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President's Message:

Jai Jinendra:

Celebration of Paryushan Parva followed by Das Lakshan Parva will start on Wednesday, August 15. We have invited Diptiben Shah, a well-known Jain scholar from India, to deliver Pravachan during Paryushan Parva, and Jain scholar Ramnikbhai Savla for Das Lakshan Parva. All members are urged to come to the Jain center during these celebrations.

We do not have any sponsor for the Swami Vatsalya Bhojan during Swapna Ceremony Program on August 18. The total expenses are over \$4,000. We need at least 8 sponsors each pledging \$501. Interested members are requested to call me.

A Panch Teerth Yatra is planned during the weekend of September 8-9. Everyone enjoyed the trip last year. We have reserved one 49-seator bus. Reservations will be made on first-come-first-serve basis. You are encouraged to register early to avoid disappointment.

Our Members' Directory is 5 years old. We plan to publish a new one this year. We have included a sheet showing what we have for you in our database. Please provide us any additions/changes required on it, so that most up-to-date information can be printed in the Directory.

Looking forward to full support and participation by all members.

Kanta Dharamsi

Pravachan by Dr. N. P. Jain Friday, August 3 - Jain Center

A speech by Dr. N. P. Jain, a Jain scholar, will be held on Friday, August 3 at 8:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Dr. Jain is the former Secretary of the Ministry of External Affairs, India, and former Ambassador of India to European Union, Nepal, Mexico, Belgium and U.N. He was the keynote speaker at 1993 as well as 2001 JAINA Conventions. Do not miss this unique opportunity to meet and hear a well-known celebrity like him.

Paryushan Parva with Diptiben Shah - August 15-22

Paryushan Parva will be celebrated from Wednesday August 15 to Wednesday August 22. We are pleased to announce that **Diptiben Shah** has kindly agreed to grace the celebration. She is a Jain Scholar from Mumbai, India. Last year, she graced the Paryushan Parva celebration in Toronto, Canada. She will be with us from Tuesday, August 14 to Thursday, August 23, and will stay at the Jain Center.

Paryushan Parva is one of the most important and widely celebrated annual Jain festival for purification of our soul. It is the celebration of spiritual awareness. It not only gives us an opportunity to practice basic tenets of Jainism, but also motivates us to do soul searching, self-analysis, self-realization and introspection of the life we have led. It also promotes forgiveness for wrong doings performed intentionally or non-intentionally.

Except for the Swapna ceremony program on August 18, all other programs will be held at the Jain center. **On August 15-17 and 19-21**, Pravachan/ Discussion sessions by Diptiben will be held as follows:

Pravachan: 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Discussion: 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Pravachan: 8:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Swapna Ceremony

Saturday, August 18 starting at 2:00 p.m.

Benjamin Banneker Middle School

14800 Perrywood Drive, Burtonsville, MD

Swapna ceremony will be held on Saturday August 18th starting at 2:00 p.m. followed by Swami Vatsalya Bhojan. During the Swapna ceremony, members will have the honor of carrying to the beats of drums and music, the 14 Swapnas one by one to the stage as traditionally done in India. Gheeboli will be done for all the Swapnas, for swinging the Parnu, and for performing Arti and Mangal Divo. More than one family can join together in the Gheeboli. Since the dinner must be completed before dusk, the program on Saturday must start on time as shown. Members are requested to come on time.

The expenses for the Swami Vatsalya Bhojan are expected to be over \$4,000. We need at least 8 sponsors each donating \$500. Interested members are requested to contact Kanta Dharamsi at 703-620-9837, or Arvind Mehta at 301-279-0537.

If we do not have enough members to fully sponsor the Swami Vatsalya Bhojan, a minimum donation of \$5.00 per person will be requested from all members. To enable us to order enough food for all those who wish to attend the Swami Vatsalya Bhojan, all members are requested to send the attached **form so as to reach us by August 13, 2001**. Alternatively, you may send the requested information by e-mail to jsmw@mail.com. Your e-mail message must include all the information requested on the attached form.

We will make arrangement for some extra food to accommodate members who do not inform us before August 13. Such members as well as guests and non-

members can take part in the Swami Vatsalya Bhojan by donating a minimum of \$7.00 per person to the Swami Vatsalya fund.

Swapna Ceremony on Saturday, August 18 Directions to Benjamin Banneker School

From I-495: Take exit 30A for Route US 29 north. After 6 miles, turn left on the traffic light for Briggs Chaney Road. Make the first right on Old Columbia Road. Within 1 mile, turn left on Perrywood Drive. The school will be on your left.

From I-95: Take Exit 33 for Route 198 West to Burtonsville. After passing Route US 29, turn left on Old Columbia Road. After about 1 mile, turn right on Perrywood Drive. The school will be on your left.

From Jain Center: Turn right on Briggs Chaney Road. Turn left at the third traffic light for Old Columbia Road (just before US-29). Within 1 mile, turn left on Perrywood Drive. The school will be on your left.

