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From President's Desk...

Dear members,
Jai Jinendra!

Congratulations to all of you on successful move to the new center! We will remember & cherish the celebration of Murties Uthapan and Sthapan vidhi and our accomplishment for years to come. My heartiest congratulations to each and every one. Best part of this celebration was great strength in our unity, dedication & love for the center. We received divine blessings from Gurudev Chitrabhanuji & H H Shri Devendrakeertiji.

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ELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT

JCGB election is coming up on Saturday, Nov 6, 2010 - the day JCGB will also be celebrating Diwali program. We will be appointing the Election Committee to ensure the impeccable election.

The details of the election process, procedure and timelines will be provided in the next newsletter. If you have any question regarding the election process, please contact Jitendra Vora at (508) 366-2223.

We encourage members to come forward and Join the Executive Committee or Board.

Mark your Calendar

August 27th – 29th Swami Shruti Pragyaji's Lectures

September 4th -11th Paryushana Parva

September 12th -22nd Daslakshana Parva

September 25th Paryushana/Daslakshana Parva Celebration

November 6th Diwali Celebration

November 6th Annual Meeting and Election

Event Calendar

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

Swami Shrutpragyaji August 27th – 29th, 2010

Pathshala Puja Sunday, September 19th, 2010

Paryushana September 4th – 11th, 2010

Daslakshana September 12th – 22nd 2010

Kshamawani Program September 25th, 2010

Visit by NJ Centers September 25th, 2010

Samuh Ayambil October 17th, 2010

Diwali Program November 6th, 2010

New Year Program November 7th, 2010

Monthly Program Schedule

1st Sunday Pathshala
Contact Person
Mamta Mehta, Pathshala Director
508-543-5131

2nd Sunday Bhavna
Contact Person
Mita Shah 781-449-3297
Looking for another volunteer

3rd Sunday Snatra Puja
Contact Person
Sudhirbhai Shah 508-660-9683

4th Sunday Dev Shastra Guru Puja
Contact Person
Raniben Jain: 781-278-9851

Youth Events

Please contact Youth Representative Naman Jain
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Jain Calendar

Ashadh

August 3 Tuesday Vad 8
August 9 Monday Vad 14

Shravan

August 14 Saturday Sud 5
August 17 Tuesday Sud 8 Parsvanath Nirvan
Kalyanak
August 23 Monday Sud 14
August 30 Monday Vad 5
September 2 Thursday Vad 8
September 4 Saturday Vad 11 Paryushan Parv
September 7 Tuesday Vad 14 Kalpdhar
September 8 Wednesday Vad 30 Mahavir Janma Vanchan

Bhadarvo

September 9 Thursday Sud 1 Teladhar
September 11 Saturday Sud 4 Samvatsari
September 12 Sunday Sud 5 Daslakshana begins
September 15 Wednesday Sud 8
September 17 Friday Sud 10 Dhup Dashmi
September 22 Wednesday Sud 14 Anant Chaturdashi
October 1 Friday Vad 8
October 6 Thursday Vad 14

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October 12 Tuesday Sud 5
October 15 Friday Sud 8 Aayambil Odi begins
October 22 Friday Sud 14
October 23 Saturday Sud 15 Aayambil Odi ends
October 30 Saturday Vad 8
November 3 Wednesday Vad 12 Dhan Teras
November 5 Friday Vad 14 Diwali - Mahavir Nirvan
November 7 Sunday Sud 2 New Year begins
Veer Samvat 2537, Vikram Samvat 2067

Sunrise: 6:20am Sunset: 7:03pm

During the entire paryushana parva days sunrise and sunset time might vary by 1 minute but as a general guideline you can use this times for following Chauvihar Vrata.

We thank Dineshbhai Dalal for his contribution.

