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Pathshala reopens on Sept 15th. Find out details **on pg. 3.**

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TEMPLE & SHILANYAS**
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EDITOR'S NOTE

Jai Jinendra! With this edition, we are rolling out a new branding for the quarterly JSMW newsletter. We hope you will like it and find it more engaging. As we grow, building our New Temple and Jain Center, we hope to utilize all available communication mediums in the most effective ways.

Our Sangh stands at the top of the world. This was quite apparent at the recent JAINA Convention where our members shone at multiple levels. Read more about how our members made us proud in this newsletter.

The main focus of this newsletter is to provide you with details related to Paryushan and Das Lakshan Mahaparv, including the annual Swapna Ceremony. Our partnership with our neighboring JSNOVA Sangh is stronger than ever - after a successful joint picnic, we will be joining hands once again to celebrate the Swapna Ceremony together. We welcome you to participate in all the events. If you are planning to do tapasya – khoob khoob anumodana!

The preparations for Shilanyas are going at full speed. If you are able to volunteer, the Shilanyas leadership team would be incredibly grateful. If interested, please email your interest to Shilanyas@jainsocietydc.org.

In Seva,

Rahul Jain

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JAIN SOCIETY OF METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON

PARYUSHAN & DAS LAKSHAN MAHAPARVA

PARYUSHAN
AUG. 26TH - SEP. 2ND
DAILY PRAVACHANS BY
NARENDRABHAI NANDU

SWAPNA CEREMONY
SAT, AUG. 31ST
MCLEAN HIGH SCHOOL

DAS LAKSHAN
SEP. 3RD - SEP. 12TH
DAILY PRAVACHANS BY
FALGUNIBEN ZAVERI

MESSAGE FROM JSMW LEADERSHIP

Jai Jinendra!

We would like to start by wishing you all an auspicious and spiritual Paryushan and Das Lakshan Mahaparv. We hope this special time brings peace into your homes and that your wishes and aashta to do any and all tapasya is fulfilled. This year marks the 30th year of the Jain Society of Metropolitan Washington, which was celebrated with an Arhat Abhishekh Mahapujan on August 11th.

The past few weeks have been highly engaging – the new temple site has been cleared up and is in full preparation for the Shilanyas Mahotsav on October 5th and 6th. JAINA was a success in many ways, as we got the opportunity to network and share details about Shilanyas and what's on the horizon with our new temple site. We saw members of our Sangh excel, enjoy, and enlighten themselves throughout the Convention. We highlighted our strength and energy, which was made even more evident with our high attendance. We are grateful for everybody's participation and dedication to our Sangh - this will help us grow even stronger during the new Pathshala year and as we focus on our new temple! Please continue your engagement and encourage others to do the same.

Yours truly,

Sharad Doshi, President, Executive Committee

Atul Shah, Chair, Board of Trustees

Pavan Zaveri, Chair, Past Presidents' Council

Arvind Shah, Chair, Temple Committee

NEW SHIKHARBANDHI TEMPLE AND JAIN CENTER CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Site development work is progressing at a rapid speed! About 15% of work is already complete. Excavation for Shilanyas has started on August 2nd, 2019.

- A contract for site electrical work has been awarded and work will begin shortly this month.
- Installed 2600 feet of construction fence with two 20 feet gate – completed in July.
- Third party inspection contract was awarded in May; inspection and testing work is underway for the site work construction.

As of today, our site contractor has made following progress:

- Installed the sediment and erosion controls including 4 gabion wire basket outfalls filled with 4" – 6" crushed stone to filter sediment laden water before it leaves the site.
- Installed several hundred feet of super silt fence and approximately 2,000 LF of earth dike on the perimeter to channel water.
- Completed clearing and grubbing of trees which involves removal of trees from approximately 5 acres of land. Roughly 200 trees were removed of all sizes including several over 48" in diameter.
- 7,200 cubic yards of topsoil stripped from the subgrade to be used later.
- Moved 5,500 CY out of the Sheela area to onsite structural compacted fills.
- We need to bring approximately 30,000 cubic yards (2,400 dump truck loads) of structural fill (soil) to level our site. Till now contractor has brought in approximately 3,000 cubic yards (250 dump truck loads) so far. Plan is to bring remaining soil by middle of August.
- We are planning to have half of the site ready for our use, including pavement, before Shilanyas and remaining site development work by end of year 2019.



If you are every in the area, please swing by the construction site and visualize our grand New Temple and Jain Center standing there in just a few years.

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

PATHSHALA UPDATES

Nita Shah (Director of Education)

Welcome back! Our 2019-2020 Pathshala year is about to be underway. Our wonderful teachers and parent volunteers would like to welcome you with open arms to another amazing Pathshala year. We dearly hope that you have had an amazing, and eventful summer. Another year at Pathshala awaits!

“All breathing, existing, living, sentient creatures should not be slain, nor treated with violence, nor abused, nor tormented, nor driven away.”

— Mahavira, Jain Sutra: Acharanga and Kalpa Sutra

Non-violence is the primary ideal of Jainism. We teach our students not only the relevance of this subject but also how simple actions can turn a situation to its entirety. Our entire spectrum extends from philosophical considerations to ritual recognition. We have 152 students enlisted in the 2019-2020 Pathshala year, all awaiting our variety of activities designed for multiple ages-ranging from simple collaboration and artistic projects for the nursery kids, field trip and volunteering opportunities for children and adults to lectures for seniors, we have something for everyone.

Registration

Pathshala registration will reopen on September 1st. Registration can be done online via the link below. Please complete one form per child. Upon completing your online form, please visit the donation link and select PayPal. Add “Child’s name Pathshala 2019-2020 Registration” in the PayPal memo line.

Registration Form Link: <https://jsmw.org/pathshala/> (form will reopen on Sept 1st)

2019-2020 Pathshala Dates

Our upcoming, planned Pathshala dates are listed below. Please take note of the special events, and when they will be taking place.

