



JAIN SOCIETY OF METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON

A NON-PROFIT TAX-EXEMPT RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION, ID #54-1139623

October 2018 Edition

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Pavan Zaveri, President

240-606-0055

President@JainSocietyDC.org

Vishal Mehta, Vice President

240-293-5809

VicePresident@JainSocietyDC.org

Pulkit Gangwal, Secretary

619-813-2412

Secretary@JainSocietyDC.org

Gautam Shah, Joint-Secretary

571-314-5076

JointSecretary@JainSocietyDC.org

Pragnesh Shah, Treasurer

301-305-4261

Treasurer@JainSocietyDC.org

Dipak Shah, Joint-Treasurer

301-793-7547

JointTreasurer@JainSocietyDC.org

Monica Shah, Director of Education

443-306-9955

Education@JainSocietyDC.org

Mina Shah, Director of Events

202-270-5862

Events@JainSocietyDC.org

Navin Vora, Director of Facilities

301-385-8931

Facility@JainSocietyDC.org

Sandeep Mehta, Director of Publications

301-775-7820

Publications@JainSocietyDC.org

Rahul Jain, Director of Public Relations

202-617-5493

PublicRelations@JainSocietyDC.org

Pathik Shah, Director of Technology

240-281-2663

Technology@JainSocietyDC.org

Sahil Shah, Director of Volunteers

443-799-6437

Volunteers@JainSocietyDC.org

Janak Rajani, Chair

Past Presidents' Council

410-998-9786

PresidentsCouncil@JainSocietyDC.org

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Sushil Jain, Chair Person

240-277-3039

ChairPerson@JainSocietyDC.org

Dimple Doshi, Trustee

973-666-6090

Bhupesh Mehta, Trustee

240-455-4524

Atul Shah, Trustee

301-274-0319

Harshid Shah, Trustee

703-723-9363

Paresh Shah, Trustee

571-357-5769



JAIN SOCIETY OF METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON

Message from JSMW Leadership



Jai Jinendra!

Micchami Dukkadam! We have all had great times and tough times together and with utmost humility I ask for your forgiveness if I have said, done or thought anything to hurt you or your family.

Only a short few months have passed since our last newsletter, but so much has happened.

What an exciting and reflective Paryushan, Swapna Ceremony and Daslaxan celebrations we just completed! It was wonderful seeing so many people come out and take the Dharmalabh with Lalitbhai Dhami and Jinaybhai Shah of Tapovan, in so many Poojas, Pratikraman, Vidhaan and lectures. With so many Tapasvis doing 8-10 Upvas, the vibrations of our temple were truly energizing everyone visiting the Jain Center.

Our new temple work continues in full swing with permits being approved each month and setting up to contract out our site and Shila Ropan work.

We launched our newest initiative to have monthly recurring donations from your bank account or credit card during Paryushan with a number of people signing up right away.

Our fundraising continues in earnest with efforts locally and internationally with steady progress in our connections throughout India. Our India team is working on getting quotation from marble contractor. Application to for RBI permission was filed with pledges from 6 Sanghs. Dr. Sushil Jain spent 14 days in India to continue building and growing our donor relationships and leads. Our regular visits, engagement and interactions inspire Jains here and around the world in making our Society truly of the world's capital.

Let us all step up for the many activities and leadership roles in the Jain Society and make a difference!

Pavan Zaveri, President, Executive Committee

Sushil Jain, Chair, Board of Trustees

Janak Rajani, Chair, Past Presidents' Council

Arvind Shah, Chair, Temple Committee

Inside This Edition

Administrative Updates	2-5
Upcoming Events	5-6
Nomination Forms	7-11
Recent Events	12-14
Treasurer's Report	15-17
Volunteer's Appreciation	18-20
Ongoing Events	20
Ways to Donate	22
General Announcements	23
Calendar	24

NEW TEMPLE UPDATES

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

The following are the updates from Temple Committee for this period:

- Construction building plans and site plans are ready and in the permitting process with P. G. County.
- Our Civil Engineer (C.V. Inc) and Architect (nbj Inc.) both are working on appropriate corrections based on the comments received from P.G. County and various utility companies.
- We are cleared for majority of the comments; clearance of few more comments will bring us site and building permits.
- Harshid Shah is working on the identifying the dates for upcoming Shila Ropan Program.
- Once permit is ready and date for Shila Ropan is scheduled, we will be in a position to give construction contract for site work (including the site preparation for laying shilas for Shila Ropan).

Temple Committee needs volunteers for tasks related to engineering (civil, structural, mechanical, electrical), project management, contract management, site work and overall construction.

If you can help, please reach out to:

Arvind Shah (301-461-6761 | ashah.2007@yahoo.com) or

Ashok Shah (703-946-4417 | pearl4ashok@yahoo.com)

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

Jatin Shah (Chair, Constitution Committee)

We reached our second milestone with the approval of both the amendments as presented to the General Body meeting dated Oct 7, 2018: Amendment 8: Changes to number of positions to be held by a member and Amendment 9: Articles for Election: (Deadline to receive nominations before AGM, cutoff date for the list of members to be eligible for voting in Elections etc.). Our next task, as identified by the Executive Committee, is to address the following topics:

- Board of Trustees Article: We need to streamline the language for Jain Center Founders' Fund by clarifying eligibility criteria towards Jain Center Founders' Fund for various donations paid by members.
- Permanent Nominations and Election Committee: We need to find ways to nurture, mentor and develop skills of our members for future leadership positions within our organization. Our hope is that we can better address this by having a Standing Committee.

I would also like to reach out to all JSMW members for their concern on any issues that may need to be addressed in our constitution but have not been brought to our attention. Please contact Jatin Shah at Constitution@jainsocietydc.org.

EDUCATION UPDATES

Monica Shah (Director of Education)

The 2018-2019 JSMW Pathshala year is off to an AMAZING start!

It was very exciting to see the children returning from their summer breaks eager to see their friends again and move to their new classes. It has been equally joyous to welcome so many new families and students to Pathshala.

We're a growing and blossoming community!

For 2018, we have over 100 families and ~160 students ranging from 3-15 years! JSMW Pathshala is one of the largest in the United States, only behind New Jersey, Los Angeles, Chicago, and Houston and has been growing for the past several years. JSMW has 11 core Pathshala classes, an optional sutra class, language classes in both Hindi and Gujarati and finally a competitive advanced Jain Academic Bowl. In addition to these youth classes, adult classes are also held every Pathshala. Throughout the year both student and adult classes begin in Sept and end in June.

JSMW Pathshala follows JAINA education curriculum!

We focus on bringing Jainism into our student's day-to-day lives by approaching topics thru various means to include age appropriate arts and crafts for younger students to enticing philosophical debates for older students. Students engage with games, worksheets, animated books, and volunteering projects. The curriculum for younger children focuses on foundational prayers and Tirthankara stories. Older elementary children gain a solid understanding of how they can reduce their kashayas (inner passions: anger, ego, greed, deceit), how they can practice the main 5 Jain principles (non-violence, non-attachment, control of sense, truth, non-stealing), and a detailed conceptual background about the karma philosophy. Older students in middle school and high-school begin focusing on history of Jainism, Nav Tattvas, 12 Bhavanas, and the roles of Shravak and Shravika.

