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President's Message

Jai Jinendra. It is hard for me to believe that we are at the end of year 2008. Most of the events went very well at our temple. We were unable to plan for Panch Tirth Yatra this year. The good news is that, we won the best business of the Silver Spring in not profit business category from SBSS (Small Businesses of Silver Spring). Now that we proved ourselves, it is our duty to continue to work hard together and keep our image.

On Sunday, November 16th, we were invited to speak on Jainism in all religion conference by Ahmadia Muslim Community. Very few people in general public know about Jainism. They provided us with a very good opportunity to promote Jainism. So when ever you got any chance to talk to non-Jain people, it is good idea to explain Jainism in brief (only if they are interested).

There are so many Jain Centers doing Pratistha for their new or renovated and expanded temple, it is time for us to work hard and achieve our goal of having a new temple for our society. But, at the same time, we have to remember that for building and maintaining a new temple needs physical, spiritual and financial dedication from all members of our society. So please contribute your time and resources to our Jain Center. Please come to the Annual General Body Meeting on Sunday, December 28th to discuss our current and future plans. We

all (Executive Committee members and Trustees) are working hard to make our society bigger and better, but there is always room for improvement. If you have any comments or concerns regarding our operations, please feel free to write me by e-mail (ashok.shah@fgould.com) or call me @ 703-946-4417.

Thank you for your support during the year 2008. It has been a privilege to serve you.

Ashok R. Shah

Trustee & Temple Report

Trustee and temple report will be presented in General Body meeting on Dec. 28 2008.

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Special Announcement

***Annual General Body Meeting
& Elections On
December 28, 2008***

Jain society is shocked and deeply saddened to hear the loss resulting from the terror attack in Mumbai. Jain Society of Metropolitan Washington offers sincerest condolences to the families and friends of those innocent victims and offers our prayers for the eternal peace for the departed souls.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Annual General Body Meeting & Elections December 28 - 2:30 PM

Annual general body meeting and elections will be held on December 28 2:30 PM at our Jain temple. All members are invited to the meeting. Trustees and temple committee will be presenting the reports in the general body meeting. Elections for year 2009 committee will also be conducted in the meeting. Kanubhai Doshi and Himmatbhai Desai will serve as election officers. Light refreshments will be served.

Members interested in serving on the committee should send nomination form found on page 6 of this newsletter by December 26 2008 to election officer *Kanubhai Doshi. Address: 132 Mission Drive, Gaithersburg, MD 20878. Phone: 301-670-6844.*

The deadline for submitting nominations is December 26, 2008.

Seniors Group

Senior group at the Jain Center is a part and parcel of the Jain Society of Metropolitan Washington. It was formed in March 2008. It is a group of Seniors 55 years of age and above. To date about 107 Jain Senior individuals have joined the group and within the next few years many fully retired seniors will look for guidance from this association. At present about 57% of the Seniors are still at work. And only 20% of

the individuals are retired having worked in the USA.

The Senior Group members have finalized the operating procedures and have set goals to be achieved. The primary goal of the Group is to promote, organize and assist seniors in furtherance of personal, legal and financial management as well as health management encompassing physical health and medical care levels. To achieve these goals the group arranges tax advice fair, health lectures, cultural/musical evenings, picnics, visits, trip tours without duplicating or conflicting with the functions and activities of the Jain Society. For more information, please call Himmatbhai Desai at 443-535-8973.

PAST EVENTS

Swapna Ceremony

Swapna ceremony took place in High Point High School on Sunday August 31st. More than 700 people enjoyed grand religious occasion. Ceremony started with blessing from Shrutpragya Swamiji. Thanks to Arvind and Sanyukta Shah for sponsoring Swamivatsalya Bhojan.

Samvatsari Pratikraman Tapaswi

Samvatsari Pratikraman was performed at Shri Mangal Mandir on Wednesday September, 3rd. About 350 people took part in the Pratrikraman. After Pratrikraman, all Tapaswis were honored in Jain Temple. 12 Tapaswis did Atthai. Congratulations to Kayuri, daughter of Paresh & Shilpa Shah who did Atthai at the young age of 13. Thanks to Bachubhai & Hansaben Ajmera for the Prabhavana of silver coins to all Atthai Tapaswis. Parna for Tapaswis with 3 or more Upvas was sponsored by Vasant & Chetna Shah on Thursday morning at Jain Temple.

