



# JAIN SOCIETY OF METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON

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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Jai Jinendra!

First of all, please allow me to thank you, our distinguished members, for allowing me serve you, since my first association almost 17 years ago. In my various roles along the way, I have gotten a chance to know most of the families, if not all, and also have been successful in creating long term relationships with many. As I leave the office on April 30<sup>th</sup>, I feel proud that I have accomplished what I had a vision for: getting the Sangh members together, have more families, consisting of both junior and senior groups and multi-generations; come out and participate in more activities and events. I am sure you will agree with my view, as evidenced by the sold-out events that my team could execute with tremendous success and support.

It was my goal to organize one major event every quarter throughout a calendar year. To that note, we just wrapped up a very successful fundraising gala to build our new temple. In addition to that, we conducted a very successful kids Spring Camp from April 7 through 9, 2017. The camp, too, was sold out in first two weeks and was our first-ever Camp where technology was completely prohibited for all three days while onsite.

On Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017, we had our Special General Body Meeting held at Cloverly Elementary School. During this meeting, we discussed about the Constitution Revision and the amendments that were accepted by the General Body. Also at this meeting, the Chairperson, Board of Trustees, took it to the general membership in terms of s/electing the new President. The details of this meeting are covered elsewhere in this newsletter. I want to congratulate our new President, Pavan Zaveri, to step up and win the elections that were held impromptu after the meeting. Also, I want to congratulate our new incoming officers: Rahul Jain, Vishal Mehta, Pulkit Gangwal, Gautam Shah, Navin Vora, as well as Mina Shah for her continuation from my Executive Appointment into a longer-term appointment until the entire Executive Committee goes up for elections towards the end of 2018. At the same time, I would like to thank these individuals for their hard work and dedicated time: Shilpa M. Shah and Bhavana Mehta. Next time you run into these individuals, please congratulate them for their dedication and time in bringing us where we are at this time!

I have already started engaging Pavan Zaveri in an effort to transition my responsibilities and ensure that there is a smooth transition between leadership positions such that it is transparent to our members. While I am always there for support, a popular Hindi song comes to my mind that I would like to dedicate to our new President: "Jeena Yaha, Marna Yaha, Iske Seeva Jaana Kaha....Jee Chahe Jub, Humko Aawaaz Do, Hum Hein Wahin, Hum The Jahaa..."

On behalf of the Executive Committee, I want to thank all volunteers for their help during our past programs. I plan to call upon several of our volunteers on the stage during the Mahavir Janma Kalyanak celebrations on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, so please ensure that you are there to join me in recognizing them for their dedication, selfless devotion, and spirit of volunteerism. Without these individuals, we would not be successful at any event. Your constructive comments and/or suggestions are always welcome. Please contact me at (410) 415-3033 or send me an email at [President@JainSocietyDC.org](mailto:President@JainSocietyDC.org).

*Janak Rajani, President*

*Jain Society of Metropolitan Washington*

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES & FUNDRAISING TEAM UPDATES

*Dr. Sushil Jain (Chairperson, Board of Trustees & Fund Raising Team Coordinator)*

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Words cannot express my joy to see so many of you working hard for one cause – "Building our Future Together." At our highly energized Gala Event in March, our united efforts, inspiring remarks by Dr. Vinod Shah, and each presenter (planned and unplanned) resulted in pledges of over \$600K. As we reflect on the event, we can always find 4-5 things we could improve each time, that is our quest for future, same as we move forward in our life. We wish to be a good human being as we give ride to our soul's journey towards ultimate Nirvana.

**TEMPLE COMMITTEE:** A special thanks goes to our construction team led by Arvind Shah and assisted by Nidhi Jain to ensure our 3D model (made by Mr. Shekhar Patil of Mumbai) and virtual video tour (developed by Kamlesh Panchal of Ahmedabad) communicates our imagination into reality.

**DONORS:** Our sincerest appreciation goes to our donors of age seven (7) years old and up. It is amazing to see our future generation also pledge their pocket money, so that they too could be part of securing their future for themselves and for the next generation.

In this process, if knowingly or unknowingly, we hurt anyone's feeling with our words or action, I join our volunteer force and humbly apologize for any mistakes. Our journey is ambitious, but not impossible. Like a snow flake, individually we are vulnerable as we fly in sky, however when we join together, we are hard & strong like Hail. Let us stay focused and strong – we will choose our destiny, not the wind in sky.

**APPEAL:** Together we appeal to those of you who could not attend, please join us in this great cause. Your participation inspires us and fuels our spirit of volunteerism.

## TEMPLE COMMITTEE UPDATES

*Arvind Shah (Chair, Temple Committee) & Ashok Shah (Construction Committee Lead)*

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- We are scheduled to receive Design Development (DD) construction drawing from nbj Architect.
- We are scheduled to receive Temple Design documents from Sompura (from India).
- Kitchen design documents are already completed and received.
- A group of volunteers from JSMW are working with A/V consultant and design will be completed by end of month to include in to architectural design package.
- Civil work design is completed and submitted to PG County for approval process.
- Civil engineer is working with private contractor to make ground ready for upcoming "Khanan Vidhi" (Ground breaking ceremony).
- Several volunteers working to set up programming for "Khanan Vidhi" (Ground breaking ceremony).

Anyone interested in providing inputs, please contact Ashok Shah at (703) 946-4417 or Arvind Shah at (301) 461-6761.

## CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

*Manu Shah (Chair, Constitution Committee)*

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First, a heartfelt thanks to all the members of the Constitution Committee who have worked over a year on looking at how to improve the Constitution. Those members were: Manoj Dharamsi, Pravin Dand, Sushil Jain, Harshid Shah, Atul Shah, Bhupesh Mehta, Paresh Shah, Gita Shah, Janak Rajani, Kamlesh P. Shah, Monica Shah, Pavan Zaveri, Hemen Gandhi, Allap Shah, and Arvind Shah.

### *The Process*

We were tasked with 19 proposed changes to the Constitution. We collected data, comments and input in various ways and met a couple times to achieve consensus. Finally, we presented the results to the Executive Committee who advised some further changes and presented these changes to the General Body on March 19, 2017.

