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President's Report ...

Jai Jinendra,

I hope you are having a great summer.

The center has been busy with various activities this summer. We celebrated our first Pratistha anniversary with Padmavati Maha Pujan and Jin Gun Sampathi Vidan. On July 31st we had our annual picnic at Houghton Park at the foot of the Blue Hills. Nice location, weather and food made the picnic memorable. Over 200 members attended the picnic and all had a wonderful time.

During the weekend of July 4th the JAINA convention was held in Houston, TX. The JCGB was represented by 30 members.

Renovation Committee has been working toward finalizing the Phase I renovations, paying careful attention towards all of our requests. The project has been well under budget. We extend our sincere thanks to the Renovation committee. Special recognition goes to the most active members, Sanjaybhai, Premal and Kashmira. Without their dedication, our building would not be as wonderful as it is.

As fall approaches, we are getting ready to celebrate Paryushana Parva and Das Lakshana Parva. We have invited scholars from India for all 18 days and hope you can join us. The details of the program are included inside.

We are working towards finalizing the plans for Siddhachalam yatra. This time we will also be visiting Ghantakaran Mahavir temple in Pamona, NJ. We are looking for two Sanghpatis, one for Siddhachalam and one for temple at Pamona NJ. A family or group of families can be the Sanghpati. If you are interested, please let us know.

It takes hundreds of volunteer-hours to conduct a successful event. Our sincere gratitude goes to the Executive Committee and to the volunteers for making the events successful. If you can volunteer for any event, please let us know.

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Arti Mehta

NY Sangh Visit

On September 25, over 500 members from NY Sangh will visit our center. They will arrive at 11 a.m. and will leave around 3 p.m. If you can help us in welcoming them, please contact any EC member.

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2011 JCGB Calendar:

Event	Date	JCGB Event
Pathshala Puja		August 28
Paryushan and Das Lakshana Celebration	Paryushan Parva: August 25 to September 1 Das Lakshana: September 2 to September 11	Paryushan & Das Lakshana Lectures August 25 to September 11
Paryushan Program		September 17
NY Sangh Visit		September 25
Sidhhachalam Yatra		October 15 & 16
Fall Cleanup		October 1 & October 22
Diwali	Diwali: October 26 New Year: October 27, 2011	Diwali & Nirvan Ladoo Offering: October 26 , New Year October 27 , Diwali Function: October 29

Monthly Puja/Bhavna Schedule:

- 1st Sunday Pathshala** (not in July & August)
Contact: Mamta Mehta
Pathshala Director
508-543-5131
- Adult Swadhaya**
- 2nd Sunday Bhaktamar**
Contact: Mukund Mehta 781-344-6030
- 3rd Sunday Snatra Puja**
Contact: Sudhir Shah 508-660-9683
- 4th Sunday Dev Shastra Guru Puja**
Contact: Rani Jain 781-278-9851
- 5th Sunday (When Applicable)**
Open, See JCGB.org or your email for any event planned

Adult Swadhaya: We are conducting Adult Swadhaya regularly on Pathshala day. It is taught by Mr. Dharmraj Khot. At present we are discussing Tattvarth Sutra.

Jain Panchang/Calendar:

As you know Pancham (5th), Aatham (8th), Chaudas (14th), Aamas etc are auspicious tithis in Jain Panchang. People try to observe tapasya according to our capacity. There are times we don't have Panchang available to follow these tithis. Our senior member Dineshbhai Dalal has graciously agreed to provide us Panchang tithis for upcoming months.

Month – Shravan to Aaso:

Jain calendar dates are as follows:

Month - Shravan Vad

Shravan vad 8 - August 22, Monday
Shravan Vad 11 - August 25, Thursday - Paryushan Parv Begins
Shravan Vad 14 - August 28, Sunday - Kalp Dhar

Month - Bhadarva

Bhadarva Sud 2 - August 30, Tuesday - Tela Dhar
Bhadarva Sud 4 - September 1, Thursday - Samvatsari, Paryushan Parv ends
Bhadarva Sud 5 - September 2, Friday
Bhadarva Sud 8 - September 5, Monday
Bhadarva Sud 14 - September 11, Sunday
Bhadarva Vad 8 - September 21, Wednesday
Bhadarva Vad 14 - September 26, Monday

Month - Aaso

Aaso Sud 5 - October 1, Saturday
Aaso Sud 8 - October 4, Tuesday - Aayambil Odi Begins
Aaso Sud 14 - October 11, Tuesday
Aaso Sud 15 - October 12, Wednesday - Aayambil Odi ends
Aaso Vad 8 - October 20, Thursday
Aaso Vad 12/13 - October 24, Monday - Dhanteras
Aaso Vad 14 - October 25, Tuesday
Aaso Vad 30 - October 26, Wednesday - Diwali, Mahavirswami Nirvan Kalyanak

Trip to Siddhachalam and Ghantakaran Mahavir Temple October 15 and 16, 2011

JCGB is planning a trip to Siddhachalam on October 15 and 16. The trip will also include a visit to Ghantakaran Mahavir Temple in Pomona, NJ near Atlantic City, NJ. The Executive Committee is working out all the details including the costs for the trip, etc. As soon as the planning is complete, we will send the information for the trip via e-mail, so please reserve these dates.

