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**Gujarati Month: Sharavan/Bhadaravo**

**VirSamvat: 2543**  
**VikramSamvat: 2073**

### **Temple Hours:**

Monday - Saturday  
9:30am - 12:30pm  
5:30pm - 8:00pm

### **Sunday**

8:00am - 12:30pm  
5:30pm - 8:00pm

### **Aarti & Mangal Divo**

11:30am & 7:30pm

### **Prakshal Puja**

Monday – Saturday 9:30am  
Sunday 8:00am

## **Respected Members,**

“Let us forgive each other - only then will we live in peace.” - Leo Tolstoy

So true, it reminds us of the message which signifies one of the aspects of Paryushar Paryushan provides us the opportunity for introspection and progress on the path of Right Faith Right Knowledge and Right Conduct.

Members of the Board of Trustees (BOT) and the Executive Committee (EC) ask for your forgiveness if we have hurt your feelings through our thoughts, words or actions.

## **Michhami Dukkadam to the Sakal Sangh!!**

### **A brief synopsis of some of the events held at the temple:**

- Father's Day Picnic (6/18) was a blast with the 300+ members attended. We would like to thank – Ashish Manek, Chirag Shah, Rahul Haria and their entire team for leading the picnic event.
- 19th temple anniversary (6/23-6/25) was celebrated for 3 days with Shri a Nandu and his group. The event started with Snatra Puja and Mini Siddhachakra Pujan in the morning and Mumuxu Hetaben's bahuman in the evening. On second day, we celebrated Eighteen Abhishek with many members bringing their Bhagwan from home to perform Abhishek(s). The first time ever 'Jain Housie' in the evening was conducted by Nandu family. **It was memorable experience for all members.** Last day, we had Dhawaja ceremony for the main Shikhar and Bhumati area. The enthusiasm and the commitment of pledges by members were overwhelming.
- We are seeing an increased participation in Monthly Snatra Puja(s) and Regular Puja(s). We request all members to take advantage of it.
- We had Vedniya Karma Nivaran Puja on (7/16) and 150+ members attended this event. We thank all puja sponsors.
- Washington Sangh visited JSGD (7/30). All Sangh yatriis appreciated JSGD volunteer efforts and conveyed their "Anumodana".
- Under the leadership of Vastupal Shah, Vinay Shah, Dipak Shah & Paras Veera, we took bus for Panch Tirth Yatra (8/4 - 8/6), starting with our own temple, Indianapolis IN, St. Louis MO, Chicago IL, and Milwaukee WI with 52 Sadharmik yatriis. It was a memorable yatra and yatriis cannot wait to be part of it again for the next year.

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**Safety**

Following the theft at our Center, the EC and BOT are taking steps to make the Center more secure.

- Gate to the parking lot has been fixed to stop stranger's cars from coming in off-hours.
- New video surveillance will have more cameras and cover entire property.
- Security system is in operation now. We sincerely request all members to contact Deepakbhai (Pujari) or any EC members to access temple during off hours.
- EC & BOT are working with Farmington Hills Police to implement their recommendations.

**Paryushan Parva Lectures**

- Dr. Pravinbhai L. Shah to give us the knowledge that will help us shed our Karmas and lead us further in our journey towards Moksha.
- We will also have a separate Q&A session for our JOY kids. More information to follow in newsletter.

**Paryushan Parva Bhavana**

- Invited Bhanubhai Vora to do Bhavna with us along with few of our members.
- Kundanben is putting together a group that can practice on regular basis.
- If you are interested in singing Bhavna stavans and would like to participate & practice, please contact Kundanben (kbsata@tds.net) for practice timings.

**Canopy Project**

- Increase safety of all members (especially seniors) during bad weather.
- Designs being reviewed by BOT that will maintain the beauty of our gorgeous Center.