### *The Proposed Changes and Responses*

First, we share below the proposed changes and the final responses from the Constitution Committee. As you will see, the responses varied from deferring to the Board of Trustees to come up with changes to using operating guidelines to amendments to the Constitution.

1. Trustees: define or redefine the duties and/or qualifications for the position, and investigate establishment of Honorary Trustee, Trustee Emeritus, Voting Trustee, Non-Voting Trustee, etc. who have donated \$XXXXXX and above and reevaluate the composition of Voting Trustees. Add more Trustees to the Board.
  - Deferred to BOT
2. Define/redefine duties and qualifications for all EC positions - as an example "Director of Technology may need IT background or be able to secure necessary help or be able to contract out duties that need to be performed".
  - Addressed via Nominations and Elections Operating Guidelines to be approved by EC
3. Codify Temple Committee as Permanent Standing Committee chartered by General Body.
  - Determined to be not necessary
4. Codify Nominations Committee/Elections Committee including defining roles, their duties and redefine the timelines for General Elections to include notification to any applicant disqualified and/or not meeting minimum requirements for the positions.
  - Addressed via Nominations and Elections Operating Guidelines to be approved by EC
5. Codify the process for Youth Committee including making them elected positions.
  - Addressed via Youth Committee Operating Guidelines approved by EC
6. Redefine the process to select/appoint/elect representatives to JAINA and UHJT.
  - Deferred to Revised Advisory Council (Amendment 4)
7. Redefine the Past Presidents' Advisory Council to Advisory Council to allow for the inclusion of past Trustees in the advisory role.
  - Proposed Amendment 4
8. Investigate the establishment of Swami Vatsalya, Dev Dravya, Sadharan Dravya, Jiv Daya Funds, and Fund Accounting.
  - BOT has addressed this topic.
9. Revise/reevaluate Annual and Life membership dues.
  - Discussion taken and determination made to not change dues at this time.
10. Address waiting time if quorum is not present at the scheduled time to less than 30 minutes if the quorum is met before the waiting time of 30 minutes.
  - Proposed Amendment 2
11. Redefine or eliminate the need to be present for election to a position.
  - Proposed Amendment 5
12. Investigate the possibility of announcing the results of the elections at the annual General Body Meeting and conducting elections by mail or prior to the annual General Body Meeting.
  - Not addressed, deferred to Nominations and Elections Committees
13. Make Minutes of General Body Meeting available for approval.
  - Proposed Amendment 3
14. Investigate adding YJP/YJA Chapters as part of Standing Committees chartered by Executive Committee or other alternatives to encourage participation by JSMW members.
  - Deferred to Youth Committee
15. Have all elected positions take an oath to support and uphold the existing Constitution.
  - Deferred to be addressed via Nominations and Elections Operating Guidelines to be approved by EC
16. Define/redefine duties and qualifications for a Trustee. Prior to anyone becoming a Trustee of JSMW, they must serve one full term (two years) of the President position within JSMW. This will enable the JSMW congregation to see this person's leadership skill; people skills as well as provide the Trustee with the ability to clearly see the organizational functions and day-to-day operations. In light of our building the new temple, if the proposed requirements are in place, this will equip the Trustee to make more sound decisions that would benefit us as a whole.

The proposal is to restrict Trustee positions to those Past Presidents who have held the position for two years.

  - Deferred to BOT

17. List of voting members should be finalized by the date announced as the last day for receiving nominations (based on membership received by that date). Such list should be made available to contestants on request and only that list should be used for verification purposes during the elections.
- Addressed via Nominations and Elections Operating Guidelines to be approved by EC
18. Redefine the time line and the means of announcement of General Body Meeting such as "Any communication regarding General Body Meeting (special or (*annual*) or emergency) shall be distributed electronically only, via email, at least 5 days in advance to all registered email addresses on the file at that time" to reduce the cost of holding the General Body Meeting. Such communication shall also be posted on the Society's website, at least 5 days in advance.
- The proposal is to reduce the advance time notice requirements to the membership for General Body Meeting and to be able to use electronic means for the announcement of the General Body Meeting to reduce costs, both manpower and mailing.
- Proposed Amendment 1
19. Regarding the BOT requirements, the current constitution states: "A candidate for the Board of Trustees must have paid a minimum of \$25,000 to the Jain Center Fund at least 30 days prior to elections or \$5,000 to the Jain Center Fund prior to approval of this document." I would like this to further include that "*These funds must be in the Jain Center Fund account at all times. If these funds are used elsewhere (ex: towards various activities related to new Jain Temple construction, including but not limited to Fixed Nakro), then the member is not eligible to run for the Board of Trustee position.*" Currently, as I understand, folks have donated their share of either \$5k or \$25k towards JCF and they have used those funds during Fixed Nakro lottery. In other words, just because they used to have funds in JCF at one given point of time, that should not give them a permanent opportunity to run for the BOT position.
- The proposal is that Funds donated towards "Fixed Nakro" cannot be counted towards financial requirements to qualify for the Trustee Positions.
- Deferred to BOT

### *The Results*

The General Body debated the five amendments presented by the Executive Committee regarding 1) Communication of notice for a Special General Body Meeting, 2) Quorum for a General Body Meeting, 3) Minutes of a General Body Meeting, 4) Revision of the Advisory Council, and 5) Requirement of Nominees for Elections to be present.

The Minutes and Advisory Council amendments were tabled for further information gathering and the remaining three amendments were passed by the General Body as below:

Amendment 1 (to Article V, Section 2): Special General Body Meetings may be called at the request of the Executive Committee or the Board of Trustees with a prior written, website, email, or other electronic notice of at least 15 days to members.

Amendment 2 (to Article V, Section 3): A quorum of 50 voting members shall be required at all General Body meetings. If the quorum is not present at the stated time, the meeting may be delayed until quorum is met or up to 30 mins. If quorum is not present, the meeting may be held after the delay of 30 minutes to carry out the same business (as announced per prior notice) at the same place and such meeting shall need no quorum.

