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President's Message

Jai Jinendra.

Mahavir Jayanti program was excellent. Every one enjoyed stage programs as well as the delicious dinner. The program at the residence of the ambassador of India was also very well done. Thanks to all artists, directors, and volunteers who made both programs a grand success.

We have scheduled Uvassagaharam Poojan and 18-Abhishek program by a well-known scholar and Vidhikar Narendrabhai Nandu in June. Members are requested and encouraged to participate in various Poojans and Abhishek. We have also arranged a Navkar Mantra Poojan in English in July especially for our children. Please do come with your children and attend this Poojan in a large number.

We have invited a number of Jain scholars: Sunandaben Vohora, Tarlaben Doshi, Pandit Abhaykumarji, Diptiben Shah, and Nautambhai Vakil. Do not miss the opportunity to listen to them.

For Paryushan Parva, we have been very fortunate that Chandrakantbhai Mehta from New Jersey has kindly agreed to deliver spiritual discourses during Paryushan Parva. Note that this year, Paryushan Parva runs through the Labor Day weekend. Do not make any other plans for the Labor Day weekend; commit yourself to attending Swapna ceremony and Samvatsari Pratikraman programs during the labor day weekend.

Thanks,

Kanta Dharamsi

UPCOMING EVENTS

Narendrabhai Nandu

June 20 -22

We are pleased to inform that Shree Narendrabhai Nandu and his group will visit the Washington, DC area in June. They are very 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: Bhavna program on Friday June 20, Uvassagaharam Maha Poojan on Saturday June 21, and 18 Abhishek program on Sunday June 22.

Uvassagaharam Poojan By Narendrabhai Nandu Saturday, June 21

Shree Narendrabhai Nandu and his group will perform Uvassagaharam Maha Poojan at the Jain Center on Saturday, June 21, 2003. This Poojan will be held for the first time in the Washington DC area. It will start at Vijay Muhurat 12:39 p.m. and will continue until about 5:00 p.m. Uvassagaharam Maha Poojan consists of performing 25 different Poojans as listed below. Members are welcome to perform one of these Poojans for a nominal donation as listed below. Poojans will be allocated on a first-come first-served basis. Please call Kanta Dharamsi at 703-620-9837 to inform her as to which Poojan you would prefer to perform. Poojan will be followed by Arti, Mangal Divo, and Shanti Kumbh. Gheeboli will be done for performing these.

UVASSAGAHARAM POOJAN

No.	Poojan	Donation
1	Kshetrapal Poojan	\$ 51
2	Parshwanath Poojan	\$251
3	Dharnendra/Padmavati	\$151
4	Bhadrabahu-16 Swar	\$101
5	Arihant Pad Poojan	\$301
6	Siddha Pad Poojan	\$201
7	Acharya Pad Poojan	\$151
8	Upadhyaya Pad Poojan	\$151
9	Sadhu Pad Poojan	\$151
10	Darshan Pad Poojan	\$151
11	Gnyan Pad Poojan	\$151
12	Charitra Pad Poojan	\$151
13	First Gatha Poojan	\$151
14	8 Nagdev Poojan	\$ 51
15	Second Gatha Poojan	\$201
16	16 Vidya Devi Poojan	\$ 51
17	24 Jinmata Poojan	\$101
18	10 Dikpal Poojan	\$101
19	Third Gatha Poojan	\$201
20	9 Graha Poojan	\$151
21	Jayadi Devi Poojan	\$ 51
22	Fourth Gatha Poojan	\$201
23	Vama Devi Mantra	\$ 51
24	Fifth Gatha Poojan	\$201
25	Astaparakari Poojan	\$201

18 Abhishek Sunday, June 22

All Murties at our temple will be purified by performing 18 Abhishek (bathing the Murties in 18 different holy waters) on Sunday, June 22nd. The program will start at Vijay Muhurat 12:39 p.m., and will continue until about 4:00 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 person for performing all Abhishek.

Jain Stavan Program Friday, June 20

A Jain prayer songs (Stavan) program by the musical group accompanying Narendrabhai Nandu will be held from 8:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Friday, June 20th. This group is famous in India for singing Jain Stavan, and has supported publication of various Jain tapes called "Stavan Sagar". Do not miss the opportunity to attend this live musical program of Jain Stavan.

