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## JSMW Leaders' Message

Jai Jinendra!

As we continue to make our messaging to the Sangh more concise and to the point in this age of information overload and electronic excess, we bring you a joint message from the leadership for this newsletter.

Between Paryushan, Das Laxan and the start of Pathshala we have had tremendous engagement from so many members reaching out, stepping up and giving helping all of us reflect and contemplate our lives and spiritual progress. Let's review those successes, continue meeting and engaging as we look forward to new ideas, new innovations, new members, to eventually get to our new temple.

Let's keep moving forward to turn our "Dreams into Reality." Do you share the "Dream"?

Pavan Zaveri, President - Executive Committee

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## TEMPLE COMMITTEE UPDATES

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

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The following key activities occurred in the Construction committee:

- Final version of construction drawings will be ready for submission to PG County by end of October.
- Return response with minor comments was provided for the civil design drawings which had been submitted to PG County earlier. Our Civil designers are working on the feedback received from the County. As soon as revised drawings are ready, they will be resubmitted to the County to obtain the permit for civil work.
- During last week of September, Temple Committee Chair (Arvind Shah) & Construction Committee Chair (Ashok Shah) met with Assistant Director in PG County Permit Department to understand the permit process. They received the necessary and valuable information to understand permitting process.
- Construction committee members are actively working on RFP (Request for Proposal) documents as the first step to invite bids from General Contractor firms for temple construction.

Interested JSMW members are encouraged to provide their input, or to volunteer in other areas of the Temple committee.

Please contact Ashok Shah at (703) 946-4417 or Arvind Shah at (301) 461-6761 for further details.

## EDUCATION UPDATES

**Monica Shah (Director of Education)**

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### **Pathshala 2017-2018: JSMW kicks off another AMAZING Pathshala year!**

Since JSMW Pathshala started in the 1980's, it has grown to be a forum for family and community to come together around the spirit of Jainism. This year, we have a record high registration of over 160 students ranging from age 3 in nursery class to 10th grade. Our curriculum is well rounded ranging from stories to philosophy and an extremely robust sutra class. In addition, each class makes an effort to provide age appropriate projects that help students apply Jain principles in their day-to-day lives. In addition, we have over 40 teachers and volunteers dedicating their time for individual classes, sutra class, projects, or enabling functions like lunch management and website support. For a full listing of our curriculum, teacher contact info, schedule, and other information, please visit our Pathshala page on the JSMW.org website. Below is a listing of some key highlights.

### **Summer Essay Competition: Hats off to our young Jain authors!**

Our 2nd - 5th graders had to explain how having the good fortune to be raised in this country and attending Pathshala has enabled them to be a better practicing Jain. Our 6th - 10th graders had to discuss the pros and cons of social media in today's world and how it affects you as a Jain.

### **Congratulations to our Essay Competition winners:**

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade**

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Aanya Shah  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Lay Shah  
3<sup>rd</sup>: Jainam Shah

#### **4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Jahnavi Shah  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Samkit Shah  
3<sup>rd</sup> (Tie): Rishab Jain and Parth Mehta

#### **6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> Grade**

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Sara Jain  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Palash Shah

### Summer JAB Competition: Congratulations JSMW JAB Team!!

The Jain Academic Bowl, better known as JAB, is a national competition held every JAINA convention. The competition consists of answering Jain questions that vary in topic and difficulty. Teams from around the country participate and begin training for JAB several months before the competition. This year, JSMW took two teams to JAB and both teams did extremely well. Our junior team made it to playoffs and our senior team became the semi-finalist winners. We are so proud of them! All the hard work from our young players, coaches, parents, and support from the broader community has proven success.