JSMW Pathshala is bringing the community together!

During Pathshala, JSMW EC is sponsoring wellness discussions. They have an exciting curriculum planned for parents including preparing for college, financial management, care for elderly and much more. After Pathshala, all students, volunteers, and family members gather for a sponsored lunch.

It takes a village to raise a child!

Please join us in thanking our volunteers for their leadership and support that make JSMW Pathshala so wonderful for all our students and members.

Core Team: A special thank you to JSMW's core Pathshala team for helping with the countless tasks that happen behind the scenes.

- Registration Leads: Raju Shah / Janak Rajani
- Lunch Coordinator Lead: Sunil Dharamsi
- Coordination & Logistics: Manan Shah

Teachers / Administrators / Student Aids: Thank you for your time, energy and continuous commitment.

Class	# of students	Book	Teacher	Administrator (A) Student Aid (S)
Nursery (age 3)	6	JAINA 101	Vaishali Chheda	A: Namita Shah
PreAlpha (age 4)	10	JAINA 101, 103	Mamta Shah, Nilima Shah, Rupal Doshi	S: Malika Shah
Class A1 (age 5)	13	JAINA 101, 102	Dhruti Shah	A: Jatin Shah
Class A2 (age 6)	20	JAINA 102	Bela Gandhi, Nirali Mehta	A: Mily Mehta S: Aanya Gandhi
Class B1 (age 7)	12	JAINA 105, 106	Nayana Gangar, Nita Shah	A: Khushali Chheda
Class B2 (age 8)	9	JAINA 203	Bijal Shah, Ripal Shah	
Class C1 (age 9)	12	JSMW 251	Jhalak Mehta, Monica Shah	
Class C2 (age 10)	18	JAINA JAB	Ami Shah, Minal Shah	S: Dhruvil Shah, Rushil Shah
Class D (age 11-12)	26	JAINA 302	Sonal Ajmera, Rupal Shah	S: Deesha Ajmera, Samyak Jain
Class E (age 13-14)	23	JAINA 302	Mahavir Prabhu, Megha Doshi	S: Sahil Dharamsi, Yashvi Shah
Class G (age 15+)	6	JAINA 401, 901, 931	Kamles Shah, Pallavi Dharamsi	S: Sara Jain
Gujarati	16	Akshar Gujarati Learner I-V	Mehul Doshi, Monali Shah, Sonal Ajmera	
Hindi	10	Hindi Lekhan Abhyas I-III	Shweta Jain	
Sutra	52	Pratikarman Sutra	Ami Doshi, Darshini Shah, Harshid Shah, Nimesh Chheda, Pinkesh Shah, Sheetal Shah, Shilpa Shah, Viral Shah	A: Palak Sanghvi, Parul Jain
Jain Academic Bowl	18	JAINA JAB	Megha Doshi	

Special Project Volunteers: Thank you to our Special Project Volunteers who help with Pathshala related projects and activities ensuring the year remains festive and fun for all.

Volunteer Activity (2018-2019)	Name
Books	Jignesh Shah / Prachi Shah
Gyan Pachami	Nishma Shah, Rakhi Shah
Lunch Helpers	Bhaves Maisheri, Rishi Dharamsey
Diwali Lanterns	Padma Shah, Palak Shah, Abha Parekh
Mahavir Janma Kalyanak	Archana Shah, Jimmy Shah, Jinal Shah, Amrish Gangar, Mrs. Palak Shah
Spring Camp	Arti Choxi, Megha Doshi, Nikunj Shah, Shilpa M. Shah, Sunil Dharamsi
End of the Year Party	Anita Gangar, Payal Jain, Rani Ajmera, Stuti Shah, Komal Shah, Mr. Palak Shah
Summer Essay Competition	Anupa Maru, Nirali Shah, Ruchita Shah
2019-2020 Registration	Reshma Palvia, Rupal Udeshi, Sudhir Patni, Tanvi Shah

Questions or Comments?

Contact our Director of Education, Monica Shah, at education@jainsocietydc.org

YOUTH COMMITTEE

For our last event of the 2017-2018 year, we decided to end the summer with a bang and held a lock-in at our temple.

Held on August 25-26, twenty participants slept in the temple on Saturday night. During this event, they participated in various religious sessions, group discussions, as well as several fun games and team building activities. Elections were also conducted during this event for the next year's JYOC team., with results as follows:

JYOC Board for 2018-2019

- Chair: Deesha Ajmera
- Vice Chair: Shreyal Gandhi
- Events Co-Leads: Arjav Jain and Yashvi Shah
- PR Co-Leads: Ajeet Choxi and Rushil Shah
- Membership and Records: Simmi Nirula

For any questions or comments, please reach out to jyoc@jainsocietydc.org or youthadvisor@jainsocietydc.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

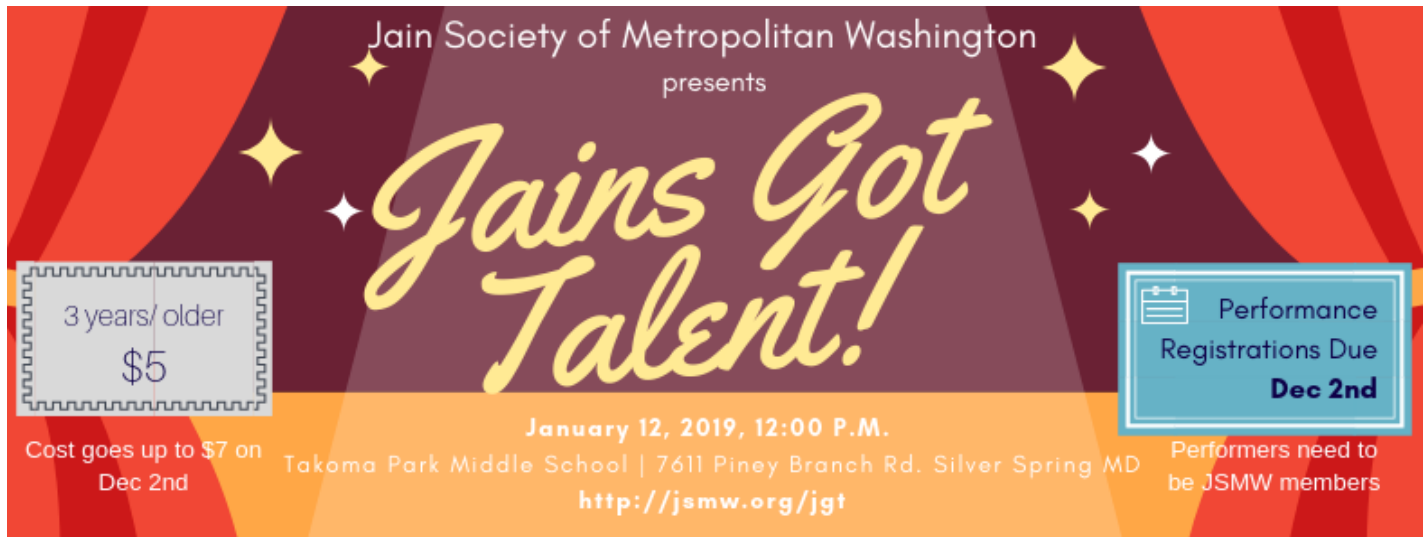
1. Diwali Celebrations <https://jsmw.org/diwali>