Amendment 5: Article X, section 3.d is hereby removed: ~~All candidates must be present at elections unless the candidate provides a written notice to the Nominations and Elections Committee in advance.~~

We are also asking the Executive Committee to have the Constitution Review be conducted on an annual basis and become an Agenda item for the Annual General Body Meeting. Further, we ask the Executive Committee to open a thread on the JSMW website to receive constructive feedback on all the pending items. Our hope is that we will make the process of debating and amending any items on the list very transparent. All proposed amendments in the future should be communicated to full membership at least 14 days in advance for constructive comments. We should not be using the General Body Meeting time to wordsmith the amendments.

If there are any questions or comments, please contact me at [manu.shah@gmail.com](mailto:manu.shah@gmail.com).

## EDUCATION UPDATES

Monica Shah (Director of Education)

Pathshala continues to be another great year of energized teachers, curious students, and supportive volunteers! We are pleased to say this year we have over 130 student enrollment with new students joining continuously. As an organization strictly run by volunteers, success thus far is attributed to the countless parents who pitch in and make Pathshala prosper. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact our Education Director, Monica Shah, at [Education@JainSocietyDC.org](mailto:Education@JainSocietyDC.org).

For 2017, we have three main activities to mention:

**Mahavir Janma Kalyanak:** Mahavir Janma Kalyanak (MJK) will be celebrated on April 22<sup>nd</sup> at Springbrook High School (201 Valley Brook Dr., Silver Spring, MD 20904) starting at 1 pm. Pathshala students have been working hard to share their Jain spirit with a selection of choreographed dances. This year, we also have a special drama performance that will capture your hearts. Audience members will be taken back to when Mahavir Swami's masi, Queen Chelna, debated the virtues of Jainism. Watch how the story unfolds in front of you. The show will be followed by Swamivatsalya Dinner. *We are looking for sponsors for Pathshala kids' snacks, memory gifts, and Swamivatsalya dinner. If you are interested, then please contact Vishal Mehta at 732-277-9901.*

**Spring Youth Camp:** JSMW hosted a Spring Camp after a long time from Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The facility was located at West River Center in Churchton, MD. The camp was limited to first 50 kids from class B2 onwards, covering children 8 years old and above. This camp was designed for our kids to have lot of interaction with each other by using the Buddy System. A major undertaking was to give the attending children a break from all technology products and cellular devices for the entire weekend.

The camp comprised of 2 nights' accommodation with breakfast, lunch, dinner with all Jain meals included and separate overnight lodge accommodation for boys and girls. We also had adult chaperones with a ratio of 1:8. Activities included carefully planned religious fun-filled sessions and games/activities that were geared towards principles of Jainism as well as for their personal growth. The registration fees for the entire weekend with 2-night overnight accommodation and food was \$100/person.

**Jain Academic Bowl:** Bi-annually, JAINA hosts a competitive tournament called the Jain Academic Bowl (JAB) during the JAINA convention where each Sangh can send two teams to participate. This year, JSMW has selected 16 dedicated students to represent our Sangh. Each one of these students are given the opportunity to gain comprehensive knowledge on Jainism and lifelong friendships! By utilizing a 400-page in-depth manual, attending Q&A sessions each week and after numerous hours of studying, each student gains expertise in every aspect of Jainism, from History of Jainism to Nav Tatva and are prepared for the tournament. It is truly amazing to see the dedication and hard work of many and it is incredible to see how much these kids have learned and grown to appreciate over a short few months. A special thanks to our JAB coaches this year, Megha Doshi and Foram Shah and best of luck to the JSMW JAB teams!

## PUBLIC RELATIONS UPDATES

Rahul Jain (Director of Public Relations)

I am humbled by the warm welcome extended by the Executive Committee, Board of Trustees, and all the members to lead the Public Relations (PR) committee for the Sangh. With the new Jain Center momentum building, we have important work ahead of us, and it is PR's job to ensure the relations within the Sangh members, as well as with the external stakeholders are built and strengthened. I am extremely excited for this opportunity and am ready to accept the challenge. While external communications and relationships are important to us, my first focus will be to build strong relationships within.

With that, please look forward to meetups from the PR committee and invitation to the Jain Professionals LinkedIn network.

Are you an excellent writer and love talking to people? We'd love to have you on the PR committee. Please email me at [PublicRelations@JainSocietyDC.org](mailto:PublicRelations@JainSocietyDC.org).

## TECHNOLOGY UPDATES

Pathik Shah (Director of Technology)

We are currently working on several upgrade initiatives to improve our technology use and online presence. We are expecting to rollout a better, simpler, Wi-Fi network at our Temple and refreshing the security cameras in the near future. Also, several enhancements for the [www.JSMW.org](http://www.JSMW.org) website are being planned in the background by multiple volunteers.

As a new long term project, we are setting up a Little Buddy Big Buddy System. The idea is that we will be pairing up a younger Jain kid (grades 3-8) with a member of the Jain Youth of the Capital youth group (ages 13-19). This will allow the JYOC members to have a responsibility with younger kids and get a leadership role. It will also give the younger kids someone to look up to as a "mentor." Additionally, it will give them a reason and a desire to stay connected with the community. We currently have 10 pairs and our first buddy event will be May 7<sup>th</sup> where the buddies will learn who their pair is and get a chance to talk and get to know each other!

## **ANNOUNCING – JSMW WOMEN’S GROUP**



Under the guidelines received from JAINA, we at JSMW are now establishing a local chapter within our Sangh. The objective is to have a platform where JSMW women can gather, discuss everyday issues, be involved in creative activities, network and socialize in an intellectual way.

As such, the Women's Committee is charged with the following mission:

- To provide a platform to all women followers of Ahimsa and Jain way of life to organize as a group.
- To promote personal growth, social well-being and spiritual progress of all women.
- To promote peace and harmony at various levels: family, community, nation and international through nonviolence/Ahimsa.
- To collaborate with other women groups to work towards common goal of promoting peace.