Swami Shrutapragyaji

August 27th -29th

Shrutapragyaji is one of the most articulate and charismatic young spiritual leaders of the new generation. Swamiji is very effective in communicating philosophical and dry subjects as Yoga and Pranayam in an interesting, penetrating and enjoyable style. Swamiji's teachings integrate ancient scriptures and modern science which validate our day to day experience and knowledge. Here is his program while at JCGB. While attending the program during the weekend, please have a light Breakfast and wear loose clothes

Friday, August 27, 8:00PM to 9:30 PM

Lecture "Peace and Happiness"; A new angle to life's perpetual dangle, followed by exercise.

Saturday, August 28, 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

Yoga and Lecture- Sweet and Sour: A look at relationships from spiritual viewpoint. Light snack will be served after the program.

Sunday, August 29, 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Yoga and Lecture-Key for Healthy Relation
Light snack will be served after the program.

Paryushan Parva and Dashlaxan Parva Program 2010

During Paryushan parva lectures will be by Acharya Lokesh Muniji in Gujarati-Hindi/English. During Dashlaxan Parva lectures will be by Samani Sanmati Pragyaji in Hindi/English.

Acharya Dr. Lokesh Muniji:

Yuva Acharya Dr. Lokesh Muni was born on 17th April 1961 in Pachpadra Nagar, District Badmer, India. He received his formal education in Pachpadra and Jodhpur in India. At the age of 22, he renounced the world and received Diksha from Late Acharya Shri Tulsi 1983 in the industrial town of Balotra, in India.

He has studied many Holy Scriptures of Jainism, Buddhism and Vedanta in depth and is well-versed Jain agamas. He is proficient in several languages such as Prakrit, Sanskrit, Hindi, Gujarati and English.

Due to his immense capacity, perception, intellect, energy and drive, he scaled great heights and earned fame and respect from all over India.

Yuva Acharya Dr. Lokesh Muni is also a poet besides being an emphatic orator and creative writer. He has written more than twelve books consisting of both poems and essays, depicting his doctrines of peace and harmony and they all have become very popular among masses.

We are fortunate to have his presence at our center.

Samani Sanmati Pragyaji:

Samani Sanmati Pragyaji is a disciple of H.H. Acharya Mahapragyaji. She was born in Bikaner, Rajasthan, India. Samaniji took her Diksha in 1990 under H.H.Acharya Tulsi at Ladnun.

Samaniji joined Parmarthik Shikshan Sanstha, Ladnun at the age of 18. While still at the Sanstha, Samaniji attended regular university courses and completed her Master's in Sanskrit from University of Ajmer. She also got her second Master's Degree in Jain Philosophy and Comparative Studies from Jain Vishwa Bharati Institute, Ladnun. Samani Sanmati Pragya has studied the Jain Agams and other Jain scriptures. Samaniji practices and teaches Science of Living and Preksha Meditation. She is also expert in therapeutic Healing.

Samani Sanmati Pragya has extensively lectured on different aspects of Jainism, Ahimsa, Peaceful life-style and Life Management through Preksha (Meditation and Yoga). Spreading and preaching the message of Jin, Samaniji has extensively traveled across USA, Europe and Asia.

We are fortunate that we get opportunity to learn from her during upcoming Das Lakshana days.

Paryushan Parva:
September 04th - September 11th

Sep 04, Saturday-1st Day of Paryushan Parva

10:00 am - 12 Noon	Snatra Puja
12:00 Noon – 1:00pm	Lecture
1:00 pm	Aarti, Mangal Divo
1:15 pm	Lunch
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Bhavana
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Lecture

Sep 05, Sunday

10:00am - 12 Noon	Snatra Puja
12 Noon	Aarti, Mangal Divo
12:15 pm - 1:00pm	Lecture
1:15	Lunch
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Bhavana
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Lecture

Sep 06, Monday (Labor Day)

10:00 am - 12 Noon	Snatra Puja
12:00 Noon -1:00pm	Lecture
1:00pm	Aarti, Mangal Divo
1:15 pm	Lunch
7:00pm	Pratikraman
8:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Bhavana
8:30 pm - 9:45 pm	Lecture
9:45 pm	Aarti, Mangal Divo