We will be celebrating Diwali 2018 with various activities at our Jain Center as follows:

	
<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, November 4th</p> <p>At Pathshala (Cloverly Elementary) starting 10:15 am</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Best Festive Dress Competition: For all JSMW members – be creative, traditional, and colorful! • Namkeen/Farshan Competition: For JSMW Adults only. Entry submission deadline is November 1, 2018. Entry form available at https://jsmw.org/diwali. • Diya Craft for Pathshala students with help from JYOC members. Come learn and make Diyas to make Diwali more festive! 	<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, November 7 Mahavir Nirvana Laddoo Pooja at the Jain Center at 7:30 am followed by brunch.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thursday, November 8 Diwali Nav Smaran Paath at the Jain Center at 8:00 pm.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Saturday, November 10 Diwali Bhakti at the Jain Center at 7:00 pm. Get your stavans and bhajans ready! Email your chosen bhajans to events@jainsocietydc.org so we can ensure everyone's participation in celebrating Diwali.</p>

2. Get Ready for “Jains Got Talent”! <https://jsmw.org/jgt>

Get your talent ready to showcase at the upcoming JSMW Jains Got Talent (JGT) show!



It is happening on January 12, 2019 at 12pm at the Takoma Park Middle School (7611 Piney Branch Rd, Silver Spring, MD) – same place as last year!

Performance Registrations Due on December 2nd, Register online at <https://jsmw.org/jgt>
Tickets are \$5 per person (3 years and above).

TICKET PRICES WILL INCREASE TO \$7 ON December 2nd - Buy your JGT tickets today!

Contact JGT team: Jhalak Mehta (mehta.jhalak@gmail.com), Nita Shah (nitashah@gmail.com) or Mily Mehta (milymehta@gmail.com) to volunteer, food vendors and more information.

3. “Wellness” Discussions @ JSMW Pathshala

This Pathshala year we are organizing informational sessions on “Wellness” topics for our members. Topics such as physical and mental health, financial health, professional career planning, senior health management, legal matters such as wills and trusts, cyber safety, etc. to name a few will be the focus in these sessions.

The 2nd session is planned during Pathshala on Sunday, November 18th at 10:30 am. The topic is “Foreign Assets Tax requirements overview for First Generation US Citizens and Residents”.

The 3rd session is planned during Pathshala on Sunday, December 16th at 10:30 am. The topic is “Bullying Prevention & Intervention”.

If you have a topic you’d like to hear about, drop us a line at events@jainsocietydc.org or see one of the Executive Committee members.

4. JSMW Annual General Body Meeting and Elections – Sunday, 12/2/2018

The EC and BOT request the presence of all JSMW members at the Annual General Body meeting on Sunday, December 2, 2018 at 10:30 am in Cloverly Elementary School across from the Jain Center. Elections for thirteen (13) Executive Committee and two (2) JSMW Board of Trustees positions will be conducted as part of this meeting. Please see the nomination forms and rules included in this newsletter. The meeting will be followed by lunch.

We look forward to all of you attending.



2018 ELECTIONS NOMINATION FORM



To Be Filled By Nominator:

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

- ☐ Member, Board of Trustees

Executive Committee Positions

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> President | <input type="checkbox"/> Director of Events |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vice-President | <input type="checkbox"/> Director of Facilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Secretary | <input type="checkbox"/> Director of Public Relations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Joint Secretary | <input type="checkbox"/> Director of Publications |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Treasurer | <input type="checkbox"/> Director of Technology |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Joint Treasurer | <input type="checkbox"/> Director of Volunteers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Director of Education | |

Date	Full Name of the Nominator	Signature of the Nominator
------	----------------------------	----------------------------

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 October 7, 2018, in its entirety.

Date	Signature of the Candidate	E-Mail Address
------	----------------------------	----------------

Home Phone Number	Cell Phone Number	Office Phone Number
-------------------	-------------------	---------------------

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 (an email group including all members below) by **midnight November 4, 2018**:

2018 Elections Committee		
Shilpa M. Shah – Chair 410-292-0814	Manu Shah 443-996-1340	Jatin (Toral) Shah 240-888-0168

The list of nominees will be shared on November 18, 2018. **Elections, if necessary, will be held during the Annual General Body meeting** scheduled on **December 2, 2018 at 1030 a.m.** at Cloverly Elementary School located at 800 Briggs Chaney Road Silver Spring, MD 20905.

This form is based on the amended constitution, approved on October 7, 2018. Please find the approved amended constitution online at 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 one person from a member family shall be elected as a member of the Board of Trustees. The same person cannot be elected to the Executive Committee during the same period.

Executive Committee Nominees:

- a. A candidate for a position on the Executive Committee must be a life member for at least 2 years prior to the year of the election.
- b. For the President, a candidate must have held a position on the Executive Committee for at least 2 complete terms to be eligible.
- c. For the Vice-President, a candidate must have held a position on the Executive Committee for at least 1 complete term to be eligible.
- d. Only one person from a member family shall be elected as a member of the Executive Committee. The same person cannot be elected to the Board of Trustees during the same period.
- e. The candidate must be a resident of Maryland, Virginia or District of Columbia.

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 meeting/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 30 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.

Nominations for UHJT and JAINA Representatives

Selection guidelines for JAINA Directors

JSMW shall nominate 3 directors to JAINA each odd year for a term of 2 years. The term limit for nomination of the same candidate shall be 2 consecutive terms (4 years). This term limit will not apply to the nominated JAINA director, if he/she is serving as a member of the JAINA Executive Committee.

One of the directors shall be the President or any other member of JSMW as designated by the President. For selection of other two director's candidates, the Past Presidents Council shall announce to all members the duties for the position and request them to submit the attached nomination form. The Past Presidents Council shall recommend their choice of two candidates for JAINA Directors to the Executive Committee for their approval.

If a director resigns before completing his/her term, then the Past Presidents Council will recommend to the Executive Committee a new director for the remaining term.

The Executive Committee reserves the right to withdraw the nomination of its director under special circumstances, provided the Executive Committee approves it with a $\frac{3}{4}$ majority vote.

