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## President's Message

Jai Jinendra.

Last year, we had a very busy schedule and accomplished a lot. Reports on activities and accomplishments in 2001 are given elsewhere in this Newsletter. We, the members of the Executive Committee, are committed to continue doing our best. However, we would like to have more participation by all members in various activities. Remember, Jain Society belongs to all members.

List of various programs scheduled so far is given on the last page. For Paryushan Parva, we have invited an excellent Jain scholar and orator, Samani Shree Mangal Pragyaji, to grace our celebration this year. We have also invited Pandit Dhirajlalbhai Mehta in July. We are working on scheduling other programs including Pravachan by scholars, religious camp for children, and Siddhachakra Maha Poojan. Sunday school activities are going in full swing. I personally request all of you to take part in these various activities. Also, if you have any suggestions, please feel free in conveying it to me personally.

Looking forward to full support from all of you in making 2002 a very active year.

Kanta Dharamsi

## General Body Meeting And Elections

A General Body Meeting was held at the Jain Center on Sunday, December 9, 2001. Since our president Kanta Dharamsi was in India, Vice President Dhiraj Shah

presided over the meeting and welcomed the attendees. The meeting started with annual reports on Sunday School by Kamlesh Shah, on JAINA activities by Sushil Jain, on United Association of Hindi & Jain Temples activities by Manu G. Shah, on our Jain Society activities by secretary Niru Shah, on our financial status by treasurer Manu J. Shah, and on our major accomplishments by president (read by Dhiraj Shah). Reports given by the secretary, treasurer, and president are published elsewhere in this newsletter. After the reports, elections were conducted by Himmatlal Desai. Elections were followed by a lively and open discussion on current activities and future agenda for the society.

Names of persons elected for various positions in the Executive Committee, Board of Trustees and Youth Committee in 2002 are shown in the left hand column of this page.

## Mahavir Jayanti Celebration - April 20

Mahavir Jayanti celebration will be held on Saturday, April. 20, 2002, starting at 2:30 p.m. As in the past, the celebration will include stage programs (religious drama, skit, dance, prayer songs, etc.) by our children. Please note that we would like to limit the stage program to items performed in a group of 2 or more participants. Items performed by single artists will be allowed only if time permits it. Group items will be given preference. Members are requested to encourage their children to take part in the programs. Please provide details of your entries to Kamlesh/Chandrika Shah at 301-933-8123 before March 25, 2002.

The program will be held at a school to be assigned by Montgomery County. When assigned, the venue and directions for the Mahavir Jayanti program will be posted on our web site [www.jsmw.org](http://www.jsmw.org), and will be recorded on the answering machine of our telephone 301-236-4466. In addition, this information will be sent by e-mail to all members who have provided us their e-mail address. If you have not provided us your e-mail address, please do so by sending a message to [jsmw@mail.com](mailto:jsmw@mail.com).

The stage program will be followed by a Swami Vatsalya dinner. Details are given in the next paragraph.

## Swami Vatsalya Bhojan During Mahavir Jayanti

Since we do not have any sponsor for the Swami Vatsalya Bhojan, we are required to collect donations from members to meet the expenses for the dinner. A form for taking part in the dinner is given on page 7. Members are requested to send this form along with a check for a minimum donation of \$6.00 per person (over age 5) so as to reach before April 15. You may mail this form to the address given on the form or give it to any member of the executive committee. However, the form along with a check for donation must be received by April 15, 2002 so as to enable us to arrange for sufficient food for all participants. Forms sent without the donation check will not be accepted.

We will make arrangement for some extra food to accommodate members who do not inform us by this deadline of April 15. Such members as well as guests and non-members can take part in the Swami Vatsalya Bhojan by donating a minimum of \$8.00 per person to the Swami Vatsalya fund.

## Richmond Sangh's Visit

We are glad to inform that the Jain Sangh of Richmond has arranged a bus trip to visit our Jain Center on Saturday, March 23, 2002 from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Members are encouraged to come to the center to greet the visitors.