### Congratulations to our JAB participants and semi-finalist winners!

**Junior Team:** DC Dharmapedia

**Coach:** Foram Shah

**Team members:** Yashvi Shah (Captain), Khushi Doshi, Moksh Shah, Harshvi Shah, Lay Shah, Shrushti Doshi, Parth Mehta, Samkit Doshi

**Senior Team:** DC's Elite Eight

**Coach:** Megha Doshi

**Team members:** Shreyal Gandhi (captain), Foram Shah, Dhruvil Shah, Kanvi Shah, Deesha Ajmera, Amol Ajmera, Manan Zaveri, Jahnvi Shah



## YOUTH COMMITTEE UPDATES

*Deesha Ajmera (Chair) & Sara Jain (Vice Chair)*

The committee members of the newly elected JYOC Committee for 2017-2018 are:

- Chair: Deesha Ajmera, Vice Chair: Sara Jain
- Event Co-Leads: Shreyal Gandhi and Yashvi Shah
- Membership and Records Co-Leads: Dhruvil Shah and Kanvi Shah
- Public Relations Co-Leads: Umang Jain and Rushil Shah

The committee has selected Sandeep Mehta and Megha Doshi as their youth advisors.

We are starting our new term by two exciting events:

### Calling All Artists!

We would like to invite you to take part in designing a logo for our youth group. The winning logo will appear on our website, social media accounts, and all JYOC apparel.

- Deadline: Oct 29, 2017
- Open to all JYOC members
- Size: No bigger than 4" x 4"
  - Max 2 entries per person
- All entries must be accompanied with a short description
- Designs must be limited to 2 colors

Register by filling out the Logo Competition Form on our website.

Please email your entries to:

[jyoc@jainsocietydc.org](mailto:jyoc@jainsocietydc.org)

### Soles 4 Souls

900 million people around the world live in extreme poverty.

Soles4Souls is a global social enterprise committee fighting poverty through collection of your old, slightly used & new shoes.

Since 2006, Soles4souls has distributed 30 million pairs of shoes in over 127 countries around the world.

**New/slightly used shoes**- distributed to disaster-affected areas/developing 3rd world countries.

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For more information, please visit <https://soles4souls.org/>

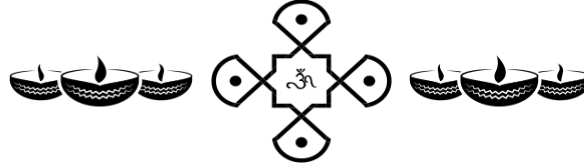
**JYOC has pledged for 100-500 shoes.** (This includes: Sneakers, casual shoes, dress shoes, boots, rain boots, sandals, or slippers)

**Starting Oct. 1**, we will be collecting shoes and having a competition between the Pathshala classes to see which class collected the most: the winning class will get a surprise at the end. We will also have a common box for any non-Pathshala students or parents that are interested in donating.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 1. Diwali 2017 Celebrations <https://jsmw.org/event/jsmw-diwali-celebration/>

We will be celebrating Diwali 2017 with various activities at our Jain Center as follows:



Thursday, October 19 <sup>th</sup>	Friday, October 20 <sup>th</sup>
<p><b>Diwali Laddoo Puja</b> 8 AM at Jain Center Contact: Aatam Dhanote adhanote@gmail.com</p>	<p><b>Snatra Puja</b> 9:30 - 11.30 AM at Jain Center No Lunch</p>
<p><b>Diwali Jaap</b> 8 - 9 PM at Jain Center</p>	<p><b>Nav Smaran Jaap, Bhavna and Garba</b> 8 PM onwards at Jain Center</p>

### 2. Gyan Panchmi Celebration – Sunday, 10/22/17 at 10:30 am - 12 noon

On Sunday October 22nd, we will do a Samuhik Samayik and Smt. Kamala Mehta will do a lecture on Gyan (on the occasion of Gyan Panchmi which is on Oct 25th). After pravachan we will have a Kaun Banega Gyanpati competition. We will provide the questions and answers and members will have to just read and come. We will form teams and play the game.

Contact: Bhupesh Mehta at bhupesh@bhupeshmehta.com

### 3. JSMW Quarterly General Body Meeting– Sunday, 10/29/2017

We will begin our practice of quarterly General Body Meetings on Sunday, October 29, 2017 at 1:30pm at the Jain Center. We will be using these as a forum to increase communication and engagement. We will be alternating our General Body Meetings between during and after Pathshala slots to allow all interested an opportunity to participate. The agenda will be as below:

- Approval of Minutes of March 19, 2017 Special General Body Meeting
- Update on Revising the Constitution
- New Temple Project Update
- Any other items brought forward (with prior notice mainly due to time constraints)