Samvatsari Pratikraman On Wednesday, August 22

Samvatsari Pratikraman will be held at the Jain Center. Gheeboli for reciting Pratikraman Sutra will start at 4:30 p.m. Pratikraman will start exactly at 5:00 p.m. and will end at about 8 p.m. To avoid causing any disturbance while the Pratikraman is in progress, all participants are requested to come early and be seated before 4:30 p.m. Please do not bring any children under the age of 6 years. Pratikraman in **English** will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. Children as well as parents are welcome to participate in this Pratikraman in English.

Das Lakshan Parva August 23 to Sept 1 with Ramnikbhai Savla

Jain scholar Mr. Ramnikbhai Savla has kindly agreed to grace the Das Lakshan Parva. On weekdays, Pravachan will be held from 8:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. On weekends, Pravachan will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and again from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Jain center.

Panch Teerth Yatra

The Panch Teerth Yatra will be during the weekend of September 8 & 9. We will visit temples at Cherryhill, North New Jersey, Siddhachalam, Allentown and Harrisburg. Note that the Cherryhill temple is now a Shikharbandi temple (Pratishtha was performed in June, 2001), and that we did not visit temples at Allentown and Harrisburg last year. The bus will leave at 6:30 a.m. on Saturday, Sept 8th from the Jain Center, and will return at around 9:00 p.m. on Sunday, Sept 9th.

Charges will be \$75.00 per person for the first two persons of a member family and \$60.00 for each additional person of the same family. The charges cover expenses for food, and overnight accommodation at Siddhachalam on Saturday night.

Reservations will be made on a first-come, first-serve basis upon the receipt of a check or cash payment for the bus charges. We have reserved one 49-seater bus for our trip, and the first 49 persons will be allowed. Please reserve early to avoid disappointment. Please mail or hand deliver the form (on the back of your address label) and check to Manoj Dharamsi at 11820 Triple Crown Road, Reston, VA 20191-3014.

Ayambil on Oct 25 and Nov 22

Ayambil will start at 12:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 28 and Thanksgiving Day, November 22. Ayambil on October 28 is sponsored by Parimal & Shefali Dalal. To participate, please call Shefali at 301-890-3784. The Thanksgiving Day Ayambil is sponsored by Shardaben & Jayantilal Shah. To participate, please call Jyotsnaben at 410-750-6638.

Pravachan - Dhirajlalbhai Mehta Friday Sept 21- Sunday 23

A series of Pravachan by the well-known scholar Pandit Dhirajlalbhai Mehta from India will start on Friday Sept 21 at 8:30 p.m.. On Saturday and Sunday, Pravachan will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and again from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Nav Smaran

Friday, November 16 at 8:00 p.m.

Nav Smaran is on Friday, November 16 starting at 8:00 p.m. Nav Smaran is the reciting of nine Stotras in the memory of Bhagwan Mahavir's Nirvan, a state when a soul gets liberated after shedding all eight types of Karma particles.

Members' Directory:

Our last Members' Directory was prepared in 1996. Due to addition of new members, changes in several members' addresses and phone numbers, a current directory needs to be updated. We are planning to publish a new Members' Directory in September. The directory will include your name, address, phone number, and name & date of birth of your unmarried children. A copy of a page listing your details to be printed in the directory is attached. Please review it carefully and if there are any changes, please write down required changes below the Swami Vatsalya Form, and mail it to us before August 18, or e-mail the changes to jsmw@mail.com.

We would like to hear your ideas on making the new directory more useful. Volunteers are required to help in the preparation of the directory. If you would like to put out advertisement (or a message), or offer help in collecting advertisement or in the preparation of the directory, please contact Manoj Dharamsi at 703-620-9837. The rates for advertisement are \$200 for a full page (5.5"x 8.5"), and \$125 for a half page

Our Web Site

Thanks to Kala Jain for developing our web site. The address is: www.jsmw.org. Please log on the web site and provide your feedback.

Sunday School

Sunday school for children will start in September. To enroll, please mail the attached Sunday School Registration Form before August 31. Note that a late registration fee will be charged if forms are not received by August 31, 2001.

PAST PROGRAMS:

Meditation/Pravachan

On June 16th, a meditation/pravachan session with Samani Mangal Prajnaji and Samani Vineet Prajnaji was held at the Jain Center. A large number of members attended the daylong session.

Pravachan By Dr. Bharill

Dr. Hukamchandji Bharill presented a Pravachan series from June 25 through July 1.

Jain Prayer At U.S. Congress

On May 22nd, the U.S. Congress opened with a Jain prayer in English delivered by Gurudev Chitrabhanu. More than 140 delegates from Jain community from all over the country including all JAINA presidents (Manoj Dharamsi, Tansukh Salgia, Sulekh Jain, Jagat Jain, Manibhai Mehta, Dhiraj Shah and Mahendra Pandya) and other Jain delegates, Manak Muniji, Pramodaben Chitrabhanu, and representatives from Indian Embassy. This historic event was followed by a short speech by Congressman Frank Pallone who paid tributes to the Jain philosophy of non-violence and to the Jain community in North America. Thanks to Sushil Jain and Manoj Dharamsi for arranging this historic event.