Sep 07, Tuesday

9:30 am - 11:30 am	Puja followed by Q/A
12 Noon	Light Lunch
7:00pm	Pratikraman
8:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Bhavana
8:30 pm - 9:45 pm	Lecture
9:45 pm	Aarti, Mangal Divo

Sep 08, Wednesday

Bhagvan Mahavir Janam Vanchan

9:30 am - 11:30 am	Puja followed by Q/A
12 Noon	Light Lunch
7:00pm	Pratikraman
8:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Bhavana
8:30 pm - 9:45 pm	Mahavir Prabhunu Halardu
9:45 pm	Lecture
	Aarti, Mangal Divo

Sep 09, Thursday

9:30 am - 11:30 am	Puja followed by Q/A
12 Noon	Light Lunch
7:00pm	Pratikraman
8:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Bhavana
8:30 pm - 9:45 pm	Lecture
9:45 pm	Aarti, Mangal Divo

Sep 10, Friday

9.30 am - 11:30 am	Puja followed by Q/A
12 Noon	Light Lunch
7:00pm	Pratikraman
8:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Bhavana
8:30 pm - 9:45 pm	Lecture
9:45 pm	Aarti, Mangal Divo

Sep 11, Saturday

Samvatsari

10:00 am - 12 Noon	Snatra Puja
12:00 Noon- 1:00pm	Lecture
1:00 pm	Aarti, Mangal Divo
4:00 pm - 4:30 pm	Boli
4:30 pm - 7:30 pm	Samvatsari Pratikraman
7:30 pm	Aarti, Mangal Divo

Sep 12, Sunday

7:30 am Darshan, Parana

Dashlaxan Parva Program:

**September 12th Sunday - Sept. 22nd Wednesday
(11 days)**

Sep 12, Sunday

1st day of Dashlaxan Parva

Uttam Kshama

10:00am - 12:00 Noon	Devshastra Guru Puja
12 Noon - 1:15pm	Lecture
1:15 pm	Aarti, Mangal Divo

Sep 13, Monday

Uttam Mardava Dharma (Humility)

8:00 am - 9:30 am	Devshastra Guru Puja
8:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Bhavana
8:30 pm - 9:45 pm	Lecture
9:45 pm	Aarti, Mangal Divo

Sep 14, Tuesday

Uttam Arjava Dharma (Straightforwardness)

8:00 am - 9:30 am	Devshastra Guru Puja
8:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Bhavana
8:30 pm - 9:45 pm	Lecture
9:45 pm	Aarti, Mangal Divo

Sep 15, Wednesday

Uttam Shaucha Dharma (Contentment)

8:00 am - 9:30 am	Devshastra Guru Puja
8:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Bhavana
8:30 pm - 9:45 pm	Lecture
9:45 pm	Aarti, Mangal Divo

Sep 16, Thursday

Uttam Satya Dharma

8:00 am - 9:30 am	Devshastra Guru Puja
8:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Bhavana
8:30 pm - 9:45 pm	Lecture
9:45 pm	Aarti, Mangal Divo

Sep 17, Friday

Dhup Dashmi (Sugandh Dashmi)

Uttam Sanyam Dharma

8:00 am - 9:30 am	Devshastra Guru Puja
8:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Bhavana
8:30 pm - 9:45 pm	Lecture
9:45 pm	Aarti, Mangal Divo

Sep 18, Saturday

Uttam Tapa Dharma

10:00am - 12:00 Noon	Devshastra Guru Puja
12 Noon - 1:15pm	Lecture
1:15 pm	Aarti, Mangal Divo
2.00 pm-4.00 pm	Jain Activities (Bhavana, Reading etc.)
4.00 pm - 5:30 pm	Lecture

Sep 19, Sunday

Uttam Tyag Dharma

8:00am - 10:00	Devshastra Guru Puja
10:00am - 12:00	Puja by Pathshala Students
12 Noon - 1:15pm	Lecture (English)
11:00 - 12:00	Lecture (Hindi)
1:15 pm	Aarti, Mangal Divo
1:30 pm	Lunch sponsored by EC, BOA, Teachers
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Jain Activities (Bhavana, Reading etc.)
4:00 pm - 5:30 pm	Lecture