Selection guidelines for UHJT Representatives

JSMW shall nominate two Representatives to UHJT. During the first year, JSMW will select two candidates, one for a term of one year and other for a term of 2 years. Next year onwards, only one representative shall be selected each year for a term of 2 years, and will be nominated as a representative to UHJT along with the representative selected during previous year for 2 years. The term limit for nomination of the same candidate shall be 2 consecutive terms (maximum of 4 years).

For selection of the UHJT representative(s), the Past Presidents Council shall announce to all members the duties for the position and request them to submit the attached nomination form. The Past Presidents Council shall recommend their choice of candidate(s) for UHJT Representative to the Executive Committee for their approval.

If a UHJT Representative resigns before completing his/her term, then the Past Presidents Council shall recommend a new representative for the remaining term to the EC.

JSMW Executive Committee reserves the right to withdraw the nomination of its representative to UHJT under special circumstances, provided the Executive Committee approves it with a $\frac{3}{4}$ majority vote.

Please note:

1. Only one (1) individual will be selected for the position of UHJT Representative.
2. Only two (2) individuals will be selected for the position of JAINA Director. The third individual is typically the JSMW President serving in the role of a JAINA Director. In an event that the JSMW President does not want to serve as a JAINA Director, s/he will designate any other member from within JSMW.
3. If you are serving in either of this position, you must still fill out the form and submit the signed form to PPC-Chair@JainSocietyDC.org email address no later than midnight, November 15th, 2018. No exceptions will be made.





Nomination Form for JSMW JAINA DIRECTOR



Name of Nominee: _____
(First Name) (MI) (Last Name)

Address: _____

E-Mail address: _____

Phone Number: _____
(Home) (Cell Phone)

Describe below how you satisfy or excel each of the following criteria (please add space as necessary under each criteria to list all accomplishments to satisfy/excel that criteria).

- 1) Positions held in JSMW BOT, Executive or other Committees and accomplishments
- 2) Other voluntary contribution of time to JSMW.
- 3) Contribution to JAINA.
- 4) Other Community Services

I certify that all the above stated content is true to my knowledge.

Signature of the Nominee

RECENT EVENTS

1. Paryushan Parva - September 6th to 13th

Paryushan Parva was celebrated this year from September 6th through September 13th. Lalitbhai Dhami ("Veer" Sainik, Tapovan) along with Jinaybhai Shah from New Zealand graced the 8 days with enriching discourses in Gujarati, Hindi and English at our Jain Center.

- Daily Snatra Pooja & Asthprakkari Pooja was performed at the Temple in the morning
- Daily morning & afternoon pravachans. Topics covered were Ashtanikka & Kalpa Sutra
- Daily evening Pratrikraman
- Daily evening bhakti by Lalitbhai
- Evening discourse was on Jain Ramayan
- Daily Aarti / Mangal Deevo in various raags
- Daily Bhavya Aangi
- Lunch and dinner was served daily at the temple. We also provided delivery service to students at Univ. of Maryland. Navin Vora and Paresh Modi volunteered for delivering the tiffins daily.
- Kamlesh P. Shah spent all Paryushan nights at Derasar to ensure our guest speakers were taken care of.

Kitchen Committee: Yash Bhupesh Mehta, Mina Ashok Shah, Jhalak Sandeep Mehta, Sonal Pragnesh Shah, Mily Vishal Mehta, Vaishali Nimesh Chheda, Kavita Paresh Modi and several other volunteers helped daily with kitchen responsibilities.

- Swapna Ceremony was joyfully celebrated by over 500 attendees at Eleanor Roosevelt High School Sunday, September 9th, 2018. This year we had Swamivatsalya lunch & dinner to the Sangh members. Swamivatsalya was sponsored by several members of the society.

JSMW takes this opportunity to thank all our sponsors!

- Jinaybhai organized several engaging activities for kids, such as:
 - Jain Bingo
 - One Minute Jain activity Games
 - Kids one-on-one Shibir
- Special Programs:
 - Charitra Vandananwali. First time in our Sangh we had the opportunity to perform samuhik guru Vandana.
 - Ashtapad Pujan performed by Lalitbhai Dhami

2. Daslaxan Parva - September 14th to 22nd

Daslaxan Parva was celebrated this year from September 14th to 22nd. We had Aarti followed by recorded Pravachan of Sanjeevji Godha on the 10 Dharma on all weekdays. On the weekends, we had Puja and Abhishek with over 50 attendees daily.

Continuing the tradition of Mandal Vidhaan Puja, the Sangh participated with Bhakti and Bhavna in the Shantinath Mandal Vidhan Puja with over 80 shradhalus. On the last day of Daslaxan Parva, we

Shri Jinaybhai Shah, also known as *Guru Maharaj no dikro*, has learnt Jain philosophy under guidance of Gurudev P. P. Chandrashekhar Vijayji Maharaja Saheb.



Since 2000 he has been visiting various Jain Sanghs across the world. He also offers special workshops to young audiences covering practical understanding of various Jain philosophies. His honorary spiritual services have inspired many people to live Jain lifestyle. He is now based in Auckland, New Zealand with family.

performed 8 Pujas, recognized the adults, kids, and youth Tapasvis (5 adults and 20+ kids and youth). We also performed Samvatsari Pratikraman and Kshama Parva on the last day of Daslaxan Parva.

By far, this was the most attended Daslaxan Parva in the Jain Center.

3. Tapasvi Recognition

Our Sangh was fortunate to be blessed with several rigorous Tapasyas from little kids to seniors during Paryushan and Daslaxan this year.

This year, our Sangh had 15 Atthai, three 9-Upvaas, and two 10-Upvaas tapasvis.

The following Tapasvis accomplished 8, 9 or 10 Upvas during Paryushan and Daslaxan Parvas.

Anumodna from the JSMW Sangh!

8-Upvas (Atthai)		
Bhavin Savla	Megha Doshi	Rani Ajmera
Devang Ajmera	Monica Shah	Sandeep Mehta
Harshid Shah	Navin Vora	Sonal Ajmera
Jayshree Ajmera	Nirjari Mehta	Tapan Shah
Manna Shah	Rahul Jain	Vishal Mehta
9-Upvas		
Dinesh Shah	Padma Shah	Saritha Golecha
10-Upvas		
Sanjay (Indu) Jain		Ketul Shah

4. Chaitya Paripati Visit, September 30th

JSMW hosted guests from the New Jersey and Delaware areas at the Jain Center on Sunday, September 30, as part of their Chaitya Paripati program. Visiting members performed Bhakti and Aarti at our temple. We organized lunch for the visitors and provided them an overview of our new temple project.

5. Guest Speaker: Tarlaben Doshi – August 20th to August 23rd

Tarlaben Doshi discoursed Pravachans at the Jain Center. Lecture topics included Mantri Shree Vastupal Ni Sat Mangni (request) Na Sandarbhe (reference) Shravak Jivan.

6. Guruvandana and Asthapad Bhav Yatra w/ Samirbhai Shah – 8/31, 9/1

Samirbhai Shah, a learned scholar from Ahmedabad, conducted Guruvandana and Ashtapad Bhav Yatra on Friday, 8/31 and Saturday, 9/1. Dinner was served following the event.