The local chapter has adopted the name "Today's Women." The first kickoff meeting was held on March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017 after Pathshala hours at the Jain Center and was attended by over 45 women. Our President, Mr. Janak Rajani, started with a brief introduction about this group, followed by Navkar Mantra by the First Lady, Keyuri Rajani. The core committee of 4 vibrant women, Shilpa M. Shah, Bhavana Mehta, Bela Gandhi, and Nita Shah welcomed everyone with a note of thanks for their attendance and then introduced the guest speaker Dr. Gita Shah, long time member of JSMW. Dr. Shah was very excited about the new group and spoke for about 45 minutes regarding women empowerment. She mentioned how women gives everyone priority in their lives and never takes care of themselves. She showed easy/shortcut ways to take care of ourselves. Dr. Shah also mentioned about routine doctors visit and requested that all attendees meets their doctor annually at least for their routine health checkups. After the speech was over, all attendees decided to introduce themselves and the reason everyone why everyone attended the meeting, what they would like this group to talk about, their professions, talents that they would like to share for future meetings. A common goal for everyone was financial planning, tax help, learning stock markets, Yoga, Jainism in today's world, charity-donation in India. Some younger group of women also showed interest about the generation differences at home and in school. At the end of the meeting, tea/ coffee & snacks were served.

"Today's Women" group was a welcome opportunity for women in this area. Several attendees mentioned that they felt disconnected with the Temple and had stopped coming. Such a group was essential in filling this gap and motivating the women to feel connected and be a part of the community. Please share with others and get Today's Women to meet at our next event. Please like and follow our Facebook page to always keep up to date on events and news flashes! [www.facebook.com/groups/JSMWTodayswomen](http://www.facebook.com/groups/JSMWTodayswomen).

Our next meeting is scheduled on May 7<sup>th</sup>. More details to follow soon. Please share this with all our Sangh ladies and encourage them to join us at the next event.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact the members of the Core Women's Committee: Shilpa M. Shah, Bela Gandhi, Bhavana Mehta, and Nita Shah.



Shree Shantinathay Namaha || Shree Adinathay Namaha

# JAIN SOCIETY OF METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON

Cordially Invites You to the  
**KHANAN VIDHI PROGRAM**  
For Our New Jain Temple



June 9 - June 11, 2017

For Fixed Nakro and Gheeboli details, please visit [www.jsmw.org/kvidhi](http://www.jsmw.org/kvidhi)

*The opportunity to participate — To contribute — To earn “Punya” — To build a Temple for Jinendra Bhagwan has come to our Sangh!*

***The first step is the Khanan Vidhi.***

*Your family and many families will have the opportunity to take the auspicious Labh in the groundbreaking ceremony for our new Temple.*

## **Khanan Vidhi Program Details** **Vidhikar: Narendrabhai Nandu Group**

**Friday, June 9, 2017**

Venue: Jain Center, 1021 Briggs Chaney Rd, Silver Spring, 20904

**8 pm onwards** Bhavna & Khanan Vidhi Program Awareness

**Saturday, June 10, 2017**

Venue: Paint Branch High School, 14121 Old Columbia Pike, Burtonsville, MD 20866

**11:15 - 12:15 pm ONLY** Lunch  
**12:39 pm onwards** 24 Tirthankar Poojan, Aarti, Mangal Divo & Shanti Kalash  
Gheeboli for Khanan Vidhi Program  
Dinner  
Raas - Garba

**Sunday, June 11, 2017**

Venue: New Temple Site, 4241 Ammendale Rd, Beltsville, MD 20705

**7:45 am onwards** Snatra Pooja, Kshetrapal Poojan, Vastupurush Sthapana, Navgraha Poojan, Das Dikpal Poojan, Ashta Mangal Poojan, Main Khanan Vidhi, Aarti, Mangal Divo & Shanti Kalash, Lunch (BAPS Temple, Lower Level Hall, Across from New Jain Temple Site)

For Fixed Nakro and Gheeboli details, please visit



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### Khanan Vidhi Fund Raising Items (Page 1)

#### 24 Tirthankar Poojan (Saturday June 10th, 2017)


Item#	Description	Labh Amount	No. of Wristbands/Participants	Comments
1	19 Tirthankar (2 thru 15, 17 thru 21)	\$301/Tirthankar	Family	Max of 2 Family can participate, Require Pooja Clothes
2	5 Tirthankar (1,16,22,23,24)			
	01. Adinath Swami	\$501	Family	Max of 2 Family can participate, Require Pooja Clothes
	16. Shantinath Swami	\$501	Family	Max of 2 Family can participate, Require Pooja Clothes
	22. Nemnath Swami	\$501	Family	Max of 2 Family can participate, Require Pooja Clothes
	23. Parshwanath Swami	\$501	Family	Max of 2 Family can participate, Require Pooja Clothes
	24. Mahavir Swami	\$501	Family	Max of 2 Family can participate, Require Pooja Clothes
3	Aarti	Gheeboli	Family	Any combination/no. of families
4	Mangal Divo	Gheeboli	Family	Any combination/no. of families
5	Shanti Kalash	Gheeboli	Family	Any combination/no. of families
<b>Total Labharthis</b>			<b>NA</b>	

#### Khanan Vidhi (Sunday June 11th, 2017)


Item#	Description	Labh Amount	No. of Wristbands/Participants	Comments
1	Snatrapuja	Gheeboli	12	Require Pooja Clothes
2	Kshetrapal Poojan	Gheeboli	2	ONLY MALE can participate, Clean Clothes OK
3	Vastupurush Sthapana	Gheeboli	6	ONE COUPLE + 4 participants, Clean Clothes OK
4	Navgraha Poojan (\$501 per Grah)	\$501 per Grah	36	4 wristbands per Grah, Require Pooja Clothes
5	Das Dikpal Poojan	Gheeboli	6	Require Pooja Clothes
6	Ashta Mangal Poojan	Gheeboli	6	Require Pooja Clothes
7	Aarti	Gheeboli	Family	Any combination/no. of families
8	Mangal Divo	Gheeboli	Family	Any combination/no. of families
9	Shanti Kalash	Gheeboli	Family	Any combination/no. of families
<b>Total Labharthis</b>			<b>68</b>	68 wristbands + Families for item#7,8,9