Sep 20, Monday

Uttam Tyag Dharma

(Celebrated twice due to double tithi)

8:00 am - 9:30 am	Devshastra Guru Puja
8:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Bhavana
8:30 pm - 9:45 pm	Lecture
9:45 pm	Aarti, Mangal Divo

Sep 21, Tuesday

Uttam Akinchanya (Aparigraha) Dharma

8:00 am - 9:30 am	Devshastra Guru Puja
8:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Bhavana
8:30 pm - 9:45 pm	Lecture
9:45 pm	Aarti, Mangal Divo

Sep 22, Wednesday

Anant Chaturdashi (Last day of Dashlaxan)

Uttam Bramhacharya Dharma

8:00 am - 9:30 am	Devshastra Guru Puja
8:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Bhavana
8:30 pm - 9:45 pm	Lecture
9:45 pm	Aarti, Mangal Divo

Sep 23, Thursday

Parana

7:30 am	Parana
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Uthapan/Sthapan Program

June 26th- 27th, 2010

The Murtis Uthapan/Sthapan Vidhi was celebrated over two weekends. On June 20th we had Uthapan Vidhi under the guidance of Shri Ashokbhai from Chicago and H.H. Shri Davendrakeertiji. On 26th we had Lubdhni Nidhan Pujan and the evening was filled with cultural program.

On Sunday, June 27th, a once in a life time gorgeous procession was planned to take Pratimajis from old center to the new center. Pratimajis were in two floats. The first float decorated in Indian flag colors with Parshwanathji's Pratima in a palkhi and Namokarmantra Sheela. The second float decorated in Jain colors with Mahavir Swamiji and Adinathji's pratimas in red decorated palkhi. The Bhagawan's floats and the Sangh were led by Sanghpati followed by Akhand Dharavahi and Dhup vahi. 108 women walked along the floats in

same colors saris with kalash in their hand. Every one was dancing, chanting and singing devotional stavans. It was a breath taking view.

As the procession reached the new temple Sthapan vidhi were performed by vidhikar H H Shri Davendrakeertiji and Shri Hiteshbhai. Adhar Abhishek pujan was the final pujan of the day.

It was very joyous occasion for JCGB. The procession has a lasting effect in our memory for years to come.

Logistics Committee Report

It gives me a great pleasure to present you a report on a successful Uthapan-Sthapan event held in month of June. It was Executive committee with solid team work between various committees made the event successful and memorable!

Renovation committee: **Sanjay Shah (Chair), Dilip Gandhi, Pradip Gosalia, Dilip Jain, Priti Jain, Sudhir Shah, Kashmira Vora, Premal Vora** The committee along with the support from over 150 volunteers completed the work successfully besides the constraints of aggressive time schedule & specified budget. Over \$50,000 was saved as members spent countless number of volunteer hours in painting, floor polishing, cleanup work. Hats off to the team.

Logistics committee: **Jitendra Vora (Chair), Arti Mehta (Chair), Shrenik Shah, Haresh Tamboli, Narendra Zaveri.** The event planning was a big challenge. It was to coordinate and follow up over 160 items. It was a major task. Besides the main event, the team was incharge to ensure proper arrangements of Audio/Video setup & media coverage of the event. It was a successful and gratifying experience.

Vidhi Vidhan Committee: **Pankaj Shah (Chair), Kulbhushan Jain, Dharmraj Khot, Ashok Shah, Harendra Shah.** The committee put tremendous efforts in selection and follow-up on Dignitaries and Vidhikars and, musicians. They took care of travel & housing arrangements. They made special efforts to get exclusive Vidhi items from India

Procession Committee: **Arti Mehta (Chair), Narendra Zaveri, Shrenik Shah.** The Committee spent countless hours in preparation & planning of floats / Palkhi / decoration etc. They ensured Procession approval from town of Norwood. Many volunteers came forward to ensure success of the 1.2 mile procession besides

there was an anxiety since JCGB never done it before! Excellent heartwarming Job!!