### 4. JSMW Annual General Body Meeting and Elections – Sunday, 12/3/2017

The EC and BOT requests the presence of all members at the JSMW Annual General Body meeting on Sunday, December 3, 2017 at 10:30 am in Cloverly Elementary School across from the Jain Center. Elections for 2 JSMW Board of Trustees positions will be conducted as part of this meeting. Please see the nomination form and rules included in this newsletter. The meeting will be followed by lunch. The agenda will be as below:

- Approval of Minutes of October 29, 2017 Quarterly General Body Meeting
- EC Reports: Secretary, Treasurer, Directors
- Trustees Report
- Any other items brought forward (with prior notice mainly due to time constraints)
- Introduction of Candidates and Elections

We look forward to all of you joining.

## **5. Jains Got Talent 2017**

Get your talent ready to showcase at the upcoming JSMW JGT 2 show! It is happening on Sunday, December 9, 2017. Stay tuned for more details to follow in your email, on our website, on Facebook and posters around the temple.

Contact Nita Shah at [jgt@jainsocietydc.org](mailto:jgt@jainsocietydc.org) with your interest to volunteer and for participation questions.

## **6. Various Extra-Curricular Activities at JSMW Pathshala**

Pathshala has become a nucleus for JSMW community engagement and our members are facilitating several new activities.

Over the next three months, we will have a public speaking course for adults, a sports uniform exchange program, and upcoming Diwali and Gyan Panchmi celebration.

Even if you're not a regular Pathshala attendee, you can support JSMW Pathshala by sponsoring events or prizes for the youth and/or purchasing a JSMW Pathshala T-Shirt.

For more information on any of our Pathshala related activities, please contact our Director of Education, Monica Shah at [education@jainsocietydc.org](mailto:education@jainsocietydc.org).

## 2018 ELECTIONS NOMINATION FORM

To Be Filled By Nominator:

I hereby nominate: \_\_\_\_\_ for the position of (select one only):

☐ Board of Trustees, Member

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

I accept the above nomination, and if elected, agree to serve the JSMW to the best of my abilities. Furthermore, I certify with my signature below, that I have read the amended Constitution, approved on September 30, 2012, in its entirety.

Date	Signature of the Candidate	E-Mail Address
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Home Phone Number	Cell Phone Number	Office Phone Number
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Nomination Form completely filled and signed by Nominator and Nominee must be submitted to the Election Committee in person or via email to [nominations@jainsocietydc.org](mailto:nominations@jainsocietydc.org) (an email group including all members below) by midnight Friday, November 10, 2017:

2017 Nominations and Elections Committee		
<b>Tejas Doshi, Chair</b> 704-996-9213	<b>Nita Shah</b> 571-326-5705	<b>Manu Shah</b> 410-551-8324

The list of nominees will be posted at [www.JSMW.org](http://www.JSMW.org) on Sunday, November 19, 2017. **Elections, if necessary, will be held during the Annual General Body meeting** scheduled on **Sunday, December 3, 2017 at 10:30 a.m.** at Cloverly Elementary School located at 800 Briggs Chaney Rd Silver Spring, MD 20905.

This form is based on the amended constitution, approved on Sunday, March 19, 2017. Please find the approved amended constitution online at [www.jsmw.org](http://www.jsmw.org).

This nomination form must be filled for any of the positions listed in the above form.

## RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR ELECTIONS

### 1. RESTRICTIONS

- Only members with voting rights are eligible for contesting for election.
- A member can be nominated for only one elected position.
- Only one member of a member family can contest for any one position in the BOT since the Constitution does not allow more than one person of the same family in the BOT during the same cycle.

### 2. VOTING RIGHTS

- Members of JSMW may vote at a General Body Meeting provided their membership is paid and in good standing 30 days prior to the General Body Meeting.
- New members paying membership dues after that 30-day period will be eligible to vote at the next General Body Meeting.

### 3. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

#### Board of Trustee Nominees:

- a. A candidate for election to the Board of Trustees must be a life member for a minimum of 3 years prior to the year of the election.
- b. 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 September 30, 2012 when the revised Constitution was approved.
- c. Only the member or his/her spouse from a member family shall be elected to the Board of Trustees. The same person cannot be elected to the Executive Committee as well as the Board of Trustees during the same period.