For Fixed Nakro and Gheeboli details, please visit [www.jsmw.org/kvidhi](http://www.jsmw.org/kvidhi)

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Khanan Vidhi Fund Raising Items (Page 2)			
<b>Khanan Vidhi (Sunday June 11th, 2017) * Clean Clothes OK</b> Venue: 4241 Ammendale Road, Beltsville, MD 20705 <b>Shantinath Temple</b>			
Item#	Description	Labh Amount	No. of Wristbands/Participants
1	SHANTINATH BHAGWAN - MOOLNAYAK	Gheeboli	6
2	CHANDRA PRABHU BHAGWAN	Gheeboli	6
3	ADESHWAR (ADINATH) BHAGWAN	Gheeboli	4
4	MUNISUVRAT BHAGWAN	Gheeboli	4
5	SHANKHESWAR PARSHWANATH BHAGWAN	Gheeboli	6
6	TIRTHANKAR BHAGWAN IN RANGMANDAP - SIMANDHAR SWAMI	Gheeboli	4
7	TIRTHANKAR BHAGWAN IN RANGMANDAP - MAHAVIR SWAMI	Gheeboli	4
8	CHOVISI BHAGWAN 1 (Adinath Swami)	\$2,501	2
9	CHOVISI BHAGWAN 2 (Ajitnath Swami)	\$1,501	2
10	CHOVISI BHAGWAN 3 (Sambhavnath Swami)	\$1,501	2
11	CHOVISI BHAGWAN 4 (Abhinandan Swami)	\$1,501	2
12	CHOVISI BHAGWAN 5 (Sumatinath Swami)	\$1,501	2
13	CHOVISI BHAGWAN 6 (Padmaprabhu Swami)	\$1,501	2
14	CHOVISI BHAGWAN 7 (Suparshvanath Swami)	\$1,501	2
15	CHOVISI BHAGWAN 8 (Chandraprabhu Swami)	\$1,501	2
16	CHOVISI BHAGWAN 9 (Suvidhinath Swami)	\$1,501	2
17	CHOVISI BHAGWAN 10 (Shitalnath Swami)	\$1,501	2
18	CHOVISI BHAGWAN 11 (Shreyansnath Swami)	\$1,501	2
19	CHOVISI BHAGWAN 12 (Vasupujya Swami)	\$1,501	2
20	CHOVISI BHAGWAN 13 (Vimalnath Swami)	\$1,501	2
21	CHOVISI BHAGWAN 14 (Ananthnath Swami)	\$1,501	2
22	CHOVISI BHAGWAN 15 (Dharmanath Swami)	\$1,501	2
23	CHOVISI BHAGWAN 16 (Shantinath)	\$2,501	2
24	CHOVISI BHAGWAN 17 (Kunthunath Swami)	\$1,501	2
25	CHOVISI BHAGWAN 18 (Arnath Swami)	\$1,501	2
26	CHOVISI BHAGWAN 19 (Mallinath Swami)	\$1,501	2
27	CHOVISI BHAGWAN 20 (Munisuvrata Swami)	\$1,501	2
28	CHOVISI BHAGWAN 21 (Naminath Swami)	\$1,501	2
29	CHOVISI BHAGWAN 22 (Nemnath Swami)	\$2,501	2
30	CHOVISI BHAGWAN 23 (Parshwanath Swami)	\$2,501	2
31	CHOVISI BHAGWAN 24 (Mahavir Swami)	\$2,501	2
32	GANDHAR BHAGWAN - GAUTAM SWAMI	Gheeboli	4
33	GANDHAR BHAGWAN - CHAKRAYUDH SWAMI	\$2,001	4
34	PADMAVATI DEVI	Gheeboli	4
35	NIRVANI DEVI	\$2,001	4
36	CHAKRESHWARI DEVI	\$2,001	4
37	SARASWATI DEVI	\$2,001	4
38	GHANTAKARAN MAHAVIR	Gheeboli	4
39	MANIBHADRA VIR	Gheeboli	4
40	JINDATTA KUSHALSURI MAHARAJ	\$2,001	4
41	HEMCHANDRACHARYA MAHARAJ	\$2,001	4
Total Labharthis			122

For Fixed Nakro and Gheeboli details, please visit [www.jsmw.org/kvidhi](http://www.jsmw.org/kvidhi)

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<b>Khanan Vidhi Fund Raising Items (Page 3)</b>			
<b>Khanan Vidhi (Sunday June 11th, 2017) * Clean Clothes OK</b>			
Item#	Description	Labh Amount	No. of Wristbands/Participants
1	ADINATH BHAGWAN - MOOLNAYAK	Gheeboli	6
2	NAMINATH BHAGWAN	Gheeboli	4
3	MAHAVIR SWAMI BHAGWAN	Gheeboli	4
4	KHADGASAN BHAGWAN IN RANGMANDAP - BHARAT BHAGWAN	Gheeboli	4
5	KHADGASAN BHAGWAN IN RANGMANDAP - BAHUBALI BHAGWAN	Gheeboli	4
6	KSHETRAPALJI DEV	\$2,001	4
7	BRAHMA DEV	\$2,001	4
8	PADMAVATI DEVI	Gheeboli	4
9	CHAKRESHWARI DEVI	\$2,001	4
10	KUNDAKUNDACHARYA MAHARAJ	\$2,001	4
<b>Total Labharthis</b>			<b>42</b>
<b>Sthanak, Upashray</b>			
Item#	Description	Labh Amount	No. of Wristbands/Participants
1	STHANAK	Gheeboli	6
2	NAVAKAR MANTRA PATT	Gheeboli	6
3	MAIN UPASHRAY	Gheeboli	6
4	UPASHRAY - 1	\$2,001	4
5	UPASHRAY - 2	\$2,001	4
6	UPASHRAY - 3	\$2,001	4
7	UPASHRAY - 4	\$2,001	4
8	UPASHRAY - 5	\$2,001	4
9	UPASHRAY - 6	\$2,001	4
10	UPASHRAY - 7	\$2,001	4
11	UPASHRAY - 8	\$2,001	4
<b>Total Labharthis</b>			<b>50</b>
<b>Pathshala, Library</b>			
Item#	Description	Labh Amount	No. of Wristbands/Participants
1	LIBRARY	Gheeboli	6
2	LIBRARY - 1	\$2,001	4
3	LIBRARY - 2	\$2,001	4
4	LIBRARY - 3	\$2,001	4
5	LIBRARY - 4	\$2,001	4
	PATHSHALA CLASSES - For Kids ONLY (No Limit on Kids participation)	\$151 per kid	1 per kid
<b>Total Labharthis</b>			<b>22</b>

