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President's Message

Jai Jinendra. As we have been talking about our community to function at an optimum level and achieve our goals, we will all have to understand the traits necessary for us to function as a united community. These traits within my acronym, "CLIP" represent the heart of JSMW organization and what we stand for.

This message features JSMW through "C" and "L" in the acronym, which stands for Compassion and Love. It was this Compassion and Love towards each other that make our programs including Mahavir Jayanti celebration very successful. We have arranged several scholar lectures in near future as well as an Open house **Fun and Health Fair** for Sunday, Aug 7, 2005.

Paryushan Parva will be starting during Labor Day weekend with Nautambhai Vakil as speaker followed by Das Lakshan Parva with Pandit Dineshbhai & Dr. Ujjwalaben. I would like to personally request you all to help us publicize these events as well as participate in these activities with your family, friends (including Non-Jains). Also plan to come to Swapana ceremony and Samvatsari Pratikraman. We are looking for sponsor(s) for Swami Vatsalya Dinner during Paryushan. Please call us and let us know if you would like to be a sponsor or wish to partner with others for dinner.

It is with great pleasure that I want to announce that YJA Board has selected JSMW to host the 2006 YJA convention. I want to thank Nisha Jain and Mittal Haria for taking the lead role and spending hundreds of hours in researching and submitting the most attractive proposal to YJA. We all have lot of hard work ahead of us to insure YJA 2006 convention is best ever

On behalf of the Executive Committee I want to thank all volunteers for their help during our past programs. Without your dedicated, selfless devotion, and spirit of volunteerism we would not be successful. We are looking forward to a large participation in all our future programs.

Dr. Sushil Jain, President

Trustee's Report

The Board of Trustees and other members of the Jain Center Expansion committee have met with 2 different architects to discuss and receive comments on various alternatives and budget requirements for expansion in phases to include authentic temple, hall, etc. It will take few more meetings to look at various alternatives and budget requirements before we can prepare a preliminary expansion plan for presenting to members for their feedback.

Manoj Dharamsi, Chairman

Youth Committee Report

We are pleased to report that our Jain Society has been selected to host the next YJA convention in July 2006. Our 15-person Convention Committee has already started getting busy with planning for this big event. Our accomplishments in recent months include MC'ing and performing various programs during Mahavir Jayanti celebration, and organizing a bowling party on Sunday, March 13 (see details under Past Programs). In the incoming months, we are planning following activities:

- Organize games for the fun-fair on August 7
- Organize a youth camp with Sadhvi Shree Shilapiji on Sept 23-24
- Arrange a weekend trip to another temple and other places of interest

If you have any ideas or feedback, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sonal Sheth, Youth Coordinator

Narendrabhai Nandu, July 22-24

We are pleased to inform that Shree Narendrabhai Nandu and his group will visit the Washington, DC area in July. They are well known for their excellent performance of Maha Poojans with very good musical accompaniment and excellent performance by young children. We have scheduled 3 programs with his group at Jain Center as detailed below.

Bhavana Program, July 22

Bhavana program by Narendrabhai Nandu's musical group will be held at Jain Center on Friday, July 22, from at 8:30 PM to 10 PM.

Siddha Chakra Poojan, July 23

Narendrabhai Nandu and his group will perform Siddha Chakra Maha Poojan at the Jain Center on Saturday, July 23. Poojan will start at Vijay Muhurat 12:39 p.m. and will continue until about 5:30 p.m. Siddha Chakra Poojan will start with the most important Arihant Pad Poojan, and will be followed by Nav Pad Poojans, Labdhipad Poojan, Nav Graha Pooja and other Poojans; and end with important Ashta Prakari Pooja as shown below. Members are welcome to perform one of these Poojans for a nominal donation listed below. Poojans will be allocated on a first-come first-served basis. Please call Kanta Dharamsi at 703-620-9837 to inform her of which Poojan you would prefer to perform. Siddha Chakra Poojan will be followed by Aarti, Mangal Divo, and Shanti Kumbh. Gheeboli will be done for performing these.