Sthanakwasi Samvatsari Pratikraman

Sthanakwasi Samvatsari Pratikraman was held on Thursday, September 4, 2008 at 4:30 p.m. at Shri Mangal Mandir. The program started with Alloyana followed with lecture by Shrutpragya Swamiji. After the lecture, everyone performed the Samvatsari Pratikraman. In spite of a weekday, over 100 members took part in the Sthanakwasi Pratikraman at Mangal Mandir. The total collection from the Sthanakwasi Pratikraman was \$2,501.00. We hope more members will attend next year. And, our special thanks to Jyotsnaben Shah for preparing and reciting Sthanakwasi Pratikraman so beautifully.

ONGOING ACTIVITIES

Following are the details of the ongoing programs at the Jain Center:

- ✚ Bi-weekly Sunday School Pathshala started in September. Please contact Pathshala coordinator Paresh Shah for any questions.
- ✚ Adult religious classes are also held in parallel with Sunday School.
- ✚ Adult Adhyatmik studies each Sunday - 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
- ✚ Abhishek each Sunday at 9:00 a.m.
- ✚ Monthly Snatra Pooja (Sundays) - 10:30 a.m. followed by lunch
- ✚ Dev Shasta Guru Pooja on 1st Sunday of each month - 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. followed by lunch
- ✚ Monthly Executive Committee meeting 2nd Sunday of each Month - 1:30 p.m. Please contact Secretary Bhupesh Mehta for any questions.
- ✚ Seniors Night at Jain Center - Please contact Himmat Desai at 443-535-8975 for upcoming seniors gathering.

Youth Committee Takes Pathshala Kids For Bowling

We had a very successful Bowling event on November 16th after Sunday School. Over 35 kids enjoyed the event and some enthusiastic parents also enjoyed bowling.

A very big thank you to youth coordinator Rajiv Jain for arranging this exciting and fun event for our children.

Poojas

The Pooja Committee has been 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 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 Jyoti Doshi at 301-670-6844.

In addition to the above, a Snatra Pooja is performed once a month at the Jain Center. The Pooja preparation starts at 10.00 a.m. followed by the Pooja at 10.30 a.m. The Swami Vatsalya lunch is served after the Pooja. If you and/or your family members plan to attend the Pooja and/or would like to sponsor Swami Vatsalya lunch, please contact:

Pallavi or Ashok Shah: 301-260-1264

e-mail: paril33@hotmail.com, OR

Manna or Nilesh Shah: 401-531-6218

e-mail: nilesh_shah99@yahoo.com OR

Shefali Dalal: (301) 890-3784

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Youngest New Jains Of Our Sangh

Neil, Jainam and Aanya are new births in Jain families and hence additions to our Jain Sangh this year. Congratulations to the families for blessed additions!

Neil, February Birth, Jay - Rakhi Jariwala.
Jainam, October Birth, Raju - Monica Shah.
Aanya, November Birth, Kalpesh - Komal Shah.

Lost Wallet – Now What?

A corporate attorney sent the following out to the employees in his company.

My wallet was stolen last month. Within a week, the thief(s) ordered an expensive monthly cell phone package, applied for a VISA credit card, had a credit line approved to buy a Gateway computer, received a PIN number from DMV to change my driving record information online, and more. By the time I was advised to do this, almost two weeks after the theft, all the damage had been done. There are records of all the credit checks initiated by the thieves' purchases, none of which I knew about before placing the alert. Since then, no additional damage has been done, and the thieves threw my wallet away.

Here's some critical information to limit the damage in case this happens to you or someone you know:

- File a police report immediately in the jurisdiction where your credit cards, etc., were stolen. This proves to credit providers you were diligent, and this is a first step toward an investigation (if there ever is one).
- Cancel credit cards immediately. The key is having the toll free numbers and your card numbers handy so you know whom to call. For this, place the contents of your wallet on a photocopy machine. Do both sides of each license, credit card, etc. You will know what you had in your wallet and all of the account numbers and phone numbers to call and cancel.

