



JAIN CENTER OF GREATER BOSTON

Right Faith, Right Knowledge, Right Conduct

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From President's Desk.

Jai Jinendra

Michammi Dukkadam!

On behalf of Executive Committee, we ask for your forgiveness if we have knowingly or unknowingly hurt you by thoughts, action or words.

Our members celebrated & participated in Paryshana Purve and DasLaxan Maha Purve enthusiastically. We had record participation this year. Acharya Lokesh Muniji & Samani Sanmati Pragyaji and Samani Shukla Pragyaji did an excellent job in enlightening our members with discourses. Dr.Vimal Prakashji Jain enlightens us with great lecture covering UttamKshama on 1st day of Dashlaxan Parva.

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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 have appointed the Election Committee to ensure the impeccable election.

Election committee Members are:

Ashokbhai Shah 508-266-1866

Kiran Shah 508-870-6544

Himanshu Gandhi 781-257-5032

The details of the election process, procedure and timelines have been provided in this 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

November 6 th , Saturday	Mahavir Nirvan Ladoo offering
November 6 th , Saturday	Diwali Celebration
November 7 th , Sunday	Manglic and Snatra Puja
November 6 th , Saturday	Annual Meeting & Election

Event Calendar

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

Ayambil	October 17 th , 2010
Mahavir Nirvan Ladoo offering	November 6 th , 2010
Diwali Celebration	November 6 th , 2010
New Year Manglic	November 7 th , 2010
Thanksgiving Jap	November 25 ^h , 2010
Nirvan Ladoo	November 5 th , 2010

Monthly Puja/Bhavna

- 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
(namanjain@gmail.com)

Jain Calendar

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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	Vad14	

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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			

We thank Dineshbhai Dalal for his contribution.

Membership Renewal

All the membership expires on **12/31/2010**. If you have not renewed already your membership for years 2011 - 2012 please renew it now. By renewing your membership, you will retain your voting rights and continue to be a part of this great organization.

Notice of the JCGB Election of the Executive Committee and Board

The election for the entire Executive Committee and three members of the Board will be held on Saturday, November 6th, 2010 during the Diwali Celebration day.

Nominations are invited for the Following Positions

2011-2012 Executive Committee (total 11 positions, 2- year term)

President (1 position)
Vice President (1 position)
Secretary (1 position)
Treasurer (1 position)
Director of Building Operations (1 position)
Youth Representative (1 position)
Member-at-Large (5 positions)

Board (total 3 positions for this year, 4-year term)
Member (3 positions)

Eligibility Rules

Member-at-Large: Must be a member of JCGB with voting privileges.

Youth Representative: Must be a member of JCGB with voting privileges and must be below 30 years of age at the beginning of the term.

Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Director of Building Operations: Must have been a member of JCGB with voting privileges for minimum of 2 years.

President must have a minimum of 2 years experience on the Executive Committee.

All the **Board members** must have a minimum of 2 years of experience in Executive Committee.

Voting Privileges: Every individual over 18 years of age, who has been a General Member for at least 1 year, and who lives within the five states of Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island and Maine, will have the voting privileges. Any family or individual over 18 years of age who

fills out a signed membership application form and lives within five states of Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island or Maine will become a General Member. The membership period runs from January to December of following year and coincides with the term of the Executive Committee. Members joining in the middle of the term will have to renew the membership for the next period. Every General Member must fill out a membership form every two years.

Election Committee

The Executive Committee of JCGB has appointed a three-member Election Committee to conduct and oversee the election process. The goal of the Election Committee is to coordinate the election in an unbiased, fair and democratic environment strictly following the guidelines outlined in the Constitution of the Jain Center of Greater Boston and rules set by the Executive Committee. The members of the Election Committee are:

Ashok Shah 13 Liberty Lane, Attleboro, MA 02703 H: (508) 226-1866	Kiran Shah 17 Assabet Dr. Westborough, MA 01581 H: (508) 870-6544	Himanshu Gandhi 21 Juniper Ridge Road, Lincoln, MA 01773 H: (781) 257-5032
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Election Schedule and Process

Date: Sunday, November 6th, 2010

Time: 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm

During 24 hours prior to the election, you may also cast your vote in person in the selected ballot box at any of the Election Committee member's residence. On Election Day, the voting will take place from 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

Anyone interested to hold any positions should fill out the nomination form included in this

newsletter; and return it to any of the Election Committee member. **Last day to accept nomination form for any of the above-mentioned position is October 16th, 2010**.

Apply for Any Position

In person – To any of the Election Committee member.

By mail – Postmarked no later than October 16th, 2010.

By Email – To Election Committee members by attachment of a scan singed copy.

Applications name and position contested is open to public record. You may call any Election Committee member for information. However, to respect the family need of every Election Committee member, please do not call after 9:00 PM. The Election Committee, in coordination with the Executive Committee, will publish the slate of the applicants about 3 weeks prior to the election.