Eligibility Requirements for Nominators: A person who is eligible for casting a vote during the elections is also eligible for nominating a candidate for that position.

### 4. GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

- During the ballot counting process, one representative from each candidate shall be allowed to witness entire counting process, along with the Election Committee members.
- During the General Body meeting, the voting right of a Member may be suspended by the Election Committee Chair, if such Member is causing any sort of disruption to the General Body meeting. Shouting or otherwise disrupting the General Body meeting, talking during a Member's address, or while meting/election is in progress may result in the Election Committee Chair ejecting the offending Member from the meeting/election venue.
- Election Committee or their representative(s) will have a right to ask for a photo identification to identify the member and to validate proof of age, if needed.
- JSMW Secretary shall provide Membership list [Name, Address, and Primary Phone Number], upon request, to the candidates that are deemed eligible by the Election Committee (eligibility is usually verified 22 days prior to the Election Day). Such list should ONLY be used by the eligible candidates and ONLY for election campaigning purposes. Eligible candidates shall be required to sign a non-disclosure agreement that clearly communicates to the eligible candidates that such Membership list shall be solely used for the election purposes and cannot be misused or sold to others for any reason. If any member has requested their contact information not be publicly published, such information shall be excluded from the Membership List.
- JSMW Secretary should be responsible for maintaining latest membership list and ensuring latest Membership list is cut-off solely for the Election purposes (Membership List is frozen) based on 30 calendar days prior (before) to the Election Day.
- Ballots that are determined to be fraudulent or duplicates may be disqualified at the Election Committee's discretion with just cause. Disputes will be handled by the Board of Trustees.
- In case of a tie, the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees shall cast a final tiebreaking vote. If the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees is not present, the President shall cast a final tiebreaking vote.



## RECENT EVENTS

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### 1. **Paryushan and Das Laxan Parva 2017**

Paryushan Parva was celebrated this year from August 18<sup>th</sup> through August 25<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Falguniben Zaveri graced the 8 days with enriching discourses in Hindi, Gujarati and English at our Jain Center. Daily Snatra Pooja was performed at the Temple along with lunch and dinner labh. Swapna Ceremony was joyfully celebrated by over 500 attendees at Eleanor Roosevelt High School Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Several Sangh members took the labh of staying overnight at the Jain Center during the auspicious Paryushan days.

Das Laxan Parva was celebrated this year from August 26<sup>th</sup> to September 5<sup>th</sup>. The Sangh had the privilege of having Dr. Falguni Zaveri as the speaker during the Parva on the topic of Jainagam - Samaysaarji. In keeping with the tradition of Mandal Vidhan Puja since last few years, the Sangh participated with Bhakti and Bhavna in the Parshwanath Mandal Vidhan Puja. Puja and Abhishek was held on five days during the weekends with around 50 attendees.

Our Sangh was fortunate to be blessed with several rigorous Tapasyas from little kids to seniors during the Paryushan and Das Laxan Parvas.

### 2. **Multiple Sangh Visits – September 2017**

It was an honor to host the visit of three different Jain Sanghs at our Jain Center during the month of September 2017. These Sanghs were on their pilgrimage to visit and pay respect at local temples. Such pilgrimages, also called Chaitya Paripati, are for worship, prayers, and meditation by Jains.

- On Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017, we had around 110 sadharmiks from Jain Samaj of PA, NJ and NY visiting us as part of their Chaitya Paripati. They did Puja, Bhakti, Aarti and had lunch.
- On Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017, we had around 50 sadharmiks from Lansdale Bhartiya Jain Sangh, PA. They did Puja, Bhakti, Aarti, and had dinner. They shared their experiences with building their new Jain Temple and some of the construction challenges faced with the project. They donated \$5001 for the Parshwanath Bhagwan Bharai for our new temple.
- On Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017, we had around 45 sadharmiks from South Jersey, Cherry Hill Jain Center and Samarpan Jain Sangh. They performed Puja, Bhakti, Aarti and had dinner.

Special thanks to the many dedicated volunteers and support from Executive Committee and Board of Trustees for helping with the planning and execution of the various Sangh visits.

