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Message from the JSMW Leadership

Jai Jinendra!

2019 is an amazing year for JSMW.

It is our immense pleasure to announce that we have just taken the first step in bringing our dreams to reality. As the trucks rolled on to the site, as Arvindbhai Shah and senior executives of JSMW signed contracts with the contractors, as the County executives visited the site to provide their approvals to begin the construction, several of us were overwhelmed with joy, cheer, anxiousness, and were humbled by the support received by you – our members. It takes a village in undertaking a project of this size. The volunteers and supporters who have provided their time and money, those who have done Tapasya toward the new temple – your dreams, our dreams, are coming true. We are overjoyed and we are thrilled with the progress that has been made in the past few months. We cannot wait for Shilanyas, and truth to be told, we can almost see the day when we, all the Sangh members, will be joining hands in doing the Pratishtha!

We request you to block your calendars and participate in Shilanyas on October 5th and 6th. Everyone's engagement, support and volunteerism will make this *dream into a reality!*

Yours truly,

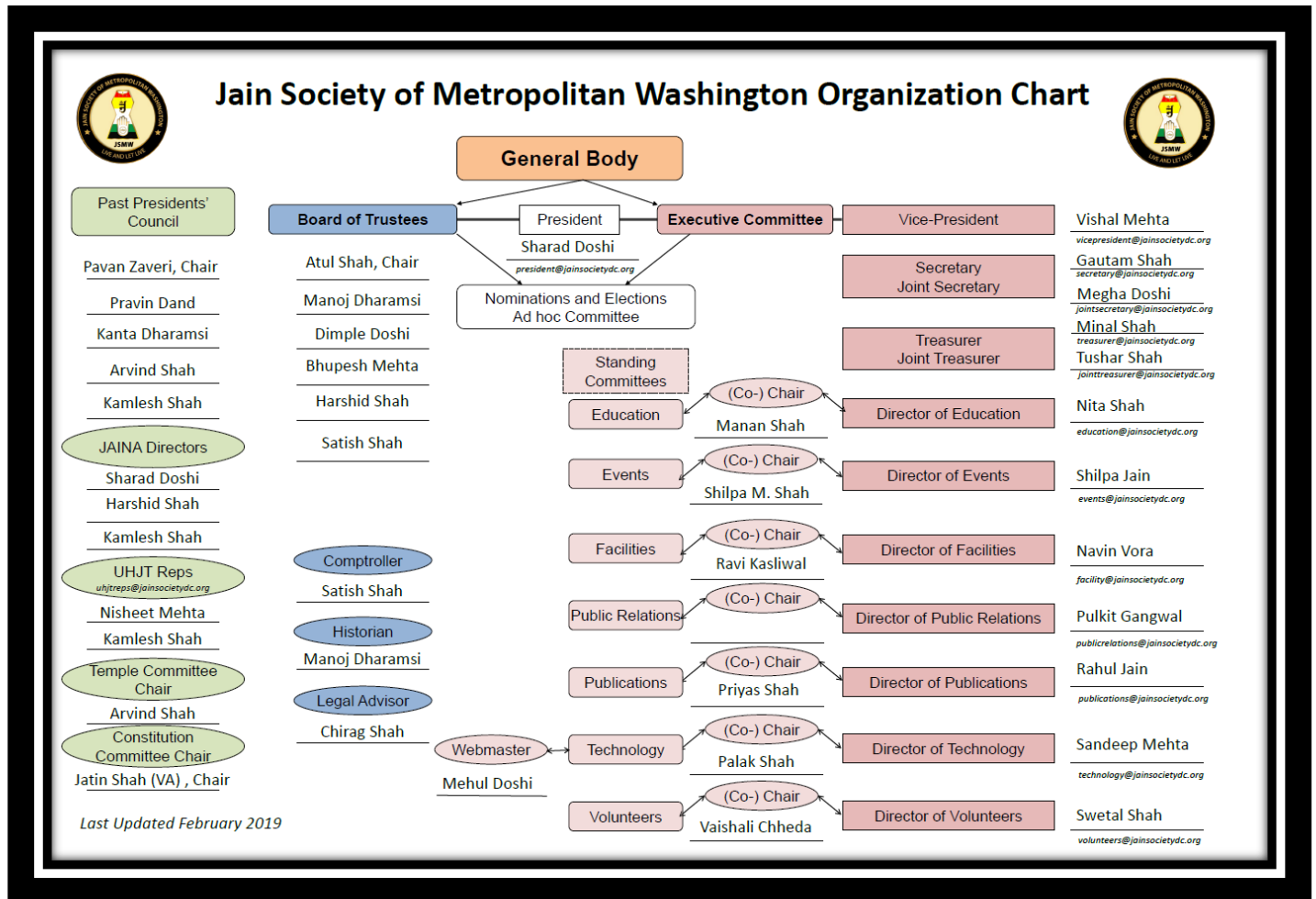
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JSMW LEADERSHIP