Food Committee: **Kiran Shah (Chair), Anshuman Gosalia, Gauriya Jain, Bharat Shah (Nashua), Neela Shah (Westboro), Nutan Vora** Everyone loved food! Excellent planning & execution paid off! We had record turn out of members then anticipated but we never ran out of food.

Puja Samagri Committee: **Mita Shah (Chair), Chitra Dalal, Laxmiben Jain, Rani Jain, Jyotsna Shah, Lalitaben Shah, Ranjan Shah** Making arrangement of over 200 items & availability during each event was a big challenge but they did it! Excellent work indeed.

I would like to express deep gratitude & thanks to all committees, EC/Board & many many volunteers.

Vidhi-Vidhan Committee Report

(K.B. Jain, Dharmraj Khot, Ashok Shah and Pankaj Shah)

Vidhi-Vidhan committee members take deep satisfaction in that all of the vidhis and poojans during the Uthapan and Sthapan ceremonies were performed as planned and on time. The participation and enthusiasm expressed by our community was beyond our imagination. With minimal efforts, the fundraising through boils was a big success. Thanks to all who participated in the vidhis and poojans.

We take this opportunity to express our gratitude to all who helped us plan the vidhis and poojans for our event. Our foremost thanks goes to Shri Atulbhai Shah, President of Jain Society of Metropolitan Chicago (JSMC), who in consultation with Shri Hiteshbhai planned all of the Vidhis and Poojans. Inputs were also received from H.H. Guru Shri Devendrakeertiji. In addition, Tejas Shah, JSMC Secretary, Nareshbhai Shah of Jain Center of America (New York City), and Pradip and Darshana Shah of JSMC provided necessary guidance.

We will also take this opportunity to express our sadness in that Shri H.H. Guru Shri Davendrakeertiji will not be with us for future events. He had provided us a two page long detailed input for all of the Abhiseks, Vedi Suddhi,

and numerous other vidhis that were performed by devotees. Many were performed by him. His divine presence during all of the events was truly blissful. Our thanks to the hardworking members of the Samagri Committee in keeping over 200 items ready for all vidhis and poojans.

Procession Committee Report

(Arti Mehta, Shrenik Shah, Narendra Zaveri)

If we look back and think about it now, it was a MONUMENTAL task. The task was to move pratimajis and Sheela weighing 150+lb. each and Mulnayakji with unstable parikar, plus about 300 people walking 1.3 mile in hot weather of June. We had to think about public safety. We had to comply with Mass General Laws and Norwood Public Safety Laws. We completed the task and completed very well. Thanks to the entire team.

No program of such a magnitude can be done by one person. One can have a vision but it requires a team to make the vision a reality. Some helped many hours and often, some could spare only few hours and some of you helped as and when asked. But each and every minute of your help made a difference. That commitment and cooperation made the event successful.

We would like to thank Chandresh Doshi, Pradip Mehta, Mamta Mehta, Preeti Jain, Preeti Turakhia, Manoj Mehta, Laxmiben Jain, Yogen Jain, Manoj Jain, Anshuman Gosalia, Manoj Turakhia, Vandana Jain, Umang Jain, Nimit Mehta, Shardule Shah, Shrenik Shah, Tarang Gosalia, Tanmay Gosalia, Pradip Gosalia, Sanjay Shah (Foxboro), Anu Mehta, Vinsu Mehta, Chandrakant Vora, Silvi, Piyusha Shah, Sahil Shah, Aruna Vora, Hiteshi and Rajen Jhaveri, Tarang and Gauriya Jain, Priyum, Ria and many more who volunteer during the function.

Report from Food Committee

(Anshuman Gosalia, Gauriya Jain, Bharat Shah, Neela Shah, Nutan Vora, and Kiran Shah)

Food committee members would like to thank the Sangh in making the event a great success. Without Sangh's co-operation and patience we would not have been able to complete our tasks as envisioned.