7. Today's Girl, Today's Women Group

Thank you to all who attended 2nd annual Healthy Breakfast Competition Event. The event started with yoga stretches, followed by Bollywood Zumba. There over 12 entries for healthy breakfast recipes from participants in various age ranges. This event would have not been successful without our participants, judges & yoga/ Zumba teachers.

On Oct 7, with Navratri approaching, a Garba workshop was held to teach participants of all skill-levels various dance moves such as teen tali, 12 steps much more. A video of the Garba practice can be seen at <https://tinyurl.com/yat6247y>.

8. JSMW Quarterly General Body Meeting – October 7th

JSMW quarterly general body meeting on Sun, 10/7 was conducted at Cloverly Elementary School's cafeteria. Agenda topics included updates from constitution, construction and fundraising committees.

9. United Hindu & Jain Temples Diwali Mela – October 14th

UHJT Diwali Mela was held on Sunday, October 14th at NOVA Field House, Chantilly, VA from 11 AM to 8 PM. JSMW booth was coordinated by our UHJT representative Kamlesh R. Shah and Nisheeth Mehta. Please contact uhjtrep@jainsocietydc.org to get involved for future events or for more information.

10. Visit from University of MD Indian Graduate Students – October 14th

A group of Indian graduate students from DESI (Develop, Empower, Synergize India) at University of MD visited the Jain Center as part of their trip to learn about various religious centers around the DC metro area. A group discussion was conducted on an overview of Jainism and the various activities that occur at our Jain Center.

11. “Wellness” Discussions First Session – October 21st

The first session on the Wellness series covered the topic of preparing for college including application process, interviews, scholarships, etc. Speakers were JSMW members Raju Shah and Nitin Sogani. The speakers were well prepared and engaged the audience by presenting aspects of preparing for college in an interactive manner.

12. Shaswati Navpad Oli/Ayambil - October 16th to October 24th

This year, we had many Tapasvis doing Navpad Oli in our Sangh. Ayambil was organized on all 9 days at our temple. Snatra Puja was held on Saturday, October 20th at 9 am followed by Navpad Puja at 10 am.

Several members volunteered to facilitate cooking Ayambil food for Tapasvis during the Oli days.

Anumodna from the JSMW Sangh to the following Oli Tapasvis!

Oli Tapasvis		
Bhartiben Khajuria	Nimesh Chheda	Shilpa Udani
Manna Shah	Rakhi Shah	Sonal Ajmera
Navin Vora	Rani Ajmera	Vaishali Gala
Nea Maloo	Shefali Dalal	

Volunteers: Arti Choxi, Hemlata Shah, Jyoti Shah, Mona Shah, Pallavi Shah, Priti Doshi, Savita Jain, Vasumati & Shantilal Chheda, Vaishali Chheda, Veena Dand

Sponsors:

- Shilpa Udani paid for food parcel from India
- Manna Shah, Nea Maloo, Sonal Ajmera donated \$101
- Gunvantiben Gala hosted Ayambil Parna at her house and invited Oli Tapasvis and volunteers

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

Dear JSMW members and other donors,

Following is a list of all donations greater than \$50 received between January 1, 2018 and September 30, 2018. 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.

New Temple Donations					
Name	Total	Name	Total	Name	Total
Pragneshkumar & Sonal Shah	\$28,030	Mahesh & Premila Shah	\$5,001	Harshid & Hemangini Shah	\$750
Kanu & Jyoti Doshi	\$19,098	Kaushik & Meenaxi Shah	\$5,001	Parimal & Shefali Dalal	\$750
Pravin & Veena Dand	\$12,204	Kiran & Sharmila Mehta	\$5,000	Arvind & Reeta Vira	\$501
Facebook Matching Donation	\$10,647	Nitin & Meeta Sogani	\$4,862	Pulkit & Pratiksha Gangwal	\$250
Nilesh & Rupal Shah	\$7,001	Manohar & Kalpana Hegde	\$4,501	Sailesh & Mona Shah	\$151
Arvind & Sanyukta Shah	\$6,361	Dr. Manoj & Kanta Dharamsi	\$4,000	Nadia Khalid	\$100
Mahendrakumar & Hita Shah	\$5,004	Tushar & Nishma Shah	\$4,000	Pavan & Meenal Zaveri	\$100
Arvind & Nayana Mehta	\$5,001	Virendra & Sadhana Shavdia	\$1,500	Rahul & Savita Jain	\$50
Ashwin & Nayana Mehta	\$5,001	Yogendra & Rupa Sheth	\$1,500		
Harsukh & Rekha Kamani	\$5,001	Dr. Navin C. Shah M.D.	\$1,001		

Donations					
\$5,000 and Above					
Deep & Hiral Desai	\$7,704	Kanu & Jyoti Doshi	\$6,309	Arvind & Sanyukta Shah	\$5,000
\$1,000 - \$4,999					
Pradhuman & Laxmi Zaveri	\$4,882	Ramesh & Priti Mehta	\$1,556	Bhupesh & Yash Mehta	\$1,203
Ashok & Pallavi Shah	\$4,350	Nilesh & Rupal Shah	\$1,552	Shilpa Udani	\$1,172
Reema Consulting, Rajesh & Sujata Vora	\$3,771	Vedrya Inc	\$1,501	Pulkit & Pratiksha Gangwal	\$1,133
Pragneshkumar & Sonal Shah	\$2,657	Pavan & Meenal Zaveri	\$1,501	Krunal & Darsha Desai	\$1,101
Ajit & Shilpa Shah	\$2,555	Amit & Vandana Pamecha	\$1,500	Palak & Janki Shah	\$1,098
Mahesh & Ramila Shah	\$2,506	Nimesh & Vaishali Chheda	\$1,463	Devang & Rani Ajmera	\$1,091
Raju & Monica Shah	\$2,381	Jatin & Toral Shah	\$1,403	Dhairya & Stuti Shah	\$1,078
Nilay & Namita Shah	\$2,351	Allap & Sheetal Shah	\$1,387	Pankajkumar & Saritha Golecha	\$1,044
Manu & Niru Shah	\$2,300	Vipul & Nilima Shah	\$1,356	Dilip & Kusum Dharamshi	\$1,002
Pinak & Dharmishta Shah	\$2,300	Ashish & Jalika Tolia	\$1,302	Narendra & Sangita Shah	\$1,001
Nilesh & Manna Shah	\$2,275	Pratixa Khona	\$1,295	Varun Jain	\$1,000
Dr. Deepak & Sunila Merchant	\$2,203	Jay & Rakhi Jariwala	\$1,272	Vasant & Hemal Parmar	\$1,000
Sailesh & Mona Shah	\$1,899	Kantilal & Meeta Gangar	\$1,256		
Vikas & Ruchi Jain	\$1,706	Pawan & Nisha Jain	\$1,252		
\$500 - \$999					
Nilesh & Megha Doshi	\$947	Sudhir & Shraddha Patni	\$776	Jignesh & Jaimini Shah	\$582
Harsukh & Rekha Kamani	\$905	Jiten Hemant Sanghvi	\$750	Bhupendra & Kokila Mehta	\$581

