



# JAIN CENTER OF GREATER BOSTON

Right Faith, Right Knowledge, Right Conduct

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## President's Message ...

*Jai Jinendra!*

*The JCGB Executive Committee wishes everyone a happy New Year!! After a long harsh winter, spring weather is just around the corner.*

*As we ring in a new year at JCGB, the new executive committee assumes the duty with determination and commitment to serve our community. I would like to thank the outgoing members (and their families) for their charitable service, wisdom and hard work.*

*As most of you are aware, the JCGB Land Search Committee headed by Shri Sudhirbhai Shah has located a property in Norwood. The property consists of a 10,500 sq-ft brick and stone building located in 3.45 acres of land. The property has all of the amenities that we wish for in our present circumstances. The executive committee and board had a series of meetings and decided to pursue purchase of the property. We will communicate via email as we make progress and when more details are available.*

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## Change in the locking system at the Jain Center

Due to security reasons we are forced to change our lock at the Jain Center. Instead of **KEY LOCK**, we have installed a **NUMBER PAD LOCK**.

The old key will not work any more. There is a security code to unlock the door. You can receive the security code by calling either the Vice President or the Secretary and, by identifying yourself. Once you receive the code, please do not give the code to unauthorized person, children and mainly do not vouch out at the entrance of the building to keep it secure from the neighbors.

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## Mark your Calendar

April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009

***Mahavir Jayanti Program***

*(Please bring donations for food pantry)*

June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009

***Pratistha Anniversary Celebration***

## Event Calendar

- Ayambil Tapascharya** Sunday, April 5, 2009
- Mahavir Jayanti Celebration** Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009
- Pratistha Anniversary Day** Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009
- JAINA Convention Picnic** July 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009 Anaheim, CA
- Pathshala Puja** Sunday, August 9, 2009
- Pathshala Puja** Sunday, August 30, 2009
- Paryushana Parv Swamivatslya** Saturday, September 12, 2009
- Diwali Celebration** Saturday, October 24, 2009

## Monthly Puja/Bhavna

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Pathshala at Bird School, Walpole**  
Contact Person: Mamta Mehta, Pathshala Director @ 508-543-5131
- 2nd Sunday Bhavna at Jain Center**  
Contact Person  
Nisha Gosalia 508-473-1072  
Mita Shah 781-449-3297
- 3rd Sunday Snatra Puja at Jain Center**  
Contact Person  
Sudhirbhai Shah 508-660-9683
- 4th Sunday Dev Shastra Guru Puja at Jain Cneter**  
Contact Person:  
Raniben Jain: 781-278-9851

## Youth Events

- March 26<sup>th</sup> Dinner at Tamarind Bay**  
7:30 PM 75 Winthrop St, Cambridge, MA  
RSVP: Naman Jain (617-331-3145)
- April 23<sup>th</sup> Dinner at Finale**  
7:30 PM One Columbus Ave, Boston, MA  
RSVP: Naman Jain (617-331-3145)

**15th JAINA Convention 2009**  
**Thursday to Sunday July 2-5 2009**  
**Anaheim Convention Center**  
**800 W Katella Ave**  
**Anaheim CA 92802, USA**

## Message form the Convention Committee:

*It is with great excitement that we invite you to the 15th Biennial JAINA Convention from Thursday, July 2nd to Sunday, July 5th, 2009. The Convention will be held in the city of Anaheim located in sunny southern California. The theme for the 2009 convention is "Ecology: The Jain Way." Attend to educate ourselves about how timeless principles of Jain Religion reflect ecology that has become the focus of everything that we do today. Attending this convention will equip you with the necessary tools and resources to live a green life liberated from the himsak ways and charge you up to inspire others.*

-Convention Committee

Fee Schedule to attend the convention.

	Up To Mar 15	Mar 16 to Apr 15	Apr 16 to June 15	June 16 to June 28
Adult	\$150	\$175	\$200	\$225
Child/Youth age 5-17	\$100	\$115	\$130	\$145
Child under 5	Free	Free	Free	Free

For further information contact any of Executive Committee members or go to [www.jaina.org](http://www.jaina.org)

## Jain Milan

*A 3- day Matrimonial Convention "Jain Milan 2009" will be held on April 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009 in Long Island, NY.*

*For more information please contact  
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E-mail: [profgaryshah@yahoo.com](mailto:profgaryshah@yahoo.com)

[www.jainmilan2009april.com](http://www.jainmilan2009april.com)

## President's Message ...

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*Year 2009 activities are getting into high gear. The JCGB Calendar of major events for year 2009 is included in this newsletter. Other events are being considered now and will be published as details are available. Please don't forget to mark your calendar. Our center is bustling with activities on every Sunday! We are looking for more participation. Come and be a part of it. This is your Jain Center!*