### 3. **Panch Tirth Yatra 2017, July 28<sup>th</sup> – July 30<sup>th</sup>**

*Summary by: Janak Rajani*

We had a very pleasant, joyous, and successful religious bus trip to various Jain Temples in Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Chicago, Detroit and Toledo during the July 28-30, 2017 period. This trip was not possible without the contribution, arduous work, and tireless efforts put in by the Planning Team: Allap Shah, Mehul Doshi, Sanjay Jain, Janak Rajani, Vishal Mehta, Pavan Zaveri, Pragnesh Shah and Dipak Shah. A big kudos goes to them for organizing such a successful trip.

Listed below is the summary of the Panch Tirth Yatra 2017:

- We had 50 yatrees (25 families total) officially registered for this trip in 1 big bus: 44 adults (13 years and over), 5 children between 3 and 12 years, and 1 infant under 3 years of age.

- On Friday, July 28th, we departed our Jain Center at 5:00 a.m. and on Sunday, July 30th, we returned to our Jain Center at 12:45 a.m. (Monday actually). Big kudos go to all yatrees for following the tight schedule and for being patient/cooperative during this long journey of total 1,500 miles.
- We visited five Jain temples: Jain Society of Pittsburgh, Jain Society of Greater Cleveland, Jain Society of Metropolitan Chicago, Jain Society of Greater Detroit, and Hindu Jain Temple of Toledo.
- We had multiple families who took the labh of becoming Sanghpati for 5 Jain temples we visited: Khub Anumodana to: Bhadresh and Manju Mehta, Jay and Sumangala Bhandari, Jitu and Roopal Marlecha, Sumit and Poonam Borana, Prashant and Nirmala Jain, Puneet and Mamata Jain, Bhupesh and Pallavi Babu.
- The yatrees' age span ranged from 20 months (Tia Shah) to 84 years (Mrudula Sheth) old. Despite this wide gap, each yatree had fun as well as had a chance to participate in various religious activities, including Seva Pooja at various temples, just to name a few. We were fortunate to perform Snatra Pooja and joined the Jain Mela at the Jain Society of Metropolitan Chicago.
- While on the road, the yatrees spent time playing Jain Bingo (108 Parshvanath), Jain puzzles, Antaakshari (including Jain stavans), and Memory games. Multiple prizes were distributed for the game winners (Bhupesh Babu, Manju Mehta, Jitu Marlecha, Shantilal Chheda, Hareshbhai Shah, Vimla Gala, Mona Shah, Rekha Maisheri, Mamata Jain, Sherry Sheth). The various activities/entertainment for young and adults were compiled and planned together by Nimesh Chheda, Vaishali Chheda and Sheetal Allap Shah. Kids were excited with a surprise gift (Fidget Spinner) on very first day. Sumangala Bhandari, Paresh Modi and Kavita Modi were the best Antaakshari singers as per a majority of the yatrees which also helped in keeping the bus driver awake during trip!
- We raised \$108 of general donation by performing various activities inside the bus. A very special thank you goes out to following families for their generous donations towards this Panch Tirth Yatra: Sanjay Jain (\$501), Anonymous Donor (\$251), Kalpesh and Nita Shah (\$100), and Ratanben Shah (\$26). Also, many thanks to Nimesh and Vaishali Chheda who donated \$51 towards Snatra Pooja (paid cash to Chicago temple on behalf of JSMW).
- Our overnight stay for yatrees was arranged at a nearby Motel 6 in Bartlett, IL. We had Gujarati breakfast (Hot fafda, chutney and tea catered from BAPS Swaminarayan). Thanks to Kishorbhai from Chicago for picking up breakfast and bringing it at the motel.
- The yatrees had wonderful time visiting Chicago downtown (Willis Tower, Millennium Park, and Buckingham Fountain). On our way to Chicago Downtown, we celebrated Keya Nimesh Chheda's birthday (born in July). Special thanks to Sheetal Allap Shah and their cousins for arranging Havmor Icecream (various flavors) as part of this birthday celebration.
- We also visited the BAPS Swaminarayan Temple in Bartlett, IL followed by a temple tour. Thanks to Jhalak Sandeep Mehta for arranging this tour and making it possible at the last minute.
- While we are wrapping up the expense versus income sheet, our initial estimates show a total expense of around \$11,000 (\$7,000 towards bus expenses, \$1,700 hotel expenses, \$400 towards snacks while in the bus, and around \$2,000 general donations to all temples visited) against a total income of around \$13,000 including misc. donations.
- Special thanks to Nimesh Chheda/Vaishali Chheda/Sheetal Shah for purchasing tasty food and snacks from Costco and Patel Brothers. Also, special thanks to Tirth Shah for packing 50 dry fruit bags and Jaini Chheda for packing prizes for various games that the group played while on the road.
- I take this opportunity to thank many volunteers who dedicated their time and energy in making this yatra so successful, fun and enjoyable, specifically Pankit Shah, Sheetal Shah, Tirth Shah, Jaini Chheda, Nimish Chheda, Vaishali Chheda, Naren Datta, Sumit Borana, Jitu Marlecha, Prashant Jain, Mamata Jain, Paresh Modi, Kavita Modi, Mona Shailesh Shah, Pavan Zaveri, Pulkit Gangwal, Jhalak Mehta, Gunvanti Vora, Janak