In 2019, several of our members stepped up to take the leadership positions. The organizational chart below should provide you an introduction to those who have committed their precious time toward development and progression of the Sangh, and thereby, Jainism. This amazing group of individuals are committed to JSMW and demonstrate the topmost levels of volunteerism. We take this chance to thank them for their dedication.



CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE UPDATE

Jatin Shah (Chair, Constitution Committee)

The committee is currently working on the following items:

- 1) nominations and elections process (who should solicit the nominations, whether this is year-round process, or it starts the fall of each year) and
- 2) qualifications for designation of trustees.

We encourage our members to reach out to the Committee through Jatin Shah at jatinshah99@gmail.com to address any concern on any issues or amendment requests in our constitution.

NEW SHIKHARBANDHI TEMPLE AND JAIN CENTER UPDATE

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

Muhurt Construction Ceremony

On the auspicious day of Shree Shantinath Bhagwan's Janma Kalyanak and Moksha Kalyanak on Saturday, June 1, 2019, during the most auspicious muhurt, we began the site work construction for our dream project of building Shikharbandhi Temples and the Jain Center complex at our new site in Beltsville, MD. At 7:30 am in the morning, we had 80 to 100 JSMW members of all ages at the new site to celebrate. The celebration was graced and led by well-known Jain scholar and vidhikar Shree Samirbhai Shah.



The ceremony began around 7:45 am with chanting of holy mantras and shlokas to invoke divine blessings of celestial beings. With gheebolis, several ceremonies were performed for Shree Shankheshwar Parshwanath Bhagwan's golden murti, including:

- Suvarna abhishek (gold)
- Sarva aushadhi abhishek (precious and rare herbs)
- Raktha chandan abhishek (red sandalwood)
- Flower abhishek
- Flower garland on murti
- Shuddha jal abhishek (pure water)
- Breaking of shreefal (coconut) at digging sites
- Digging of the ground for starting the site work construction

Several ceremonies were performed for Shree Adinath Bhagwan's panchdhatu murti including:

- Shuddha jal abhishek (pure water)
- Breaking of shreefal (coconut) at digging sites
- Digging of the ground for starting the site work construction

JSMW raised more than \$10,000 from the above gheebolis. The ceremony concluded with distribution of sukhadi, penda, chocolate and homemade cake.

Permit Update

We have received all the necessary site work permits from the County. The next step is to obtain the final building permit, which involves obtaining professional seals/signature from all consultants and then finally obtaining approval from DPIE (Department of Permitting, Inspections & Enforcement). We will continuously provide progress updates to all of you.

EDUCATION UPDATES

Nita Shah (Director of Education)

Recent News

Another amazing JSMW Pathshala year has been completed with a big success! Over the past few months, the students celebrated Mahavir Janma Kalyanak with some great stage show performances and skits. Some students then attended the recent Spring Camp which they thoroughly enjoyed and couldn't stop raving about! They finished their year completing their final exams and celebrating their end of year accomplishments during the JSMW Pathshala picnic. Hats off to all the students, parents, volunteers, and teachers for their time, commitment, and successful year!

Honor Roll

This year, the teachers for Class C1 – Class G collectively decided to recognize those students who tend to go above and beyond in Pathshala. They are being recognized as graduating with honors from their current class by achieving a final score of 80% or higher. Please join us in congratulating our honor students.

- **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, Aarva Jain, Harshvi Shah, Jahnavi Shah, Jaini Chheda, Khushi Doshi, Manan Zaveri, Maneet Mehta, Parth Mehta, Rishab Jain, Rishabh Prabhu, Samkit Doshi, Soumya Jariwala, Syna Lodaya, Urmi Chheda
- **Class E:** Esha Singhai, Jai Doshi, Moksh Shah, Suvan Gangar
- **Class G:** Students in Class G will be recognized during the 2019 Swapna Ceremony.