Pathshala Dates		Special Events Dates
Sep 15, 29	Feb 9, 23	• Diwali (Oct 28)
Oct 13, 20	Mar 1, 15, 29	• Gyaan Pachami (Nov 1)
Nov 3, 17, 24	Apr 12	• MJK (April 25)
Dec 15	May 3, 17, 31	• End of year celebration (Jun 7)
Jan 5, 19	June 7	

Summer Essay Competition

Huge congratulations to those who participated in the 2018-19 summer essay competition this year! This is JSMW's 6th continuous summer essay competition for children above the age of 8. The 1st place prize will be awarded with \$101 and a certificate. The winners for each category will be announced at this year's Swapna Darshan ceremony.

- **B1/B2:** How can following Jain principles help our environment?
- **C1/C2:** How can modern technology help Jains further their spiritual development?
- **D/E/G:** Jainism: Past, Present, and Future

Honor Roll Students

2018-19 students of class C1-G who received an 80% or higher score on the basis of (cumulative % of midterm, essay, project, attendance, and final exam) were recognized as honor students. A huge congratulations to these students for all their hard work and dedication!

- **Class C1:** Aanya Shah, Anissa Shah, Anush Gangar, Diya Shah, Jayen Tolia, Om Shah, Shivan Gangar, and Tirth Shah
- **Class C2:** Aadi Desai, Dhruvi Shah, Lay Shah, Kashvi Mehta, Kavya Zaveri, Neil Jariwala, Nishil Rajani, Prisha Shah, Shrushti Doshi, Vihaan Mehta
- **Class D1 & D2:** Aadi Doshi, Aarya Jain, Harshvi Shah, Jahnavi Shah, Jaini Chheda, Khushi Doshi, Manan Zaveri, Maneet Mehta, Parth Mehta, Rishab Jain, Rishabh Prabhu, Samkit Doshi, Soumya Jailwala, Syna Lodaya, Urmi Chheda
- **Class E:** Esha Singhai, Jai Doshi, Moksh Shah, Suvan Gangar
- **Class G:** Will be announced and awarded at Swapna Ceremony

Paryushan and Das Lakshan Matrix

Paryushan and Das Lakshan Parva is a very auspicious time for Jains around the entire world and is a time to reflect and look within. It is important to think about how you can control your inner enemies and how you can put into place the main Jain principles and practices. Print out the Paryushan/Das Lakshan Matrix and bring it with you on the first day of Pathshala to receive a token for your devotion and accomplishment. Download the Matrix from: <https://tinyurl.com/2019-matrix>.

Questions or comments? Please contact our Director of Education, Nita Shah, at education@jainsocietydc.org.

JSMW WEEKLY PODCAST



Each week, in about 5 minutes, catch up with JSMW news, almost always coupled with a melodious bhajan or a Jain story by our own members. If you have been getting the podcast through the WhatsApp group, there is a better way. You can use an app on your phone that will download the episodes each week when you are connected to Wi-Fi and listen to it on the go.

Android Users



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2. Once you have opened the app, at the bottom right, locate the Search tab and tap on it.
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You are all set. Now, each week, when the podcast is published, it will automatically download the episodes and even notify you! Your commute just got better. If you have any feedback or would like to showcase your music or participate in any other ways, please contact Savita Jain at savita@savitajain.com.

JAIN YOUTH OF THE CAPITOL (JYOC) UPDATES

Temple Lock-In Summary

During the weekend of August 3rd and 4th, JYOC held its second annual temple lock-in! About 20-25 members slept over at the temple from Saturday to Sunday. In the evening, members engaged in religious sessions, discussions, and service. We also had a general body meeting to recap the year and have elections for the 2019-2020 committee. The night was filled with games and activities intentionally made to help people branch out and interact with new and different people.

VegFest Summary

On August 11th, 2019, JYOC once again hosted a booth at the DC VegFest to promote plant-based proteins. Several people from our Sangh and youth group volunteered their time to be at the booth and to bring in daal and rice samples. The main purpose of DC VegFest is to promote a vegan/vegetarian lifestyle. There were over 120 vendors and 15,000 attendees. This event is always a huge success for the youth, and everyone had lots of fun!

JYOC 2019-2020 Board

We are excited to announce the JYOC committee for the year 2019-2020. Congratulations to the newly elected committee!

- **Chair:** Shreyal Gandhi
- **Vice Chair:** Yashvi Shah
- **Event Co-leads:** Arjav Jain and Vanshika Shah
- **Public Relations:** Simmi Nirula
- **Membership and Records:** Samyak Jain

UPCOMING EVENTS

A summary of upcoming major events is tabulated for your quick reference with detailed overview for the few key events below.

	DATE	EVENT
AUG	Mon, Aug 26 th – Sep 2 nd	Paryushan Parv with Scholar Narendrabhai Nandu
	Sat, Aug 31 st	Swapna Ceremony
SEP	Mon, Sep 2 nd	Samuhik Pratikraman and Tapasvi Bahumaan
	Tue, Sep 3 rd	Samuhik Parna
	Tue, Sep 3 rd – 12 th	Das Lakshan Parv with Scholar Dr. Falguniben Zaveri
	Thu, Sep 12 th	Samuhik Pratikraman and Tapasvi Bahumaan
	Sat, Sep 14 th	Kshamavani Parv Celebration - Abhishek and Ratnatray Vidhaan
	Sun, Sep 15 th	Pathshala Begins
OCT	Fri, Oct 4 th , 5 th , 6 th	Shilanyas Mahotsav
	Sat, Oct 5 th – 13 th	Ayambil Oli with Scholar Dr. Falguniben Zaveri
	Sun, Oct 13 th	Quarterly General Body Meeting
	Sun, Oct 20 th	Pathshala Diwali Celebrations
	Sun, Oct 27 th	Diwali Poojan and Nirvana Laddoo
DEC	Sun, Dec 15 th	Annual General Body Meeting

Please refer to JSMW calendar for up-to-date information at www.jsmw.org

PARYUSHAN MAHOTSAV (<https://jsmw.org/paryushan-daslakshan-2019/>)

We are pleased to announce that Narendrabhai Nandu has kindly accepted to grace the Paryushan Parva celebration this year at our Jain Center. The programs during the Parva will be held at the Jain Center except for the Swapna Ceremony and Deravasi/ English Samvatsari Pratikraman. During the Paryushan we will serve lunch and dinner at the temple.