## Report on Activities in 2001

At the general body meeting held on Dec 9, 2001, Aniru Shah presented the following list of various activities held in 2001: Regular Sunday classes for children and adults; Membership Drive and Publication of Members' Directory; Celebration of Mahavir Jayanti with children's stage programs; Celebration of 2600<sup>th</sup> Mahavir Janma Kalyanak Day; Paryushan Parva celebration with Diptiben Shah, including Swapna ceremony and Samvatsari Pratikraman for adults and children in parallel; Nationwide broadcasting of our Swapna Ceremony program by PBS; Celebration of Das Lakshan Parva with Ramnikbhai Savla; Panch Teerth Yatra bus trip to temples in Cherryhill, Caldwell, Siddhachalam, Allentown, Harrisburg and Vraj; Nav Smaran program on the new year's day; Numerous activities by Youths including bowling and Regional Youth Conference; Recital of Jain prayer in US congress and reception of all delegates at our Jain Center; Pravachan by Jain Scholars; Pooja and Bhavana programs; Ayambil programs; Prayer program for the victims of September 11<sup>th</sup> attack; Fund-raising for earthquake victims in Gujarat as well as for the victims of the September 11<sup>th</sup> attack; Establishing a home page on the internet for our Jain Society; Setting up e-mail list for notifications of events; Temple being open on Sundays from 11.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m.; Participation in the Diwali Mela program by Association of Hindu & Jain Temples of Washington; Participation in Interfaith activities; and Capital Improvements including two bathrooms, water fountain and outside concrete.

## Treasurer's Report

At the general body meeting, Treasurer, Manu J. Shah, presented the following financial report: The total revenue received from January 1 to December 8, 2001 was \$103,120. The revenue included \$18,298 for Earthquake Relief Fund and \$1000 for Sept 11 Victims Relief Fund. The total expenses during that period were \$63,155. These expenses included \$18,418 sent to JAINA for Earthquake Relief Fund, and \$1000 sent for Sept 11 Victims Relief Fund. Current assets included cash deposits of \$397,643.

## President's Report on Accomplishments in 2001

**A**t the general body meeting, Vice President Dhiraj Shah read the following Report prepared by our president Kanta Dharamsi:

Jai Jinendra.

You heard details of various activities held this year from our secretary Niru Shah. I would like to summarize our various major accomplishments this year, the 2600<sup>th</sup> Janma Kalyanak year of Lord Mahavir.

One of the biggest accomplishments was the Jain prayer held in the US Congress on May 22 wherein we made a history. It was also unique in that all JAINA presidents came at our request and attended the prayer and the reception held the day before. Special thanks to Sushil Jain and Manoj Dharamsi for arranging this history-making program.

Another big accomplishment was the broadcast of a short edited version our Swapna Ceremony throughout the nation by Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) on 26 August. PBS came to our program and shot the whole program as well as took some interviews at our temple. I understand that they will use the video to show it at other times. Again thanks to Sushil Jain for arranging it.

Our new Members' Directory has been published and been mailed out to all members, all Jain organizations in North America, and to local organizations. This project will bring net revenue of over \$6000 to our Society. Thanks to Manoj Dharamsi for leading the project, and Hemal Jhaveri, Nisha Jain, Jignesh Dalal, Ina Shah, Niru Shah, Ashok P. Shah, Kanu Doshi, and Rajiv Shah for working on it.

Another accomplishment is the setting up of our website [jsmw.org](http://jsmw.org). Thanks to Kala Jain for setting it up and keeping it updated. Also, thanks to Nisha Jain for setting up our e-mail address [jsmw@mail.com](mailto:jsmw@mail.com), responding to mails, and sending quick response messages by e-mail to all members who have provided their e-mail address to us.

We took active part in raising funds for the earthquake relief fund for India, and for the relief fund to support victims of the terrorist attack in New York and Washington.

Our members are taking active part in various JAINA committees viz. Mahavir Memorial Committee, Public Relations Committee, World Community Service Committee, Membership Committee, and Interfaith Committee. I would like to thank following persons for chairing these committees, and doing an excellent job: Bachubhai Ajmera, Manoj Dharamsi, Bhadrash Dhila, Sushil Jain, Prakash Mehta., and Kamlesh Shah. Mahavir Memorial Committee and Public Relations Committee arranged Jain prayers, published a leaflet and arranged programs throughout this year to celebrate 2600<sup>th</sup> birth year of lord Mahavir. World Community Service Committee raised large funds for the earthquake relief fund and opened a JAINA village Mahavir Nagar near Bhuj in Kutch.