Keep the photocopy in a safe place. (I also carry a photocopy of my passport when traveling either here or abroad).

- Call the three national credit reporting organizations immediately to place a fraud alert on your name and Social Security number. The alert means any company that checks your credit knows your information was stolen, and they have to contact you by phone to authorize new credit. The telephone numbers are listed below.

- Equifax: 1-800-525-6285
- Experian (formerly TRW): 1-888-397-3742
- TransUnion : 1-800-680-7289
- Social Security Administration Fraud Line: 1-800-269-0271

Other Tips:

- The next time you order checks have only your initials (instead of first name) and last name put on them. If someone takes your checkbook, they will not know if you sign your checks with just your initials or your first name, but your bank will know how you sign your checks.
- Do not sign the back of your credit cards. Instead, put 'PHOTO ID REQUIRED'.
- When you are writing checks to pay on your credit card accounts, DO NOT put the complete account number on the 'For' line. Instead, just put the last four numbers. The credit card company knows the rest of the numbers, and anyone who might be handling your check as it passes through all the check processing channels won't have access to it.
- Put your work phone # on your checks instead of your home phone. If you have a P.O. Box, use that instead of your home address. If you do not have a P.O. Box, use your work address. Never have your SS# printed on your checks.



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RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR ELECTIONS

1. POSITIONS

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

Board of Trustees: 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

Only members with voting rights are eligible for contesting for election. A voting member can submit a nomination form for only one position. Only one member of a member family can contest for any one position in the Executive Committee since the constitution does not allow more than one person of the same family in the Executive Committee. The same rule applies to the Board of Trustees as well as to the Youth Committee. No officer of the Executive Committee (President, Vice President, Secretary, Joint Secretary, Treasurer and Joint Treasurer) can apply for election to the same office for more than three consecutive terms.

3. VOTING RIGHTS

Husband, wife, their parents and unmarried children of minimum age of 18 years, 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. The constitution states that members' married children are not treated as members of the Jain Society, unless and until they become separate members of the Jain Society. As such, married children are not eligible for voting or contesting for election because of the membership of their parents.

Members' unmarried children of age 15 to 25 years, as well as, members of age 15 to 25 are entitled to vote for the election of the Youth Committee. The age requirement must be satisfied on the 1st January of the year for which the elections are being held.

4. 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 prior to 1st January of the election year, and must have paid a minimum of \$5,000 donation for Jain Center (does not include payments for Gheebolis, membership fees or charges for programs or other services) prior to the nomination deadline for the elections.

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 1st January of the election year.

Youth Committee: Coordinator shall be of age 18 years and over, and committee members shall be of age 15 to 25 years, on the 1st January of the election year.

5. 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.



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2009 ELECTIONS Nomination Form

To Be Filled By Nominator:

I hereby nominate: _____

for the position of: _____ in the

- _____ Board of Trustees
- _____ Executive Committee
- _____ Youth Committee

Date	Full Name of the Nominator	Signature of the Nominator
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To Be Filled By Nominee:

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

Date	Signature of the Candidate	E-Mail Address
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Home Phone Number	Cell Phone Number	Office Phone Number
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Nomination Form completely filled and signed by Nominator and Nominee must be received by the Election Officer by December 26, 2008:

Election Officer
Kanubhai Doshi
Address: 132 Mission Drive, Gaithersburg, MD 20878.
Phone: 301-670-6844

DONATIONS TO JAIN SOCIETY (OVER \$51)

Received as of December 07 2008

(Does not include donations made by our members to other non-profit organizations)

Special Donations

\$4,701 Arvind & Sanyunkta Shah
 \$2,000 Atul & Aruna Shah
 \$1,001 Raju & Monica Shah
 \$251 Manoj & Kanta Dharamsi

1. Arvind & Sanyukta Shah (Swapna Ceremony Swamivatsalya Bhojan). 2. Atul Shah (20 Sthanak Tap). 3. Raju & Monica (Birth of new baby boy). 4. Manoj & Kanta Dharamsi (In the memory of sister Navalben).