Summer Essay Competition

JSMW's 6th consecutive summer essay competition is here for students who have completed class B1 and older. 1st place prize is \$101. Submissions date is July 15th. View **flyer** for full details. View the flyer in the Pathshala emails or contact JSMWSummerEssay@JainSocietyDC.org for more details and full set of rules.

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

Pathshala Reopens on Sept 15th

Our first class for the 2019-2020 academic year is planned to be Sep 15th. However, Cloverly availability will not be confirmed until the end of August. Therefore, throughout the summer, please continue to visit our site (www.jsmw.org) for updated information. Early bird registration has completed, and regular registration will reopen on the first day of Pathshala.

Questions or Comments? Please feel free to contact our Director of Education, Nita Shah, at education@jainsocietydc.org



JAIN SOCIETY OF METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON
HELPING HANDS

In the spirit of Jain principles and random acts of kindness, JSMW announces a new initiative called JSMW Helping Hands.

JSMW Helping Hands tries to match a community member needing help with the community member who can provide help

Some examples for *JSMW Helping Hands* acts of kindness:

- **Rides:** Seniors may need rides to come to the Derasar or to a JSMW event
 - o Can you give a hand by offering a ride?
- **Time:** A family member may be sick or disabled for a prolonged time
 - o Can you give a hand by relieving the family for a short time and give some company?
 - o Can you give a hand by helping run a few errands?
- **Skill:** A member may need some basic 101 knowledge on technology or even school work?
 - o Can you give a hand by offering computer lessons or basic internet usage?
 - o Can you give a hand with car repairs, cell phones updates, even tutoring, etc.?

Here is how *JSMW Helping Hands* works:

- **Need a hand?** Call 301-578-6454.
When you need a helping hand, please call the phone # and one of committee members from JSMW's Act of Kindness will get the details.
- **Give a hand.**
We have a WhatsApp group for members willing to give a hand. All helping hand requests are posted on the group. If a volunteer is able to meet that request, the committee member will pass the volunteers information to the person in need.

Please note that not all helping-hand requests may be honored. All volunteers will be required to be respectful and mindful of privacy.

Contact HelpingHands@jainsocietydc.org if you are able to lend a hand or have any questions.

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
Jun	Sun, Jun 9 th at 10 am	Annual (Joint) Picnic: JSMW, JSNOVA, JSG
	Fri, Jun 21 st , 24 th , 25 th at 8 pm	Lectures by Pandit Maheshkumarji
	Sat, Jun 22 nd at 10 am	Lecture by Pandit Maheshkumarji
	Sun, Jun 23 rd at 10 am	Pooja and Pravachan by Pandit Maheshkumarji
Jul	Sat, Jul 13 th – 16 th	Lectures by Scholar Tarlaben
Aug	Fri, Aug 9 th – 12 th	Lectures by Nirmalsagarji Maharaj
	Mon, Aug 26 th – Sep 2 nd	Paryushan Parva with Scholar Narendrabhai Nandu
	Sat, Aug 31 st at 1 pm (tentative)	Swapna Ceremony
Sep	Mon, Sep 2 nd – 12 th	Daslakshana Parva with Scholar Dr. Falguniben Zaveri
Oct	Sat, Oct 5 th – 6 th	Shilanyas Mahotsav
	Sat, Oct 5 th – 13 th	Ayambil Oli with Scholar Dr. Falguniben Zaveri

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

JAINA Convention 2019



Are you going to JAINA Convention in Los Angeles?

Register for sessions online at
<https://www.jainaconvention.org/>

Many JSMW members will be participating in several JAINA events, including Jain Academic Bowl (JAB), Jains Got Talent (JGT), and cultural programs. Be sure to attend and cheer our participating youth and adult members in these events. Also, join the JSMW group in the procession of Jain Sanghs across the country on July 4th in the afternoon.

ONGOING EVENTS

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

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

Are you signed up for JSMW weekly email?

If not, go to www.jsmw.org and scroll down to click on **Join Our Email List**

If you are signed up and still not receiving it, please check your Spam/ Junk folder. The emails are sent from info@jainsocietydc.org – please add this address to your email address book to avoid spam filtering.

If you need to update your active email address, send a message to JSMW Secretary at secretary@jainsocietydc.org.

Attending the JAINA Convention in Los Angeles?