Janak & Keyuri Rajani	\$905	Mehul & Ami Doshi	\$724	Gunvanti Bhavsar & Pinkesh Gala	\$579
Arvind & Nayana Mehta	\$903	Paresh & Kavita Modi	\$708	Bhavesht & Nita Shah	\$555
Pinkesh & Minal Shah	\$896	Manoj & Shilpa Shah	\$707	Praveen & Sunita Jain	\$554
Pavan & Meenal Zaveri	\$882	Ritesh & Payal Jain	\$701	Ajay & Chandana Jain	\$552
Vinod K Singhai & Seema Jain	\$866	Kaushik & Meenaxi Shah	\$701	Neel & Tina Shah	\$541
Shripal Shah & Ami Banker	\$857	Hitesh & Jyoti Shah	\$693	Manan & Monali Shah	\$540
Sanjay & Swati Jain	\$853	Jigar Jitendra Shah	\$676	Subhash & Arti Choxi	\$531
Hiranya & Anupa Maru	\$840	Rahul & Savita Jain	\$674	Neel K. & Sejal Vaidya	\$515
Parthav & Sheetal Jailwala	\$836	Sanjay & Indu Jain	\$674	Sachinkumar S. Shah	\$503
Hetal & Palak Shah	\$836	Mahaveer & Anitha Prabhu	\$652	Chirag & Sachi Kapadia	\$503
Kamlesh & Chandrika Shah	\$832	Tejas & Sangita Doshi	\$650	Ashish & Shilpa Jain	\$501
Jasvant & Urmila Doshi	\$830	Dimple & Rupal Doshi	\$642	Himanshu S. Mehta	\$501
Tushar & Nishma Shah	\$830	Mahendra & Nea Maloo	\$605	Jignesh & Rajeshree Dalal	\$501
Sunil & Pallavi Dharamshi	\$811	Parag & Nirali Mehta	\$605	Deepak & Anita Padliya	\$501
Bijal & Jigisha Shah	\$800	Sunil & Seema Jain	\$602	Ravi & Manju Kasliwal	\$501
Umit & Sonal Shah	\$800	Savindra & Sonali Jain	\$599	Shah Associates,CPA,P.A	\$500
\$51 - \$499					
Swetal & Darshini Shah	\$498	Puneet & Mamta Jain	\$282	Sapan & Anvi Mehta	\$151
Ajay & Reshma Palvia	\$490	Bhushan & Abha Parekh	\$280	Subhash & Hemlata Shah	\$151
Kamal & Gina Kapadia	\$481	Sheel & Tejal Lodaya	\$265	Swapnil & Devangi Shah	\$151
Kinjal & Sneha Sheth	\$481	Kailash & Rekha Mehta	\$260	Mahesh & Suvarna Shah	\$151
Navshit & Runa Mithani	\$481	Virendra & Sadhana Shavdia	\$260	Purvi, Romil, Mansi, Ankitha	\$151
Prashant & Rupal Udeshi	\$480	Akhil & Renuka Jain	\$252	Ramesh & Vijaya Junankar	\$151
Nitin & Meeta Sogani	\$473	Arnik & Vivamy Kapadia	\$251	Ashish & Kinnari Mehta	\$150
Nikunj & Prachi Shah	\$470	Hitesh & Falguni Doshi	\$251	Jatin & Alpa Nagda	\$150
Saurabh Dalal	\$453	Kamlesh & Arti Shah	\$251	Shashikant & Manju Bhandari	\$150
Bhadresh & Shefali Dhila	\$453	Nayan & Jyotsana Shah	\$251	Narendra & Datta Khona	\$132
Bhanendra & Amita Bagda	\$453	Prasyos & Reena Ojha	\$251	Prashant & Rajul Shah	\$126
Jinal & Saloni Shah	\$452	Aashish & Barkha Singhvi	\$250	Ira Education Llc	\$125
Pramathesh & Minaxi Broker	\$432	Amit & Harshada Patani	\$250	Rishi & Shilpa Dharamsey	\$125
Sandeep & Jhalak Mehta	\$425	Amrish & Sejal Gangar	\$250	Vikram & Mamta Shah	\$125
Samir & Megha Tatiya	\$420	Ashish Mehta	\$250	Jagdish & Saroj Shah	\$122
Bhavesht & Ketki Maisheri	\$415	Lalit Ranka & Ruchi Jain	\$250	Anupam & Mainaki Shah	\$121
Pravin & Veena Dand	\$403	Mahaveer & Anitha Nabiraj	\$250	Narita Surana	\$115
Sudhir & Dharini Khona	\$403	Pramod & Kalpana Singhai	\$250	Suresh & Puneet Jain	\$115
Darpan Shah	\$402	Samir & Anita Mehta	\$250	Vijay & Khushali Chheda	\$115
Anup & Tanvi Shah	\$401	Ashok & Nayana Gangar	\$240	Ankitha Jain Kala	\$101
Harsh & Nidhi Shah	\$401	Gautam & Dhruti Shah	\$240	Arvind & Rama Desai	\$101
Pratik & Nirali Shah	\$401	Harshid & Hemangini Shah	\$240	Arvind & Reeta Vira	\$101
Manish & Minal Shah	\$400	Jimmy & Jigna Shah	\$240	Ashwin & Nayana Mehta	\$101