The team would like to acknowledge support of Sanjay & Neela Shah, Suresh & Shobhna Shah, and, Shanti and Rukmini Kenia for sponsoring Swamivatsalya during the event.

Many volunteers helped us in making the event a great success. Special thanks to Mahesh Reshamwala, Yogesh Parikh & Hemant Shah, Subhash Jain, Hemanshu Shah (NH), Vikram, Mitesh Kothari, & Sheilly Jain along with countless others who helped in set up, serving food, serving water and cleaning up.

Samagri Committee:

The Puja Samagri volunteers did a tremendous job! They collected the necessary materials, 200+ items for all of the pujans. This included making some of the materials at home, purchasing or donating other items, and ultimately dispersing them as needed. We thank the following volunteers: Chitra Dalal, Harshida Shah, Kalpana Shah, Ranjan Shah, Lalitaben Shah, Jyotsanaben Shah, Sonali Khot, Laxmi Jain, Rani Jain, Sunita Gandhi, Bhavik Shah, and Mamta Mehta.

Picnic

The picnic could best describe with 3 words and that is Best picnic place, excellent weather, and highest attendance in JCGB history. More than 250 people attended the picnic. It was held at new place Castle Island Boston. Castle Island has beautiful park, castle, water front, picnic area, children's playground, walking trail and beaches. Response from Members was all positive and overwhelming. Members would like to keep Castle Island as picnic place for next few years. Thank you to all the volunteers who help prepare the food. Thank you, Nutan Vora for coordinating food.

We may try different location every year or repeat Castle Island for the picnic. If you know of any good location for our picnic, please send your suggestions to Executive Committee.

President's Report..

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The feedback has been very positive on success of this event. The success of it would not have been possible without great support from over 150 volunteers. On behalf of EC & Board, I would like to express deep gratitude & thanks to all sub-committees & many many volunteers. Special thanks to members who provided printing, decoration, audio/video & other services free of cost.

Now that we have beautiful facility, we should continue to strive for bringing up new events. We are looking for new ideas as well as participation from you to make it happen. Best example was bringing Kumar Chatterjee's music program to our center by our members. Kumarjee sung many Jain stavans & sutras.

On the sad note, Gurudev Devendrakirtiji whose divine presence during recent event, died of cardiac arrest. All Jains around the world will miss him.

We had record turn out at the JCGB picnic held at the Castle Island. Members enjoyed nice weather & food. Many thanks to organizers & volunteers.

The arrival of the month of September brings the start of many activities at the Jain Center. The preparations are in full swing for Paryushana / DasLaxana parvas starting on Sept 4th and continuing onto Sept 22nd. Acharya Lokesh Muniji and Samaniji will enlighten us during these parvas. Please make a point to participate fully during these days.

Sincerely,

Jitendra Vora

Our New Home

Shardule Shah

In the words of my (non-Jain) family friend, upon his first look at the new derasar in relation to the old derasar, he stated, "This is the kind of home the Jain community deserves." I thought about that for a second and realized that statement could not be truer. Our Jain community has the hardest working and most generous individuals of any Jain community in the United States. For nearly 30 years, a Jain community of 250+ families was able to dominate the North American Jain landscape despite residing in a derasar that logically was not adequate for a community of our size.

The sacrifice put in by all of the committee members enabled the entire Boston Jain community to pray and play in an environment that makes everyone proud to call it our "home". What I saw leading up to the events of June was unending effort. Blood, sweat, and tears were poured into every aspect of our new home. And the end result is breathtaking. The events that happened in **June were truly "history in the making"**.

The Uthapan/Sthapan program allowed JCGB to take a large step forward in building a better Jain community. I was thrilled to see every member of our Boston Jain community took part in the festivities. Remembering the dancing, singing, walking in the procession, performing of pujans, etc., we could have not had a better grand opening to our new home, the home that our community deserves.

A large thank you to the committee members who put their heart and soul into ensuring that the Jain Center of Greater Boston remains the greatest Jain community in North America and properly bestowed with a home to match our spirit.