**2018 Fund Raising Dinner**

- Tentatively booked Suburban for 25<sup>th</sup> Fund Raising Dinner on March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018.
- BOT is looking for a dynamic team to lead this effort and celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> FRD.
- If you are interested, please contact Kundanben or any BOT member. Please also know, as always, that the entire BOT and EC will stand behind the effort.

**Other Updates**

- Most of the lights have been converted to LED to save energy.
- The Audio/Video system has been updated and TVs have been repurposed for use by our Study Class for presentations.
- Entire property was cleaned and weeds were removed. Still further property updates will be done in coming months – including roof repairs and other repairs.

JSGD is happy to inform all the Tapasvis that they can do Ekasana at the temple during Paryushan. Members wishing to do Ekasana are requested to write your name on the bulletin board. This will enable the volunteers to prepare adequate food for the tapasvis.

EC is humbly requesting all members "**NOT TO PARK ON THE GRASS**" during the auspicious parva of Paryushan. We are planning to put orange cones at the entrance of temple house driveway to block the entrance. We have made the arrangements for extra parking at the **AIM High School** during Swapna Darshan and Samvatsari Pratikraman.

**Have you done the RSVP for the Swapna Darshan Swamivatsalya lunch yet? If not, please visit the Temple web site and you will be able to do it with few clicks. We sincerely thank Dhirajben Desai (M/O Bharat & Neerja Desai – Family) for sponsoring Swapna Darshan Swamivatsalya Lunch.**

**Thank you and Jai Jinendra!**

**Jaimik Shah  
President, Executive Committee**

**Kundan Sata  
Chair Person, Board of Trustees**

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## **Jain Recipe - Pasta**

### **Ingredients:**

1 cup tomato paste  
 2 cups tomato puree  
 2 cups crushed tomatoes  
 ½ cup olive oil  
 2 teaspoon Italian Seasoning  
 2 teaspoon basil leaves  
 1 teaspoon crushed red pepper  
 1 teaspoon oregano  
 Salt to taste  
 1 teaspoon sugar  
 2 green bell peppers  
 1 yellow bell pepper  
 1 red bell pepper  
 3 medium zucchinis  
 8 Oz Shredded Mozzarella Ch.  
 2 lb. Rotini Pasta



### **For Sauce:**

1. Mix the tomato paste, crushed tomatoes and tomato puree with olive oil, Italian seasoning, basil, crushed red pepper, oregano, salt and sugar in a saucepan. Boil the mixture on simmer for 30 minutes.
2. Grate and sauté the bell peppers and zucchini in a separate pan. Add this to the mixture made in step 1.

### **For Pasta:**

1. Boil Rotini Pasta with salt al dente so that it is slightly undercooked. Mix the sauce made above to the rotini pasta in a tray.
2. Add mozzarella cheese to the top. Bake this at 300 degrees for 10-15 minutes. Enjoy!