Consider joining the Women's Conference



FRIDAY, JULY 5, 2019 • 1:00pm to 4:30pm
Empire Ballroom B, Ontario Convention Center

Women's Conference EMPOWERMENT
THROUGH
CRUELTY-FREE
LIVING

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Be a 21st century Jain woman and reduce your carbon foot print! Make a difference in the world and in your spiritual journey.

Listen to experts and scholars discuss how to integrate the Jain way of life with 21st-century living. Discover how you can use vegan products in everyday life from vitamins to household cleaning supplies! Look and feel younger with vegan cosmetics and style yourself in vegan clothes and accessories!

A fashion show will conclude our discussion!



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BE GOOD

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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
 Pragnesh 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.



Please note that the 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	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 - 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 (MunisuvratSwami)	\$201	\$2,001	2
38	Chovisi Bhagwan 21 (Naminath)	\$201	\$2,001	2

Labhs continued...

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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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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 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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YEAR-TO-DATE EVENTS

In addition to the regular ongoing events, JSMW organized several special events in 2019 for its members and community-at-large. Here's a look back at those events with a few highlights.

January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Jains Got Talent 3 ✓ Wellness Session on Managing Personal Finances
February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ General Body Meeting
March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Jain Center Visit by Yale University students ✓ Today's Women Session on Meaningful Conversations ✓ JAINA Convention Presentation ✓ Health Fair – Part 1 (Blood Work)
April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Health Fair – Part 2 (Consultation and Information Session) ✓ Ayambil Oli ✓ Bhaktamar Stotra Pooja ✓ Mahavir Janma Kalyanak
May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Jain Food Prep and Distribution at the DC Central Kitchen ✓ Today's Women Group - Mother's Day Special: Discussion about Women's health ✓ Wellness Session on Stretching ✓ 3rd Annual JSMW Spring Camp

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)

Highlights from the Yale University Students Visit



On March 13, 2019, Yale University students visited Jain center to learn about Jainism. There were about 25 students and about 10 JSMW members to welcome them and interact about Jainism. Yale students have been visiting Jain center for past 8 years during their Spring Break and enjoy JSMW's hospitality and interactions with us. As each year, the students experienced the Jain prayers,

had a delicious Jain dinner which was followed by a Q&A session, which is generally the highlight of the evening. This event would have not been possible without support of the following: Shilpa M. Shah, Bhavana Mehta, Dinesh Mehta, Keyuri Rajani, Pavan Zaveri, Monica Shah. Our youth members were Rushil Shah, Deesha Ajmera, Akhil Ajmera, Isha Rajani.

JSMW Spring Camp



JSMW organized the **3rd Spring Camp** at Pecometh from May 25th - May 27th. There were 28 boys and 28 Girls from ages 8-18 with two junior counselors, 8 chaperones, and 5 committee members helping with the organization and activities. The camp was filled with team building activities, debate questions about Jain principles, sessions on investment, finance, and cybersecurity. The evenings were spent with DJ/ dance night and an outdoor movie

night and the mornings started with Bhangra Zumba and hiking. Kite flying, cricket, and traditional outdoor Indian and American games were part of activities that our youth enjoyed. Child friendly Jain food was served during the entire camp stay and at the end there was a surprise performance from kids to their parents. The children were very excited about this camp and are already talking about next year.



JSMW thanks all the volunteers and leadership who made the camp possible. Without their support, this camp would not have been possible.

Highlights from the JSMW Health Fair 2019

Jain Society of Metropolitan Washington, with support from American Diversity Group, held its second annual Health Fair on March 31 and April 7, 2019 during the National Public Health Week. JSMW is thankful for great teamwork by all doctors and volunteers for their service to the society. Services provided included lab consults, health resources and referrals, nutrition, health screenings and more.



Over 185 community members participated in this health fair. We had over 7 vendor booths and extensive team of volunteers that made this event even more successful. Special thanks to Shilpa Jain and Jhalak Mehta for working tirelessly for this success along with ADG team that supported the Health Fair immensely from planning until execution.