Sahil & Ripal Shah	\$395	Pratik & Krupa Shah	\$240	Bhamini Kothari	\$101
Parimal & Shefali Dalal	\$394	Gagan & Rena Nirula(Surana)	\$230	Bhavesb & Chhaya Shah	\$101
Dinesh & Bhavna Mehta	\$393	Gautham & Bijal Shah	\$227	Deepak & Rajul Shah	\$101
Dimple Nolly	\$376	Bachubhai & Hansa Ajmera	\$222	Deepak & Sunila Merchant	\$101
Kailash & Anita Gangar	\$375	Rasik & Kalpana Parekh	\$203	Jatin & Ami Shah	\$101
Gautam A. & Dipa Rattehalli	\$365	Ajay & Payal Mallesha	\$202	Jitendra & Jayshree Shah	\$101
Jatin & Parul Jain	\$365	Bhandendra & Amita Bagda	\$202	Kamlesh & Aruna Parekh	\$101
Jigar & Archana Shah	\$361	Chetan & Sonal Ajmera	\$202	Mahendra & Jyoti Shah	\$101
Tapan & Sonal Shah	\$360	Kalpesh & Komal Shah	\$202	Maulin & Nima Shah	\$101
Harilal & Jhaver Gangar	\$354	Manchand & Nirmala Maloo	\$202	Neeraj M Shah	\$101
Kirit & Bharti Khajuria	\$354	Prasanth & Nirmala Jain	\$202	Nitin B. & Chandrika Parekh	\$101
Anjana Joglekar	\$353	R. H & Rekha Chheda	\$202	Prakesh & Bharti Banker	\$101
Ruby Mehta	\$352	Vishal & Shimoli Parekh	\$202	Rachita Shah	\$101
Saurabh & Priya Jain	\$351	Akshay & Shaila Shah	\$202	Ravindra & Manju Kasliwal	\$101
Vikas & Manju Nahar	\$351	Kartik & Yati Shah	\$201	Saurabh M Shah	\$101
Vinod & Seema Jain	\$351	Mitesh & Falguni Shah	\$201	Usha Ramchandran	\$101
Mehul & Amoi Doshi	\$351	Rakesh & Alka Choudhry	\$201	Vasant & Jyoti Gala	\$101
Vishal & Mily Mehta	\$322	Vasant & Kokila Shah	\$201	Viren Patel & Dhyani Shah	\$101
Daniel & Bina Taibi	\$316	Kokila Shah	\$200	Warne & Laura Nelson	\$101
Mradung & Khushbu Palrecha	\$316	Mitesh & Neha Parekh	\$165	Falgun & Rupal Shah	\$101
Viral Gala	\$316	Shasikant & Daxaben Shah	\$165	Jitendra P Shah	\$101
Hitesh & Abhilasha Shah	\$315	Mitul & Padma Shah	\$161	Prerna Jain	\$100
Viral B Shah	\$306	Vishal & Shweta Jain	\$155	Vipin Desai Rev Trust	\$100
Jitendra & Niranjana Tejani	\$303	Bhavin Savla	\$152	Bharati Chetan & Suzanne Sanghvi	\$99
Harendra & Dipti Shah	\$302	Jadhavji & Meena Gangar	\$152	Jayvanti N Shah	\$92
Rita Jain	\$302	Saurabh & Neha Shah	\$152	Dipak & Nila Shah	\$82
Paresh & Shilpa Shah	\$301	Akinchan & Namrata Jain	\$151	Ashok & Mina Shah	\$73
Viresh & Pina Shah	\$301	Anitha Ananthanarayanan	\$151	Nayan & Kashmira Vaywala	\$60
Jason A. Wampler & Lisa Vora	\$300	Ashvin & Ranjan Shah	\$151	Jinal Shah	\$54
Jayesh & Rupa Mehta	\$300	Devang & Bijal Doshi	\$151	Dr. Manoj & Kanta Dharamsi	\$51
Kaushal & Hemali Shah	\$300	Faquir & Malti Jain	\$151	Kunal & Poonam Shah	\$51
Kiddie Academy Of Gaithersburg	\$300	Jagat & Shila Shah	\$151	Manish & Nirmala Vora	\$51
Parash & Rina Shah	\$300	Kalpesh J Patel	\$151	Sohil Shah	\$51
Punamchand & Chandra Vora	\$300	Ravindra Jain	\$151		
Rajan & Dhara Shah	\$292	Rokin Jitendra Gala	\$151		

VOLUNTEERING - YOUTH RECOGNITION

Moksh Harshid Shah (Eagle Scout)

On the path to achieving the highly coveted Eagle Scout rank at a very young age, JSMW proudly recognizes Moksh Shah for his service to JSMW.

Renovation of the Jain Society of Metropolitan Washington's Playground

I chose this project because the playground at the Jain Society of Metropolitan Washington needed renovation and I also have lots of memory since kindergarten playing at this playground. I am thankful to the Executive Committee for allowing me to do this Service Project and providing timely approvals.

Renovation involved cutting and trimming all the branches that were above and on the playground, disposing of all the cut branches on the playground, power washing the playground, lubricating the swings, laying out weed fabric, and spreading out fresh wood chips on the entire the playground.



Service Project work was done on the 16th and the 23rd of June, 2018. On the first day, which was June 16th, team of volunteers started working at 8:45 in the morning and finished at 3:15 in the afternoon. The volunteer who worked the longest on the first day worked for 4 hours and 15 minutes. On the second day, which was June 23rd, team of volunteers started working at 8:00 in the morning and finished working at 1:30 in the afternoon. In total, there were 19 volunteers some volunteers on only one day and some both days. On the first day, I had a total of 9 volunteers and on the second day, I had a total of 21 volunteers. The total amount of service hours this project created for the volunteers is 76 hours 25 minutes. The groups that volunteered during this project were members of Boy Scout Troop 1941, friends, family and the members of the Jain Society of Metropolitan Washington.

The Jain Society of Metropolitan Washington and all its members benefitted from this Service Project. This Service Project was only possible due to generous donation from 17 donors (Business Owners and Individuals) all of which donated at least \$25 towards the project. In total I raised \$ 1,303 in my fund-raising drive. The total expense for the project was \$1,053 (against estimate of \$1,071). Surplus of \$250 will be donated to the Jain Society of Metropolitan Washington along with Electric Power Washer Machine, and left over items such as gloves, and safety glasses.

I am so happy to successfully lead and manage the completion of this Service Project as part of my Eagle Scout Project. I am sure that kids will enjoy the safe and renovated playground.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

Volunteers are absolutely critical to the success of our Sangh!

We would like to express our gratitude for their efforts and recognize their contributions.

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. We will recognize you for your submission along with the names of volunteers that you have sent us in our next newsletter.

JSMW would like to recognize and sincerely thank the following volunteers for their countless hours of help with Media Support (photography, videography, Audio/Video and lights, stage controls) during and after our key events of Mahavir Janma Kalyanak and Swapna Ceremony:

- Manohar Hegde
- Manan Shah
- Bhavesh (Chhaya) Shah
- Hemen Gandhi
- Shripal Shah
- Shilpa Jain
- Rajan Shah
- Nilesh Shah

An appreciation note has been received from Janak Rajani who would like to thank our Director of Education, Monica Shah, for everything that she does for our Pathshala to better shape the future of our upcoming next-gen leaders.

"In addition to the minute details that she carefully plans out, sometimes way in advance, Monica organized a teacher and volunteer meet at her home this past summer, on August 25th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., followed by lunch. More than 25 teachers and teacher aids' along with a dozen volunteers participated in this interactive meeting with an objective to prepare for the upcoming academic year. During this meeting, Monica focused on the logistics of each Pathshala meeting and discussed curriculum at length – all while collecting a lot of feedback to continuously improve everything that happens at Pathshala. I am sure both Monica and Raju spent more than just the 5 hours of meeting time: from time spent in sending evites out, to personally connecting with each teacher and volunteer to ensure that they got the invitation and that they are coming, for setting up the logistics of this meeting, for preparing the agenda for the meeting, thinking about the breakout sessions, getting the basement organized with tables, chairs, white boards, markers, and finally, serving enough snacks, coffee and tea, along with preparing enough lunch, including vegan items to keep all attendees tummy's full.

It is this volunteerism spirit that keeps the currently enrolled **155 children** highly organized, all teachers/volunteers highly motivated, and all this happening very smoothly.