RSVP IS REQUIRED FOR PARYUSHAN MEALS. Add your name to the RSVP sheet at the temple at least 24 hours in advance.

Paryushan Detailed Program Schedule

	26-Aug	27-Aug	28-Aug	29-Aug	30-Aug	31-Aug	1-Sep	2-Sep
	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Snatra Puja	Snatra Puja	Snatra Puja	Snatra Puja	Snatra Puja	Snatra Puja	Snatra Puja	Snatra Puja
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Amaari Pravartan – Saadharmik bhakti Pravachan	Kshamapna – Athham tap – Chaityapariapati Pravachan	Vaarsnik 11 Kartavya Pravachan	Kalpasutra Pravachan	Kalpasutra Pravachan	Swapna Ceremony**	Shantinath 54 tirth Poojan	Baarsa Sutra Pravachan
3:00 PM - 4:30 PM	Upkaran Vandnavali	Navkar Vandnavali	Paapsthanak	Tyaare tamone Jemne Joyaa hashe te dhanya chhe	Guru Vandnavali			Samvatsari Pratikraman^
6:30 PM - 7:45 PM	Pratikraman	Pratikraman	Pratikraman	Pratikraman*	Pratikraman		Pratikraman	Tapasvi Bahuman
8:15 PM - 10:00 PM	Jena haiye shree navkaar Tene karshe su Sansaar	Karma Taari Kalaa Nyaari	Nahi esaa janam vaaramvaar	Chitt Prasanna re poojan fal kahyu	Aatambhaave sthir rahejo parbhaave mat raacho re		Pravachan	
Note:	* Pratikraman will start @ 5:30 PM on Thursday, August 29th							
	** Swapna Ceremony will begin @ 1:00 PM							
	^ Samvatsari Pratikraman Gheelboli will start @ 3 PM and Pratikram will start @ sharp 3:30 PM							

Paryushan Sponsorship

Paryushan Swami Vatsalya sponsorship at the temple is \$101 per day. You can sponsor any number of days as you wish. If you wish to sponsor a day, you can either write your name for the day on the spreadsheet at the temple or email your name with the donation and days to events@jainsocietydc.org.

Samvatsari Pratikraman

Pratikraman (lit. "introspection") is a ritual during which Jains repent (prayaschit) for their sins and non-meritorious activities committed knowingly or inadvertently during their daily life through thought, speech or action.



Pratikramana also refers to a combination of six avashyaks (essential rituals), being Samayik (state of total equanimity), Chauvisantho (honoring the 24 Tirthankars), Vandana – (offering salutations to sadhus (monks) and sadhvis (nuns)), Pratikramana (introspection and repentance), Kayotsarga (meditation of the soul) and Pratyakhyan (renunciation).

Schedule for Samvatsari Pratikraman on Monday, Sept 2nd

Pratikraman	Time	Place
Mothers' Pratikraman	12:00 pm	Jain Center
Deravasi Samvatsari Pratikraman	3:30 pm	Mangal Mandir 17110 New Hampshire Ave, Silver Spring MD 20905
Sthanakvasi Samvatsari Pratikraman	3:30 pm Aloyana will be recited from 3:30 to 5:15 pm, followed by Pratikraman starting at 5:30 pm	Jain Center
English Pratikraman	5:00 pm	To be published via email

Aarti and Mangal Divo will be performed at the Jain Center immediately after Samvatsari Pratikraman followed by Tapasvi Bahuman.

Samuhik Parna

Parna for Tapasvis will be held at the Jain Center on Tue, Sep 3rd morning starting at 8:30 am. Various opportunities for Parna sponsorship and other activities are available. If you wish to be a sponsor, please send us email at Events@JainSocietyDC.org.

SWAPNA CEREMONY



JSMW invites you to celebrate the Swapna Ceremony.

- **Date and Time:** Saturday, August 31, 2019, 1 pm; Swami Vatsalya (Dinner) at 5:45 pm
- **Venue:** McLean High School, 1633 Davidson Rd., McLean, VA 22101
- **RSVP:** <https://jsmw.org/swapna-ceremony-rsvp>

Please note: We request to all of you to please come on time. During the Swapna Ceremony, the labharthi members will have the honor of carrying each Swapna to the beats of drums and music.

Gheeboli for Swapnas: Maximum of 3 families can participate in Gheeboli for any Swapna except for Swapna #4 (Lakshmiji) and Parna which can have maximum of 5 families. A family comprises of labharthi + their unmarried kids + their parents.



DAS LAKSHAN MAHAPARV

Auspicious Das Lakshan Mahaparv will be celebrated from September 3rd to 12th. During weekdays, there will be aarti followed by pravachans by Falguni Ben Zaveri. Nandeeshwar Dweep Mandal Vidhaan Puja will be held on Saturday, September 7th. This year Kshamavani Parv will be celebrated on September 14th that will include Abhishek and Ratnatray Vidhaan.