We took active part in YJA regional conventions. Thanks to Nisha Jain and Sushil Jain and Youth Committee for it.

Our members (Sushil Jain & Manoj Dharamsi) took active part in the interfaith activities. In fact, lectures on Jainism were arranged at 3 places, and thanks to Kanubhai Doshi for that. Also thanks to Manu G. Shah and Sushil Jain for taking active part in the Diwali Mela celebration this year.

We have done a number of improvements done at our Jain Center. These include: converting the utility room to a room with two bathrooms, and a water fountain; expanding the outdoor concreted area; putting motion detector lights around the building; setting up speakers in this hall; rearranging the parking lot, and a number of other small repairs required.

In closing, I would like to thank all members of executive committee for their excellent work. I would also like to thank trustees, youth committee, and all those who provided their support in carrying out various activities this year. Also, thanks to all members for their participation and generous donations.

## Swami Vatsalya Sponsors

We do not have any sponsors for Swami Vatsalya Bhojan during Swapna Ceremony (September 7), or Diwali program (November 9). Swami Vatsalya Bhojan can be sponsored by one family or a group of families. Alternatively, you can make a donation of \$500 or more to the Swami Vatsalya Fund. Interested members are requested to contact Kanta or Manoj Dharamsi at 703-620-9837.

## Jain Sunday School

Jain Sunday School is open to all children. The school year is from September through May. We have 5 levels of classes. A planned curriculum is followed for each class. The classes are held on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays from 10:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. We urge all the members to enroll their children and take advantage of this unique opportunity. Enrollment for the next school year (Sept 2002 to May 2003) will be done in August.

## Adult Classes

Adult classes are held on alternate Sundays in parallel with children's classes from 10:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Prasam Rati written by Acharya Umaswati and Shant Sudharas by Vinay Vijayji Maharaj are followed. The classes will cover 12 Bhavana for the rest of the school year. For details, please contact Pravin Dand at 301-384-3367.

Advanced adult classes are held every Sunday from 8:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. For details, please contact Rajni Gosalia at 301-464-5947.

## Beginners Adult Classes to start in September

Adult classes to provide basic knowledge of Jainism will be starting in September. These classes will be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays from 10:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (same time as children's classes). These classes will follow a regular curriculum covering basic principles of Jainism. As followers of Jain religion, it is incumbent upon us to know at least the basic principles. It is even more important for the parents of children attending children's classes to learn the basic principles. For

more information on these classes, please contact Mr. Kamlesh R. Shah at 301-838-9778, or Pravin Dand at 301-384-3367.

## Visit Our Web Site:

**www.jsmw.org**

Our website is fully operational. It provides details on our Jain Society and Jain Center, planned programs, directions to temple, membership form, contact information, etc., and provides links to other Jain web sites. Please visit the site, and provide your feedback. We plan to add a new category called 'Other Information'. We will start this category with 'Job Vacancies'. Members are requested to send any information regarding this category to our website address listed above. If you have any ideas on any other things you would like to see on our website, please free feel to provide your suggestion to Kala Jain at 703-425-6662, or e-mail to [jsmw@mail.com](mailto:jsmw@mail.com).

## Your E-mail Address

Short notice information is being conveyed to members via e-mail. Eventually, we would like to send newsletters by e-mail. **All members are requested to inform us of their e-mail address** if they have not yet done so, by sending e-mail to [jsmw@mail.com](mailto:jsmw@mail.com).

## Building Update

Two new bathrooms and a water fountain have been added. These are located in the old utility room adjacent to the entrance room. A number of other building improvements including expansion of the outside concrete flooring, putting motion detector lights around the building, etc. have been completed. Work is in progress on other improvements.

## Temple Open on Sundays 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Mr. Chandubhai Sanghvi has kindly agreed to keep the Jain center open from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. every Sunday. We would also like to keep it open on Saturdays. If you wish to volunteer to keep the Center open for a fixed time, please contact any member of the Executive Committee.

## Donations

**T**hanks to all donors for their generous donations. A list of donors who have donated \$25 or more is given on page 6.