As in the past, this trip offers a great opportunity to become Sanghpati for two families. If you are interested, please contact Harendra Shah at (508)-393-9361 or Neela Shah at (508)-366-4090.

Paryushan Parva and Das Lakshana Parva Program 2011

.....Submitted by Rasikbhai Vagadia

The Paryushan Parva will begin on August 25 and Samvatsari will be on September 1. Das Lakshana Parva begins on September 2 and ends on September 11. We are privileged to have two outstanding scholars visiting us during these Parvas.

During Paryushan parva, lectures will be by **Shri Pravinbhai Shah** from Ahmadabad. Lectures will be in Gujarati-Hindi/English. His lectures will start with fifteen minutes of Kalpa Sutra reading followed by Swadhyay. Topics will include Summary of Nine Tatva, Avoid Avirati- importance of Pachchakhan and meaning, History of Agam, Gandharvad, 6 Leshya-3 Bhasya (Chaityavandan- Guruvandan-Pachchakhan Bhasya), Acharya Bhadrabahuwami – Uvasaggaharam Stotra, Spirituality of Shreemad Rajchandra, etc.

During Das Lakshana Parva, lectures will be by **Dr. Ashok Kumarji Jain** of Delhi. Lectures will be in Hindi/English. He will start the lectures with fifteen minutes of discourse on each of Dash Dharma on respective Dharma day followed by a Swavadhay type lecture on one of the Jain scriptures/books.

Paryushan Parva: August 25th Thursday thru. Sep. 1st Thursday Das Lakshana Parva: Sep. 2nd Friday thru Sep. 11 Sunday

Paryushan Parva: August 25th Thursday thru. Sep. 1st Thursday

Aug 25, Thursday 1st Day of Paryushan Parva 9:30 - 11:00 AM

Snatra Puja
Talk/Lecture by Shri
Pravinbhai

6:30 – 7:45 PM
8:00 – 8:30 PM
8:30 - 9:45 PM
9:45 PM

Pratikraman
Bhavana
Lecture by Shri Pravinbhai
Aarti and Mangal Divo

Aug 26, Friday 9:30 - 11:00 AM

Snatra Puja
Talk/Lecture
Pratikraman
Bhavana
Lecture
Aarti and Mangal Divo

6:30 – 7:45 PM
8:00 – 8:30 PM
8:30 - 9:45 PM
9:45 PM

Aug 27, Saturday

10:00 – 12:00 Noon Snatra Puja
12:00 - 1:00 PM Lecture
1:00 PM Aarti and Mangal Divo
1:15 PM Lunch
2:45 - 3:45 PM Lecture
5:30 – 6:45 PM Pratikraman

Aug 28, Sunday

10:00 AM – 12:15 PM Astaprakari & Devshastra
Guru Puja by Pathshala
Students
12:15 PM Aarti and Mangal Divo
12:30 PM Lunch by Pathshala Teachers,
EC and BOA
2:00 - 3:30 PM Lecture
5:00 - 8:00 PM Pratikraman