Das Lakshan in Jainism

Details and Program Schedule:

- **Tue, Sept 3rd** - Aarti at 7:30 pm followed by Pravachan at 8:00 pm
- **Wed, Sept 4th** - Aarti at 7:30 pm followed by Pravachan at 8:00 pm
- **Thu, Sept 5th** - Aarti at 7:30 pm followed by Pravachan at 8:00 pm
- **Fri, Sept 6th** - Aarti at 7:30 pm followed by Pravachan at 8:00 pm
- **Sat, Sept 7th** - Abhishek at 9:00 am followed by Nandeeshwar Dweep Vidhaan followed by Lunch
- **Sun, Sept 8th** - Abhishek at 9:00 am followed by Puja followed by Pravachan followed by Lunch
- **Mon, Sept 9th** - Aarti at 7:30 pm followed by Pravachan at 8:00 pm
- **Tue, Sept 10th** - Aarti at 7:30 pm followed by Pravachan at 8:00 pm
- **Wed, Sept 11th** - Aarti at 7:30 pm followed by Pravachan at 8:00 pm
- **Thu, Sept 12th** - Pratikraman starting at 5:00 pm followed by Aarti
- **Sat, Sept 14th** - Kshamavani Parv Celebration - Abhishek at 9:30 am followed by Ratnatray Vidhaan followed by Lunch

Make your best efforts to be part of each day's celebrations. If you have any questions regarding the program, please contact samir.tatiya@gmail.com.

ONGOING EVENTS

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

Biweekly on Sundays at 10:15 am (Sep 15 th , 2019 to Jun 7 th , 2020)	Pathshala (Jain Sunday School) Contact: Nita Shah, Director of Education, Education@JainSocietyDC.org or 571-326-5705 (Visit https://jsmw.org/pathshala for dates)
Biweekly on Sundays at 10:30 am – 12:15 pm	Adult Pathshala (religious classes) Contact: Dr. Atul Shah (301-274-0319), Pravin Dand (301-384-3367), or Kanu Doshi (301-670-6844). Visit https://jsmw.org/pathshala for dates.
2 nd Sunday of each month at 10:30 am	Snatra Pooja followed by lunch Contact: Vaishali Chheda at vaishali.chheda@gmail.com
4 th Sunday of each month at 10 am	Dev Shashtra Guru Pooja followed by lunch Contact: Samir Tatiya at samir.tatiya@gmail.com
3 rd Saturday of each month at 10 am	Jinvani followed by lunch Contact: Yash Mehta at mehtaya@gmail.com or Sonal Ajmera at sonalajmera93@gmail.com or Savita Jain at savita@savitajain.com
Every Saturday at 10 am	Kesar Pooja Contact: Jigar Shah at jigar.shah01@gmail.com or Veena Dand at 240-988-0068 or Pallavi Shah at 240-281-2984
Every Saturday at 8 am	Yoga Contact: Shefali Dalal at shefalipdalal@yahoo.com or Mona Shah at monashah111@yahoo.com

RECENT EVENTS

Highlights of the few of the JSMW events are included below. JSMW cannot thank its volunteers enough for the support they provide in organizing and executing these events. If you have any questions about any of the past or future events, please contact our event leadership team:

- **Shilpa Jain**, Director of Events (events@jainsocietydc.org)
- **Shilpa Manoj Shah**, Events Co-chair (shilushah@hotmail.com)

Annual (Joint) Picnic: JSMW, JSNOVA on June 9th

We had a very successful "Pathshala End of Year Celebrations" and combined "JSMW and JSNOVA" Picnic. The event was held on Sunday June 9th, 2019 at the Lake Fairfax park in VA.



We started off the day with prayers, chaitya vandan, arati, and mangal divo. The JSMW pathshala students impressed everyone by clearly and concisely reciting sutras during chaitya vandan. The support from pathshala sutra teachers and parent leaders is commendable.

Games and Activities:

The games that were planned for seniors and children were enjoyed thoroughly by all. The rainy weather did not dampen any spirits.

- Games for children included sack race, spoons and lemons race, tug of war and bean bag toss.
- Adults enjoyed playing antakshri and passing the parcel. Performances by our seniors were joyful.
- Attendees enjoyed mehndi/henna, face painting, mega bubbles, cricket and Zumba.
- The moon bounce was a great hit with children of all ages.
- Bingo was also enjoyed by both children and adults.



Last but not the least the food was very well planned by both JSMW and JSNOVA pathshala parents. The volunteers involved were very enthusiastic about serving and ensuring that the food options were enjoyed by all. The food options included:

- **Breakfast:** Garam chai, gathiya, jalebi, kadhi and papaya mix.
- **Lunch:** Different varieties of pizza, and pulav.
- **Snacks:** Ice-cream, cookies, water melon, popcorn among other goodies.

All in all, kudos to all JSMW and JSNOVA volunteers. In the end the laughter and smiles confirmed this was a huge success and should continue to be a yearly event. Special thanks to the JSMW and JSNOVA leads - Shilpa Jain, Manna Shah, Viral Masalia, Rupa Mehta, and Jhalak Mehta for their leadership and volunteerism.

Sammed Shikharji Vidhaan on June 23rd

On Sunday, June 23rd, JSMW organized a Sammed Shikharji Vidhaan under the guidance of Pandit Sri Mahesh Kumarji. This beautiful pooja took the attendees to each tonk in Sammed Shikharji and consisted of Argha's of 24 tirthankars ending with vandana of Sammed Shikharji. Panditji described the specialty and background of each tonk and attendees performed the vidhaan with bhakti-bhajans and religious dances. About 100 members, including the visiting JYEP youth, participated in the vidhaan.

Jain Youth Exchange Program (JYEP)

Each year, Jain Society of Metropolitan Washington hosts youth as part of the youth exchange program. JYEP program is a unique opportunity for young Jain leaders from around the globe to explore American culture, Jain & interfaith values, entrepreneurial eco-system, meet some of the most outstanding Jain professionals and entrepreneurs, attend JAINA convention and form everlasting bonds.