*The preparation for our first major event, the annual Mahavir Jayanti celebration, is in full swing. We would like to eliminate the swapna Boli as much as during the event. Please support this initiative by reviewing the attached Boli sheet and pledge your support ahead of time*

*Pathshala and Swadhaya sessions are running very well. It is a delight to watch young kids happy and learning their religion and native language. We are excited to announce the appointment of Mamta Mehta as the new Pathshala Director and Sanjay Jain as the administrator. We want to thank Rajesh Mehta for his contribution in leading pathshala and bringing at this level.*

*Our website, [www.jcgb.org](http://www.jcgb.org) has undergone a facelift making it easier to navigate and faster to retrieve information. New features will help EC manage membership, member communication & event updates. We will go live on the new site soon.*

*15<sup>th</sup> Biennial JAINA Convention will be held on July 1-July 4 at Anaheim, California. I urge you to sign up now. JCGB will once again lead the delegation and put on an awesome show.*

*Check out the JCGB Calendar of Events for a great array of upcoming and exciting events taking place every month throughout the year.*

**Jitendra Vora**

## Ayambil Tapascharya

Continuing the JCGB bi-annual tradition, we will observe a day of Ayambil Tapascharya on Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> 2009. For those who are not familiar with this special austerity, it is typically a nine day of observance: Arihanta, Siddha, Acharya, Upadhyay, Sadhu, Jnan, Darshan, Charityra, and Austerity. However, we will observe it at the JCGB temple for at least one day. It will be a partial fast for that day. The observant will eat only one meal at the temple. The only type of food that will be served are items made from grains and dried beans, and the only spices that can be used are salt and pepper. If you would like to participate, please call before April 4<sup>th</sup> to the coordinators:

Lalitaben Kusumbhai Shah at 781-963-1706 or  
Ranjanben Sudhirbhai Shah at 508-660-9683 .

Date and Time: **Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>**

From 12:00 pm until 12:15 pm Chaitya Vandan  
From 12:15 pm until 1:15 pm Ayambil Meal

## **Change in the locking system at the Jain Center**

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The security code will be changed periodically. So once received, the code might not work next time. If the code does not work, just get the new one by calling either of the following numbers:

Tarang Jain

Home 978-319-7300  
Cell : 781-210-7321

Arti Mehta

Home: 781-793-0687  
Cell: 781-718-5393

# Mahavir Jayanti Celebration

Mahavir Jayanti will be celebrated on April 12<sup>th</sup> 2009 at 2:30pm. As done in the past, we are continuing the format of silent bolies for some of the swapnas and, of the Gold Malas and Flower Malas of all the Swapnas. A live Boli will be conducted for the following Swapnas: Lion, Elephant, Laxmi, Sun and Jewels. The pledge for remaining eleven swapnas is fixed at \$201 each. Up to three families will be allowed to pledge this amount each. In case of more than one family pledging this amount, all will be invited to the procession. Live Bolis will also be conducted for the two Artis, Mangal Divo, Parnu and two Dankas.

The pledge for gold mala is fixed at \$31 and for flower mala is fixed at \$21 each, and it will be on a first-come-first serve basis.

Attached is a sample spreadsheet. Please call Mr. Rasik Vagadia @508-740-7816 or Arti Mehta @781-793-0687 with your pledges.

The Swamivatsalya will be sponsored by South Zone. If you can help, please contact the coordinators:

**Dhiraben Mehta (Stoughton) 781-344-6030**  
**Jyostanaben Shah (RI) 413-353-5361**  
**Preety Turakhia (Sharon) 781-784-2541**

## Visting Scholars during 2009

### Pratistha day celebration:

We will have *Gurudev, Shri Chitrabhnuji* as Chief Guest for a 2 day ceremony of this great day

### Paryushan:

We will have **Shri Bhadrabahu Vijayji** from Ahmedabad for Paryushan parv and **Shri Manish Modi** from Bombay for Dashlaxan parv.

Bhadrabahuji joined monkhood at age of 13 and spent 32 years under Acharya Bhadruguptsuriji. Shri Bhadrabahuji is presently working in academic field of Jainology by teaching, assisting and guiding post graduates. He delivers lectures on various subjects like Jain Philosophy, human relations, moral values etc. We are fortunate to have Shri Bhadrabahuji for at our center during eight days of Paryushan parv

### Daslaxana:

Similarly we will have great scholar **Shri Manish Modi** from Bombay for Dashlaxan parv.

Manish Modi, 38, is the great-grandson of renowned scholar and foremost Hindi litterateur Pandit Nathuram Premi, founder of the prestigious Hindi Granth Ratnakar Karyalay publication series; publisher of the Manikacandra Jain Granthamala and a leading scholar of classical India. He would like to propagate India, Indian values and especially Jainism in his lifetime through distributing Jain scriptures and other relevant literature and promoting the study thereof.