## *Upcoming Events*

DAY	DATE	EVENT	TIMINGS	COMMENTS
Friday	08/18/17	Snatra Puja, Aarti, Mangal Divo, Kalash	9:30 AM - 10:45 AM	Paryushan Day-1
		Pravachan (AM)	10:45 AM - 12:15 PM	
		Ekasana	12:30 PM - 02:00 PM	
		Pratikraman	06:15 PM - 07:15 PM	
		Pravachan (PM)	07:30 PM - 08:30 PM	
		Bhavna, Aarti, Mangal Divo	08:30 PM - 10:00 PM	
Saturday	08/19/17	Snatra Puja	8:30 AM - 10:00 AM	Paryushan Day-2 (Swapna Darshan)
		Swapna Darshan	10:00 AM - 01:00 PM	
		Ekasana & Swamivatsalya	01:00 PM - 03:00 PM	
		Pratikraman	06:15 PM - 07:15 PM	
		Aarti, Mangal Divo	07:30 PM - 07:45 PM	
Sunday	08/20/17	Snatra Puja, Aarti, Mangal Divo, Kalash	9:30 AM - 10:45 AM	Paryushan Day-3
		Pravachan (AM)	10:45 AM - 12:15 PM	
		Ekasana	12:30 PM - 02:00 PM	
		Pratikraman (Chaudash)	5:00 PM - 7:15 PM	
		Pravachan (PM)	7:30 PM - 8:30 PM	
		Bhavna, Aarti, Mangal Divo	8:30 PM - 10:00 PM	
Monday	08/21/17	Snatra Puja, Aarti, Mangal Divo, Kalash	9:30 AM - 10:45 AM	Paryushan Day-4
		Pravachan (AM)	10:45 AM - 12:15 PM	
		Ekasana	12:30 PM - 02:00 PM	
		Pratikraman	06:15 PM - 07:15 PM	
		Pravachan (PM)	07:30 PM - 08:30 PM	
		Youth Lecture (Downstairs)	08:30 PM - 09:30 PM	
		Bhavna, Aarti, Mangal Divo	08:30 PM - 10:00 PM	
Tuesday	08/22/16	Snatra Puja, Aarti, Mangal Divo, Kalash	9:30 AM - 10:45 AM	Paryushan Day-5 (Children's Prabhavana)
		Pravachan (AM)	10:45 AM - 12:15 PM	
		Ekasana	12:30 PM - 02:00 PM	
		Pratikraman	6:15 PM - 07:15 PM	
		Pravachan (PM)	7:30 PM - 08:30 PM	
		Youth Lecture (Downstairs)	8:30 PM - 9:30 PM	
		Bhavna, Aarti, Mangal Divo	8:30 PM - 9:30 PM	
		Children's Prabhavana	9:30 PM - 10:00 PM	
Wednesday	08/23/16	Snatra Puja, Aarti, Mangal Divo, Kalash	9:30 AM - 10:45 AM	Paryushan Day-6
		Pravachan (AM)	10:45 AM - 12:15 PM	
		Ekasana	12:30 PM - 02:00 PM	
		Pratikraman	06:15 PM - 07:15 PM	
		Pravachan (PM)	07:30 PM - 08:30 PM	
		Bhavna, Aarti, Mangal Divo	08:30 PM - 10:00 PM	
Thursday	08/24/16	Snatra Puja, Aarti, Mangal Divo, Kalash	9:30 AM - 10:45 AM	Paryushan Day-7
		Pravachan (AM)	10:45 AM - 12:15 PM	
		Ekasana	12:30 PM - 02:00 PM	
		Pratikraman	06:15 PM - 07:15 PM	
		Pravachan (PM)	07:30 PM - 08:30 PM	
		Tapasvi Bahuman	08:30 PM - 9:30 PM	
		Aarti, Mangal Divo	9:30 PM - 10:00 PM	