## Special Donations

**T**hanks to the following persons for their special donations as shown below:

Khimji & Devkuvar Dharamsi:

*Silver Chhatra over idols*

Bachubhai & Hansa Ajmera:

*Harmonium, Tabla & Dholak*

Taraben Dhila:

*Silver Aarti*

## Pooja

**M**embers are welcome to sponsor the performance of Snatra Pooja, Panch Kalyanak Pooja, Antray Karma Pooja, etc. either at the member's house or at the Jain Center. If you wish to sponsor any Pooja, please contact Jyotiben Doshi at 301-670-6844.

## Renting of Mandap, etc.

**M**embers may rent the Sankheda Mandap and two chairs; sound system; Dandiyas; large pots and food warming/serving trays (chafing dishes) from Jain enter. Interested persons should contact Ashok or Pallavi Shah at 301-260-1264.

## Phones to Remember

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

## 2600th Mahavir Janma Kalyanak Celebration

**C**elebrations will be held on April 13 & 14, 2002 at the Royal Albert Palace in Fords (near Edison), New Jersey. Pre-Registration fee (by March 25) is \$35 per person, or \$ 130 for 4 persons. It includes breakfast, lunch, and afternoon tea on both days, and dinner on Saturday. For details, call (212) 989-8383, or go to website [www.bhavanus.com](http://www.bhavanus.com).

## Youth Convention

**Y**oung Jains of America (YJA) Convention 2002 is being held at Plainfield, New Jersey during July 4<sup>th</sup> week end (July 4-7, 2002). A complete schedule of events as well as registration information can be obtained from their website: [www.yja.org](http://www.yja.org).

## Jain Forum for Friendship

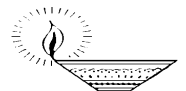
**T**he Jain Forum for Friendship is hosting a gathering from Friday, May 17 to Sunday May 19, 2002 in Los Angeles for Jain singles (age 21 to 35) to meet, network, and unite with each other. For Details, please call 202-607-JAIN (5246), or go to the web site [www.jain21.com](http://www.jain21.com).

## New Temple in North NJ

**J**ain Center of North New Jersey has launched on a \$7 Million project to build a Jain temple & Jain center on 9.6-acre lot in Franklin Township, NJ. The plan includes building a 4900 sq. ft. authentic temple, and a 44000 sq. ft. building with hall, kitchen, dining room, classrooms, etc. Donors of \$1000 or more will be listed on a plaque. Also, donors of \$251, \$501 or \$751 will be recognized as brick donors. Please support their project by sending your donation by a check payable to Jain Center of North New Jersey and mail it to Virendra Shah, 25 Gary Court, Dayton, NJ 08810. For further details, please visit their website [www.come.to/jaincenter](http://www.come.to/jaincenter).

## Condolence

**A** prayer was held at the Jain Center in the memory of Kaliyanjibhai Haria, elder brother of Mansukh Haria and Mita Gangar. He passed away in India on January 29. We pray that his soul rest in peace, and convey our hearty condolence to his family members.



### Advertisement in Newsletter

We have decided to allow printing of advertisements in our newsletters to offset the cost of printing and mailing them. Charges for advertisement are \$150 for full page and \$100 for half page. If interested, please call Kanta Dharamsi at 703-620-9837, or Niru Shah at 410-551-8324.

## List Of Donors (\$ 25 And Above) Oct. 12, 2001 To Feb 20, 2002

### Life Members

Doshi, Hetal & Mausami	151
Gangar, Kailash & Anita	151
Hegde, Manohar & Kalpana	151
Jain, Hemant & Neeta	151
Jain, Sharat & Sudha	151
Jain, Sunil & Poonam	151
Parikh, Nilesh & Ruta	151
Sanghvi, Sanjay & Sarita	151
Sekhawat, Manoj & Jaishree	151
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Goda, Jignesh & Nehal	51
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Shah, Harshad & Alka	51
Shah, Ina	51
Shah, Nilesh & Dipti	51
Shah, Ramanlal & Vimla	51

### Adopt Jain Center

Gosalia, Rajni & Sarla	101
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### Matching Funds/United Way

Freddie Mac Foundation (Mainaki Shah)	501
United Way Of Frederick Co (Bechtel)	89