Pandit Abhaykumar Jain June 24-30

We are very pleased to announce that Pandit Abhaykumarji Jain, a Jain scholar from Jaipur, India will be with us from June 24 to 30. His Pravachan programs will be held from 8:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on weekday evenings; and from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

Sunandaben Vohora Sunday, July 6 to July 12

We are pleased to inform that Sunandaben Vohora will be at our center from Sunday, July 6 through Saturday, July 12, 2003. She is a well-known Jain scholar and is known to us for her excellent style of explaining difficult to understand Jain principles in Gujarati with simple examples. Her Pravachans in Gujarati will be held from 8:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on weekdays. On Saturday and Sunday, 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. in the afternoon.

Diptiben Shah: July 18 – 24

We are very pleased to inform that Diptiben Shah, who graced our Paryushan Parva celebration in 2001, will be with us from Friday, July 18 through Thursday, July 24, 2003. Her Pravachan in Gujarati/English will be held from 8:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on weekdays, and on Saturday, July 19, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. On Sunday, July 20, she will perform a Navkar Mantra Poojan in English as detailed in the next paragraph.

Navkar Mantra Poojan in English on Sunday, July 20

Diptiben Shah will perform a Navkar Maha Mantra Poojan in English on Sunday, July 20. This special program is being arranged for our children who need to understand the significance and meaning of Navkar Mantra. Children will perform various Poojans included in this Maha Poojan. The Poojan will start at 12:39 p.m. and will last until about 4:30 p.m. All members are encouraged to come with their children to take part in this special program in English arranged mainly for our children.

July 19: Meeting to discuss Expansion of Jain Center

A meeting will be held from 2:30 PM to 4:30 PM at the Jain Center on Saturday, July 19 to discuss ideas on expansion of our Jain Center. We need feedback from all members on expansions they deem necessary, and a possible layout for the expansion. Note that this is not a fund-raising meeting. It will be a brainstorming meeting to decide on possible expansion layout for our Jain Center. All members are encouraged to attend the meeting and provide their feedback.

Nautambhai Vakil: Aug 2-6

Pravachan program of Shree Nautambhai Vakil, a well-known Jain scholar from India, will be held at the Jain Center from August 2 through 6, 2003. On Saturday and Sunday, Pravachan will be from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and again from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. On Monday thru Wednesday, Pravachan will be held in the evening from 8:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Chandrakantbhai Mehta Paryushan: August 24-31

Chandrakantbhai Mehta, a well-known and highly recommended scholar from New Jersey has kindly accepted our invitation to grace our Paryushan Parva celebration with his inspiring Pravachan. Swapna Ceremony and Samvatsari Pratikraman will be held on Saturday and Sunday of the Labor Day weekend. Details of programs during Paryushan Parva will be provided in the next newsletter.

PAST PROGRAMS

Mahavir Jayanti Celebration Saturday, April 12, 2003

Mahavir Jayanti was celebrated on Saturday, April 12th afternoon with a stage program followed by a delicious Swami Vatsalya Bhojan. The stage program included prayer songs, prayer dances, and Jain Stutis performed by our youngsters, and a skit "401K for this life and beyond" by adults. The highlight of the program was "Who wants to be a Jain Scholar", which was participated by our youngsters. All young participants were presented with a trophy sponsored by Atul and Aruna Shah. We were honored to have Mr. Anil Choudhry, Minister for Community Affairs, Embassy of India. Over 450 people attended the program.

Mahavir Jayanti Celebration at Indian Embassy

2602nd Birth Anniversary of Bhagwan Mahavir was celebrated on Sunday, April 27th at the residence of the ambassador of India from 4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The celebration was jointly sponsored by the Embassy of India and the Jain Society of Metropolitan Washington. Ambassador Lalit Mansinghji and Mrs. Indira Mansinghji personally welcomed all attending guests and members of our Society. Over 175 people, including leaders of different faiths, attended this special celebration of Mahavir Jayanti by Indian embassy.

After the social hour, a program consisting of dance and speeches was held from 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. It started with reciting of Navkar Mantra by 3-year old Kajal Vora. Ambassador Lalit Mansinghji gave an excellent welcome speech and highlighted Ahimsa and other tenets of Jainism. One of our Pathshala teachers, Anjali Dalal, gave a presentation on "Mahavir and his teachings". 15-Year old Nimay Mehta also gave an excellent insight on Mahavir's life. Our young artist sisters Payal & Kajal Vora, and Meera & Pooja Mehta performed two prayer dances on the life and message of Lord Mahavir. The program ended with a vote of thanks by our chairman Dr. Manoj Dharamsi. Mrs. Indira Mansinghji gave out certificates of appreciation to all young artists. The celebration ended with an excellent dinner.

Recognition Awards

During the Mahavir Jayanti program, Kamlesh Shah and Chandubhai Sanghavi were presented with recognition plaques for their outstanding contribution to the Jain Society. Congratulations to Kamlesh and Chandubhai.

