes and dietary and medical counseling and information. Over thirty volunteers helped in this quest with high enthusiasm. We like to thank each and every volunteer for helping us in this endeavor to make this event a grand success and hope their volunteerism spirit continues leading each to pledge their support in future projects. To show our gratitude each volunteer and guests were treated with complimentary Jain lunch. An additional outcome from this health fair was identification of additional needs:

- **Women's Health Issues**
- **Men's Health Issues**
- **Youth Health Issues**

We will inform you on these items as planning gets underway to address them with the help of our community physicians who have stepped forward to help us plan these events.

Youth committee members – Sonal Sheth, Mona Shah, Payal Vora, Nimit Mehta, and Parita Shah – worked for two months to make the Fun Fair a great success. Many meetings lasting past 10 p.m. ensured that we were fully prepared for the event. Approximately 50 children, youths, and adults took part in the games, balloon toss, face painting, mehendi, and sports. We would like to thank all our volunteers who helped run the games and prepare the food. We could not have put smiles on children's faces without them!

### **Sunday School Report**

**J**ain Sunday School classes are held on 2nd and 4th Sundays from 10:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., for children ages 6 years and up. We place new students based on their grade in the school so that they learn with other students of their age. Students are placed in five classes A (preliminary) through E (advanced). The classes will begin in September 2005 and end in May 2006.

Thanks to a team of dedicated teachers who teach fundamentals of Jain religion, Jain rituals and Jain scriptures to the students. We would like to recognize the following teachers who offer their services throughout the year: Rajni Gosalia, Pravin Dand, Atul Shah, Kamlesh Shah, Arvind Mehta, Nayana Mehta, Rupal Shah, Veena Dand, Kalpana Hegde, Kashmira Vaywala, and Hemangini Shah. In the academic year 2004-2005, the registration for Sunday School students was at 53, an all time high. Here is the breakdown:

- Class A - 11
- Class B - 7
- Class C - 10
- Class D - 17
- Class E - 8

A form to register your child for the next year of classes is available on our web site [www.JainSocietyDC.org](http://www.JainSocietyDC.org) under the menu "Jain School". If you wish to sponsor a snack for children for one of the classes, please indicate so on your registration form. If you would prefer your sponsorship for a specific month, please let us know. The completed registration forms must be received by Monday September 5, 2005. The classes will begin on Sunday September 11, 2005.

Jain Society is recruiting for additional religion and language (Hindi, Gujarati) teachers for the Sunday School. We will provide you with the teaching materials available from JAINA Education Committee. If we have more volunteers, we can try team teaching. For further information, please contact Nilesh Shah at (301) 549-2776.

## Poojas

**O**ur Pooja Committee has been very busy performing various Poojas (Vastuk Pooja, Panch Kalyanak Pooja and Antaray Karma Pooja) at the residence of our members and also at the Jain Center. We want to thank the members of Pooja Committee for performing each and every Pooja with full dedication in a highly professional manner, and for their personal sacrifice to take spirituality to individual homes. If you wish to sponsor any Pooja, please contact Jyotiben Doshi at 301-670-6844.

## 2006 YJA Convention Update

**O**ur youth members Nisha Jain, Jasmine Shah, Sonali Bhavsar, Mittal Haria, Rajiv Jain, Sonal Shah, Manan Shah, Niyati Shah, Lakin Haria, Bhairavi Patel, Parag Shah, Jatin Shah, and Mittal Chedda did an outstanding job of putting together the 2006 YJA Convention bid package and was finalist for the convention site. However, due to cost considerations, the convention venue now will be Boston which will be able to offer the convention at a more manageable cost of \$300

per person compared to \$480 per person in our area. The convention is expected to draw over 1,000 youths. This dedicated youth team, though disappointed, has expressed their willingness to help Boston team make the next convention best ever. We express our appreciation to all the team members for their dedication and hard work.

## Donations

**T**hanks to all donors for their generous donations. To make a general donation, or for your Gheeboli or other pledge, please write your check payable to Jain Society, and mail it to our treasurer Mr. Ashok Shah at 4717 Brightwood Road, Olney, MD 20832-1828.

Recent donations of \$25 or more received until July 30, 2005 are listed below:

