



JAIN CENTER OF GREATER BOSTON

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President's Message ...

Jai Jinendra! Welcome to great summer weather!

We celebrated Mahavir Jayanti with great participation and enthusiasm from the members. We are encouraged by positive remarks and feelings from our members for the center. Again Pathshala kids made excellent display at the lunch hall. I would like to take the opportunity to congratulate the graduating students & give my best wishes as they begin a new phase of life.

Preparations are in full swing to celebrate the Pratistha anniversary very unique way. It is our privilege that Gurudev Chitrabhanuji joining us for the celebration. For the first time our center will experience most auspicious Bhaktamer Pujan performed by Shri Mafatlal Doshi, India. We have invited Shri Atulbhai Shah, President of Jain Society of Metropolitan Chicago to assist us in making the Pujan most enjoyable.

15th Biennial JAINA Convention will be held on July 2- July 5 at Anaheim, California this year. I urge you to sign up now. As always we hope to see greater participation from JCGB.

We congratulate Yogendra Jain and Jitendra Vora as our center have appointed them as JAINA directors to represent JCGB.

Check out the JCGB Calendar of Events for a great array of exciting events taking place throughout the year. I urge you and your family to come and be active participant in all JCGB events. It is you who make our Jain Center vibrant. Everyone of you can and does make a difference!

Jitendra Vora

Mark your Calendar

June 6th - 7th, 2009

**Pratistha Anniversary
Celebration**

July 2nd - 5th, 2009

JAINA Convention

August 9th, 2009

**JCGB Picnic
@ Hopkinton State Park**

September 26th - 27th

Siddhachalam Trip

Event Calendar

All the events are at the Jain Center unless otherwise mentioned.

Pratistha Anniversary Day	Saturday June 6 th 2009 2:30pm – 6.00pm Sunday, June 7 th , 2009
Shree Bhaktamber Widhan Pujan JAINA Convention	Sunday, June 7 th 2009 1:30pm – 5:30pm July 2 nd – 5 th , 2009 Anaheim, CA
Picnic	Sunday, August 9 th , 2009 @ Hopkinton State Park
Pathshala Puja	Sunday, August 30 th , 2009
Paryushana Parv Swamivatslya	Saturday, September 12 th , 2009
Siddhachalam Trip	Saturday, September 26 th - Sunday, September 27 th 2009
Diwali Celebration	Saturday, October 24 th , 2009 @Walpole High School

Monthly Puja/Bhavna

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

Youth Events

Please contact Youth Representative Naman Jain (namanjain@gmail.com)

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

Message from 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.

*Keeping in mind the current financial situations and to save costs the convention site has been **moved from Anaheim Convention Center to:***

Jain Center of Southern California
8072 Commonwealth Ave
Buena Park CA 90621

*As a result we have decided to pass a lot of the cost savings back to each participant in form of **reduced Registration fees.***

On-line and Paper Registration will close on June 24, 2009. After that, only on-Site registration will be available

-Convention Committee

Revised Fee Schedule to attend the convention.

	Up To Apr 15	Apr 16 to Jun 15	Jun 16 to June 24	On- Site Only
Adult	\$100	\$125	\$150	\$175
Child/Youth age 5-17	\$60	\$70	\$80	\$90
Child under 5	Free	Free	Free	Free

For further information contact any of Executive Committee members or go to www.jaina.org

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 no later than the 30th

Pratistha Anniversary Program

JCGB will celebrate the 7th anniversary of our pratistha with a special two day program focusing on the “Past, Present and Future” on Saturday, June 6th & Sunday, June 7th, 2009. Gurudev shri Chitabhanuji will be our guest speaker. In addition, for the first time since the Pratistha, Mafatlal Doshi of India will conduct the Bhaktamber Pujan, one of the most sacred and auspicious stotras. Details for the program are below. We hope you can join us to celebrate this auspicious occasion.

Saturday, June 6, 2009 - 2:30 PM to 6:00 PM
Program at JCGB

During the program we will hear from Gurudev Shri Chitrabhanuji, Jain leaders as well as new Jains and young Jains focusing on our “Past, Present and Future”. JCGB is one of the leaders among the 60 Jain centers. We will review our accomplishments to date and then have a special discussion on reengineering our Jain Center for Generation 2 and Generation 3. All center members are invited to help us craft the vision of the future. If you would to share your views, please contact Rasik Vagadia (508-740-7816 or rasikvagadia@yahoo.com) or Yogendra Jain (yokjain@yahoo.com).