Information Sessions Provided:

- Dr. Nirmal K Shah - Heart Disease – Why and What
- Dr. Vipul B Shah - Diabetes Management
- Dr. Deepty Bhansali - My lab results- What should I know
- Dr Gita Shah - Immunization
- Dr. Atul R Shah - Colon Cancer and Hemorrhoids

Consultation Advice Provided:

- Internist, Cardiologist, Dentist, Ophthalmologist, Pain Management
- Blood Pressure Measurement Height and Weight measurement Vision Check
- Eye Pressure (Glaucoma) Gastro-intestinal Disorders Female diseases
- Hearing Test, Food and Nutrition, Skin Diseases
- Bone Density, Kidney & Prostate Specialist, Diabetes
- Physical Therapist, Gynecologist

Highlights from the Mahavir Janma Kalyanak 2019 Celebrations



More than 600 Jains in the Washington, DC metropolitan area attended the Mahavir Janma Kalyanak celebrations organized by JSMW on April 27th, 2019. The program started with Navkar Mantra by the JSMW Pathshala students from pre-nursery to class G and the teachers (picture). A

variety of beautiful dances, skits, a creative Jain rap song, and other fusion mixes were performed to teach the audience about the life of Mahavir Bhagwan, his teachings, the struggle in our daily lives between "paap and punya" and "good vs. evil." The students demonstrated their learnings at Pathshala about the Jain religion, the Leshyas, the way of life, how to minimize our karmas and how our life is affected by our actions. The performances beautifully reminded us how in our daily lives we can improve our practices to better our souls.

A proclamation was presented to JSMW by Ms. Christina Poy, Director of Governor's Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs, on behalf of the Governor of Maryland in recognition of Mahavir Janma Kalyanak. The cultural program was followed by Swami Vatsalya Bhojan. Additionally, the news of new Shikhar Bandhi Mandir's Shilanyas Mahotsav on October 5th-6th was musically announced and whole heartedly received.

Mahavir Janma Kalyanak is JSMW's flagship event and it goes without saying that without volunteers this event would not be successful. It takes a village to pull off an event such as this. The amount of coordination and leadership required is commendable. JSMW thanks each and every volunteer.

Jains represented at the 2019 Martin Luther King multi-faith commemorative event



Sara Jain represented JSMW and the Jain religion at the 2019 Martin Luther King multi-faith commemorative event organized by the Interfaith Council of Metropolitan Washington on April 7th at the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church. The event was well attended by several dignitaries in the DC region and several faiths.

In representing Jainism, Sara said, *"According to the Jain faith, one can achieve inner peace by conquering and denying one's vices. In order to attain equanimity, however, one must practice nonviolence towards all souls in thought, word, and deed. This creates a ripple effect which will leave an impression of peace and happiness on the whole community. As Martin Luther King Jr. himself once said, "violence never brings permanent peace," rather, "living together as brothers" was the path to true unity." After her speech, the congregation recited, "In order to create an interconnected and harmonious world, one must first achieve inner peace by practicing nonviolence in all forms."*

Such events bring awareness about the Jainism in the broader community. We are proud of our youth for representing and spreading Jainism.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Following is a list of all donations greater than \$50 received between October 1, 2018 and December 31, 2018. 2019 donations will be released in forthcoming newsletters. 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.

New Temple Donations			
Name	Total	Name	Total
Saurabh Dalal	\$24,702	Chetan & Sonal Ajmera	\$1,100
Sandeep & Jhalak Mehta	\$14,500	Nilesh & Megha Doshi	\$1,008
Pragneshkumar & Sonal Shah	\$10,095	Sushil & Asha Jain	\$1,001
Pravin & Veena Dand	\$10,001	Yogendra & Rupa Sheth	\$1,001
Bhadresh & Shefali Dhila	\$10,000	Arvind & Sanyukta Shah	\$1,000
Mansukhlal & Niranjna Haria	\$7,500	Pareesh & Shilpa Shah	\$1,000
Raju & Rupal Desai	\$7,500	Vishal & Shweta Jain	\$1,000
Manohar & Kalpana Hegde	\$7,495	Kamlesh & Chandrika Shah	\$602
Atul & Aruna Shah	\$6,856	Narendra & Datta Khona	\$502
Sahil & Ripal Shah	\$6,011	Vikas & Ruchi Jain	\$501
Pavan & Meenal Zaveri	\$5,300	Bhupesh & Yash Mehta	\$500
Devang & Rani Ajmera	\$5,001	Dimple & Rupal Doshi	\$500
Jay & Rakhi Jariwala	\$5,001	Hiranya & Anupa Maru	\$500
Raju & Monica Shah	\$5,000	Jayesh & Rupa Mehta	\$500
Gyan & Kumi Shah	\$4,000	Nilay & Namita Shah	\$500
Tushar & Nishma Shah	\$3,400	Samir & Megha Tatiya	\$500
Prasanth & Nirmala Jain	\$3,045	Navin & Nirmala Vora	\$499
Bipin & Rashmi Turakhia	\$3,000	Pankaj & Smita Shah	\$351
Manchand & Nirmala Maloo	\$3,000	Manoj & Shilpa Shah	\$295
Tejas & Sangita Doshi	\$3,000	Dinesh & Bhavana Mehta	\$250
Kantilal & Meeta Gangar	\$2,708	Pinkesh & Minal Shah	\$250
Manoj & Kanta Dharamsi	\$2,500	Shripal Shah & Ami Banker	\$200
Rahul & Savita Jain	\$2,150	Swetal & Darshini Shah	\$200
Hetal & Palak Shah	\$2,016	Akash Bhadresh Dhila	\$101
Prashant & Rupal Udeshi	\$2,002	Ashish & Jallika Tolia	\$101
Nilesh & Manna Shah	\$2,001	Sanjay & Indu Jain	\$101
Vijay & Khushali Chheda	\$2,001	Akhil & Renuka Jain	\$100
Manu & Niru Shah	\$2,000	Jagat & Shila Shah	\$100
Pradhuman & Laxmi Zaveri	\$2,000	Jatin & Parul Jain	\$100
Vishal & Mily Mehta	\$2,000	Jignesh & Jaimini Shah	\$100
Anand & Sushama Jain	\$1,667	Jasvant & Urmila Doshi	\$90
Pankajkumar & Sarith Golecha	\$1,410	Amit & Harshada Patani	\$51
Allap & Sheetal Shah	\$1,350	Viresh & Pina Shah	\$51
Pulkit & Pratiksha Gangwal	\$1,250		