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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### **Mahavir Janma Kalyanak: Saturday, April 22, 2017**

On Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017, we will be celebrating Bhagwan Mahavir Swami's Janma Kalyanak, a very auspicious day for all Jains. This time, we plan to offer a unique way of celebration, with a mix of various activities to be followed by Swami Vatsalya Bhojan. This year's MJK celebrations will be held on Saturday, April 22, 2017 starting from 1pm at Springbrook High School located at 201 Valley Brook Dr., Silver Spring, MD 20904.

*We are looking for sponsors for Pathshala kids' snacks, memory gifts, and Swami Vatsalya dinner. If you are interested, then please contact Vishal Mehta at 732-277-9901.*

Online RSVP and details of various sponsorship opportunities are available at <http://www.jsmw.org/mjk2017>.

### **Girnar Poojan: April 29- 30, 2017**

We are pleased to announce two Maha Poojans during the weekend of April 29 - 30, 2017: Girnar Poojan will be performed for the first time at our Derasar. Siddhachakra Poojan will also be performed. We are honored to have Nirav Sanghvi (Kadiwala), grandson of famous poojan performer (Late) Babubhai Kadiwala come at our Jain Center and perform these Poojans at our Derasar. Further details of the poojas and various Labh/sponsorship opportunities can be found online at our website at <http://www.jsmw.org/april-mahapoojans>.

Both poojans will be followed by Swami Vatsalya Dinner. Please submit your RSVP for Swami Vatsalya Dinner, one for each event, latest by midnight, Tuesday, April 25th, 2017, by clicking the following link(s):

- <http://jsmw.org/girnar-mahapooja-rsvp>
- <http://jsmw.org/siddhachakra-mahapooja>

Sponsorship opportunities are also available for Swami Vatsalya Bhojan by donating a minimum amount of \$101 (Sadharmic Bhakti Bronze). Other sponsorship options include \$251 (Silver), \$501 (Gold), \$1,001 (Platinum), and \$1,501 (Diamond) levels.

### **DC Central Kitchen - May 13, 2017**

Please join us at DC Central Kitchen to prepare JAIN meal for 4,500+ needy people. We will save hundreds of lives by serving them JAIN food. We talk and preach about our Jain principle of Ahimsa (Non Violence) and here is the opportunity to put it in practice.

Over the last few years, more than 45 volunteers join together on this community service project. **Once again, JSMW has agreed to prepare Jain meals for 4,500+ needy people in DC-Metro area.** This means 4,500+ individuals will be eating Jain meals on this day (and not eating meat), saving the lives of countless animals (giving them Abhay Daan). It will cost approximately \$3,000 to purchase the raw materials. If you would like to sponsor this event, please feel free to contact us. If you are unable to attend, please kindly donate \$25, \$51, \$101, \$151, \$501... - all donations are welcome for this event.

Please make your donation payable to "Jain Society of Metropolitan Washington" and in the memo field, please mention "DC Kitchen." Donations can be mailed to our address: P.O. Box 4548, Silver Spring, MD 20914.

This is an excellent opportunity to perform community service, publicize Jainism to the mainstream, and volunteer services directly to the needy. Names of about 45 to 50 dedicated volunteers will be collected to help us prepare and pack the food. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Bhupesh Mehta (bhupesh@bhupeshmehta.com) at 240-455-4524 or Nilesh Shah (Nilesh\_shah99@yahoo.com) at 240-899-8682. Volunteers must be 12 years of age or above. *Please note: If you are in school, we can provide community service certificate to our youth to help them with their school community service requirement.*

For more details and to sign up for volunteering at this event, please visit <http://jsmw.org/dckitchen>.

### **New Jain Temple Khanan Vidhi, June 9 – June 11, 2017**

Building upon the momentum of the Gala event, active planning is underway for the New Jain Temple's Khanan Vidhi Program in June. Various teams are working in full swing to organize the event and welcome neighboring Jain Sanghs within a 250-mile radius. Narendrabhai Nandu and group from India will conduct the 3-day event. Several Fixed Nakro, Gheeboli Labhs and sponsorship opportunities are available. For Fixed Nakro and Gheeboli details, please visit [www.jsmw.org/kvidhi](http://www.jsmw.org/kvidhi).

### **JAINA 2017 Convention: June 30 through July 4, 2017**

The JAINA Executive Committee, JAINA Convention 2017 Convener, Gunvant Shah and its Board Members, are excited to take this opportunity to invite you, your immediate and extended family members, friends and the Jain community around the world to join highly anticipated JAINA Convention 2017. It will be held at the **NJ Convention & Exposition Center in Edison, NJ** from **Friday, June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017 to Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017**.

For the first time in JAINA history, the convention will be held for **5 days** to help you get the most out of this exciting event. Please register now, if not already, as the space is limited, and it is expected that the convention will receive a record setting number of attendees. Registration has already started, so please submit your registration at your earliest convenience.

We are informed that JAINA is planning to invite many learned scholars and high profile speakers from both within and outside of our community. Please share this invitation with anyone that would enjoy a wide variety of religious, cultural and social programs. This will be a unique opportunity -- we hope to see you there!

### **Paryushan Parva Celebrations: August 18 - 25, 2017**

This year Samvatsari falls on Friday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017. We are planning to have the Swapna Ceremony either on Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup> or Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup> - depending on the school availability. We have extended our invitation to Falguniben Zaveri to visit our Jain Center and grace us with her presence during the Paryushan Parva 2017 celebrations. More details will be sent, via electronic communications, as we get closer to the event.