Aug 29, Monday Bhagvan Mahavir JanamVanchan

9:30 - 11:00 AM
Snatra Puja
Talk/Lecture

6:30 – 7:45 PM

Pratikraman

8:00 – 8:30 PM

Bhavana- Mahavir Prabhunu
Halardu

8:30 - 9:45 PM

Lecture

9:45 PM

Aarti and Mangal Divo

Aug 30, Tuesday

9:30 - 11:00 AM

Snatra Puja
Talk/Lecture

6:30 – 7:45 PM

Pratikraman

8:00 – 8:30 PM

Bhavana

8:30 - 9:45 PM

Lecture

9:45 PM

Aarti and Mangal Divo

Aug 31, Wednesday

9:30 - 11:00 AM

Snatra Puja
Talk/Lecture

6:30 – 7:45 PM

Pratikraman

8:00 – 8:30 PM

Bhavana

8:30 - 9:45 PM

Lecture

9:45 PM

Aarti and Mangal Divo

Sep 1, Thursday

9:30 - 11:30 AM

Samvatsari

Snatra Puja
Talk/Lecture

5:00 PM – 5:30 PM

Samvatsari Pratikraman-Boli
Talk by Shri Pravinbhai Shah

5:30 PM- 8:30 PM

Samvatsari Pratikraman
Sthanakvasi Pratikraman

8:30 PM

Aarti and Mangal Divo

Sep 2, Friday

7:00 AM

Parana

Darshan-Chaityavandan
Parana

Das Lakshana Parva Program: September 2 Friday thru Sept. 11 Sunday

Sep 2, Friday

8:00 – 9:30 AM

1st day of Das Lakshana Parva Uttam Kshama

Abhishek and Devshastra
Guru Puja

9:30 – 10:30 AM Talk/Lecture by Shri Ashokbhai Bhavana
8:00 – 8:30 PM Bhavana
8:30 – 9:45 PM Lecture
9:45 PM Aarti and Mangal Divo

Sep 3, Saturday Uttam Mardava Dharma (Humility)
10:00 – 12:00 Noon Abhishek and Devshastra Guru Puja
12 Noon - 1:15 PM Lecture
1:15 PM Aarti and Mangal Divo
1:30 PM Lunch by Members
2:45 -3:45 PM Lecture

Sep 4, Sunday Uttam Arjava Dharma (Straightforwardness)
10:00 – 12:00 Noon Abhishek and Devshastra Guru Puja
12 Noon - 1:15 PM Lecture
1:15 PM Aarti and Mangal Divo
1:30 PM Lunch by Members
2:45 - 3:45 PM Lecture

Sep 5, Monday Uttam Shaucha Dharma (Contentment)
10:00 – 12:00 Noon Abhishek and Devshastra Guru Puja
12 Noon - 1:15 PM Lecture
1:15 PM Aarti and Mangal Divo
1:30 PM Lunch by Members
2:45 - 3:45 PM Lecture

Sep 6, Tuesday Uttam Satya Dharma
8:00 - 9:30 AM Abhishek and Devshastra Guru Puja
9:30 - 10:30 AM Talk/Lecture
8:00 – 8:30 PM Bhavana
8:30 - 9:45 PM Lecture
9:45 PM Aarti and Mangal Divo

Sep 7, Wednesday Dhup Dashmi (Sugandh Dashmi) Uttam Sanyam Dharma

8:00 - 9:30 AM Abhishek and Devshastra Guru Puja
9:30 - 10:30 AM Talk/Lecture
8:00 – 8:30 PM Bhavana
8:30 - 9:45 PM Lecture
9:45 PM Aarti and Mangal Divo

Sep 8, Thursday, Uttam Tapa Dharma
8:00 - 9:30 AM Abhishek and Devshastra Guru Puja
9:30 - 10:30 AM Talk/Lecture
8:00 – 8:30 PM Bhavana
8:30 - 9:45 PM Lecture
9:45 PM Aarti and Mangal Divo

Sep 9 Friday, Uttam Tyag Dharma
8:00 - 9:30 AM Abhishek and Devshastra Guru Puja
9:30 - 10:30 AM Talk/Lecture
8:00 – 8:30 PM Bhavana
8:30 - 9:45 PM Lecture
9:45 PM Aarti and Mangal Divo

Sep 10, Saturday, Uttam Akinchanya (Aparigraha) Dharma
10:00 – 12 Noon Abhishek and Devshastra Guru Puja
12 Noon - 1:15 PM Lecture
1:15 PM Aarti and Mangal Divo
1:30 PM Lunch by Members
2:45 - 3:45 PM Talk/Lecture

Sep 11, Sunday Anant Chaturdashi (Last day of Das Lakshana Parva) Uttam Bramhacharya Dharma
10:00 – 12:00 Noon Abhishek and Devshastra Guru Puja
12 Noon - 1:15 PM Lecture
1:15 PM Aarti and Mangal Divo
1:30 PM Lunch by Members
2:45 - 3:45 PM Talk/Lecture

Sep 12, Monday Parana
7:00 AM Parana

Shri Pravinbhai Shah, age 69, received Master of Philosophy with Jainism in 2003 and **Doctor of Philosophy (Ph. D) in Jainism** in 2005 on topic "Gnan Mimansa (Knowledge Theory)" from Gujarat Vidhyapith, Ahmedabad. After finishing his M. Sc. in 1966 in India, he became a professor in Mathematics. He stayed in USA and Dubai from 1974-1985; He received his MBA from University of California. Thereafter he decided to settle down in Ahmedabad. Dr. Pravinbhai has authored many books including "Tatwagyan Tipa part I, II and III"; and "Sadgati Ni Guarantee" to name a few. Dr. Pravinbhai has lectured in Dubai and other countries.