Das Lakshan Parva

\$201 Rajni & Sarla Gosalia
 \$201 Bhavi & Kala Jain
 \$201 Chirag Mehta
 \$201 Kamlesh & Aruna Parekh
 \$201 Talak & Ranjan Shah
 \$151 Premji & Kokila Gada
 \$101 Atul & Shilpa Bakliwal

\$101 Vikash & Ruchi Jain
 \$101 Chirag & Shachi Kapadia
 \$101 Bhavi & Anju Vora
 \$100 Devang & Seema Kamdar
 \$51 Nitin & Dipti Chavan
 \$51 Rita Jain
 \$51 Manoj Sekhawat
 \$51 Vinod & Seema Singhai

General Donations

\$1,001 Dipak & Sunila Merchant
 \$501 Dilip & Aruna Arwindekar
 \$501 Bhupesh & Pallavi Babu
 \$421 Jai & Sumangala Bhandari
 \$351 Paresh & Shilpa Shah
 \$303 Minaxi Shah
 \$301 Vasanti Sanghvi
 \$251 Kalyani Mehta
 \$251 Ashok & Mina Shah
 \$251 Gulab & Rekha Shah
 \$251 Anonymous
 \$250 Nilay & Nimita Shah
 \$201 Bhupendra & Kokila Mehta
 \$201 Jain Sangh, New Jersey
 \$201 Manu & Inaxi Shah
 \$201 Natvar & Pushpa Shah
 \$175 Vasant & Chetna Shah
 \$151 Raju & Rupal Desai
 \$150 Kaushik & Divya Patel
 \$125 Devendra & Jayshree Shah
 \$117 Hitesh & Falguni Doshi
 \$111 Mahendra & Bharti Shah

\$101 Saurabh F. Dalal
 \$101 Sanjay & Indu Jain
 \$101 Suresh & Puneet Jain
 \$101 Sandeep & Seema Khandhar
 \$101 Mahendra & Shaileshi Kothari
 \$101 Prakash & Kirtida Mehta
 \$101 Rashmi N. & Niketan S Mehta
 \$101 Bhadresh & Chandrika Shah
 \$101 Jayvanti Shah
 \$101 Mahesh & Ramila Shah
 \$101 Navin Shah
 \$101 Suresh & Rashmi Shah
 \$101 Vasant & Chetna Shah
 \$90 Rajesh & Sujata Vora
 \$51 Anu & Mamta Bumb
 \$51 Rushita Dalal
 \$51 Namichand & Hemlata Jain
 \$51 Payesh & Niyati Jhaveri
 \$51 Dinesh & Purnima Joshi
 \$51 Ashvin Shah
 \$51 Kalpesh & Komal Shah
 \$51 Swetal Shah