Friday	08/25/17	Snatra Puja, Aarti, Mangal Divo, Kalash	9:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Paryushan Day-8 (Samvatsari)
		Barsa Sutra Vaanchan	10:30 AM - 12:15 PM	
		Ekasana	12:30 PM - 02:00 PM	
		Pratikraman	5:00PM - 9:00 PM	
		Aarti, Mangal Divo	9:00 PM - 9:30 PM	
Saturday	08/26/17	Snatra Puja	7:00 AM - 8:30 AM	Parna Day, Das Lakshan Day-1
		Tapasvi Procession	8:30 AM - 9:00 AM	
		Sakal Sangh Parna	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	
		Das Lakshan Puja	9:30 AM - 11:00 AM	
		Stavan & Hindi Swadhyay	8:00 PM - 9:30 PM	
Sunday	08/27/17	Prakshal	8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Das Lakshan Day-2
		Das Lakshan Puja	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	
		Stavan & Hindi Swadhyay	8:00 PM - 9:30 PM	
Monday	08/28/17	Prakshal	7:15 AM - 8:00 AM	Das Lakshan Day-3
		Das Lakshan Puja	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	
		Stavan & Hindi Swadhyay	8:00 PM - 9:30 PM	
Tuesday	08/29/17	Prakshal	7:15 AM - 8:00 AM	Das Lakshan Day-4
		Das Lakshan Puja	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	
		Stavan & Hindi Swadhyay	8:00 PM - 9:30 PM	
Wednesday	08/30/17	Prakshal	7:15 AM - 8:00 AM	Das Lakshan Day-5
		Das Lakshan Puja	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	
		Stavan & Hindi Swadhyay	8:00 PM - 9:30 PM	
Thursday	08/31/17	Prakshal	7:15 AM - 8:00 AM	Das Lakshan Day-6
		Das Lakshan Puja	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	
		Stavan & Hindi Swadhyay	8:00 PM - 9:30 PM	
Friday	09/01/17	Prakshal	7:15 AM - 8:00 AM	Das Lakshan Day-7
		Das Lakshan Puja	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	
		Stavan & Hindi Swadhyay	8:00 PM - 9:30 PM	
Saturday	09/02/17	Prakshal	8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Das Lakshan Day-8
		Das Lakshan Puja	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	
		Stavan & Hindi Swadhyay	8:00 PM - 9:30 PM	
Sunday	09/03/17	Prakshal	8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Das Lakshan Day-9
		Das Lakshan Puja	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	
		Stavan & Hindi Swadhyay	8:00 PM - 9:30 PM	
Monday	09/04/17	Prakshal	7:15 AM - 8:00 AM	Das Lakshan Day-10
		Das Lakshan Puja	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	
		Stavan & Hindi Swadhyay	8:00 PM - 9:30 PM	
Tuesday	09/05/17	Prakshal	7:15 AM - 8:00 AM	Das Lakshan Day-11
		Das Lakshan Puja	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	
		Pratikraman (Hindi)	8:00 PM - 9:00 PM	
Wednesday	09/06/17	Prakshal	7:00 AM - 8:00 AM	Das Lakshan - Parna Day
Saturday	09/09/17	Kshama Vani Day Celebration	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Swamivatsalya

The yoga class scheduled for **ALL SUNDAYS** and starts at 9.30 AM. Please contact Kamal Jain at [kamal.jsqd@gmail.com](mailto:kamal.jsqd@gmail.com) for more information.

## ***Library Update***

- Recently we have added a suitable number of new books to our temple library.
- Please go to temple web page and look under library - we have the index of library books and few other reading materials.
- In past month or so we have put out more than 100 books that we called surplus for library and members have gladly taken it to use for their home library.
- We encourage the members to take advantage of such activity. We will do the display of surplus books periodically in library room.
- We are open for any suggestions that members may have to make library more user friendly.

## ***Volunteer Appreciation***

### **Father's Day Picnic:**

We would like to thank entire group - Ashish Manek, Chirag Shah, Rahul Haria, Rajiv Maheshwari, Sanjay Dedhia, Jitesh Shah, Rahul Munot, and their spouses for leading this year's picnic and making JSGD annual picnic huge success. We also appreciate help from many volunteers during the picnic, without their help, this event would not have been possible.

### **Temple Anniversary:**

- We would like to thank Rohit & Punita Shah, Peenal Shah, Vinay Shah and Suresh Shah for helping with planning, coordinating and executing event. Thank you all for your continued support.
- We would also like to thank Vinit Shah, Rahul Shah for taking lead for Abhishek water preparation & distribution. Did you see young study class students taking water jugs and distributing Abhishek water to all members during anniversary program? Big Kudos to – Rishi Zaveri, Aarvi Shah, Jayna Shah, Ansh Shah, Mihir Zaveri and other volunteers.
- We sincerely appreciate - Rishi Zaveri, Harindra & Mayuri Shah, for coming to temple, as early as, 6 AM to help out with preparation for Chandan / Prakshal Puja / Snatra Puja.
- We thank - Alka Shah and Vinita Parekh for doing such wonderful Aangi during anniversary program.
- Many young volunteers from OU, WSU and U of M attended event and helped out with numerous other tasks. Thank you all - very much.
- We would like to thank Pratiksha Shah & Reenal Shah for leading the efforts for Swamivatsalya lunch on Friday & Saturday, along with Ragini Kothari, Birva Shah and Nilesh & Hina Shah. Thanks to - Mona Bora, Reepal Shah, and Vinita Parekh for their help.
- We would like to thank BOT for leading the efforts to prepare lunch on Dhawaja day. Thanks to BOT spouses and volunteers – Kundan Sata, Pritish Shah, Manoj Modi, Chetan Koradia, Ankil Shah, Sanjay Bhandari, Jaimik Shah and their spouses.
- We would like to thank many more volunteers & JOY, who helped during Anniversary event in Rang Mandap setup, food preparation, table-chair setup, serving food and all other activities to make the event successful.