Rajani, Pragnesh Shah, Dipak Shah, Vishal Mehta, Mehul Doshi, and Sanjay Jain. Also, BIG THANK to all yatrees in the bus and various Sanghs' visited during the trip for their warm welcome and extended support in making this trip a tremendous success. Finally, our sincerest thanks to Adventure Tours and their bus drivers (Clifton and Thomas) for such a wonderful bus trip and bringing all of us safely back to Maryland (JSMW).

- Some pictures are located [at this link](#) (direct link: <https://goo.gl/photos/rLdqLHoaWSdehB7D6> ). Thanks to Nimesh Chheda for being our official photographer for the entire trip.

#### 4. **JSMW Women Group – “Today's Girl, Today’ Woman”**

The very active Women Wing organized at the JAINA 2017 convention in New Jersey, and networked with women groups from other North America Sanghs to collaborate and share ideas.

In August 2017, the group organized a fun-filled Yoga/Meditation workshop and Healthy Breakfast competition. This was their first family event and received with great enthusiasm and success. With over 20+ creative breakfast dishes submitted by participants in kids, teen and adult groups, it was neck to neck competition and absolute delight for all to savor and enjoy.

In September, a Garba workshop was organized to teach various styles of Garba dance. This workshop was taught by Manisha Jain and was very popular with over 60 ladies in attendance.

On October 1<sup>st</sup>, a session was organized with Jaya Nelliott from ASHA for Women speaking about what ASHA brings to the community and conducted a discussion panel on *Giving Hope to South Asian Women for an Abuse Free and Independent life*.

On November 5<sup>th</sup>, the group is planning an event to make surprise Treasure Boxes for ill children staying at the “Childrens’ Inn” while being treated.

## **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 Noon followed by lunch.
- Namokar Mantra Jaap followed by Kesar Pooja on last Saturday of each month - at 9:00 am.

## 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. They are critical to the success of our Sangh, so we want to make sure that we take the time to thank them for their contributions and continued commitment to our Sangh!

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.

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

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As announced in 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 important that you track all voluntary hours and ***send a complete log with detailed information*** to Sahil Shah at [Volunteers@JainSocietyDC.org](mailto:Volunteers@JainSocietyDC.org), 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.

## **To DONATE: STOCKS, UNITED WAY, ETC.**

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Four ways to maximize your 2017 Gift to JSMW for year-end tax benefits for yourself and Charitable organization JSMW.

1. Receive a tax deduction with a cash gift:

Deduct up to 50% 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 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 our treasurer, Pragnesh Shah, at 301-305-4261 to make donation using credit card.

2. Avoid capital gains tax with a gift to JSMW of appreciated securities:

Claim a federal income tax charitable deduction for the full appreciated value of the securities held for more than one year up to 30% of your AGI. If the value exceeds this limit, carry over the excess deduction for up to five years. There will be no capital gains tax for the gifted securities.

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Consider a charitable gift annuity or a charitable remainder trust. Both produce an immediate income tax deduction for the charitable value of your gift and income payments that can start immediately or in the future. Additional benefits apply if your gift is funded with appreciated securities.