Sradhanjali to His Holiness Jagadguru Shri Devendrakeertiji

By: Pankaj K. Shah

It comes as a shock to hear of his death especially since he was amongst us just three weeks ago.

He was one of the great Jain saints, thinkers, and scientists. He revolutionized the way people worldwide looked at Jainism. He always worked with all four sects of Jains in North America without any discrimination. In spite of his learning and being the Chief Guruji of one of the most popular Jain mathas in Karnataka had imbued him with skill and tact, but did not affect the essential simplicity and niceness of the man.

He had immense knowledge of Jain philosophy and scientific knowledge of ritual ceremonies. He was a great learned scholar; these facts get ignored or overshadowed largely because people in the US knew him only as a monk who performs pratishttha.

He was born in Karnataka State, India. He received B.Sc. in 1971. At this age, just out of school, he accepted the saintly life (*Diksha*) in 1971 and shortly thereafter, was assigned as the Head of Sri Hombuja Jain Math. Even after he accepted Deeksha, he continued his formal education and received an M.A. in philosophy in 1974 and Doctorate (PhD) in 1979.

He traveled throughout India and foreign countries to grace various religious, social, cultural, national and international functions. He participated and represented India in the World Religious Parliament numerous times.

He ran several educational institutions to help impart the religious, moral, and cultural values of ancient Indian religions to the general public in state of Karnataka. As a highly learned scholar and orator, he has written several books on religion and philosophy and has delivered hundreds of speeches around the world. Various organizations and general public have decorated his Holiness with various titles.

He had mastery over several languages such as English, Kannada, Hindi, Tulu, Sanskrit, and Prakruti. He was also the chief editor of a monthly religious magazine, "Guredeva." His Holiness has published numerous Jain books under the name of Sri Siddhanthakeerty Granthmala which was started by his Holiness. .

Our Boston sangh is very fortunate that Guruji performed **Sthapana vidhi at JCGB in 2002**, and also the recent **Uthpan/Shthapan program**. Even though he was very busy at the Jain Center of America (New York City), he managed to come to JCGB for Uthapan vidhi on June 19th and came back again for Sthapan vidhi of 27th June. We came away sanctified after witnessing these ceremonies.

Jains all over the world will miss this great man; both a highly learned scholar, but also a simple, modest, and kind Guruji.

May he attain the highest liberation.

Membership Renewal Reminder

All memberships will expire on **12/31/2010**.

Please send your renewal forms ASAP and renew your membership timely. The form is available online for your convenience. If you have any problems finding it, or would prefer to email the form, please contact Tarang Jain at emailme@tarang.net or give a call @781-210-7321.

Uthapan/Sthapan Program

Anuradha Mehta

JCGB to me was always a place or a group for religious purposes. Every year members come together to celebrate Mahavir Jayanti, Diwali, etc. However the Uthapan / Sthapan did not only provide the community a religious reason to bond, it also allowed for members to bond and find a new home to call our own and showed the Norwood community the colors and beliefs of Jainism. Everything from start to finish was planned well and executed well. I witnessed young girls and boys discussing with their young friends how everything was so colorful and how they had a big space to run around in.

During the parade, many American families came out of their homes to see what was happening. Some even asked questions about what the parade was about, and a prideful Jain replied with full glory about all they knew. This was refreshing and exciting to see. Some Americans even walked with the parade keeping a close eye on the graceful dancers moving to the soothing music and the walkers dressed in colorful sarees, chanya choli and dhoti kurta. Even Deval Patrick and his secretary had a lot to say about our togetherness.

Additionally the evening program added to the strong bond that years of JCGB had already created. All generations performed.

Performances varied from garba-ras, dandya, and bhangra. Even with technical difficulties and some impatient audience, the ladies and men demonstrated that there is no age limit to rejoicing the opening of our new home. Every moment of both days kept the audience on their toes. Food to dancing, walking to singing, everything went as planned (of course everything was based on India standard time – but that is why we love our Jain community). The executive committee put in effort continuously, disregarding all their other commitments or time. Their energy seemed never ending. The smiles of the community turned their exhaustion into passion and they all continued to dance, sing, and run around gathering troops for the next part of the program. I am proud to say that I am part of such a community, where people not only gather for religious occasions but come together to celebrate their new home and their togetherness. I cannot thank the executive board

enough for working endless hours to put together something that will be imprinted in our hearts and minds forever.