### **Das Lakshan Parva Celebrations: August 26 – September 5, 2017**

We will be celebrating Das Lakshan this year with Puja and Abhishek each weekend day, and daily pravachan, stuti and Aarti. We will close with Samvatsari Pratikraman on Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. More details will be sent, via electronic communications, as we get closer to the event.

## **RECENT EVENTS**

### **Ayambil Oli**

The following Tapasvis completed Ayambil Oli Tapasya which was observed from April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 through April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

#### **Anumodna to all the following Tapasvis:**

Navin Vora	Jhalak Mehta	Sonal Ajmera	Sujata Shah	Rakhi Mody	Jolly Mehta
Nita Maloo	Rekha Kamani	Nimesh Chheda	Sangeeta Shah	Hemangini Shah	Shefali Dalal
Bharti Khajuria	Rani Ajmera	Sailesh Shah	Rakhi Shah	Mily Mehta	

This was not possible without the dedication and support from the following **volunteers**:

Ashok Shah	Savita Jain
Pallavi Shah	Mona Shah
Pallaviben's Kaka, Kaki, Phais	Gunvanti Gala
Pallaviben's sister sent all the dry Ayambil food from India	Nirmala Vora
Nila Shah	Arti Choxi
Jyoti Shah	Shilpa Udani
Vaishali Chheda	Manna Shah
Veena Dand paid for all dry Ayambil food from India	Bhamini Mehta
Nayana Mehta	Darshan Shah

### **JSMW Gala Event – “Dreams to Reality” – March 26, 2017**

JSMW organized a very successful Fundraising Gala event themed “Dreams to Reality” with the flagship attraction of the event - the unveiling of a stunning replica 3D model (scaled 1:40) and showing of a lifelike 3D virtual tour of our new Shikharbandhi Jain Temple. In an afternoon filled with celebrations and philanthropy, three generations of JSMW members and guests walked down memory lane with video clips from the Prathistha day of the current Jain Center from 1989 along with several clips from the Mahavir Janma Kalyanak programs over the past 20 years. Several members who had performed as children in those events, were nostalgic to be attending the Gala with children of their own.

Our Chief Guest, Dr. Vinod Shah, former president of AAPI and a well-known philanthropist and community leader, congratulated the JSMW Society on this milestone event and spoke about the importance of coming together as a community. JSMW Chairman, Dr. Sushil Jain, motivated the community members by his energizing speech. The 3D virtual tour touched us all emotionally and spiritually.

**JSMW members generously donated almost \$600,000 at the event**, with the Society looking to break ground this summer!

Many thanks to the following volunteers for their contribution to the Gala Event:

Allap Shah	Hemen Gandhi	Meenal Zaveri	Paresh Shah	Shilpa P. Shah
Ami Shah	Jhalak Mehta	Meeta Sogani	Rahul Jain	Shraddha Patni
Anupa Maru	Kanti Gangar	Megha Doshi	Ripal Shah	Shripal Shah
Bhupesh Mehta	Kavita Modi	Megha Tatiya	Rupa Mehta	Sudhir Patni
Bijal Shah	Keyuri Rajani	Monali Shah	Sandeep Mehta	Swati Jain
Darshini Shah	Manna Shah	Monica Shah	Savita Jain	Vaishali Chheda
Dhruti Shah	Manohar Hegde	Navin Vora	Shilpa M. Shah	Yash Mehta

### **Special Annual General Body Meeting and Election Results – March 19, 2017**

On Sunday, March 19th, 2017, the special General Body Meeting was convened at Cloverly Elementary School 10:15 to 12:30 pm. The Constitution committee presented the changes and proposed amendments for the JSMW constitution and sought the General Body's views and approvals. Details of the proposed changes and amendments are covered in the Constitution Committee report earlier.

Following this, the Executive Committee positions were presented to the General Body, both that had a nomination and that were vacant. Any JSMW member from the General Body was presented with the opportunity to run for an open EC position, which concluded with all the vacant EC positions being assigned. At the completion of the special general body meeting, the Executive Committee was fully appointed as follows:

JSMW Executive Committee (effective May 1, 2017 through December 31, 2018):

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| 1. President: Pavan Zaveri            | 8. Director of Events: Mina Shah             |
| 2. Vice President: Vishal Mehta       | 9. Director of Facilities: Navin Vora        |
| 3. Secretary: Pulkrit Gangwal         | 10. Director of Publications: Sandeep Mehta  |
| 4. Joint Secretary: Gautam Shah       | 11. Director of Public Relations: Rahul Jain |
| 5. Treasurer: Pragnesh Shah           | 12. Director of Technology: Pathik Shah      |
| 6. Joint Treasurer: Dipak Shah        | 13. Director of Volunteers: Sahil Shah       |
| 7. Director of Education: Monica Shah |  |

Congratulations to the incoming individuals on the Executive Committee!

### **Yale University Student Visit – March 15, 2017**

On the evening of Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017, JSMW hosted a group of Yale University students at our temple, as part of their interfaith field trip to Washington DC. About 25 students were in attendance and they all had a very educational time. JSMW volunteers gave them a tour of the temple, served them dinner, and then hosted a panel style Q&A session. We were very impressed with students' interest and questions. There was a discussion about many topics including a quick fact sheet on "How to be a Jain for a Day!" Other topics included Jain Agams, Jain Cycle, Karma Philosophy, 3 main principles, how to deal with current political climate, and several more. The visit concluded at approximately 8:30 pm. A note of thanks to the following volunteers who helped with the planning and/or execution of this event: Monica Shah, Raju, Shah, Shilpa Manoj Shah, Rushil Shah, Bhavana Mehta, Dinesh Mehta, Keyuri Rajani, Rahul Jain, Sahil Shah and Sandeep Mehta.