A dinner will follow the program. If you would like to sponsor the dinner, please contact any one of the EC members.

Sunday, June 7th, 2009 – 1:30 PM to 5:00 PM
Bhaktambar Pujan conducted by Mafatlal Doshi.

Bhaktambar Stotra is considered one of the most sacred and auspicious stotras. It is a prayer of Lord Adinath. Its puja celebration is very popular amongst all Jain sects. To be present and also to participate in the puja is considered a life time memorable event.

Puja will be open to anyone interested in participating. Detailed program & boli sheets are attached with this newsletter. Please contact Jitendra Vora @ jiten.vora@gmail.com with your pledges.

A dinner will follow the Pujan sponsored by Pankaj and Mita Shah of Needham.

In addition, Gurudev shri Chitrabhanuji will host a special lecture for college students and young professionals on Sunday, June 7th.

We are looking for Jaincenter, JCGB functions and Activities pictures. We like to present slide show of JCGB history. Please call Rasik Vagadia (508-740-7816)

Member News

Our condolences to Hina and Anil Shah for unbearable loss of two family members, Hina’s mother Nirmalaben Papatlal Shah and Hina’s sister Nitaben in a week of time.

Our condolences to Parul Anil Kothari and Shaila Chandresh Doshi for loss of their mother Nirmalaben Dagli.

Our condolences to Dhiren & Dimple Parikh for the loss of his father Vinodchandra Parikh.

Congratulation to Naren & Kirtida Kamdar of Framingham on wedding of their son Sandeep with Eileen. Congratulations and best wishes to the newly weds.

Congratulation to Sanjay and Neela Shah of Westboro on wedding of their son Nirav with Elaine. Congratulations and Best wishes to the newly weds.

Siddhachalam Trip

We are pleased to announce that the biennial yatra to Siddhachalam has been scheduled for **September 26th & 27th, 2009**. On the way we will visit Cherry Hill temple and will stay overnight at the Siddhachalam.

We are also seeking a Sanghpati to sponsor the Yatra. This is an opportunity for you to serve the JCGB community at large. A family or group of families can join together to sponsor the yatra in its entirety or any single event. Please contact Jitendra Vora, President at (508)366-2223 or via email at jiten.vora@gmail.com if you are interested.

Mahavir Jayanti Program Recap

By Dilip Jain

The Mahavir Jayanti was celebrated with the usual enthusiasm on April 12, 2009.

Swapna Boli is a major and very important part of fundraising by the temple. About 50% of the cost of running the temple on a yearly basis is pledged through Swapna Boli. We continued the format started a couple of years ago to speed up the process. Eleven Swapnas and all the malas were allowed to pledge via silent boli and the rest of the Swapana boli along with Aarti Mangal Divo were performed at the time of the ceremony. The success of the program is evident from the record pledges received this year during the boli. In another first, the EC requested members to RSVP if they plan to attend the Mahavir Jayanti program. The results were encouraging in that RSVP for 190 people were received. The actual attendance was closer to 325. This helps to make sure that the arrangements, specially dining arrangements, are made for adequate number of attendees. The EC plans to continue this practice to other events.

Pathshala children prepared many items for you. The Dreams of Trishla dioramas, posters and other projects prepared by the students were displayed at the dinner hall. Their hard work was whole heartedly appreciated by the visitors.

Graduating seniors were presented with certificates and gifts. The graduating seniors recounted their experiences growing up with Pathshala, how it has shaped their lives, and how they plan to use what they have learnt in their college and professional lives. The Khasgiwala trust presented awards to participants in the competition for the outgoing seniors (see details elsewhere in the newsletter).

The South Zone arranged food for the program. The food was catered from a vegetarian restaurant. We thank Prity Turakhia, Dhira Mehta, Jyotsana Shah for coordinating this activity.

Make a Pledge and become a Distinguish Gold Donor

Please contact Neela Shah, Treasurer at 508-366-4090 for further detail.