**Thank you very much!**

# Pledges – 2017

## New Year – Snatra Puja

NAME	FOR	AMOUNT
Dinesh & Geeta Shah	Aarti	\$501
Jayant & Heena Shah	M/Divo	\$501
Jayant & Heena Shah	S/Kalash	\$801
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$1,803</b>

## New Year – Snatra Puja – Swamivatsalya

NAME	AMOUNT
Niranjan & Vibha Shah	\$101
Jayant & Heena Shah	\$101
EC 2017-18	\$101
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$303</b>

## Meru Teras Puja – Sponsors

NAME	AMOUNT
Lt Neeta Gandhi (M/O Arpan & Sonali Gandhi)	\$151
Bharat & Falguni Shah	\$151
Kalpesh & Tarang Shah	\$151
Shreyas & Purvi Shah	\$151
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$604</b>

## Meru Teras Puja – Swamivatsalya

NAME	AMOUNT
EC 2017-18	\$101
Rajiv & Reepal Shah	\$51
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$152</b>



NAME	AMOUNT
Hemant & Veena Shah	\$151
Jagdish & Shaila Shah	\$151
Pravin & Surbhi Shah	\$151
Rohit & Nilpa Shah	\$151
Usha Sheth	\$151
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$755</b>

## Nav-Padjini Puja- Swamivatsalya

NAME	AMOUNT
EC 2017-18	\$101
Rashmi & Hemlata Shah	\$51
Samkit & Ronak Shah	\$51
Thierry & Jyoti Guimberteau	\$51
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$254</b>

**“The universe is not for man alone, but is a theater of evolution for all living beings.**

**Live and let live is its guiding principle. 'Ahimsa Paramo Dharmah' - Non-injury is the highest religion.”**

- Virchand Gandhi





### Ayambil Oli – Sponsors

NAME	AMOUNT
Ashish & Minal Manek	\$251
Harsukhbhai & Bhadraben Doshi (Ketur Doshi)	\$251
Manoj & Surbhi Modi	\$251
Nikhil & Smita Kothari	\$251
Rajesh & Vinita Jain	\$251
Rajnikant & Jyotsna Shah	\$251
Rohit & Jyoti Shah	\$251
Virendra & Kamleshwari Shah	\$251
Rohit & Nilpa Shah	\$251
Vadiben Valchand Madhani	\$251
Pradip & Hema Shah	\$251
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,761</b>

**Mahavir jinka naam hai,  
palithana jinka dham hai,  
Ahinsha jinka nara hai,  
aise thrishla nandan ko  
lakh pranam hamara hai.**

### Mahavir Janma Kalyanak – Gheeboli

NAME	FOR	AMOUNT
Devika Raju Shah (G/D of Praful & Pratima Shah)	Laxmi Devi	\$351
Kirti & Bhavana Shah	Bhagwan Ne Pokhavanu	\$301
Raju & Monica Shah	Bhagwan Ne Vadhavanu	\$151
Pravin & Surbhi Shah	Aarti	\$301
Nalin & Gita Shah	Mangal Divo	\$301
Jaimik & Reenal Shah	S/Kalash	\$401
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$1,806</b>