Pathshala update

Jai Jinendra,

Pathshala is on 1st Sunday of the month from 10.00 AM to 12.30 PM followed by lunch.

At Pathshala, Students not only learn Jain philosophy, prayers and sutras but they are thought to follow Jain way of life and inspire others to do the same.

Due to reduced attendance / interest in Language classes the staff members of Pathshala have regrettably decided to Discontinue these sessions as of this year.

Pathshala classes will continue as usual and will end at 12.30. The time slot of Language classes will now be allotted for Diwali cultural program practice. From December onwards we are planning on starting other activities such as sutra classes/ Yoga/ games etc

Adults are encouraged to attend Swadhyay classes led by Dharmraj bhai Khot.

Volunteer

Pathshala is being run by volunteers and we are always looking for more volunteers. If you can help in teaching, coordinating, choreographing or in any capacity please let us know.

Pathshala dates for the upcoming year:

August 29th - First day of Pathshala

September 19th - Pooja Day (Ashtaprakari and Dev,Shahtra, Guru Puja)

October 3rd, October 31st.and December 5th.

Any further information or questions please do not hesitate to call me at 508-543-5131 or 508-345-8781.

Mamta Mehta
Pathshala Director

Members' Message.....

What I liked.....

Mita and I are so glad that the procession went so well. It indeed was the highlight of the entire program. Great job.

~~~**Mita and Pankaj Shah**

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I liked the arrangements which were done during the procession and events. I think everyone was clear what is going to happen next. You guys have done very good job communicating.

~~~ **Rakesh Jain**

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There are many things which I liked, but the best of them are:

1. Organized and maintained schedule on Sthapan day - almost perfect.
2. Procession after Uthapan to the new center was so colorful with beautifully dressed people, tremendous crowd and support and a grand welcome for the murti sthanas.
3. Unity amongst all people during the event, helping nature from everyone, volunteering support during lunch/dinner.

All-in-all, I have never seen such a wonderful religious event in my life.

Best wishes for the new center and regards,

~~~ **Nirav Dalal**

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I am writing this in regards to the celebration of New Jain Temple in Norwood. It was very well organized and was wonderfully successful. Thanks to all of you, we really enjoyed it.

It was GREAT celebration of New Mandir in Norwood. We really enjoyed it, liked everything and nice to see bigger place for all the different activities.

~~~ **Mina and Siddharth**

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The program can be surmise - Enthusiasm of everyone and Excellent organization. There was an unique energy in the air. Great going !

Jai Jinendra.

~~~ **Snehal Shah**

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I loved everything about Uthapana / Sthapan. Everything was very well planned and very well done. It was great to see such a grand event during my lifetime. Rath-yatra was beyond my imagination. Non-Jain and Jain came from all over and were united for this occasion like a big happy family. Everyone was very excited to find this treasure and for that I would like to commend the Executive Board and all the helpers for putting together a day to be written in books.

~~~ **Aruna and Nishith Vora**

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I am deeply appreciative that the pictures have been posted. Due to a personal issue I was not able to attend any of the ceremonies for the move to the new temple. Seeing the pictures allowed me to participate in a way and share the joy for this auspicious occasion.

Best wishes,

Ruth Eisenbud

Member News:

Congratulation to Paulomi and Rajen Gudka for the birth of their son, Divyum

Our condolences to Shailesh and Smita Shah for the loss of his father Pravinchandra Shah

Our condolences to family of Kulbhushan Jain for the loss of his brother Arvind Jain

Our condolences to Vasant/Jyotsna Nagda for the loss of his father Shri Madsibhai K. Nagda

Our condolences to Milan, Divyesh and Ketan Mehta of Hopkington, MA for the loss of their mother Jyotiben Mehta