Ayambil Tapcharya Observed at the JCGB Temple

By Mita Shah

The Ayambil Tapcharya for one day was observed on April 5th by 15 members. It was a Tapacharya with enthusiasm. There were so many novelty and gourmet "Ayambil items" to eat, many of us did not have to force ourselves to eat those ayambil items.

Congratulations to Nisha Gosalia, Dhira Mehta, and Lalitaben Shah for observing the entire nine days of Ayambil Oli. Our thanks to those spouses, who did not observe the ayambil, but they were there to help and serve. Also thanks to Ranjanben and Lalitaben for their efforts in organizing this bi-annual event years after years. Money was also collected to buy some needed items for the temple instead of prabhavana.

Make sure you all join us next time in September 2009.

Remember ~ ~

Change in the locking system at the Jain Center

Many of you are aware that there has been a change in the locking system at the Jain Center. Instead of **KEY LOCK**, we have installed a **NUMBER PAD LOCK**. You can receive the security code by calling either the Vice President or the Secretary at either of the following numbers and, by identifying yourself.

Tarang Jain

Home: 978-319-7300

Cell: 781-210-7321

Arti Mehta

Home: 781-793-0687

Cell: 781-718-5393

DR. ASHA KHASGIWALA & FAMILY TRUST

2009 ESSAY COMPETITION

By Dharmaraj Khot

This year the Khasgiwala Family again sponsored a religious essay competition program for the graduating students of our Pathshala – Level 5B students. This is the second year in a row that the Khasgiwala Family has sponsored this program. The primary purpose of this program is to encourage the study of Jain philosophy and principles among the students of JGCB Pathshala.

Building upon the success of the last year, the students of Level 5B were asked to write an essay on the Tattvas (the Fundamentals) providing their own understanding of the subject. Students were given a period of about 2 and half months to prepare their essays.

Our Level 5B students enthusiastically participated in the essay competition by writing their perspectives and understanding of the subject. The evaluation of essays was performed in two steps – Step 1 – Grading of essays by three judges; and Step 2 – Conducting an interview of the candidates.

All the students performed very well in their essays. Students' understanding and knowledge was very well reflected in their interviews. The judges were impressed by students' knowledge, communication and inclination to learn the subject matter.

The recognition awards were distributed to the student during the Mahavir Jayanti Function at the hands of our respected community member Shri Ratibhai Dodhia of Lincoln, RI. The recognition awards included a certificate of participation and a financial award for participating in the program.

We would like to congratulate the following students for their contribution and well- deserved recognition during the Mahavir Jayanti Program:

Nupur Jain
Rahul Jain
Niral Mehta
Naman Shah
Umang Jain
Niti Shah

We thank Khasgiwala Family for making such a wonderful opportunity available to our Pathshala students. Our thanks also go to Dr. Chandra Khasgiwala, Rajesh Mehta and Kamal Shah for coordinating, organizing and making this program a successful event.

Pathshala News by: Mamta Mehta

Jai Jinendra,

Mahavir Jayanti celebration was started by Namokar mantra sung by Little stars from Mommy and Me, Rookies.

We have six students graduating.

Nupur Jain
Niral Mehta
Umang Jain
Naman Shah
Niti Shah
Rahul Jain

Every one was very confident and set a good example for younger students. The graduating students were asked to prepare a speech about their experience at JGCB Pathshala with a promise to follow Jain Way of Life as they start their journey beyond high school. Speeches by graduating students were the highlight of the occasion. We thank Pradipbhai and Nishaben Gosalia for the pictures and VinaTeli for the certificates presented to the graduating students.

Displays put by students from Level 1,2,3,4 at the dinner hall were remarkable. Kids also took efforts to explain their projects.

We are very proud of each and every one. On behalf of entire pathshala teachers team I want to thank all the parents and kids.

7th Pratistha Anniversary Celebration

श्री भक्तामर पूजन

Shree Bhaktamar Pujan

7th June 2009, from 1:30 PM to 5:00 PM at JCGB Temple

JCGB is delighted to announce that in celebration of the 7th anniversary of the Pratistha of the JCGB temple, Shree Bhaktambar Pujan will be performed on 7th June. The puja will be performed by Shree Mafatlal Doshi in the presence of Guruji Shri Chtrabhanuji. Shri Mafatlal Doshi has performed numerous pujans at the Chicago Jain Center. Shri Atul Shah, President of Chicago Jain Center, will also be present to assist Shri Mafatlal.