No.	Poojan	Donation	To be performed by
1	Arihant Pad	Open	Family
2	Siddha Pad	\$251	Family
3	Acharya Pad	\$201	Family
4	Upadhyaya Pad	\$201	Family
5	Sadhu Pad	\$201	Family
6	Darshan Pad	\$201	Family
7	Gnyan Pad	\$201	Family
8	Charitra Pad	\$201	Family
9	Tap Pad	\$201	Family
10	Swar Varga/Anahat Dev	\$101	Family
11	48 Labdhi Pad	\$201	Family
12	Guru Paduka	\$101	Family

13	Adhishthayak Dev	\$101	Couples
14	Jayadevi/16 Vidya Devi	\$51	Female Only
15	24 Yaksha	\$51	Male Only
16	24 Yakshini	\$51	Female Only
17	4 Dwarpal / 4 Veerpal	\$51	Family
18	10 Dikpal	\$101	Family
19	Nav Graha	\$251	Family
20	Nav Nidhi	\$51	Family
21	Ashta Prakari Pooja	\$251	Family
22	Aarti	Gheeboli	Family
23	Mangal Divo	Gheeboli	Family
24	Shanti Kumbh	Gheeboli	Couple

18 Abhishek, July 24

All deities (Murties) at our temple will be purified by performing 18 Abhishek (bathing the Murties in 18 different holy waters) on Sunday, July 24. The program will start at Vijay Muhurat 12:39 p.m., and will continue until about 5:00 p.m. Members are welcome to perform one or more of these 18 Abhishek on the Murties at the temple by making a nominal donation of \$101 for each Abhishek. Members are also encouraged to purify their own Murties by bringing them to the Jain center to perform all 18 Abhishek on their own Murties. They can do so for a nominal donation of only \$51 per member family. If you wish to take part, please call Kanta Dharamsi at 703-620-9837.

Hukamchandji Bharill, July 20-24

Pravachan in Hindi by well-known scholar Dr. Hukamchandji Bharill will be held at the Jain Center starting at 8 PM on weekdays, and at 10 AM and 1 PM on weekends.

Acharya Chandanaji/Shubhamji July 29-31

We are very pleased to announce that Acharya Shree Chandanaji and Sadhvi Shree Shubhamji will bless us with their Pravachan in Hindi on Friday-Sunday, July 29-31. Their Pravachans will be held at Jain Center starting at 8:30 PM on Friday, and starting at 10:30 AM and 2:30 PM on Saturday & Sunday. Under the leadership of Acharya Shree Chandanaji, Veerayatan Ashram is performing excellent work at all 3 locations in India. Shubhamji is well known as being Shatavadhani (remembering 100 items at a time). Do not miss this

opportunity to listen to them. Also, Sadhvi Shree Shilapji, disciple of Chandanaji, has kindly agreed to visit us on Sept 23-25. We plan to arrange her Pravachan in Hindi and a camp in English (details will be provided later).

PAST EVENTS

Youth Committee Bowling Outing Let the Good Times Roll!

Put together duckpin balls, scorecards, pins, soda, fries, jukebox music, and to top it off, multi-colored funky shoe rentals, and what do you get? And what exactly are "duckpin" balls? The Youth Committee organized a bowling party on Sunday, March 13th at the AMF-College Park Lanes. About twenty children, teens, and adults from the Jain community joined in the fun.

We reserved four successive lanes, so each player and observer could cheer on friends in other lanes. The small four-pound duckpin bowling balls weren't a hindrance to the fun of the older players who could handle them easily, and they were just the right size for children who were new to the game.

And we can't attribute high scores at the end of the party to just the gutter rails which made scoring a zero nearly impossible, for some players scored strikes. Was it luck, or was it skill, and will that accomplishment carry over into future Jain Center events this year.

Mahavir Jayanti Celebration

The 2604th birth ceremony of Lord Mahavir, the 24th Tirthankar of Jain religion, was celebrated with great enthusiasm and success on Saturday April 23, at a program organized by the Jain Society of Metropolitan Washington. More than 600 members of Jain community gathered in the celebration held at Paint Branch High School, Burtonsville, MD.

The stage program began with a welcome speech by Dr. Manoj Dharamsi, Chairman, followed by colorful religious and cultural programs performed by children as young as 2 year old. The youth Committee members Nisha Jain, Punam Mutha, Mona Shah and Payal Vora conducted the program as MC. Children's program included recital of Navkar Mantra, Jain Stutis, prayer songs, skits on Jain principles, dances and religious drama. These programs were directed by teachers of the Jain Sunday school (Veena Dand, Kalpana Hegde, Arvind Mehta, Nayna Mehta, Kamlesh R. Shah, Rupal Shah, Hemangini Shah and Kashmira Vaywala) as well as other

parents (Bela Gandhi, Savita Jain, Sharmila Mehta, Arti Shah, Sangeeta Shah, and Nirmla Vora).