On Saturday, June 22nd, the group arrived in Washington, D.C., embarking on a six-day fun-filled and educational journey in and around the nation's Capital. Their tour included visits to various tourist sites, visits at places of worship such as Cambodian Buddhist Temple, meetings with business groups, and meetings with political diplomats. At the Jain Center, the youth were welcomed by our members and invited to join the pooja. After the pooja, several JSMW members participated in a very engaging roundtable format discussion about the motive that brought those families in the USA, as well as some of the struggles they encountered in the past while living an effective "Jain Way of Life." It was a great cultural exchange between these youth from India and our own youth here in the US.

It takes a village to pull off an event of this size. We thank the entire team that pulled this program together successfully. Without the outstanding support and dedication from these volunteers, the execution of this task would not have been the same for sure. The youth made lasting relationships with JSMW and its members. Overall, it was a memorable and educative trip for all involved.

REFLECTIONS FROM THE 2019 JAINA CONVENTION

The Jain Society of Metropolitan Washington was very well represented at the JAINA convention 2019 in California, by a number of Jain families from our center. Over 50 JSMW members attended the convention, participating in various sessions and competitions such as JAB and JGT over the course of 4 days. The members joined in the procession of Jain Centers with great enthusiasm, promoting Jainism with chants of "Vande Veeram" and "1-2-3-4, Jain Shashan Kee Jai Jai Kaar".



Over 600 volunteers from JAINA and the local California Sangh joined hands and worked tirelessly to organize the convention. The hospitality, event structure, speakers, decorations, and attention to detail were appreciated by all the attendees. The nightly entertainment events were well presented, and the audio-visuals were mesmerizing. Overall, JSMW members came back home with positive energy induced by the many thought-provoking talks, a feeling of attending a worthwhile religious event, and of course, the relaxation that comes from being in the Sunshine State!

THEY MADE US PROUD

JSMW members are known throughout the nation for their creativity, skills, knowledge, service, and dedication. This was again at full display at 2019 JAINA Convention. Our members, youth and adults alike, engaged with energy and enthusiasm. Those who participated made our Sangh proud!

The **JAB Team**, DC Ashta Wonders, led by Megha Doshi, did fabulously well. The game went down to the wire and the last question decided the entry into the finals. DC Ashta Wonders team gave a tough competition and we are very proud of them! The Jain knowledge, quick thinking, and presence of mind exhibited by these young Jains is awe-inspiring. Congratulations, DC Ashta Wonders! The JAB team members were: **Lay Shah, Parth Mehta, Samkit Doshi, Khushi Doshi, Shruti Doshi, Maneet Mehta, Jahnvi Shah, Harshvi Shah**. We cannot be prouder of our youngsters and this team!



Our member **Savita Jain** was Master of Ceremony for the morning keynote speeches. Her beautiful voice, calm demeanor, melodious singing mesmerized the audience every morning. She introduced the keynote dignitaries, such as Sadhguruji, Gurudev Rakeshbhai, Guru Gaur Gopaldas, Ingrid Newkirk, Phillip Wollen, and others with utmost respect. We are proud of you, Savita!

Our member **Monica Shah** was honored with the JAINA Adult Recognition Award for her volunteerism in the community. She serves as a stellar example of someone who began her Jain education at an early age and continues to work for the education of Jains of all ages. She has been involved with pathshala, JAINA Education Committee and YJA. Congratulations, Monica!



JAINA Convention wouldn't be complete without JSMW competing in Jains Got Talent. Two of our groups competed in Jains Got Talent and one of them went on to bring a first-place trophy to our Jain Center. The **Bucket Boys**, **Mannan Zaveri** and **Rishab Jain**, played percussion using basketball, buckets, and a cymbal. Their performance wasn't just musical; they also embedded drama and comedy into it. Great work, boys!

The extremely popular performance "**Sabka Time Ayega**" was a performance ideated by JSMW member **Nimesh Chheda**. He wrote the lyrics inspired by movie Gully Boy and brought them to life with a rapper from Kolkata, India. The



performance conveyed a critical message about Jainism in the form that resonated with young people and met them where they are. The performers were **Pavan Zaveri, Sandeep Mehta, Nitin Sogani, Heetesh Shah, and Rahul Jain**. Congratulations to the team for winning the 1st place in the category!

SHILANYAS MAHOTSAV UPDATE

*Preparations for **Shilanyas Mahotsav** on October 4th, 5th, and 6th are well underway, and we are getting ready to move into top gear!*

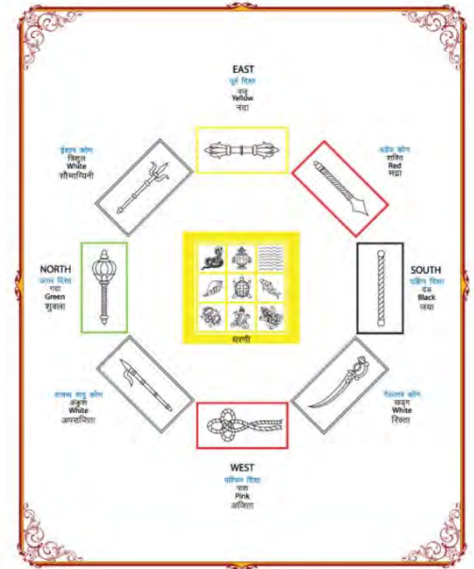
Outreach: We are actively communicating with all North America Jain Sanghs inviting them our event. During the recently held JAINA Convention in Los Angeles, Shilanyas invitation card was included in the bag given to every registered family, our advertisement published in the event souvenir book, and several of us met and personally invited leaders from several Jain Sanghs. We also promoted our event during the opening day parade and on large video screens during JAINA cultural event. In addition, Shilanyas invitation kits are being sent to our neighboring Jain Sanghs.

What is Shilanyas?

Shilanyas is the ceremony to lay the foundation stones ("shilas") of the Tonks. The foundation stones are especially made of marble and are beautifully engraved. They are placed at the very bottom together with ceremonial offerings in the manner set forth in scriptures. It involves many auspicious actions, such as shila-abhishek, symbolic seeking of permission of various life forms on the ground and invoking the guardians of the various directions to protect our place of homage.