### Mahavir Janma Kalyanak – Swamivatsalya

NAME	AMOUNT
EC 2017-18	\$101
Anay Rajesh Shah (G/S of Arvind & Ramila Shah)	\$101
Ashish & Minal Manek	\$101
Bipin & Vijaya Shah	\$151
Dinesh & Geeta Shah	\$101
Gunjan & Ajay Jain	\$101
Gunvant & Anila Shah	\$101
Jignesh & Jayshree Madhani	\$51
Niranjan & Vibha Shah	\$101
Pradip & Hemlata Shah	\$101
Prakash & Rita Ajmera	\$101
Rashmikant & Hemlata Shah	\$101
Suresh & Ila Shah	\$101
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,313</b>

### Mahavir Janma Kalyanak – Swapna Fix Gheeboli

NAME	SWAPNA	AMOUNT
Jaimik & Reenal Shah	Lion	\$101
Arvind & Jaya Shah	Elephant	\$101
Meenaben Shah	Bull	\$101
Kaushal & Ekta Zaveri	Garland of Flowers	\$101
Atul & Hemangini Shah	Moon	\$101
Saurabh & Sonal Shah	Sun	\$101
Jagdish & Hansmukh Shah	Flag	\$101
Manoj & Surbhi Modi	Uran-Kalash	\$101
Gunvant & Anila Shah	Padma Sarovar	\$101
Apurva & Maitri Doshi	Milky Ocean	\$101
Pravin & Surbhi Shah	Viman	\$101
Ankit & Riddhi Shah	Heap of Jewels	\$101
Shashin & Chandany Shah	Smokeless Fire	\$101
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$1,313</b>

### Anniversary Program – Pledge Summary

Name	Amount
Friday AM - Snatra Puja Gheeboli	\$862
Friday PM - Hetaben Bahuman	\$10,670
18 Abhishek – Fix Gheeboli	\$5,424
18 Abhishek Gheeboli	\$2,761
Ashtha Prakari Puja & 18 Abhishek Gheeboli	\$14,842
Saturday Evening Gheeboli	\$352
Dhwaja Ceremony- Fix Gheeboli	\$4,824
Dhawaja Ceremony – Gheeboli	\$14,804
Anniversary Program – Food Sponsorship	\$1,980
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$56,519</b>

### Dhawaja Ceremony Day- Gheeboli

Gheeboli	Sponsors Name	Amount
Main	Nirmalaben M Zaveri (M/O Manish Zaveri)	\$7,777
Guru Gautam Swami	Nilesh & Ajay Dagli (S/O Dinesh & Sunita Dagli)	\$2,007
Padmavati Devi	Vadiben Madhani (G/M Jignesh & Jayshree Madhani)	\$2,001
Aarti	Girish & Asha Shah Ramesh & Sheela Shah Rohit & Devyani Shah	\$701
Mangal Divo	Hiren & Radhika Shah	\$702
Shanti Kalash	Hemesh & Pratiksha Shah	\$1,616

### Friday AM - Snatra Puja Gheeboli

Gheeboli	Sponsors Name	Amount
Aarti	Bhupendra & Neena Shah	\$405
Mangal Divo	Kirtikant & Kokila Shah	\$151
Shanti Kalash	Jayesh & Bhavna Mehta	\$306

### Anniversary Program – Food Sponsorship

Name	Amount
Jasvant & Saroj Sheth	\$151
Samkit & Ronak Shah	\$151
Bipin & Vijaya Shah	\$151
Jainav, Reekhav, Priyal & Riya Shah	\$111
Niranjana & Vibha Shah	\$101
Divyakant & Mina Shah	\$101
Suresh & Ila Shah	\$101
Vastupal & Varsha Shah	\$101
Jayant & Heena Shah	\$101
Rashmi & Hemlata Shah	\$101
Pradip And Hemlata shah	\$101
Jayesh & Bhavna Mehta	\$101
Kulin & Ranjan Shah	\$101
Tirthesh & Shreya Shah	\$101
Vijay & Usha Vasani	\$101
EC 2017-18	\$101
Deepak & Kiran Shah	\$51
Ankit & Bina Shah	\$51
Bhavin & Kinjal Kothari	\$51
Bhupat & Aruna Sheth	\$51