Sunday School Graduation

Six students of the Sunday school graduated after attending classes for 8-10 years in the Jain Sunday school, and successfully completing the curriculum and passing the exams. They are: Arpit Doshi, Jatin Shah, Pathik Shah, Raj Shah, Sonal Shah, and Sejal Vaywala.

Poojas

Vastuk Pooja was performed at the residence of Bhupendra B. Shah on April 19, and Antaray Karma Nivaran Pooja was performed on April 27 at the Jain center in memory of our late member Jay Bhavsar. Navkar Jaap was performed at the residence of Dharmi and Sushila Chaudhari on April 13. Members are welcome to sponsor the performance of Snatra Pooja, Panch Kalyanak Pooja, Vastuk Pooja, Antaray Karma Nivaran Pooja, etc. at the Jain Center or at member's house. If you wish to sponsor any Pooja, please contact Jyotiben Doshi at 301-670-6844.

Visit Our Web Site

Our website www.jsmw.org provides details on our Jain Society and Jain Center, directions, planned programs, updates, etc. Please visit the site, and provide your feedback. If you have any ideas on things you would like to see on our website, please free feel to contact us, or provide your comments by clicking on the menu "Comments".

Your E-mail Address

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Temple Open on Sundays

11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

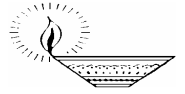
Chandubhai Sanghavi has kindly agreed to keep the Jain center open from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. every Sunday. If you wish to visit the temple at any other time, please call 301-236-4410 or 301-598-7464.

Phones to Remember

Jain Sunday School ...	Kamlesh Shah	301-838-9778
Adult Classes	Pravin Dand	301-384-3367
	Atul Shah	301-274-0319
	Rajni Gosalia	301-464-5947
Pooja	Jyoti Doshi	301-670-6844
Equipment Rental	Ashok R. Shah	301-260-1264

Condolence

We regret to inform that the mother of our members late Nanalal Shah, Talak Shah, and Ratanben Mulchand Shah passed away on March 20, 2003. We pray that her soul rest in peace, and convey our hearty condolence to all members of her family. A prayer program in her memory was held at the Jain Center on March 23.



We also regret to inform that the father of our member Kala Bhawanji Jain passed away on April 12, 2003. We pray that his soul may rest in peace, and convey our hearty condolence to all members of his family. A Prarthana program in his memory was held at the Jain Center on April 13.

Correction

We apologize for inadvertently missing out in the last newsletter names of Nayana Mehta from the list of the teachers, and Kunju Doshi from the list of the members of the Pooja committee.

Donations

Thanks to all donors for their generous donations. A list of donors who have donated \$25 or more is given on the next page. If you have not yet paid up any of your Gheeboli/pledge, please make your donation check payable to Jain Society, and mail it to our treasurer Mr. Manu J. Shah at 21009 Sunnyacres Road, Gaithersburg, MD 20882-1249.

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Pancholi, Bipin & Sunayana	51
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Jain, Damini.	501
Shah Associates (for 2002)	3,700

In Memory of Mehul Vora

Vora, Navin & Nirmala	\$251
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Other Donations

Bhavsar, Bakula	\$201
Bhavsar, Gunvanti	43
Bhavsar, Himanshu & Bindu	51
Chaudhari, Dharmi & Sushila	251
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Vora, Bhavi & Anju	29
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Vora, Navin & Nirmala	52
Vora, Rajesh & Sujata	30

Upcoming Events for 2003

Friday June 20Bhavna Program - Narendrabhai Nandu's Group
Saturday, June 21: Uvassagaharam Maha Poojan - Narendrabhai Nandu
Sunday, June 22: 18-Abhishek Program - Narendrabhai Nandu
Tuesday June 24 – Monday June 30: Pandit Abhaykumar Jain
Sunday July 6 – Saturday July 12: Sunandaben Vohora
Friday July 18 – Thursday, July 24: Diptiben Shah
Saturday, July 19: General Discussion Meeting on Jain Center Expansion
Sunday, July 20:Navkar Mantra Poojan in English – Diptiben Shah
Saturday, August 2 – Wednesday, August 6: Nautambhai Vakil
Sunday, August 24 – Sunday August 31: Paryushan Parva - Chandrakant Mehta
Saturday, August 30: Swapna Ceremony
Sunday, August 31: Samvatsari Pratikraman
Monday, September 1 – Wednesday, September 10: Das Lakshan Parva
Sunday, October 5: Ayambil
Sunday, October 26: Nav Smaran
Friday, October 31 – Monday, November 3: Tarlaben Doshi



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