100+ hand-carved, marble Shilas have been prepared in India and are on their way to us. The shipment will arrive in Baltimore for us to take delivery in mid-August. Pooja kits for Shilanyas vidhi's are also on their way from India in the same shipment. The labarthis will be able to keep the pooja kits as souvenirs!

Cultural Program: Shilanyas cultural team is busy putting together the plans for entertaining all of us on Friday, October 4th and Saturday, October 5th. Be sure to mark your calendars! Stay tuned for more details coming very soon! More information is available at www.jsmw.org/shilanyas/cultural.



Shilas



Pooja Kits



We request active participation from all of you! Come join the team and help make this event a grand celebration for JSMW! Please reach out to use at shilanyas@jainsocietydc.org to get involved in a team.

JOIN A TEAM TODAY!

Food and catering, decorations, transportation, accommodation, equipment rental, hospitality, site security, pooja and bhavna, ayambil preparation, technology, website, social media, audio-visual, and communications.



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October 5-6, 2019

Shilanyas Mahotsav



SHILANYAS PROGRAM DETAILS

Vidhikar: Narendrabhai Nandu Group







You are cordially invited to take the very auspicious, once-in-a-life-time, labh of Shilanyas - come with your family and friends to join the Sangh in this spiritual and joyful ceremony!

For more information, contact Shilanyas@JainSocietyDC.org
 Pragmesh Shah: 301-305-4261 | Sandeep Mehta: 301-323-8350

(Please note that program details are subject to change)



www.jsmw.org/shilanyas

 Friday, October 4, 2019		 Jain Center, 1021 Briggs Chaney Rd, Silver Spring, MD 20904	
8 pm onwards	Bhavna/Raas-Garba Program		
 Saturday, October 5, 2019		 New Temple Site, 4241 Ammendale Rd, Beltsville, MD 20705	
11 am - 12:15 pm	Swamivatsalya - Lunch		
12:39 pm onwards	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shila Maha Abhishek and Ashta Prakari Poojan• Various Gheebolis for Shilanyas Program• Aarti, Mangal Divo & Shanti Kalash		
5:45 pm to 6:45 pm	Swamivatsalya - Dinner		
7 pm to 9 pm	Music/Cultural Program Venue: High Point High School, 3601 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville, MD 20705		
 Sunday, October 6, 2019		 New Temple Site, 4241 Ammendale Rd, Beltsville, MD 20705	
7:45 am onwards	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Snatra Pooja, Kshetrapal Poojan, Vastupurush Sthapana• Navgraha Poojan, Das Dikpal Poojan, Ashta Mangal Poojan• Main Shilanyas Ceremony• Aarti, Mangal Divo & Shanti Kalash• Swamivatsalya (BAPS Temple, Lower Level Hall, Across from New Jain Temple Site)		

Labhs at the Shilanyas Mahotsav

You can only sign up for labhs online at www.jsmw.org/shilanyas.
Labhs are awarded on first come first serve basis. Up to date availability of labhs is displayed online.



SHREE SHANKHESHWAR PARSHWANATH TEMPLE				
#	Description	Saturday, October 5, 2019	Sunday, October 6, 2019	
		LABH: Ashta Prakari Poojan on Shila Nakro for each family (Up to 2 families)	LABH: Shilanyas Nakro	# of allowed individuals
1	Nanda Shila - South East - Agni Khuno	\$301	Gheeboli	4
2	Bhadra Shila - South - Dakshin - Yaam	\$301	Gheeboli	4
3	Jaya Shila - South West - Nairutya	\$301	Gheeboli	4
4	Viksha Shila - West - Paschim - Varun	\$301	Gheeboli	4
5	Ajita Shila - North West - Vayavya	\$301	Gheeboli	4
6	Aparajit Shila - North - Uttar - Kuber	\$301	Gheeboli	4
7	Shukla Shila - North East - Ishaan	\$301	Gheeboli	4
8	Saubhagini Shila - East - Purva - Indra	\$301	Gheeboli	4
9	Dharni/Kurmi Shila for Shankheshwar Parshwanath Bhagwan - Moolnayak	\$751	Gheeboli	8
10	Shantinath Bhagwan	\$501	Gheeboli	6
11	Adeshwar (Adinath) Bhagwan	\$501	Gheeboli	6
12	Munisuvrat Bhagwan	\$501	Gheeboli	8
13	Neminath Bhagwan	\$501	Gheeboli	8
14	Tirthankar Bhagwan In Rangmandap - Simandhar Swami	\$201	Gheeboli	4
15	Tirthankar Bhagwan In Rangmandap - Mahavir Swami	\$201	Gheeboli	4
16	Tirthankar Bhagwan In Rangmandap - Shantinath	\$201	Gheeboli	4
17	Tirthankar Bhagwan In Rangmandap - Chandraprabhu	\$201	Gheeboli	4
18	Chovisi Bhagwan 1 (Rushabh Dev/Adinath)	\$201	\$3,001	2
19	Chovisi Bhagwan 2 (Ajitnath)	\$201	\$2,001	2
20	Chovisi Bhagwan 3 (Sambhavnath)	\$201	\$2,001	2
21	Chovisi Bhagwan 4 (Abhinandan)	\$201	\$2,001	2
22	Chovisi Bhagwan 5 (Sumatinath)	\$201	\$2,001	2
23	Chovisi Bhagwan 6 (Padmaprabhu)	\$201	\$2,001	2
24	Chovisi Bhagwan 7 (Suparshvanath)	\$201	\$2,001	2
25	Chovisi Bhagwan 8 (Chandraprabhu)	\$201	\$2,001	2
26	Chovisi Bhagwan 9 (Pushpadanta)	\$201	\$2,001	2
27	Chovisi Bhagwan 10 (Shitalnath)	\$201	\$2,001	2
28	Chovisi Bhagwan 11 (Shreyansnath)	\$201	\$2,001	2
29	Chovisi Bhagwan 12 (Vasupujyaswami)	\$201	\$2,001	2
30	Chovisi Bhagwan 13 (Vimalnath)	\$201	\$2,001	2
31	Chovisi Bhagwan 14 (Anantnath)	\$201	\$2,001	2
32	Chovisi Bhagwan 15 (Dharmanath)	\$201	\$2,001	2
33	Chovisi Bhagwan 16 (Shantinath)	\$201	\$3,001	2
34	Chovisi Bhagwan 17 (Kunthunath)	\$201	\$2,001	2
35	Chovisi Bhagwan 18 (Aranath)	\$201	\$2,001	2
36	Chovisi Bhagwan 19 (Mallinath)	\$201	\$2,001	2
37	Chovisi Bhagwan 20 (Munisuvrataswami)	\$201	\$2,001	2
38	Chovisi Bhagwan 21 (Naminath)	\$201	\$2,001	2