### Friday PM - Hetaben Bahuman

Gheeboli	Sponsors Name	Amount
Mumuxu Ne Tilak Karvanu	Pravin & Surbhi Shah	\$2,525
Mumuxu Ne Srifal Aapvanu	Anand & Mona Bora	\$2,525
Mumuxu Ne Mala Pahevavanu	Ashok & Sulochana Shah Bhupendra & Neena Shah	\$4,005
Aarti	Shashin & Chandany Shah	\$504
Mangal Divo	Jayant & Heena Shah	\$1,111

### 18 Abhishek – Fix Gheeboli for Main Gabhara Area

Tirthankar	Abhishek#	Sponsors Name	Amount
Mahavirswami	1-6	Dinesh & Geeta Shah	\$ 251
	7-12	Jayant & Heena Shah	\$ 251
	13-18	Sharad & Nalini Shah	\$ 251
Parshvanath	1-6	Abhilash & Dhara Shah	\$ 251
	7-12	Neerav Doshi	\$ 251
	13-18	Hiren & Radhika Shah	\$ 251
Adeshvar	1-6	Akshat & Priyanka Jain	\$ 251
	7-12	Vishal & Nisha Doshi	\$ 251
	13-18	Amit & Megha Shah	\$ 251
Parshvanath	1-18	Anonymous	\$ 251
Chauvishi Bhagwan	1-18	Kalpesh & Tarang Shah	\$ 251

### Bhumati Area

Tirthankar	Abhishek #	Abhisheks Sponsors	Amt
Adeshvar	1-8	Bipin & Sohini Shah	\$101
	9-18	Ankit & Riddhi Shah	\$125
Ajitnath	1-8	Jagdish & Bhanu Shah	\$101
	9-18	Ramesh & Sheela Shah	\$125
Sambhavnath	1-8	Girish & Asha Shah	\$101
	9-18	Chirag & Darshita Jhaveri	\$125
Abhinandanswami	1-8	Nilesh & Ajay Dagli	\$101
	9-18	Nilesh & Ajay Dagli	\$125
Sumatinath	1-8	Dipak & Panna Shah	\$101
	9-18	Sunita Shah	\$125
Padmaprabhu	1-8	Rajesh & Vinita Jain	\$101
	9-18	Rajesh & Vinita Jain	\$125
Suparshvanath	1-8	Suresh & Rekha Shah	\$101
	9-18	Suresh & Bina Shah	\$125
Chandraprabhu	1-8	Nalin & Gita Shah	\$101
	9-18	Nandaben Gajarawala	\$125
Suvidhinath	1-8	Vandan & Veer Shah	\$101