During the program, invited guest Mr. Kirit Daftari, 1st Vice President of JAINA (Federation of Jain Association of North America) highlighted the importance of Mahavir principles and asked to spread the message of Jainism to achieve peace, harmony and happiness. He also highlighted details about the fourth-coming biennial JAINA convention from July 1st through July 4th at Santa Clara, California. Dr Vinod Shah of Shah Associates highlighted the importance of unity and gift of giving donations in support of our future generation. Jain society president Dr. Sushil Jain in his speech said that the teachings of Mahavir viz., Non-violence, Forgiveness, Anekantwad, Aprigrah; and message of "Live and Let Live" is more relevant in present time for keeping world peace and harmony. Chairman of board of trustees Manoj Dharamsi talked about plans to expand the Jain Center and build an authentic Jain temple.

On this occasion, Dr. Arvind & Mrs. Nayana Mehta as well as youth member Nisha Jain were honored for their selfless and dedicated service to the community. Mr. Kamlesh P. Shah and Dimple Doshi, organizers of the program, delivered the vote of thanks. All children artists were presented trophies at the end of the stage program. Program ended with a delicious Swami Vatsalya Bhojan (dinner) sponsored by Shah Associates. The Executive Committee members and volunteers' hard work was praised and admired by the members and audience. Congressman Frank Pallone of New Jersey and the leader of the Maryland Delegates Kumar Bharve sent greetings and message for the occasion.

New Jersey Jain Social Group Visit

We were pleased to host the visit of Jain Social Group of New Jersey to our Center on Saturday April 30, 2005. The social Group was welcomed on their arrival around 11:00 AM. After welcoming them, we had lunch, and then held a Pooja and Bhavana program from 1 PM to 4 PM. Approximately 50 participants were in the visiting group and they left around 4:00 PM. They were very pleased with their visit.

Manak Munuji

Maharaj Manak Muniji presented an excellent discourse on implementing Jain way of life into daily practice. He emphasized the importance reading and understanding the Jain scripture to make our lives. Over 50 people attended this program. Manak Muniji will return to Washington area in late September on his way to India.

Jinchandraji (Bandhu Triputi)

On Tuesday June 14 evening, we were blessed with an excellent Pravachan by Muni Shree Jinchadra Vijayji (Bandhu Triputi). He spoke about importance of daily prayers and its impact on present and future life. He emphasized that no matter what your faith tradition is or how busy you are, you should take the time every day to reflect on what you did and what you should do! He explained the significance of the last 3 wishes of Shree Vastupal, builder of Delwada (Abu) and several other temples. In spite of being a weekday, this program was attended by nearly 100 people.

Poojas

Our Pooja Committee has been very busy performing various Poojas (Vastuk Pooja, Panch Kalyanak Pooja and Antaray Karma Pooja) at the residence of our members (Alpa Mehta, Arvind & Rita Vira, Pankaj & Chhaya Shah, Bhavik & Shruti Shah, Jagat & Shila Shah), and also at the Jain Center in memory of Anila Bhavsar. We want to thank the members of Pooja Committee for performing each and every Pooja with full dedication in a highly professional manor. All sponsors have expressed their gratitude and made generous donations to Jain Temple. We are thankful to the Pooja Committee for their personal sacrifice to take spirituality and Jain way of life to individual homes. If you wish to sponsor any Pooja, please contact Jyotiben Doshi at 301-670-6844.

Donations

Thanks to all donors for their generous donations. To make a general donation, or for your Gheeboli or other pledge, please write your check payable to Jain Society, and mail it to our treasurer Mr. Ashok Shah at 4717 Brightwood Road, Olney, MD 20832-1828. Recent donations of \$25 or more received until June 15, 2005 are listed below:

Donations

\$1501	Himanshu & Bindu Bhavsar	In Memory of Anila Bhavsar
525	Parash & Reena Shah	Gheeboli
501	Anonymous	Aarti Gheeboli
501	Bachubhai & Hansa Ajmera	Mangal Divo Gheeboli
501	Jain Social Group N.J.	Temple Visit
501	Jagat & Shila Shah	Pooja
500	Kamlesh & Gita Shah	Gheeboli
401	Sushil & Asha Jain	M.J. Program Trophy