Shri Bhaktambar Stotra is considered one of the most sacred and auspicious stotras. It is a prayer of Lord Adinath. Its puja celebration is very popular amongst all Jain sects. To be present and also to participate in the puja is considered a life time memorable event.

All 48 stanzas will have separate and unique mantrakshars engraved on 5 inch x 5 inch silver-plated copper plates (Yantras). The participants will perform a separate puja for each stanza. The puja for each stanza will take approximately 4 – 5 minutes. At the end of the Puja, the participants will take home the Yantras on which they have performed the pujans. There also will be two Yantras, approximately 14 in x 18 inch, which will have all 48 stanzas with unique mantrakshars engraved in. The participants who have the bolis for these Yantras will be at the center stage and will participate for the entire puja. They also will take home the Yantras on which they have performed the pujas.

These Yantras are considered very auspicious and majestic. It is said that the Yantras will sanctify the homes and bring peace and prosperity to all faithful devotees.

The bolis for some of the items will be given during the puja assembly. Attached are the bolisheets for the fixed bolis of the majority of the items. The bolis will be awarded based on who calls first. Send your pledges to **Jitendra & Nutan Vora** at jiten.vora@gmail.com.

To celebrate the marriages of Shrenik with Vasudha Koganti, and Achira with Adam Pierce, Pankaj and Mita (Manorama) Shah will sponsor the puja and Swami Vatsalya.

To conserve the resources and better planning we request you to send a RSVP email by May 31st, 2009 to emailme@tarang.net if you are planning to join for the dinner on 6th and 7th.

Shree Bhaktamar Vidhan (Pujan)

Major Bolis

No.	Item	Note	Fixed Boli
1	Pujan of main Yantra that has all 48 Stanza (After pujan the participant will take home the 14" x 18" Silver Plated Yantra)	Participation for entire Pujan	\$1001
2	Pujan of main Yantra that has all 48 Stanzas (After pujan the participant will take home the 14" x 18" Silver Plated Yantra)	Participation for entire Pujan	\$1001
3	Puja of Pratimaji for the first 16 Stanzas		\$251
4	Puja of Pratimaji for the next 16 Stanzas		\$251
5	Puja of Pratimaji for the last 16 Stanzas		\$251
6	108 Deevo Arti at the end of Pujan		At the Pujan
7	Ahavidhi Arti		At the Pujan
8	Mangal Deevo		At the Pujan
9	Shanti Kalash	N/A	
10	Arhad Paduka		\$201
11	Guru Paduka		\$151
12	Goumukh Yaksha		\$151
13	Chakeshvari Devi		\$151
14	Khetrupal Devata		\$151

Bolis for the Bhaktamar Pujan 48 Stanzas

The participants will perform separate puja for each stanza. All 48 stanzas will have separate and unique 5 inch x 5 inch silver plated Yantra. At the end of the Pujan, the participants will take home the Yantras on which they performed the pujans.

These Yantra are very auspicious and majestic. It is said that the Yantras will sanctify the homes and will bring peace and prosperity to all faithful devotees.

1	First three Stanzas No. 1, 2, and 3		\$201
2	Stanzas No. 4 and 5		\$101
3	Stanzas No. 6 and 7		\$101
4	Stanzas No. 8 and 9		\$101
5	Stanzas No. 10 and 11		\$101
6	Stanzas No. 12 and 13		\$101
7	Stanzas No. 14 and 15		\$101
8	Stanzas No. 16 and 17		\$101
9	Stanzas No. 18 and 19		\$101
10	Stanzas No. 20 and 21		\$101
11	Stanzas No. 22, 23, and 24		At the Pujan
12	Stanzas No. 25, 26, and 27		At the Pujan
13	Stanzas No. 28 and 29		\$101
14	Stanzas No. 30 and 31		\$101
15	Stanzas No. 32 and 33		\$101
16	Stanzas No. 34 and 35		\$101
17	Stanzas No. 36 and 37		\$101
18	Stanzas No. 38 and 39		\$101
19	Stanzas No. 40 and 41		\$101
20	Stanzas No. 42 and 43		\$101
21	Stanzas No. 44 and 45		\$101
22	Last three Stanzas No. 46, 47, and 48		\$201