### Other Donations

Ambudkar, Suresh & Indu	101
Arwindekar, Dilip & Aruna	201

Bhavsar Gunvanti	25
Chheda, Ratilal & Rekha	126
Dalal, Fakirchand & Manju	106
Gangar, Kantilal & Meeta	136
Gosalia, Rajni & Sarla	51
Haria Mansukhlal & Niranjna	102
Jain, Bhavi & Kala	101
Jain, Kushal & Mankunwar	100
Kamdar, Devang & Seema	101
Khona, Sudhir & Dharini	1,028
Malde, Jayen & Murlil	100
Mehta, Ramesh & Varsha	301
Merchant, Deepak & Sunila	102
Mirochnik, Harvey & Klein, Fran	25
Momaiya, Ashwin & Pratixa	51
Nagda, Niren & Jaya	167
Parekh, Kamlesh & Aruna	101
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Sanghani, Kamal & Jyoti	250
Shah, Anupam & Mainaki	101
Shah, Devendra & Jayshree	100
Shah, Hemant	41
Shah, Kamlesh & Arti	30
Shah, Mahendra & Bharati	1,001
Shah, Mahesh & Premila	501
Shah Manu & Niru	231
Shah, Minaxi	101
Shah, Prabodh & Aruna	100
Shah, Pranab & Vaishali	251
Shah, Samir & Amisha	51
Shah, Talak & Ranjana	101
Talsania, Nayana	51
Vaywala, Nayan & Kashmira	151
Vira, Naren & Kasturi	101
Vora, Manish & Nirmala	101

### **Donations for Advertisement in Members' Directory**

Avani Travel, Inc.	200	N.K. Tailoring	125
Cornerstone Financial	200	Parekh, Prakash & Nisha	200
Desai, Raman R.	200	Patel Brothers	125
Desai, Raju & Rupal	125	Patel, Kanu & Lata	125
DJ Enterprises (Dollar Magic)	400	Purohit, Atul	200
Express Travel	400	Sam & Raj Enterprises	200
Haria Enterprises	200	Sanghvi, Sanjay & Sarita	200
India Delight	200	Shah, Ajit & Shilpa	200
India Sari Palace	200	Shah Associates	750
JainConnections.Com	200	Shivam Grocery	125
Jain Meditation International	125	Sona Travels	200
Jhaveri, Dilip	200	Sonali Corporation	125
Lilianne Jewelry (May Jewelers)	200	Subzi Mandi, Inc	200
Mehta, Arvind & Nayana	200	Surtax Corporation (Nina Jewelers)	450
Mehta, J.D. & Associates	200	Tri-State Jewelers	200
Mehta, Sudhir & Hemali	200	Udupi Palace/Tiffin	200
Merchant, Deepak & Sunila	200	Wilkinson, Nipa	200





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### SWAMI VATSALAY BHOJAN ON APRIL 20, 2002

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

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

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Persons (over age 5) attending the Swami Vatsalya Bhojan: \_\_\_\_\_

Check no. \_\_\_\_\_ for Donation for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed

*(Minimum donation should be \$6.00 per person over age 5)*

Please make your check payable to Jain Society. The check for donation must accompany the form. The form and the check must be received before April 15, 2002. Form without a donation check will not be treated as a request for participation in the dinner.

If you wish to receive an acknowledgement of the receipt of your form, please send your request for acknowledgement by e-mail to [jsmw@mail.com](mailto:jsmw@mail.com).

Please mail this form along with your check to the address given below or give it to any member of the Executive committee so that it reaches before the deadline of April 15, 2002. No refunds will be given for cancellation after April 15, 2002.

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Secretary, JSMW  
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# Upcoming Events for 2002

Saturday, April 20: .....	Mahavir Jayanti
Sunday, April 21: .....	Ayambil
Saturday, June 22: .....	Fun Fair
Friday-Sunday, July 26-28: .....	Pandit Dhirajlal Mehta
Tuesday, September 3 - 10: .....	Paryushan Parva
Saturday, September 7: .....	Swapna Ceremony
Tuesday, September 10: .....	Samvatsari Pratikraman
Wednesday, September 11- 20: .....	Das Lakshan Parva
Sunday, October 13: .....	Ayambil
Tuesday, November 5: .....	Nav Smaran
Saturday, November 9: .....	Diwali Program
Thursday, November 26: .....	Thanksgiving Day Ayambil



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