400	Atul & Aruna Shah	Sunday School Party
301	Bhavik & Shrutee Shah	Pooja
301	Pankaj & Chhaya Shah	Pooja
251	Manish & Brinda Shah	Daughter's Birthday
251	Arvind & Reeta Vira	Pooja
151	Hemen & Bela Gandhi	General
151	Chhaya Savla	General
151	Hansa & Pravin Varia	General
125	Himmat & Tarlika Desai	General In Memory of Hasuben Dalal
101	Jignesh & Rajeshri Dalal	Dalal
101	Punit & Mamta Jain	General
101	Parul Nagda	General
101	Bhupendra & Surekha Shah	General
101	Minaxi Shah	General
101	Nilesh & Manna Shah	Son's Birthday
75	Rajni & Usha Shah	Mangal Divo Gheeboli
75	Rajnikant & Chandra Shah	Aarti Gheeboli
61	Vasant & Kokila Shah	Shanti Kalash Gheeboli In Memory of Hasuben Dalal
51	Saurabh F. Dalal	Dalal
51	Kirit & Bharti Khajuria	General
51	Manchand & Nirmala Maloo	General
51	Bharat & Saryu Mehta	General
51	Dr. Navin Shah	General
50	Theodrop & Angelia Chiappelli	In Memory of Hasuben Dalal In Memory of Hasuben Dalal
50	Ruth Toomer Green	In Memory of Hasuben Dalal
50	Tey & Kathllene Singh	In Memory of Hasuben Dalal
25	Payal Jhaveri	General
25	Harshad & Taru Matalia	General
25	Deepak & Sunila Merchant	General
25	Paresh & Shilpa Shah	General

Membership (New & Renewal)

\$151	Madhavi & Rashmi Doshi	Membership - Life
151	Sunil & Seema Jain	Membership - Life Membership - Life (For Parul)
151	Harshad & Taru Matalia	Membership - Life
151	Mukesh & Neeta Mehta	Membership - Life
151	Bhavesh & Chhaya Shah	Membership - Life
151	Nilesh & Deepti Shah	Membership - Life
51	Falguni Dhami	Membership - 3 Yrs
51	Ashok & Ani Jain	Membership - 3 Yrs
51	Ramanlal & Vimlaben Shah	Membership - 3 Yrs
51	Tejash M. Shah	Membership - 3 Yrs

Your E-Mail Address

We are honored and proud to have Janak Rajani as our web master and electronic communicator. He spends many hours each week to ensure our electronic communications stays current.

Short lead-time information and last-minute changes are being informed to the members via e-mail. Eventually, we would like to send newsletters by e-mail. If you have not received any e-mail from us within last 30 days, then we do not have your correct email address. It is likely that we do not have your e-mail information, or have an outdated e-mail address for you. Please help us keeping you informed in a timely manner by informing us of your email address by sending an email message to

Changes@JainSocietyDC.org. Also, we request that you visit www.Jainsocietydc.org once a week to review current information.

Our Web Site Update

The website www.JainSocietyDC.org has been updated regularly. In order to facilitate the members with an easy-to-navigate website, new menu links have been created. If you have information to share with other community members, like addition to your family, death in your family, etc. please send an email to Info@JainSocietyDC.org. If appropriate, we will share such information with our members by posting it on the website.

A link for **volunteers** to register for various activities at the Jain Center has been created. Please visit the website and click on "Volunteers" link from the left side menu to register as a Volunteer. Volunteer opportunities exist in many committees as listed at www.JainSocietyDC.org/Volunteers.htm

A link for various opportunities available within/through Jain Center has been created. Clicking on the opportunities link from the left side menu can access this list. Currently, this link displays the 2 Doctoral Research Scholarships available through University of Heidelberg.

I am in the process of creating a secured area where the members can change their membership information like address, phone number, addition of children, etc. on their own. For this purpose, I am planning to create login for each member. By using the username and password combination, you will have access to your personal information. Please send an email to Register@JainSocietyDC.org with your complete name and mailing address (to identify you as a member), and a

desired username. You will get a response back within 2-3 business days with your username/password and directions on how to log into the website.

For any suggestions, ideas and/or comments, feel free to either click on Contact Us link from the left side menu or send me an email at WebMaster@JainSocietyDC.org. We will try to implement your comments as soon as we can. Thank you for your cooperation and ongoing support!