Other Donations			
Name	Total	Name	Total
Sandeep & Jhalak Mehta	\$2,861	Jason A. Wampler & Lisa Vora	\$180
Navin & Nirmala Vora	\$1,708	Kailash & Anita Gagngar	\$180

Chetan & Sonal Ajmera	\$1,456	Umit & Sonal Shah	\$180
Sailesh & Mona Shah	\$1,202	Ashok & Pallavi Shah	\$172
Vishal & Mily Mehta	\$1,139	Gagan & Rena Nirula (Surana)	\$162
Sharad & Sonal Doshi	\$1,045	Mahaveer & Anitha Nabiraj	\$162
Anupam & Mainaki Shah	\$1,001	Neel & Tina Shah	\$162
Satish & Mayuri Shah	\$1,001	Puneet & Mamta Jain	\$162
Kamlesh & Chandrika Shah	\$779	Dhiren & Deepti Khona	\$160
Autumn & Nidhi Dhanote	\$750	Nilesh & Manna Shah	\$152
Tushar & Nishma Shah	\$654	Niranjan & Meena Mehta	\$151
Pratik & Krupa Shah	\$550	Parakh Jain	\$151
Gunvanti Bhavsar & Pinkesh Gala	\$501	Rita S. Jain	\$151
Sunil & Pallavi Dharamshi	\$501	Ashish & Shilpa Jain	\$151
Vishal & Rushina Mody	\$501	Namita Shah	\$151
Bhupesh & Yash Mehta	\$500	Vikas & Saguna Bansal	\$132
Samir & Megha Tatiya	\$500	Kamlesh & Arti Shah	\$118
Sushil & Asha Jain	\$500	Pramathesh & Minaxi Broker	\$108
Harshid & Hemangini Shah	\$452	Nilesh & Megha Doshi	\$105
Viren & Anila Shah	\$352	Mradung & Khushbu Palrecha	\$102
Harendra & Dipti Shah	\$351	Dinesh & Bhavana Mehta	\$101
Ruby Mehta	\$350	Jigar Jitendra Shah	\$101
Gulab & Rekha Shah	\$316	Manish & Nirmala Vora	\$101
Rohit & Rajni Jain	\$316	Nikunj shah	\$101
Narita Surana	\$313	Nimesh & Vaishali Chheda	\$101
Bhadresh & Shefali Dhila	\$301	Nitin & Meeta Sogani	\$101
Rashmi Doshi	\$301	Pravin & Veena Dand	\$101
Harsh Lakhani	\$251	SHOWCASE ARCHITECTS	\$101
Jatin & Ami Shah	\$250	Dilip & Leena Parikh	\$100
Akshay & Shaila Shah	\$202	Parimal & Shefali Dalal	\$77
Sanjay & Indu Jain	\$202	Jayvanti N shah	\$61
Shashikant & Manju Bhandari	\$202	Kirit & Bharti Khajuria	\$51
Amrish & Sejal Gangar	\$180	Kishor & Shushila Shah	\$51
Andre & Rakhee Torskar	\$180	Mahesh & Ramila Shah	\$51