## ON-GOING EVENTS

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

- Bi-weekly Sunday School Pathshala from September to June. Please contact our Director of Education, Monica Shah at [Education@JainSocietyDC.org](mailto:Education@JainSocietyDC.org) or 443-306-9955.
- Adult religious classes are also held in parallel with Sunday school. Please contact Dr. Atul Shah at 301-274-0319, or Pravin Dand at 301-384-3367 for more information.
- Kesar/Chandan Poojan each Saturday - at 10:00 am.
- Snatra Pooja on 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month – at 10:30 am. followed by lunch.
- Dev Shashtra Guru Pooja on 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month – at 10:00 am to 12:00 (noon) followed by lunch.
- Namokar Mantra Jaap followed by Kesar Pooja on last Saturday of each month - at 9:00 am.

## **\*\* Attention Volunteers \*\***

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As announced in the past newsletters, JSMW is now a certifying organization and has been granted the authority to administer President's Voluntary Service Awards to our volunteers. The President's Volunteer Service Award (PVSA) recognizes, celebrates and holds up as role models Americans making a positive impact as engaged and deeply committed volunteers. The Award enables community organizations – like JSMW – to amplify their gratitude by joining with the President of the United States to thank their most dedicated volunteers.

Various award categories include the official PVSA pin, medallion, or coin; a personalized certificate of achievement; a congratulatory letter from the President of the United States; or a combination of all the above.

It is very critical that you track all voluntary hours and **send a complete log with detailed information** to [President@JainSocietyDC.org](mailto:President@JainSocietyDC.org) email address, as soon as feasible. We will ensure that your hours are entered in the PVSA system and are tracked for reaching various milestones that qualifies you to be eligible to receive one of the awards listed above.

## VIDEOS AND PICTURES FROM 1980

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We are creating a collection of our past pictures and videos taken at various JSMW events for marketing and showcasing purposes.

If you have any photographs and/or videos from past JSMW events, we request you to submit them via email to [Marketing@JainSocietyDC.org](mailto:Marketing@JainSocietyDC.org).

If you have difficulty emailing us the pictures/videos, please let us know, we can help you with scanning / converting (tapes, etc.) and uploading the pictures and videos. We want to thank all of you who have already provided us the pictures and videos so far.

The pictures and videos can be from any event like Pravachans, Poojans, Vidhis, Bhavna's, scholar visits, camps, health fair, DC Kitchen, Panch Tirth Yatra, Pathshala, (Pathshala kids' activities, picnic, social & community service events, etc.)

Please forward this email to others who might own/have access to pictures/illustrations of the respective period. We are grateful for every hint and/or photograph/video and the permission to publish it online and in print media and for every hint to respective sources/archives (private and public).

## VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION CORNER: OUR UNSUNG HEROES

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Volunteers are worth their weight in gold. They share their time and talents without any compensation, so it's crucial to acknowledge their contributions and let them know they are valued. We are introducing this new section to recognize these individuals, our volunteers, our unsung heroes.



We recognize that volunteers are not the same as employees. They can choose to stay or walk away at any time without any real loss to themselves, and that's one reason why it's so important to show our appreciation. They are critical to the success of our Sangh, so we want to make sure that we take time to thank them, and remind them of how special they really are!

If you know of any individual(s) who you feel should be recognized in this section, please feel free to send their name(s) to [Volunteers@JainSocietyDC.org](mailto:Volunteers@JainSocietyDC.org) any time. We will recognize you for your submission along with the names of volunteers that you have sent us in our next newsletter.

## JAIN RECIPE - HEART HEALTHY BEAN SALAD

Asha Jain - Registered Dietitian and Certified Diabetes Educator has been practicing clinical dietetics for last 30+ years. As a Certified Diabetes Educator her focus is on care and management of people with diabetes, diabetes during pregnancy and cardiovascular disease. Currently, she works at world renowned "Walter Reed National Military Medical Center" where she cares for Nation's Leaders as well as wounded warriors.

Healthy foods can be simple and colorful with good eye appeal, easy to prepare, nutritious, dense with proteins, healthy fats, vitamins, minerals, antioxidants and fiber. Explore new foods and flavors with one of the simple recipe presented by her below.

### *Heart Healthy Bean Salad*

#### **Ingredients:**

- 1 ½ cup canned cannellini beans-rinse & drain
- 1½ cup frozen package shelled (thawed) Edamame
- 1 cup finely chopped red, orange, yellow bell peppers
- ½ cup chopped green apple
- ½ cup fresh chopped cilantro
- ½ Ripe Avocado
- 1 ½ Tbsp. Fresh lime juice
- 1 cut Jalapenos pepper
- ¼ cup Pomegranate seeds (garnish)

#### **Directions:**

1. Dressing: Puree-cilantro, avocado, jalapeno with fresh lime juice
2. In a large bowl combine beans, edamame (cook 1-2 minutes), apples, and peppers with dressing.
3. Mix well and garnish with pomegranate seeds.

#### **Serves 12**

Serving size ½ cup

#### **Nutrition Facts per serving:**

Calorie: 65

Fat: 1.5g

Carbohydrates: 11g

Dietary Fiber: 4g

Sodium: 165 mg

Protein: 4g



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## 2017 Calendar of Events

Date	Program
Sat, 04/22/17 (1pm onwards)	Mahavir Janma Kalyanak Celebrations (Location: Springbrook High School)
Sat, 04/29/17 (12:30 pm onwards)	Girnar Poojan, Jain Center
Sun, 04/30/17 (12:30 pm onwards)	Siddhachakra Poojan, Jain Center
Fri, 6/9/17 (8 pm onwards)	Bhavna & Khanan Vidhi Program Awareness, Jain Center
Sat, 6/10/17 (12:30 pm onwards)	24 Tirthankar Poojan and Khanan Vidhi Gheeboli, Paint Branch High School
Sun, 6/11/17 (8 am onwards)	Khanan Vidhi Program, New Temple Site
Fri, 06/30/17 till Tue, 07/04/17	JAINA Convention in Edison, NJ
Fri, 08/18/17 till Fri, 08/25/17	Paryushan Parva Celebrations with Dr. Falguniben Zaveri
Sat, 08/26/17 till Mon, 09/04/17	Das Lakshan Parva Celebrations
Sunday, every 8 weeks, Dates TBD	Recurring General Body Meeting

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