Monica, on behalf of entire Jain Society of Metropolitan Washington, I sincerely thank you for sharing your personal time, talent, and treasure with all of us. Appreciate you opening up your beautiful home to all of us volunteers and teachers!"

As part of the Pathshala year-end celebration on June 3rd, 2018, a Volunteer appreciation event was held. Attached are the photos of the "Thank you" posters signed by various members of the society to appreciate all the events and volunteers for the year 2017.



ON-GOING EVENTS

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

1. Bi-weekly Sunday School Pathshala from September to June. Please contact Monica Shah, Director of Education, at Education@JainSocietyDC.org or 443-306-9955.
2. Adult religious classes are held in parallel with Sunday school from 10:30 am -12:15 pm. Please contact Dr. Atulbhai Shah at 301-274-0319, Kanubhai Doshi at 301-670-6844 or Pravinbhai Dand at 301-384-3367 for more information.
3. Every Saturday: 10 am - Kesar Pooja
4. 2nd Sunday of each month: Snatra Pooja at 10:30 am followed by lunch.
5. 4th Sunday of each month - Dev Shashtra Guru Pooja at 10 am followed by lunch.
6. 4th Saturday of each month - Jinvani Event at 10:30 am followed by lunch.

20TH BIENNIAL JAINA CONVENTION, JULY 4TH – JULY 9TH, 2019, LOS ANGELES, CA

For events details, registration, early-bird pricing and hotel information, please go to www.jainaconvention.org



20TH BIENNIAL CONVENTION

Kindly Save the Dates July 4th - July 7th, 2019





The JAINA Executive Committee, the Jain Center of Southern California and the 2019 JAINA Convention Board are excited to invite you, your family and your friends from around the world to join us at the JAINA Convention 2019. Please come and explore with us "Jain Religion in the 21st Century" next July 4th-7th, 2019 in Southern California at the **Ontario Convention Center in Ontario, California.**

- ✦ Low registration fees
- ✦ Registration opens early August!
- ✦ Religious and Spiritual Discourses
- ✦ Inspirational and Impactful Keynote Speakers
- ✦ International Jain Leaders - "Diaspora"
- ✦ Interfaith Round Table

- ✦ Performances by Professional Artist
- ✦ Jains Got Talent
- ✦ Jain Academic Bowl
- ✦ JAINA Awards
- ✦ Garba~Raas
- ✦ Delicious Jain and Vegan Food



Jain Center of Southern California



Universal Studios



Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum



Cultural Program



Garba Night



Disneyland

Please mark your calendar and stay tuned for further information. Also look out for our invitation in coming months to participate in the exhilarating cultural show to showcase the talents of your Jain center.

IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR!

WAYS TO DONATE: STOCKS, UNITED WAY, ETC.

Four ways to maximize your 2018 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.
<https://JSMW.Org/SupportJSMW>
- Contact our treasurer, Pragnesh Shah, at 301-305-4261 to make donation using credit card.

NEW!

You can now setup quick and easy recurring monthly donation payments for JSMW!

Browse to <https://jsmw.org/supportjsmw>
Under the Recurring Donation option, you can

- 1) Select your amount
- 2) Sign into PayPal
- 3) Select payment method

If you use ACH/Bank Account, JSMW incurs no charges

If you'd rather use your credit-card, JSMW will incur a 2-3% fee.

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.

3. Make a gift and receive income:

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 and mention JSMW.

GENERAL INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Support Pathshala



Even if you're not a regular Pathshala attendee, you can **support JSMW Pathshala by sponsoring events or prizes.**

You can even buy a Pathshala T-shirt to show your support!

For more information please contact Monica Shah, Director of Education at education@jainsocietydc.org.

Request to Return the Jain Center Library Books



A gentle reminder to all JSMW members to please return any **library** books back to the Jain Center that you may have checked out and are no longer reading.

Presenting the JSMW Podcast



Introducing the new JSMW Weekly Podcast! In a few minutes each week, catch up on JSMW news and upcoming events and hear melodious stavans and bhajans by JSMW members.

Available on Apple, Google, Spotify, Overcast, Anchor or wherever you get your podcasts.

An exemplary initiative by Savita and Rahul Jain!

Contact publicrelations@jainsocietydc.org with any comments.

YOU CAN HELP



Calling volunteers to help with JSMW Publications, Communications and Marketing

If writing, formatting and organizing of print, web, marketing and graphic design sparks your interest...

Come join the JSMW publications and communications team!

Contact: publications@jainsocietydc.org

Donate to JSMW



Explore various options to make your tax-deductible donations to JSMW via PayPal, Amazon Smile, Checks, Stocks, and IRAs at:

<https://jsmw.org/supportjsmw/>



Connect with us on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/jainsocietydc



Not Getting JSMW Emails?

If you are not receiving JSMW weekly email, check to see our emails are not landing in your Spam/Junk folder.

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



Our Jain Center provides Wi-Fi access for you to connect your mobile or laptop.

When **connecting** to the Wi-Fi, find and connect to the "JSMW-Guest" wireless network.

Ask a volunteer at the Jain Center for wifi password!



Updated 3D video of our New Temple is now live online!

Video of Khanan Vidhi and Bhoomi Poojan are online too!
<https://jsmw.org>



Questions/Comments?

We'd love to hear from you. Please drop a line to the JSMW publications team at publications@jainsocietydc.org

JAIN SOCIETY OF METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON

A NON-PROFIT TAX-EXEMPT RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION, ID #54-1139623

JAIN CENTER LOCATION: 1021 BRIGGS CHANEY ROAD, SILVER SPRING, MD 20905 • **PHONE** (301) 236-4466

MAILING ADDRESS: P.O. BOX 4548, SILVER SPRING, MD 20914 • **WEB:** WWW.JSMW.ORG

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED
FORWARDING POSTAGE GUARANTEED

2018-19 Calendar of Events (details inside)

Date	Program/Location
Sun, 11/4 - 10:30 am	Diwali Celebrations at Pathshala - Cloverly Elementary
Wed, 11/7 - 7:30 am	Mahavir Nirvana Laddoo Pooja - Jain Center
Thur, 11/8 - 8 pm	Diwali Nav Smaran Paath - Jain Center
Sat, 11/10 - 7 pm	Diwali Bhakti - Jain Center
Sun, 11/19, 12/16 - 10:30 am	Wellness Presentations at Pathshala - Cloverly Elementary
Sun, 12/2 - 10:30 am	JSMW Annual GBM and Elections at Pathshala - Cloverly Elementary
Sun, 1/12/19 - 12 pm	Jains Got Talent 2019, Takoma Park Middle School



JAIN CENTER LOCATION: 1021 BRIGGS CHANEY ROAD, SILVER SPRING, MD 20905 • **PHONE** (301) 236-4466

MAILING ADDRESS: P.O. BOX 4548, SILVER SPRING, MD 20914 • **WEB:** WWW.JSMW.ORG