



JAIN SOCIETY OF METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON

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

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Jai Jinendra!

I wanted to take this opportunity and wish everyone Happy Diwali and a prosperous New Year!

The 2013 year has gone by very quickly. Along with many other programs we celebrated Paryushan Parva and Dalakshan with lot of joy and devotion. During Paryushan Parva our members enjoyed excellent pravachans from Jitendrabhai Shah. Daslakshan parva was celebrated with lectures from dynamic Swanubhuti Jain via live web cast from India.

After Paryushan and Daslakshan parva, our Temple was visited by four different sanghs on four consecutive weekends. Our Volunteers made their visit very pleasant and enjoyable.

On the auspicious occasion of *Ayambil ni Oli*, 52 people took part in samuhik ayambil on Saturday October 12th.

In next few weeks, we will be publishing an online Treasurer's report with the list of donations since August.

The 2013 year is almost over. Elections for Trustees will be held on December 15th, 2013. I request all members to attend the general body meeting and take active part in our Jain Society. Building a new Jain temple is a once in a life time event for all of us. I request all of you to pitch in and help in this monumental process. I would like to thank all the members who have pledged and send in their donations. Those who have not yet pledged or sent donations are requested to make their share of donations and send in donations to take advantage of tax year 2013.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all volunteers, sponsors, and members of the Executive Committee for helping with all these events. Every week we have number of activities in our temple; please come forward and volunteer to help and organize these events. Let me or any other EC member know how you would like to get involved with any of these events/activities.

Please feel free to send me your comments/suggestions for improvements in our services to the community to president@jainsocietydc.org.

Paresh Shah, President
Jain Society of Metropolitan Washington

UPCOMING EVENTS

Annual General Body Meeting– December 15th 2013

Annual general body meeting and elections will be held on December 15th 2013 from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM onwards at our Jain temple. All members are invited to the meeting. Trustees, Executive committee, temple committee and other committees will be presenting the reports in the general body meeting. Any resolutions proposed will be voted upon.

The general body meeting will be followed by Elections for year 2014. Light refreshments will be served. Rules and regulations for the Elections and the nomination form can be found with this newsletter. Ashok Shah will serve as the chair along with Raju Desai and Jayesh Mehta as the election officers.

Annual General Body Meeting Agenda

1. President's Comments
2. Secretary's Report
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Trustees' Report
5. Director of Education's Sunday School Report
6. Temple Committee Report
7. Appointment of Auditor for 2013
8. Approval of SGB meeting minutes held on September 29th 2013
9. Approval of JAINA Directors and UHJT Representatives Guidelines
10. Other Agenda of General interest

Members interested in serving as trustee should send the enclosed nomination form by November 22nd, 2013 to Election Officers - Ashokbhai Shah, **Raju Desai or Jayesh Mehta.**

Lecture Series with Shree Bhadrabahu Vijayji – October 30-November 4

We are very pleased to announce that Shree Bhadrabahu Vijayji will grace us with his presence and knowledge in a special lecture series from October 30 through November 4 at our Jain Center. Sunday's Lecture is a special shibir about Pudgal Vosiravavni Prakriya.

Details are as follows:

Date	Time
Wednesday, October 30	8:15PM – 10:00PM
Thursday, October 31	8:15PM – 10:00PM
Friday, November 1	8:15PM – 10:00PM
Saturday, November 2	10:30AM – 12:30PM
Sunday, November 3	10:30AM – 12:30PM
Monday, November 4	8:15PM – 10:00PM

ON-GOING EVENTS

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

- Bi-weekly Sunday School Pathshala from September to May. Please contact our Director of Education, Megha Doshi.
- Adult religious classes are also held in parallel with Sunday School. Please contact Dr. Atul Shah at 301-274-0319, or Pravin Dand at 301-384-3367 for more information.
- Kesar/Chandan Poojan each Saturday at 10:00 a.m.
- Monthly Snatra Pooja (Sundays) - 10:30 a.m. followed by lunch.
- Dev Shastra Guru Pooja on 1st Sunday of each month - 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. followed by lunch.

PAST EVENTS

Following are the details of past events programs at Jain Center:

- Paryushan Parva and Das Lakshan Celebrations – September 2013
- Visit By New York Sangh – September 2013
- Visit By Charlotte Sangh – September 2013
- Visit By Cherry Hill Sangh – September 2013
- Live Video Conference/Pravachan with Gurudev Shree Namramuni – October 2013

PATHSHALA UPDATE

Pathshala is an integral and vibrant part of JSMW. It was established in 1980 with a goal to provide valuable teachings based on Jain principles. Over the years, number of students attending our Pathshala has increased manifold and we continue to strive hard to make it welcoming and interesting.

Diwali Arati Thali Competition - Nov 3rd, 2013

- DO NOT buy ready-made thalis. Let the kids decorate the thali with very minimum or NO help from parents, let the kids be as creative as possible.
- Due to the hazard we request you use battery operated diyas only, however, tea light candles are allowed but will not be lighted during Aarti.
- Do not place the kids' names on the thalis, we will be assigning numbers to them.
- Thalís need to be on the assigned tables by 10.15am. Please collect them from the table before heading to do aarti (after Class)
- The winners will be announced after Aarti and Mangal Divo in the Gymnasium
- We all will get a chance to do Samuha Aarti in our own decorated thali...don't miss this opportunity....please sign up.
- One child can submit only ONE Thali for competition. Interesting participants must submit their names to PTA at JSMWPathshalaPTA@yahoogroups.com.

POOJA COMMITTEE

The Pooja Committee performs various Poojas such as Vastuk Pooja, Panch Kalyanak Pooja and Antaray Karma Pooja at the residence of our members and at the Jain Center. If you wish to perform any Pooja, please contact Jyoti Doshi at 301-670-6844 or Pallavi Shah at 301-260-1264.



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Calendar of Events

Date	Program
Wednesday Oct 30 – Monday Nov 4, 2013	Pravachan by Bhadhrabahu Vijayji
Monday November 4, 2013	Nav Smaran
Thursday November 28, 2013	Thanksgiving Day Ayambil
Sunday December 15, 2013	Annual General Body Meeting and 2014 Election