Labhs continued...

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		LABH: Ashta Prakari Poojan on Shila	LABH: Shilanyas	
		Nakro for each family (Up to 2 families)	Nakro	# of allowed individuals
39	Chovisi Bhagwan 22 (Neminath)	\$201	\$3,001	2
40	Chovisi Bhagwan 23 (Parshvanath)	\$201	\$3,001	2
41	Chovisi Bhagwan 24 (Mahavir Swami)	\$201	\$3,001	2
42	Gautam Swami	\$201	Gheeboli	4
43	Parshva Yaksh	\$201	\$2,501	2
44	Padmavati Devi	\$201	Gheeboli	4
45	Nirvani Devi	\$201	\$2,501	2
46	Chakreshwari Devi	\$201	\$2,501	2
47	Saraswati Devi	\$201	\$2,501	2
48	Ghantakaran Mahavir	\$201	Gheeboli	4
49	Manibhadra Vir	\$201	Gheeboli	4
50	Jindatta Kushalsuri Maharaj	\$201	\$2,001	2
51	Hemchandracharya Maharaj	\$201	\$2,001	2
52	Shatrunjay (Palitana) Patt	\$201	\$2,001	2
53	Girnar Patt	\$201	\$2,001	2
54	Sammet Shikharji Patt	\$201	\$2,001	2
55	Pavapuri Patt	\$201	\$2,001	2
SHREE ADINATH TEMPLE				
1	Nanda Shila - South East - Agni Khuno	\$301	Gheeboli	4
2	Bhadra Shila - South - Dakshin - Yaam	\$301	Gheeboli	4
3	Jaya Shila - South West - Nairutya	\$301	Gheeboli	4
4	Viksha Shila - West - Paschim - Varun	\$301	Gheeboli	4
5	Ajita Shila - NorthWest - Vayavya	\$301	Gheeboli	4
6	Aparajit Shila - North - Uttar - Kuber	\$301	Gheeboli	4
7	Shukla Shila - North East - Ishaan	\$301	Gheeboli	4
8	Saubhagini Shila - East - Purva - Indra	\$301	Gheeboli	4
9	Dharni/Kurmi Shila for Adinath Bhagwan - Moolnayak	\$751	Gheeboli	8
10	Parshwanath Bhagwan	\$501	Gheeboli	6
11	Mahavir Swami Bhagwan	\$501	Gheeboli	6
12	Naminath Bhagwan	\$201	Gheeboli	6
13	Shantinath Bhagwan	\$201	Gheeboli	6
14	Khadgasan Bhagwan In Rangmandap - Bharat Bhagwan	\$201	Gheeboli	4
15	Khadgasan Bhagwan In Rangmandap - Bahubali Bhagwan	\$201	Gheeboli	4
16	Kshetrapalji Dev	\$201	\$2,501	2
17	Brahma Dev	\$201	\$2,501	2
18	Padmavati Devi	\$201	Gheeboli	4
19	Chakreshwari Devi	\$201	\$2,501	2
20	Kundakundacharya Maharaj	\$201	\$2,001	2
21	Ashtapad Patt	\$201	\$2,001	2
22	Samovasaran Patt	\$201	\$2,001	2

Signup for labhs at <https://jsmw.org/shilanyas/>



Labhs continued...

STHANAK & UPASHRAY				
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		LABH: Ashta Prakari Poojan on Shila	LABH: Shilanyas	
		Nakro for each family (Up to 2 families)	Nakro	# of allowed individuals
1	Nanda Shila - South East - Agni Khuno	\$301	Gheeboli	4
2	Bhadra Shila - South - Dakshin - Yaam	\$301	Gheeboli	4
3	Jaya Shila - South West - Nairutya	\$301	Gheeboli	4
4	Viksha Shila - West - Paschim - Varun	\$301	Gheeboli	4
5	Ajita Shila - NorthWest - Vayavya	\$301	Gheeboli	4
6	Aparajit Shila - North - Uttar - Kubera	\$301	Gheeboli	4
7	Shukla Shila - North East - Ishaan	\$301	Gheeboli	4
8	Saubhagini Shila - East - Purva - Indra	\$301	Gheeboli	4
9	Dharni/Kurmi Shila for Main Sthanak	\$751	Gheeboli	8
10	Navkar Mantra Patt	\$501	Gheeboli	8
11	Mangal Patt	\$201	\$4,001	6
12	Uvasagharam Patt	\$201	\$4,001	6
PATHSHALA - LIBRARY - OFFICE				
1	Pathshala - Classroom - 1 Shila (Center of room)	\$301	Gheeboli	8
2	Pathshala - Classroom - 2 Shila (Center of room)	\$301	Gheeboli	8
3	Library (Center of room)	\$301	Gheeboli	8
4	Library (NE Corner of room)	\$301	\$2,001	4
5	Library (SE Corner of room)	\$301	\$2,001	4
6	Library (NW Corner of room)	\$301	\$2,001	4
7	Library (SW Corner of room)	\$301	\$2,001	4
8	Pathshala Classrooms - For Kids ONLY	-	\$151	No limit on # of kids
1	Aarti	Gheeboli (any # of families)	Gheeboli (any # of families)	
2	Mangal Divo	Gheeboli (any # of families)	Gheeboli (any # of families)	
3	Shanti Kalash	Gheeboli (any # of families)	Gheeboli (any # of families)	
4	Snatrapuja		Gheeboli	12
5	Kshetrapal Poojan		Gheeboli	2
6	Vastupurush Sthapana		Gheeboli	6
7	Navgraha Poojan – Surya Grah		\$501	4
8	Navgraha Poojan – Chandra Grah		\$501	4
9	Navgraha Poojan – Mangala Grah		\$501	4
10	Navgraha Poojan – Budha Grah		\$501	4
11	Navgraha Poojan – Guru Grah		\$501	4
12	Navgraha Poojan – Shukra Grah		\$501	4
13	Navgraha Poojan – Shani Grah		\$501	4
14	Navgraha Poojan – Rahu Grah		\$501	4
15	Navgraha Poojan – Ketu Grah		\$501	4
16	Das Dikpal Poojan		Gheeboli	6
17	Ashta Mangal Poojan		Gheeboli	6