Open Positions (Positions not yet contested for by October 17th, 2010)

Nominations will be accepted during a 3-day window, ending 48 hours prior to election i.e. from November 1st - November 3rd 2010.

Election results will be declared on the day of the election.

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Constitution Sub-Committee Report

Constitution Sub-Committee has been charged with the review of the Constitution with regards to Treasurer's Term and Membership.

The Sub-Committee has been discussing the matter at hand for last few months and have prepared the recommendation. The recommendations have been forwarded to Executive Committee (EC) and Board for their review. If the EC and Board ratify the document, we will send document via email to the General Membership for the review and may bring to General Body for voting

President's Message:

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We congratulate all Tapasvi for the extraordinary Tapascharya. It is moment of great pride for our center. Special congratulations to Shri Rajanbhai Jhaveri who observed 32 Upvas successfully. He observed fast in excellent health condition & with no disturbance to his daily activities including attend to the workplace. Rajanbhai is great inspiration to all members. We celebrated his achievement with Sangi program which included musical bhavna, Jain Kawali & skit.

We continue to see great excitement in the membership. Many members helped in organizing the weekend activities & food during Paryushna/DasLaxan purve. For the first time we could utilize our new kitchen! Special thanks for volunteering & food sponsorship.

Both Cherry Hill Sangh & Coldwell center from NewJersey visited us on the day of Paryushana / DasLaxan celebration. Both event was a big success. They were excited to hear about our achievements.

Jitendra Vora
President, JCGB

Ayambil Tapascharya

Continuing the JCGB bi-annual tradition, we will observe a day of Ayambil Tapascharya on Sunday, October 17th. 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 Lalitabhen Kusumbhai Shah at 781-963-1706 or Ranjanbhen Sudhirbhai Shah at 508-660-9683 before October 15th.

Date and Time: Sunday, October 17th

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

Mahavir Nirvana Program

Diwali Day – Saturday, November 6th, Bhagwan Mahavir Swami Nirvan Day laddoo offering

8:00 am -8:30 am Abhishek & Dev Shastra Guru Puja
8:30am Manavir Nirvan Puja followed by
Nirvan Ladu offering

Light refreshment will be served after the program.

New Year Day – Sunday, November 7th

Begin your new year by reading Mangalik (auspicious and sacred) Sutras at the JCGB Derasar. This is the First Day of Mahavir Samvat 2537 and Vikram Samvat 2067. It was around this time 527 B.C.E., Lord Mahavir achieved Nirvan and Guru Gautam Swami became omniscient.

9:00 am to 10:00am Reading of Mangalik Sutras
10:00 am to 12 noon Snatra Puja, Aarti
12:00 noon Lunch

The Puja and lunch will be sponsored by Rhode Island Group.

Diwali Celebrations and Elections November 6th, 2010

Preparations for the Diwali celebrations are in full swing. We have lined up good program for the event. Pathshala teachers and kids are busy preparing for a big show!

Date: **Saturday, Nov 6th 2010**

General election 2010 voting: 2 pm to 7 pm
Diwali program: 2 pm

Dinner will be served following the program. It is being sponsored by North Zone.

Member News...

Our condolences to Shailesh and Smita Shah for the loss of his Father, Pravinchandra Shah (83) and mother, Lataben P. Shah (78) at Baroda, India. Shailesh lost both the parents within 3 weeks time.

Our condolences to Aruna Vora and Manoj Mehta for the loss of their brother, Ashok Mehta at his residence in Bombay.

Observance of Gyan Panchami Wednesday, November 10th

This is the day to respect the Jain scriptures that were composed by Gandharas and great Acharyas over two millenniums ago. This is typically done by observing penance and offering veneration to Tirthankaras and great acharyas.

Date: Wednesday, Wednesday, November 10th
Time: 12:30 PM – 1:30 PM - Pot Luck Lunch
(or observance of Akashana, if you can)
2:00 AM - 4:00 PM - Dev Vandan
Reading of prayers specific to this day

Please call Ranjanben Shah at 508-660-9683 or Nutan Vora 508-366-2223, if you plan to attend.

Thanksgiving Day Namokar Mantra Jap and Bhavana Thursday, November 25, 2010

Keeping with our annual tradition there will be Namokar Mantra Jap and Bhavana on Thanksgiving Day followed by light refreshment.

2:30pm - 4:00pm Namokar Mantra Jaap, Bhavana ,Arti

Feel free to bring your college going students, family members and guest.

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Moving or Have You Moved Recently

If you are planning to move or have recently moved and are receiving JCGB newsletter via Postal Courtesy Forward (Yellow forwarded address label), please give us your change of address information. Once the courtesy forward period expires the newsletters will not be delivered to you nor will they be sent back to us. They will be disposed of by the post office. With your proper address on file everyone will benefit. You will continue to receive the newsletter and we will save some financial resources for JCGB and environmental resources by not wasting paper.