4. IRA charitable Rollover:

If you are 70 ½ or older, you can transfer up to \$100,000 directly from a traditional IRA to the JSMW. The distribution counts towards some or all of IRA's required minimum distribution (RMD) and the transfer is excluded from taxable income.

For making gift to JSMW using stocks/securities directly to JSMW account from your brokerage account using method B, C or D 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 for item B, C or D, please feel free to call JSMW broker Raju Desai at 410-992-4904 or email him at [r.sdesai@yahoo.com](mailto:r.sdesai@yahoo.com) and mention JSMW.

**TREASURER'S REPORT***Pragnesh Shah (Treasurer) & Dipak Shah (Joint Treasurer)*

Dear JSMW members and other donors,

Following is a list of all donations received between July 31, 2017 and September 30, 2017. Jain Society of Metropolitan Washington sincerely appreciates your generous donations. Please check the below list, 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](mailto:Treasurer@JainSocietyDC.org).

\$10,000 or more					
Kanu & Jyoti Doshi	\$ 16,845	Kamlesh & Gita Shah		\$ 15,000	
Pinak & Dharmishta Shah	\$ 13,303	Syrakes & Hemal Shah		\$ 11,000	
\$5,000 or more					
Sandeep & Jhalak Mehta	\$ 8,781	Dr. Navin C. Shah M.D.	\$ 6,002	Arvind & Nayana Mehta	\$ 5,151
Jasvant & Urmila Doshi	\$ 8,203	Babu Builders	\$ 6,000	Akshay & Shaila Shah	\$ 5,101
Ravindra & Manju Kasliwal	\$ 6,251	Nimish & Niti Sanghrajka	\$ 5,251	Saurabh Dalal	\$ 5,052
Sharad & Sonal Doshi	\$ 6,138				
\$1,000 or more					
Manohar & Kalpana Hegde	\$ 3,303	Nimesh & Vaishali Chheda	\$ 2,254	Navin & Vimla Chheda	\$ 1,500
Dilip & Kusum Dharamshi	\$ 3,204	Sahil & Ripal Shah	\$ 2,021	Allap & Sheetal Shah	\$ 1,369
Nilesh & Manna Shah	\$ 3,109	Harshvina Desai	\$ 2,020	Nilesh & Megha Doshi	\$ 1,342
Narendra & Sushila Jain Foundation	\$ 3,001	Pratixa Khona	\$ 1,903	Palak & Janki Shah	\$ 1,101
Paresh & Kavita Modi	\$ 2,937	Gaurav & Helli Shah	\$ 1,901	Pradhuman & Laxmi Zaveri	\$ 1,100
Prasannakuar & Chetna Jain	\$ 2,501	Tushar & Nishma Shah	\$ 1,753	Pavan & Meenal Zaveri	\$ 1,053
Raju & Rupal Desai	\$ 2,501	Viren & Anila Shah	\$ 1,652	Nimit And Dhara Shah	\$ 1,004
Mahesh & Ramila Shah	\$ 2,379	Sunil & Pallavi Dharamshi	\$ 1,651	Ashish & Jallika Tolia	\$ 1,001
Pragnesh & Neeta Shah	\$ 2,300	Sanjit & Puja Shah	\$ 1,501	Vipul & Nilima Shah	\$ 1,001
\$500 or more					
Devang & Rani Ajmera	\$ 975	Suresh & Puneet Jain	\$ 691	Sailesh & Mona Shah	\$ 551
Krunal & Darsha Desai	\$ 901	Dr. Manoj & Kanta Dharamsi	\$ 666	Kamlesh & Arti Shah	\$ 522
Asheesh M. Jain	\$ 856	Ashok & Pallavi Shah	\$ 658	Vishal & Mily Mehta	\$ 504
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Ramesh & Priti Mehta	\$ 853	Manoj & Shilpa Shah	\$ 604	Vipul & Parul Mehta	\$ 502
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Jiten Hemant Sanghvi	\$ 751	Pragneshkumar & Sonal Shah	\$ 602	Nitin & Meeta Sogani	\$ 501
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Kishore & Jayshree Mahadevia	\$ 702	Kantilal & Meeta Gangar	\$ 554	Sanjay & Sonal Shah	\$ 501
Saurabh Jain	\$ 702	Dipak & Nila Shah	\$ 553	Sanjay & Swati Jain	\$ 501
Ajaykumar & Ekta Jain	\$ 701	Sanjay & Indu Jain	\$ 553	Shashikant & Manju Bhandari	\$ 501