Ghee Boli

\$2,653	Atul & Aruna Shah	\$126	Hasmukh & Sudha Shah
\$1,584	Arvind & Sanyukta Shah	\$125	Prakash & Nisha Parekh
\$801	Bhupendra & Mitul Shah	\$125	Anupam & Mainaki Shah
\$701	Ajit & Shilpa Shah	\$125	Tushar & Nishma Shah
\$603	Pratik Shah	\$101	Ratilal & Rekha Chedda
\$601	Anonymous	\$101	Jignesh & Rajeshree Dalal
\$565	Pravin & Veena Dand	\$101	Jitendra & Ila Goda
\$555	Jasvant & Kunju Doshi	\$101	Narendra & Datta Khona
\$550	Pinak & Dharmishta Shah	\$101	Hetal Shah
\$502	Sudhir & Dharini Khona	\$101	Shailesh & Mona Shah
\$500	Jitendra & Kashmira Doshi	\$101	Gyan & Kumi Shah
\$451	Sahil Shah	\$101	Uday & Vidhyut Shah
\$376	Rekha Mehta	\$101	Jitendra C & Nayana Shah
\$351	Parag K. Mehta	\$101	Yogesh & Roopa Sheth
\$351	Sudhir & Hemali Mehta	\$101	Shilpa Udani
\$335	Sushil & Asha Jain	\$101	Rajesh & Sujata Vora
\$335	Kirit & Bharti Khajuria	\$75	Ramesh & Varsha Mehta
\$303	Nilesh & Manna Shah	\$71	Jashwant & Renuka Mehta
\$301	Dilip & Leena Parikh	\$71	Anupam & Mainaki Shah
\$301	Virendra & Sadhana Shavdia	\$71	Ashok & Pallavi Shah
\$301	Kiran & Rita Shah	\$71	Jagdish & Saroj Shah
\$301	Mahesh & Ramila Shah	\$55	Sudhir & Dharini Khona
\$275	Kunal & Megha Kot	\$51	Dilip & Kusum Dharamsi
\$252	Mona D. Shah – Texas	\$51	Rajni & Divya Doshi
\$251	Ajit & Shilpa Shah	\$51	Premji & Kokila Gada
\$251	Punamchand & Chandra Shah	\$51	Vasant & Jyoti Gala
\$251	Apurva P & Kalpana Varia	\$51	Kanti & Meeta Gangar
\$251	Anjana Joglekar	\$51	Mansukh & Niranjana Haria
\$251	Anonymous	\$51	Pratixa Khona
\$250	Manoj & Shilpa Shah	\$51	Narendra & Datta Khona
\$250	Nilesh & Rupal Shah	\$51	Sheel & Tejal Lodaya
\$235	Gunvanti Bhavsar	\$51	Bhavesh & Ketki Maisheri
\$235	Mansukh & Niranjana Haria	\$51	Nilesh & Minaxi Mehta
\$235	Navin & Nirmala Vora	\$51	Rasik & Kalpana Parekh
\$226	Nimesh & Vaishali Chheda	\$51	Mukesh & Mona Parikh
\$212	Sarla Shah	\$51	Sakarben Savla
\$201	Ramesh & Varsha Mehta	\$51	Jatin & Toral Shah
\$201	Jitendra & Niranjana Tejani	\$51	Mulchand & Ratan Shah
\$175	Ashwin Mehta	\$51	Talak & Ranjan Shah
\$170	Devkuvarben Dharamsi	\$51	Tanuja Shah
\$155	Manoj & Kanta Dharamsi	\$51	Chirag & Pinki Kapadia Shah
\$152	Dilip & Kusum Dharamsi	\$51	Fatehchand & Meera Shah
\$151	Narendra & Jyotsna Goda	\$51	Rohit & Nayna Shah
\$151	Mansukh & Niranjana Haria	\$51	Deepak & Rajul Shah
\$151	Jatin & Parul Jain/Nagda	\$51	Arvind & Reeta Vira

\$151 Bhupendra & Dipali Shah
\$151 Yogesh & Roopa Sheth
\$126 Ramesh & Varsha Mehta

\$51 Bhavi & Anju Vora
\$51 Navin & Nirmala Vora

Jiv Daya

\$547 Anonymous
\$201 Anonymous
\$151 Mahesh & Ramila Shah
\$101 Rikin Talsania
\$101 Himanshu & Bindu Bhavsar
\$51 Anjuben Batkia
\$51 Pravin & Jyotsna Gohel

Pooja

\$1,001 Arvind & Sanyukta Shah
\$1,000 Atul & Aruna Shah
\$801 Harshit & Hemangini Shah
\$501 Praful & Nayna Sanghani
\$351 Allap & Sheetal Shah
\$325 Nilesh & Ruta Parikh
\$301 Sailesh & Mona Shah
\$251 K.B. & N. K. Shah

Membership Fee – Life

\$151.00 Premji & Kokila Gada
\$151.00 Mahesh & Malti Mehta
\$151.00 Hemal & Parikha Mehta
\$151.00 Divyang & Kina Shah
\$151.00 Shantilal & Urmila Shah
\$151.00 Arvind & Reeta Vira

Membership Fee – 3 years

\$51.00 Anu & Mamta Bumb
\$51.00 Deepak & Tanisha Jain
\$51.00 Vikas & Kavita Kumar
\$51.00 Vishal & Jitendra Rupani
\$51.00 Pratik & Anisha Shah
\$51.00 Parin Shah
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