Currently Shri Manish Modi has begun a series of weekly lectures on the spiritual works of Ācārya Kundakunda (1st century CE) and Ācārya Pūjyapāda (5th century CE). His audience is made up of students of an Advanced Certificate Course in Jainology. He teaches third year and fourth year students. He lectures in Hindi and English.

## Distinguished Gold Donor Membership

Where does JCGB, a non-profit organization, get their resources for ever increasing activities and the upkeep of the temple?

Well, bolis are the most visible means. In addition, Distinguished Gold Donor pledges are the constant flow of income.

**Distinguished Donor Gold:** This is a commitment of \$250/year on an on-going basis. The pledge is automatically renewed every year.

Though we would love to honor you as Distinguished Donor Member, once committed, the donor can opt out at anytime for reasons such as move out of the area or financial hardship by sending a note or calling the Treasurer.

The executive committee would like to encourage the new comers and young professionals to pledge for Distinguished Gold Donor. If you need further information, feel free to call anyone of the Executive Committee member.

*Make a pledge*

*Become a  
Distinguished  
Gold Donor*

## New website of JCGB

We have continued our efforts in developing a new website. It is almost ready. We are hoping to launch it in next couple of months. Once the new web site will be in operation, we will be moving away from "Yahoogroups". Every one will receive the email news via our web database. The even calendar will be linked to Google Calendar to keep you updated with all the upcoming events and related reminders.

*Stay tuned for the release of the new website.....*

## Youth Update

Naman Jain, our youth representative has been actively working with the Jain Youth of local colleges. He has designed monthly meeting for the youth as lunch & learn programs. About 30-40 students came to the Jain Center for Samvatsary Prtikraman. College student are visiting our center regularly. Upcoming youth programs are on March 26<sup>th</sup> and April 23<sup>rd</sup>. For more information on the programs please contact: Naman Jain @ [naman.jain@yahoo.com](mailto:naman.jain@yahoo.com)

### Editor's Note

JCGB newsletter will be published in March, June, September and December this year. Any newsletter related questions should be directed to the editor, Arti Mehta. If you have any submissions for the newsletter, please send them in writing to the editor at [artimehta@gmail.com](mailto:artimehta@gmail.com) no later than the 30th of May, August and November, respectively.

# Pathshala News

by: Mamta Mehta

Jai Jinendra,

As the incoming Pathshala Director I would like to extend my gratitude to all the EC members and teachers for such a delightful opportunity. It certainly is an honor and I look forward to serving the JCGB community in the upcoming years. My predecessor, Rajesh Mehta, has graciously served his term and will continue to assist me, as I transition into my new post. Rajeshbhai, in his term, made the Pathshala infrastructure stronger and advanced the development of language classes. We thank Rajeshbhai for his excellent service.

The JCGB Pathshala is dedicated to enrich young minds with the Jain values and faith. Working in tandem with parents is an essential part of incorporating Jainism in the everyday lives of our kids. To that end, I encourage participation and suggestions from all you parents. Feel free to call and/or email me with your suggestions; I will greatly appreciate your input. I can be reached at

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The Diwali celebrations were a triumph and I congratulate all the Pathshala kids on a job well done. Kids and teachers with the help of parents put on a great show everyone will surely remember. We had our traditional dances along with *bhangra* and of course Archit Shah put up a memorable game show. The game show was a huge success and had a very positive reception. We will continue it in our future celebrations. Thank you to Archit Shah for bringing it all together.

On April 12th we will be celebrating Mahavir Jayanti at the Jain center. Level 5A and 5B kids will have a presentation explaining the Swapnas and its

significance. Also, graduating Pathshala kids will be honored with merit certificates. As always we encourage all kids and parents to come and celebrate this day with us.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our Pathshala Food Co-coordinator, Shwaita Jain. She does excellent work. Thanks again Shwaita, keep up the good work!

The upcoming Pathshala sessions are on April 5<sup>th</sup> & May 3<sup>rd</sup>. I want to thank you all for giving me the opportunity and I am looking forward to seeing you at the next Pathshala.

Mamta Mehta

## Member News

*Our condolences to Nishith & Aruna Vora, Narendra & Shruti Mehta & family on the loss of their mother Smt Kalawatiben Vora (Kalaba) ...*

*Congratulations to proud parents Sonali and Mehul Gandhi for the birth of their Daughter Nina Gandhi On Jan. 11, 2009. Congratulations to Grand Parents Chitra and Dinesh Dalal.*

*Congratulations Pankajbhai and Mitaben Shah on wedding of their daughter Achira Shah with Adam Pierce. Congratulations and Best Wishes to the newly weds.*