On **GivingTuesday** in Nov 2018, following families/ individuals donated on Facebook toward the New Temple Fund. In aggregate, JSMW raised \$122,504, including Facebook match of \$32,736. *The donor list below is sorted by the total donation amount (including Facebook match).*

Facebook Donations			
Donor Name	Amount	Match	Total
Sandeep & Jhalak Mehta	\$14,500	-	\$14,500
Saurabh Fakirchand & Manjula Dalal	\$7,651	\$2,500	\$10,151
Pragneshkumar & Sonal Shah	\$5,005	\$5,000	\$10,005
Mansukhlal & Niranjna Haria	\$5,000	\$2,500	\$7,500
Raju & Rupal Desai	\$5,000	\$2,500	\$7,500
Manohar & Kalpana Hegde	\$5,000	\$2,495	\$7,495
Sahil & Ripal Shah	\$6,011	-	\$6,011
Pavan & Meenal Zaveri	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$5,000
Raju & Monica Shah	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$5,000
Gyan & Kumi Shah	\$4,000	-	\$4,000
Bipin & Rashmi Turakhia	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$3,000
Prasanth & Nirmala Jain	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$3,000
Tejas & Sangita Doshi	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$3,000

Manoj & Kanta Dharamsi	\$2,500	-	\$2,500
Navin & Nirmala Vora	\$2,207	-	\$2,207
Hetal & Palak Shah	\$1,008	\$1,008	\$2,016
Prashant & Rupal Udeshi	\$1,001	\$1,001	\$2,002
Nilesh & Manna Shah	\$2,001	-	\$2,001
Vijay & Khushali Chheda	\$2,001	-	\$2,001
Manu & Niru Shah	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$2,000
Pradhuman & Laxmi Zaveri	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$2,000
Rahul & Savita Jain	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$2,000
Vishal & Mily Mehta	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$2,000
Allap & Sheetal Shah	\$1,350	-	\$1,350
Kamlesh & Chandrika Shah	\$602	\$602	\$1,204
Chetan & Sonal Ajmera	\$1,100	-	\$1,100
Sharad & Sonal Doshi	\$1,045	-	\$1,045
Nilesh & Megha Doshi	\$504	\$504	\$1,008
Sushil & Asha Jain	\$1,001	-	\$1,001
Arvind & Sanyukta Shah	\$1,000	-	\$1,000
Bhupesh & Yash Mehta	\$1,000	-	\$1,000
Paresh & Shilpa Shah	\$1,000	-	\$1,000
Pulkit & Pratiksha Gangwal	\$1,000	-	\$1,000
Tushar & Nishma Shah	\$1,000	-	\$1,000
Vishal & Shweta Jain	\$1,000	-	\$1,000
Samir & Megha Tatiya	\$500	\$500	\$1,000
Narendra & Datta Khona	\$251	\$251	\$502
Vikas & Ruchi Jain	\$501	-	\$501
Dimple & Rupal Doshi	\$500	-	\$500
Hiranya & Anupa Maru	\$500	-	\$500
Jayesh & Rupa Mehta	\$500	-	\$500
Nilay & Namita Shah	\$500	-	\$500
Anonymous	\$250	\$250	\$500
Manoj & Shilpa Shah	\$170	\$125	\$295
Anonymous	\$251	-	\$251
Dinesh & Bhavana Mehta	\$250	-	\$250
Pinkesh & Minal Shah	\$250	-	\$250
Shripal Shah & Ami Banker	\$200	-	\$200
Swetal & Darshini Shah	\$200	-	\$200
Akash Dhila	\$101	-	\$101
Ashish & Jallika Tolia	\$101	-	\$101
Sanjay & Indu Jain	\$101	-	\$101
Akhil & Renuka Jain	\$100	-	\$100
Jagat & Shila Shah	\$100	-	\$100
Jatin & Parul Jain	\$100	-	\$100
Jignesh & Jaimini Shah	\$100	-	\$100
Kantilal & Meeta Gangar	\$100	-	\$100
Jasvant & Urmila Doshi	\$90	-	\$90
Amit & Harshada Patani	\$51	-	\$51
Viresh & Pina Shah	\$51	-	\$51

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