

From Our Students:

"Pathshala is a place I can meet other Jain kids who are my age and have fun while learning about my religion." - Dhruv Jain, Level 5B

"JCGB Pathshala is a good place to learn about Jainism. The teachers give an in depth understanding of the Jain religion. Pathshala teaches us what is good and bad, and how to be a Jain. We learn things that help us in our lives later on." - Sahil Shah, Level 4

"Pathshala has made a significant impact on my life. I finally understand Jain religion and I understand the reasoning behind our traditions and beliefs. I do not feel as though I am following the religion blindly." - Naman Shah, Northeastern U.

"Thanks to JCGB Pathshala I know more than just mantras and the names of Tirthankaras. I understand the true principles of Jainism and how to apply them in order to live a Jain Way of Life." - Nupur Jain, Rice University

"I enjoyed coming to Pathshala to learn all the cultural traditions, and to see my friends and spend time with them. I enjoy telling my friends about my religion. Because of my Pathshala background I was interested in joining a Jain group in college at B.U. - Neelam Shah, Dental School, Boston University

"JCGB Pathshala has been a vital part of me growing and becoming the person I am today. I made my best friends at Pathshala, learned to work in a team in high school, college, and at work practicing anekantavada, learned humbleness, and a 'can do' attitude from teachers and community. Thank you for providing the Pathshala forum that continually guides me in living a Jain Way of life." - Rakhi Jain, Software Professional

"JCGB Pathshala did a great job of teaching me about my religion. It was the foundation to my beliefs in Jainism. I now know why I'm a vegetarian; I can participate in functions, poojas, and other ceremonies; and I can actually relate to my religion and culture and incorporate them into my Jain Way Of Life. Pathshala gave me friends with families that believe in the same foundation." - Tarang Gosalia, Pathshala Alumni



Life-long Friendships



Congratulations to our 2009 Pathshala Graduates!

Pathshala Schedule:

First Sunday of each month:
September - June.

Time:
10: 00 AM to 12:30 PM
Religion and Language (Optional) classes followed by lunch (sponsored by parents)

Classes/Levels:
Parents & Me: Ages 2 and 3
Rookies: Preschool and Kindergarten

Level 1: School grades 1 and 2

Level 2: School grades 3 and 4

Level 3: School grades 5 and 6

Level 4: School grades 7 and 8

Level 5A: School grades 9 and 10

Level 5B: School grades 11 and 12

Swadhyay class: Adults

Dates for JCGB Pathshala 2010:
August 29th - First day of Pathshala

September 5th - Students Pooja Day
- Ashtaprakari and Dev, Shashtra, Guru Puja

October 3rd - Pathshala

October 31st - Pathshala

November 6th - Diwali cultural program
- prepared by Teachers and students

December 5th - Pathshala

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JCGB PATHSHALA - A PLACE TO LEARN AND PRACTICE THE JAIN RELIGION AND INDIAN LANGUAGE (OPTIONAL)

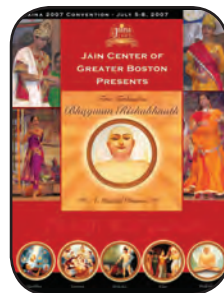
JCGB Pathshala - A Pioneer in Jain Education

- First Pathshala in North America - Established 1982
- First to publish Pathshala books in English - 1984
- First to present major projects at JAINA Conv. - 1994
- First to hold a Pathshala Teachers conference - 1997
- First to develop a balanced Jain curriculum - 1999
- First to publish a book on Jain Way of Life - 2007

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The Jain Center of Greater Boston (JCGB) encourages its members to live and share a Jain Way of Life. Through our groundbreaking and highly successful Pathshala program, we educate our community in both the Jain religion and its applications in daily life.

Ten Pathshala sessions are held each year from September to June on the first Sunday of each month. Children as young as two years old are welcome to join the "Parents & Me" class. Over the years, these children progress through the "Rookies" class, and Levels 1, 2, 3, 4, 5A, and finally, 5B, when they graduate from JCGB Pathshala. Younger children learn through a variety of enjoyable in-class activities, while students in Levels 4, 5A, and 5B benefit from the most experienced and learned teachers who serve as role models and inspire confidence in living a compassion, healthy, and happy life. Students are also taught how to share their beliefs and practices with non-Jains. Parents and community members are encouraged to attend Swadhyay sessions.



Learning with Fun

Pathshala students learn Jain philosophy, Mantras and Sutras (prayers), Gujarati and Hindi languages (optional), acting, dancing, as well as healthy eating habits, environmentally-conscious living, meditation, and leadership.



Parents Participation



Traditions of all Jain Sects



Project Based Learning



Pujas, Mantras, and Sutras

A sample of Pathshala activities...

- **Paryushan and Daslakshan** – Students love Pathshala Pujas and filling out Point Sheets. Point Sheets allow students to collect points and prizes for various religious activities during Parv days. Each student is taught how to do Ashta Prakari puja, Dev, Shashtra, Guru puja, and the appropriate offerings while understanding the meaning of each stanza.
- **Diwali and Mahavir Jayanti Programs** - Dances, plays, skits and game shows.
- **Projects** - Encourage children to use their creativity to demonstrate the principles of Jainism learned in class. Students have created beautiful Samosharans, dreams of mother Trishla, various Jain pilgrimages and more.

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"JCGB Pathshala allows me to discover the wisdom of older generation of Jains such as my Pathshala teachers. I learn how to apply the jain principles in my daily life through Pathshala." - Priyam Turkhia, Level 5B

JCGB Pathshala is unique in that it offers a comprehensive education not only in Jain philosophy but in the learning of Mantras, Sutras, Prayers, and various traditions of Svetambar, Digambar, and Sthanakvasi sects.

In addition Students are also offered opportunities to participate in national conventions, such as JAINA and YJA. High school Juniors and Seniors also focus on comparative studies of world religions as well as preparing for college and beyond.



A Salute to Our Experienced Teachers, Coordinators, and Youth Leaders



Mamta Mehta Yogendra Jain Pankaj Shah Preeti Jain



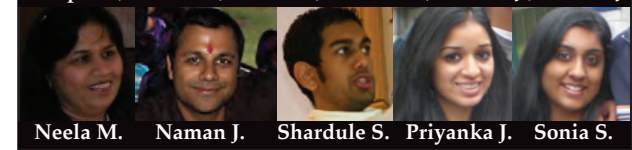
Sanjay Jain Meeta Shah Vandana Jain Arti Mehta



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