### Donations

\$1,852	Raj Dharamsi	Tsunami Relief
		Swami Vatsaya Dinner and 18 Abhishek
1,351	Arvind & Nayana Mehta	Gheeboli
501	Ramesh & Bharati Doshi	18 Abhishek
452	Ashok & Pallavi Shah	
	Jatin & Ami Shah and	
404	Rajesh & Sheetal Shah	General Donation
351	Jignesh & Nehal Goda	Poojan /18 Abhishek
351	Kiran & Sharmila Mehta	Mangal Divo 7/23
325	Kamlesh & Gita Shah	Gheeboli
301	Anjana Joglekar	Aarti on 7/23
252	Nilesh & Manna Shah	Poojan /18 Abhishek
252	Vasanti Sanghvi	General Donation
251	Sudhir & Dharini Khona	Gheeboli/18 Abhishek
251	Saurabh Dalal	Rental & General
201	Jitendra & Kashmira Doshi	Siddhachakra Poojan
201	Mansukh / Niranjna Haria	General Donation
201	Kirit & Bharti Khajuria	Siddhachakra Poojan
201	Taraben Dhila	Siddhachakra Poojan
152	Mahesh & Ramila Shah	Poojan/Abhishek
152	Arvind & Sanyukta Shah	18 Abhishek
151	Pinkesh & Minal Shah	18 Abhishek
101	Kanti & Meeta Gangar	Siddhachakra Poojan
101	Sandeep & Jhalak Mehta	18 Abhishek
101	Mulchand / Ratanben Shah	General Donation
101	Paras & Reena Shah	General Donation
101	Manish & Nirmala Vora	General Donation
51	Jitendra & Ila Goda	Poojan
51	Kalpesh & Komal Shah	18 Abhishek
		<b>Membership (New &amp; Renewal)</b>
151	Bhupesh Mehta	Membership - Life
151	Manohar & Prabha Surana	Membership - Life
151	Pinkesh & Minal Shah	Membership - Life
151	Kalpesh & Komal Shah	Membership - Life
51	Premji & Kokila Gada	Membership - 3 Yrs
	Konstantinos Kalpakakis &	
51	Maitreyee Pasad	Membership - 3 Yrs

Thanks to Kanubhai & Jyotiben Doshi for their donation of \$251 in memory of his mother Champaben Doshi.

## Rules for Using Jain Society Facilities

From time to time, questions have been raised about what is an allowable use of Jain Center. The Executive Committee has drawn up applicable rules for the use of the Society facilities and it will be posted at the Jain Center and can be also assessed at our web site [www.JainSocietyDC.org/PropertyUseRules.html](http://www.JainSocietyDC.org/PropertyUseRules.html). Please feel free to make your comments on the suggested property use rules.

## Your E-Mail Address

In order to reduce our printing and mailing costs, we are now relying more frequently on sending breaking news and updated news items via e-mail notification. It is imperative that in this day and age, when we are held accountable for our operating expenses and to keep them down, that we do everything we can to rely on all the current technological tools we have at hand to reduce costs which requires our greater reliance on Internet and its capability, and disseminating news via our web site. Some of you have expressed concerns about the number of e-mail notifications you are getting. The Executive Committee wants to assure you that we will only judiciously use our e-mail capability. Currently, we are only able to reach one third of our membership via electronic means and we would like to, one day, get to a point where 100 percent of our membership can be reached via Internet. We ask that you visit our web site often to get the most updated news from your Jain Center. Those who are still concerned about this direction, we urge you contact members of the Executive Committee and express your concerns/opinions so that we can respond appropriately.

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. It is likely that we do not have your e-mail information, 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). Also, we request that you visit [www.JainSocietyDC.org](http://www.JainSocietyDC.org) once a week to review current information.

## Web Site Update

The website [www.JainSocietyDC.org](http://www.JainSocietyDC.org) has been updated regularly. Updates include the online

registration for Swami Vatsalya dinner, Calendar of Events, Sunday School and many other web pages. A link for volunteers to register for various activities at the Jain Center has been created. Please visit the website and click on "Volunteers" link from the left side menu to register as a volunteer. Volunteer opportunities exist in many committees as listed at [www.JainSocietyDC.org/Volunteers.htm](http://www.JainSocietyDC.org/Volunteers.htm).

If you have information to share with other community members, like addition to your family, death in your family, 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.

I am in the process of creating a secured area where the members can change their membership information like address, phone number, addition of children, etc. on their own. For this purpose, I am planning to create login for each member. By using the username and password combination, you will have access to your personal information. Please send an email to [Register@JainSocietyDC.org](mailto:Register@JainSocietyDC.org) with your complete name and mailing address (to identify you as a member), and a desired username. You will get a response back with your username/password and directions on how to log into the website.

For any suggestions, ideas and/or comments, feel free to either click on Contact Us link from the left side menu or send me an email at [WebMaster@JainSocietyDC.org](mailto:WebMaster@JainSocietyDC.org). We will try to implement your comments as soon as we can. Thank you for your cooperation and ongoing support!

*Janak Rajani, Web Master*

## Visiting Temple

In addition to scheduled programs, the Jain Center is open from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. every Sunday. If you wish to visit the temple at any other time, please use the cipher keyless combination lock on the side door. Please call one of the members of the Executive Committee to find out the combination for the lock.

## Phone Numbers to Remember

Jain Sunday School ...	Nilesh Shah	301-549-2776
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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## **Upcoming Events for 2005**

Sunday, Aug 21.....	Amrendra Muniji
Thursday, Sept 1 – Thursday, Sept 8 .....	Paryushan Parva
Sunday, Sept 4.....	Swapna Ceremony
Thursday, Sept 8 .....	Samvatsari Pratikraman
Thursday, Sept 9 – Sunday, Sept 18. ....	Das Lakshan Parva
Thursday, Sept 22 – Wednesday, Sept 28.....	Tarlaben Doshi
Wednesday, Nov 2 .....	Nav Smaran
Thursday, Nov 24. ....	Thanksgiving Day Ayambil
Sunday, Dec 4.....	Annual General Meeting and Elections