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Following is a list of all donations greater than \$50 received between January 1, 2019 and June 30, 2019. Jain Society of Metropolitan Washington sincerely appreciates your generous donations. If we have missed anyone's name or if you find any error, please do let us know by sending an email to Treasurer@JainSocietyDC.org.

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Swetal & Darshini Shah	\$227.00	Dhairya & Stuti Shah	\$51.00
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Kalpesh & Komal Shah	\$225.00	Kumud B Gandhi TTE	\$51.00
Neel K. & Sejal Vaidya	\$220.00	Munawar & Bina Zariwala	\$51.00
Arvind & Nayana Mehta	\$202.00	Nayan & Kashmira Vaywala	\$51.00
Chetan & Sonal Ajmera	\$202.00	Julie Lakhani	\$50.00

TAX EFFICIENT WAYS TO DONATE TO JSMW

1. Receive a tax deduction with a cash gift:

Deduct up to 60% of your AGI if you itemize deductions. When cash gifts exceed this limit, carry over the excess donation for up to five additional years.

Various ways to make cash donation to JSMW:

- Mail a check payable to 'JSMW' at JSMW P.O. Box 4548 Silver Spring, MD 20914.
- Pay online using your credit card, debit card, or your checking account information via PayPal using following link.
<http://jsmw.org/donations/>
- Contact JSMW treasurer, Minal Shah, at 732-688-1992 for any questions.



2. Donor-Advised Funds / The Giving Fund:

The donor may claim an immediate tax deduction for contributions made to the JSMW. You can contribute appreciated assets which would avoid capital gains. No tax reporting is required by the donor. You can fund JSMW on the timetable that best suits you.

3. "Bunching" strategy:

This strategy will allow you to surpass the itemization threshold by bundling together your tax deductions into a single year and then take the standard deductions in interim years. This would require a careful and intentional timing of expenses you would like to deduct.

4. Contributing appreciated securities:

This continues to be an invaluable tax strategy as donating highly appreciated assets can reduce your overall income tax liability, reduce capital gains tax and provide a larger donation to JSMW.

5. Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD):

QCD is a direct transfer of funds from your IRA to JSMW. This distribution from your IRA does count towards your **required minimum distributions (RMD)** for the year. The QCD excludes the amount donated from your taxable income. By reducing your taxable income, you may reduce the impact of certain tax credits and deductions, including Social Security and Medicare. You must be 70 ½ or older to be eligible to make QCD.

For making gift to JSMW using stocks/securities directly to JSMW account from your brokerage account you will need to provide following information to your financial institution.

- Name of Broker / Clearing Firm: NFS (National Financial Services)
- Name of the Account: Jain Society of Metropolitan Washington (JSMW)
- Account number: STL-157090 • DTC Number: 0226 • Phone Number: 800-747-6111
- If you have any additional questions regarding securities transfer feel free to call JSMW's Financial Advisor **Raju Desai** at **410- 992-4904/410-274-0033** or email: **r.sdesai@yahoo.com** and mention JSMW.

NOTE: please contact your CPA for any personal tax related questions.



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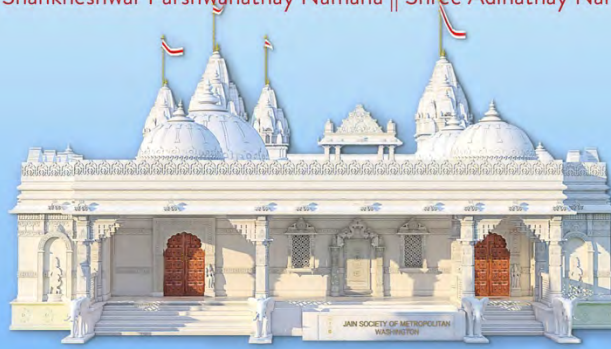
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Shilanyas is an important ritual performed prior to starting construction of our new Shikharbandhi Jain temple.

Shilas (marble slabs) will be laid under Ghabhara, Sthanak, Upashray and other Murties with pooja and chanting of holy mantras to invoke divine blessings of all celestial beings.

This ritual is performed to form a solid foundation base for our new temple without any hindrance or evil influence.

You are cordially invited to take the very auspicious, once-in-a-life-time, labh of Shilanyas - come with your family and friends to join the Sangh in this spiritual and joyful ceremony!

Invitee:

Jain Society of Metropolitan Washington (JSMW)
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Watch a virtual walkthrough video of our beautiful New Temple at www.jsmw.org/new-temple



Labh, Gheeboli and Event details at

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