Janak Rajani

Jain Sunday School

Jain Sunday School is open to all children. The school year is from September through May and the classes are held on 2nd and 4th Sundays from 10:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. It consists of 5 different levels of classes (A through E) each following a regular curriculum. We urge all the members to take advantage of this unique opportunity, and enroll their children in Sunday school. To register your children for the next year, please complete the form included in this Newsletter or download a copy from our web site.

Visiting The Temple

In addition to scheduled programs, the Jain center is open from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. every Sunday. If you wish to visit the temple at any other time, please use the cipher keyless combination lock on the side door. Please call one of the members of the Executive Committee to find out the combination for the lock.

Phone numbers to remember

Jain Sunday School ...	Nilesh Shah	301-549-2776
Adult Classes	Pravin Dand	301-384-3367
	Rajni Gosalia	301-464-5947
	Atul Shah	301-274-0319
Pooja	Jyoti Doshi	301-670-6844
Equipment Rental	Ashok R. Shah	301-260-1264

Condolences

We regret to inform that Anila Bhavsar sister of our active member Himanshu Bhavsar passed away during her trip to China. We pray that her soul rest in peace, and convey our condolences to all members of her family.



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JAIN SUNDAY SCHOOL

Registration Form

For Academic Year September 2005- May 2006

Parents' Names: _____
Last Name Father's Name Mother's Name

Address: _____

Phone Numbers: Home: _____ Office: _____

Cell: _____

E-mail Addresses: _____

Enrollment (you can enroll only those children who will complete age 6 by December 31, 2005, i.e., born in 1999 or earlier):

School Jain class (A,B,C,D,E)

<u>Name of Student</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Last Year</u>	<u>This Year</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Fee per student: \$15.00 (Regular registration fee, if paid* by September 5, 2005)
\$30.00 (Late registration fee, if paid after September 5, 2005)

* "paid" date means the date postmarked by or hand-delivered to Niles Shah.

Registration Fee Enclosed \$ _____ by Cash ___ or Check No. _____

Member's Signature _____

Please make the check payable to "Jain Society of Metropolitan Washington".

Please mail or hand-deliver your completed Registration form before September 5, 2005 to:
Niles Shah, 4323 Ambrose Ct, Burtonsville, MD 20866-2222

2nd Annual Health Fair & Fun Fair

Sunday August 7, 2005

At the Jain Center

1021 Briggs Chaney Road, Silver Spring, MD 20914

301-236-4466 www.jainsocietydc.org

FREE HEALTH FAIR

9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Sponsored by the Jain Society and Association of Indians in America

Free TESTING / EVALUATION / COUNSELING of

HEIGHT, WEIGHT
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VISUAL SCREENING
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ACUPUNCTURE
URINE ANALYSIS
DRUG INFORMATION

Laboratory blood test offered at nominal cost. 12 hour fast required.



Fun Fair



12:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Moon Bounce!

Bring \$ for Food Vendors!

Mehandi Tattoos!

Prizes!

Face Painting!

Games for All Ages!

For further Information Please Call:

Dhiraj Shah, Co-coordinator 410-480-2666

Dr. Sushil Jain (Health Fair) 301-670-0519

Nilesh Shah, Co-coordinator 301-549-2776

Dr. Jay Joshi (Health Fair) 301-947-0930

Sonal Sheth (Fun Fair) 202-489-4598, or see newsletter for Phone #'s of other Youth Committee Members

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
EVERYBODY IS WELCOME



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Upcoming Events for 2005

Friday, July 22	Bhavana Program
Saturday, July 23	Siddha Chakra Poojan
Sunday, July 24	18 Abhishek
Friday, July 29 – Sunday, July 31	Acharya Chandanaji and Shubhamji
Sunday, Aug 7	Fun- Fair/Health-Fair
Wednesday, Aug 31 – Wednesday, Sept 7	Paryushan Parva
Sunday, Sept 4.....	Swapna Ceremony
Wednesday, Sept 7	Samvatsari Pratikraman
Thursday, Sept 8 –Saturday, Sept 17.	Das Lakshan Parva
Friday, Sept 23 – Sunday, Sep 25.....	Sadhvi Shree Shilapiji
Sept 21 – Sept 28 / Oct 25 – Nov 1.....	Tarlaben Doshi
Saturday Oct 8 – Monday, Oct 10.....	Panch Teerth Yatra
Wednesday, Nov 2	Nav Smaran
Thursday, Nov 24.	Thanksgiving Day Ayambil
Sunday, Dec 4.....	Annual General Meeting and Elections