Shri Ashok Kumarji Jain, age 49 received his "Upadhyay" in 1980 and "Achrya" in 1987. He received his **Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) in Jainism** in 2002 on Cultural Study of "Acharya Kundkundarya Granthanam" from Shri LalBahadur Shastri Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidhya Peeth, New Delhi. Dr. Jain is known to be an expert in translation of Ancient Scriptures of Sanskrit, Prakrat and Bundelkhandi languages. During his study for Ph.D., he taught Jain Darshan to "Shastris" & "Acharyas". For many years he has been teaching various scriptures of Jain Literature at Rishabh Viahr Jain Society, Delhi. Dr. Ashok kumarji has authored many books, articles, publications; among them "Kundkund Navneet". "Naitik Shikshawali", "Samayik Abhiyaas", "Samyag Darshan" and "Shodh Prabandh" to name a few. Dr. Ashok kumarji has spent most of his life in teaching Jainism.

Pathshala Update

Jai Jinendra,

After a wonderful summer, Pathshala Teachers and students are looking forward to another great year! To our new JCGB members, welcome to the Pathshala community too!

As a brief intro, Pathshala offers 10 classes during the school year starting August 2011 through June 2012. We strive to foster a Jain community that promotes the Jain Lifestyles among kids and adults alike. We not only teach our students prayers and sutras but we also emphasize on the daily applications of Jainism. Our classes are open for ages 3 through 17 (pre-k through high school) and we have Swadhyay classes for college students and beyond. All are welcome!

Pathshala classes are usually on the first Sunday of the every month from 10 am to 12.30 pm followed by lunch. Our students are also incredibly active in participating in JCGB community events including cultural programs during Diwali, Mahavir Jayanti and also in national events such as JAINA. Pathshala truly is a strong home base and complete Jain community for all our members. We strongly urge you to join us and become a part of our Pathshala Community!

You can register online from www.jcgb.org or request registration forms by emailing

mamta.m.mehta@gmail.com or bdev.jain@gmail.com
As per our tradition, we will start Pathshala this year with the Astha Prakari Pooja and Dev shastra Guru Pooja on August 28th 2011 at 10am. We would love to see you there!

For further questions please contact:
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Message from Secretary

Please read letter on last page regarding membership renewal. Also, check your membership expiration date on cover page and take appropriate action.

Member News

Congratulations and Best Wishes to:

- Neel Mehta, son of Shruti and Narendra Mehta on his wedding to Shreya.

Picnic

This year's picnic was at Blue Hills Reservation (Houghton Pond, site # 5) and was enjoyed by more than 200 people with excellent weather and good spot. The site included a walking trail, and a beach. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped arranging for all of the games and required items for picnic. Special thanks to Nisha Gosalia for arranging the excellent food. Response from Members was all positive and overwhelming. We may try new spot every year so if you know of any good location for our picnic, please send your suggestions to any of the Executive Committee members. Thank you and hope to see you all for many more picnics in the future!

.....Submitted by Hareh Tamboli, Picnic Organizer



Group Photo at the Picnic

Youth Events

Please contact Youth Representative for updates:
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~ 617-331-3145

Check Facebook Page for updates as well: Young
Jains of America – Northeast Region
<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=2374692263>

Sunday, September 25th at 10:00 – 11:30am
Monthly Boston Pathshala at Boston University

Free Lunch provided after each class. For rides from
Northeastern or Riverside (Newton), please contact
Naman Jain.

1st Saturday of every month
Lunch at Boston area restaurant
Check Facebook page for location and time (use the
link above for Young Jains of America-Northeast
Region)

August 25th – September 1st
Paryushan Parva

September 2nd – September 11th:
Daslakshan Parva

September 1st:
Samvatsari Pratikraman at JCGB

Shuttle Service is available from Northeastern and BU
campus. Rides available from other locations as well,
please contact us for details.

Shuttle Times

4:45pm Leaving from BU (Warren Towers)
700 Commonwealth Ave, Boston, MA

5:00pm Leaving from Northeastern
Intersection of Huntington Ave & Forsyth St

9:00pm Leaving from JCGB (Norwood)
9:30pm Arrive at Northeastern
9:45pm Arrive at Boston University

Pratikraman supplies will be provided if requested

Please RSVP on the Facebook invite or email
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Jain Youth from Boston doing Puja at Boston University



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*We are still in need of representatives from other
colleges/universities in the area. Please contact
Naman Jain if you are interested or have questions.*