On the day prior to this historic event, a reception was held at the Jain Center to honor Manak Muniji, JAINA presidents, Pramodaben Chitrabhanu, and the delegates from New Jersey, New York, Canada, Philadelphia, etc. who had come to attend the prayer program. All the dignitaries gave a short address to the audience. Their message, in general, portrayed the theme that JAINA is well known for its unity and that we must continue the same.

JAINA Convention

The 11th Biennial JAINA Convention was held in Chicago from July 5-8, 2001. As usual it was a great success. Dr. Sushil Jain was elected as the Vice President for the Northeast region by a majority vote. Jyoti Doshi and Sushil Jain received the JAINA Recognition Award. Sushil Jain was the moderator of the "Ask the Jain Scholar" panel with Manoj Dharamsi being one of the panelist. Sharmila Mehta

performed the skit: "Ekvismee Sadeena Shrivak". In the past, the following persons have been awarded the JAINA Recognition Award: Saurabh Dalal, Pravin Dand, Kanta Dharamsi, Manoj Dharamsi, Kanu Doshi, Tejas Doshi, Rajni Gosalia, Niren Nagda, Ramnik Sanghvi, Kamlesh Shah, Pragnesh Shah and Raju Shah. Also Manoj Dharamsi was awarded JAINA Ratna Award in 1995. Congratulations to all.

YOUTH CORNER

Following are some of the upcoming events planned this summer. All youths are cordially invited to participate in these activities.

August 11: Skydiving

Skydiving will be near Roanoke, VA. This location was chosen because it's on the way to white water rafting if you're coming from DC. The link for the skydiving outfitter is: <http://www.air-sports.com>.

August 12: White Water Rafting

White water rafting will be in West Virginia (about 5 hours from DC). Below is the link to the outfitter that we will be using: <http://www.songerwhitewater.com/newriver.htm>. We will most likely be doing the "Lower New River Gorge Express - Half Day" and you can see a description of that on the link above.

All events are for youth, 18 and older (college students and young professionals). Since there are limited slots, they are filling in fast. Please e-mail Shital Chheda at shital@vt.edu as soon as you can. He can provide you more information on prices for the events and possible hotel lodging in WV for the night of August 11th. Also, you can visit our web site at www.jsmw.org for additional information.

To add your name to the JSMW youth e-mail list, please send your email to: nisha_jain@hotmail.com or to JSMW_Youth-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

This will ensure that you receive future e-mails on activities and happenings.

Nisha Jain, Youth Coordinator
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List of Donors (\$ 25 and above) May 9 to July 17, 2001

Life Members		Jain Center Pledge	
Dugar, Sumer & Pushpi	\$151	Shah, Manu & Niru	\$200
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Mehta, Mukesh & Neeta	51	Mehta, Arvind & Nayana	501
Shah, Piyush & Rachana	51	Mehta, Lalit & Hansa	162
Shah, Prabodh & Aruna	51	Merchant, Deepak & Sunila	82
Shah, Siddharth	51	Nagda, Niren & Jaya	51
Srimal, Piyush & Kalpna	51	Parekh, Kamlesh & Aruna	51
		Sekhavat, Manojkumar	51
		Surana, Manohar & Prabha	51

- * For Pooja to celebrate 50th Marriage Anniversary of their parents Pravinbhai & Rashmiben Bhavsar
 ** To celebrate Marriage of their son Jignesh to Nehal

PANCH TEERTH YATRA ON SEPTEMBER 8-9, 2001

We the following persons all living at the same address would like to join the Panch Teerth Yatra bus trip planned on September 8 & 9, 2001.

Last Name	First Name	M.I.	Age for Children
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Address: _____
Home Phone: _____ **Cell Phone:** _____

Reservations will be made on a **first-come, first-serve** basis on the receipt of a check or cash payment for the trip (\$ 75 each for first 2 persons and \$60 for each additional person of the same family living at same address).

Total Amount Enclosed = \$75 x ____ + \$60 x ____ = \$ _____ Paid by Cash _____ Check # _____

Please mail your form and check to Manoj Dharamsi, 11820 Triple Crown Road, Reston, VA 20191-3014

Upcoming Events for 2001

Friday, Aug 3: Dr. N. P. Jain
Wednesday, Aug 15 to Wednesday, Aug 22: Paryushan Parva
Saturday, Aug 18: Swapna Ceremony
Wednesday, Aug 22: Samvatsari Pratikraman
Thursday, Aug 23 to Saturday, Sept 1: Das Lakshan Parva
Friday, Sept 21 to Sunday, Sept 23: Pandit Dhirajlal Mehta
Sunday, Oct 28: Ayambil
Friday, Nov 16: Nav Smaran
Thursday, Nov 22: Ayambil
Sunday, December 9: Annual General Meeting



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