\$1 or more					
Vikas & Manju Nahar	\$ 477	Ashvin & Ranjan Shah	\$ 250	Hardik Jhaveri	\$ 101
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Harak & Nalini Gala	\$ 452	Samir & Anita Mehta	\$ 250	Jaimini Shah	\$ 101
Hareshkumar & Kalpna Shah	\$ 450	Bhupendra & Dipali Shah	\$ 225	Jitendra & Jayshree Shah	\$ 101
Dhairya J. Shah	\$ 404	Narendra & Datta Khona	\$ 225	Jyoti M Shah	\$ 101
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Pravin & Veena Dand	\$ 403	Bachubhai & Hansa Ajmera	\$ 202	Manish & Nirmala Vora	\$ 101
Ujjaival & Deepal Shah	\$ 385	Bhadresh & Shefali Dhila	\$ 202	Mahendra C Shah	\$ 101
Saurabh & Neha Shah	\$ 382	Bhupendra & Kokila Mehta	\$ 202	Narendra & Damini Shah	\$ 101
Sudhir & Dharini Khona	\$ 377	Kailash & Rekha Mehta	\$ 201	Neel K. & Sejal Vaidya	\$ 101
Pulkit Gangwal	\$ 352	Pramod & Kalpana Singhai	\$ 201	Punamchand & Chandra Vora	\$ 101
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Rajan & Dhara Shah	\$ 342	Mradung Palrecha	\$ 153	Rita S. Jain	\$ 101
Parag & Nirali Mehta	\$ 336	Sona Graphics Inc	\$ 153	Sailesh & Jyoti Jain	\$ 61
Ashish Mehta	\$ 327	Manu & Niru Shah	\$ 152	Arvind & Sanyukta Shah	\$ 51
Ruby Mehta	\$ 303	R. H & Rekha Chheda	\$ 152	Ashok & Mina Shah	\$ 51
Bhavin Savla	\$ 302	Vasant & Jyoti Gala	\$ 152	Chirag & Sejal Shah	\$ 51
Bhupesh & Pallavi Babu	\$ 302	Aksha H Vora	\$ 151	Classic American Hotels	\$ 51
Rasik & Kalpana Parekh	\$ 302	Deepak & Anita Padliya	\$ 151	Gunvanti Bhavsar & Pinkesh Gala	\$ 51
Bhavesht & Ketki Maisheri	\$ 276	Manish & Minal Shah	\$ 151	Hemraj & Hemlata Khona	\$ 51
Dhiren & Deepti Khona	\$ 276	Nitin B. & Chandrika Parekh	\$ 151	Hitesh Rayani	\$ 51
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Subhash & Arti Choxi	\$ 251	Dhirendra & Sheela Shah	\$ 101	Nayan & Kashmira Vaywala	\$ 31
		Gulab & Rekha Shah	\$ 101	Niranjana Parikh	\$ 16

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## 2017 Calendar of Events

Date	Program/Location
Thursday, 10/19, 8 am	Diwali Laddoo Pooja – Jain Center
Thursday, 10/19, 8 – 9 pm	Diwali Jaap – Jain Center
Friday, 10/20, 9:30 to 11:30 am	Snatra Puja – Jain Center
Friday, 10/20, 8 pm onwards	Nav Smaran Jaap, Bhavna and Garba – Jain Center
Sunday, 10/22, 10:30 am to 12 noon	Gyan Panchmi Celebration – Jain Center
Sunday, 10/29/17 - 1:30 pm	JSMW Quarterly General Body Meeting - Jain Center
Sunday, 12/3/17 - 10:30 am	JSMW Annual General Body Meeting and Trustee Elections - Cloverly Elementary
Saturday, 12/9/17 - Time/Location TBD	Jains Got Talent 2017 Show

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