	9-18	Manish Zhaveri	\$125
Sheetalnath	1-8	Manoj & Minakshi Shah	\$101
	9-18	Pravin & Surbhi Shah	\$125
Shreyaansnath	1-8	Samkit & Pooja Shah	\$101
	9-18	Prakash & Kirti Sanghvi	\$125
Vasupujyaswami	1-8	Jayant & Heena Shah	\$101
	9-18	Bharat & Falguni Shah	\$125
Vimalnath	1-8	Deepak & Kiran Shah	\$101
	9-18	Guntant Shah	\$125
Anantnath	1-8	Shreyansh Kothari	\$101
	9-18	Jagdish & Geeta Shah	\$125
Dharmnath	1-8	Samir & Pinali Shah	\$101
	9-18	Rashmi & Hemlata Shah	\$125
Shantinath	1-8	Nilkesh & Nina Shah	\$101
	9-18	Rohit & Nilpa Shah	\$125
Kunthunath	1-8	Kalpesh & Tarang Shah	\$101
	9-18	Sulochanaben Shah (Manoj & Surabhi Modi)	\$125
Aranath	1-8	Ashok & Asha Jain	\$101
	9-18	Raj & Shakuntala Jain	\$125
Mallinath	1-8	Ajay & Trupti Ajmera	\$101
	9-18	Saurabh & Sonal Shah	\$125
Munisuvrat-swami	1-8	Manish Zaveri	\$101
	9-18	Hemendra & Devangi Shah	\$125
Naminath	1-8	Ramesh & Nayana Shah	\$101
	9-18	Vastupal & Varsha Shah	\$125
Neminath	1-8	Snehal & Payal Shah	\$101
	9-18	Pravin & Jyoti Shah	\$125
Parshvanath	1-8	Bhupendra & Neena Shah	\$101
	9-18	Dharam & Rashmi Shah	\$125
Mahavirswami	1-8	Neerav Doshi	\$101
	9-18	Kalpesh & Tarang Shah	\$125

### Ashtha Prakari Puja & 18 Abhishek Gheeboli

Gheeboli	Sponsors Name	Amount
Surya Darshan	Jaimik & Reenal Shah	\$1,111
Chandra Darshan	Rohit & Punita Shah	\$1,414
Shree Mahavirswami	Rajesh & Vanita Mithalal	\$2,424
Shree Parshvnath	Jayant & Heena Shah	\$2,727
Shree Adeshwar	Kirti & Bhavana Shah - Windsor	\$401
Aarti	Dinesh & Geeta Shah - Windsor	\$1,008
Mangal Divo	Samkit & Ronak Shah	\$1,313
	Tirthesh & Shreya Shah	
Shanti Kalash	Jayesh & Bhavna Mehta	\$4,444
	Rajesh & Vanita Mithalal	

### Saturday PM - Gheeboli

Gheeboli	Sponsors Name	Amount
Aarti	Bhupendra & Neena Shah	\$151
Mangal Divo	Anonymous	\$201

### **Jai Jinendra!**

**"We sincerely thank all the members for their generous contributions during the 2017 Fund Raising Event (FRE). The BOT Finance team is in the process of finalizing the pledge details for this event and plan on publishing the pledges in next Jainvani.**

**- Manoj Modi**

### Sunday Dhwaja Ceremony – Fix Gheeboli Bhumati Area

Tirthankar	Sponsors Name	Amount
Adeshvar	Ankit & Riddhi Shah	\$ 201
Ajitnath	Vinay & Sneha Shah	\$ 201
Sambhavnath	Praful & Pratima Shah	\$ 201
Abhinandanswami	Chirag & Darshita Jhaveri	\$ 201
Sumatinath	Dipak & Panna Shah	\$ 201
Padmaprabhu	Chintan & Dipal Shah	\$ 201
Suparshvanath	Deepak & Kiran Shah	\$ 201
Chandraprabhu	Rahul & Neeyati Shah	\$ 201
Suvidhinath	Kumarpal & Indira Shah	\$ 201
Sheetalnath	Rohit & Punita Shah	\$ 201
Shreyaansnath	Jagdish & Shaila Shah	\$ 201
Vasupujyaswami	Pravin & Surbhi Shah	\$ 201
Vimalnath	Vinit & Anuja Shah	\$ 201
Anantnath	Jagdish & Geeta Shah	\$ 201
Dharmnath	Bipin & Sohini Shah	\$ 201
Shantinath	Dipen & Kavita Shah	\$ 201
Kunthunath	Arvind & Ramila Shah	\$ 201
Aranath	Nilesh & Ajay Dagli	\$ 201
Mallinath	Sushilaben (M/O Jagdish & Shaila Shah)	\$ 201
Munisuvratswami	Nirmalaben (M/O Manish Zaveri)	\$ 201
Naminath	Kalpesh & Tarang Shah	\$ 201
Neminath	Pravin & Jyoti Shah	\$ 201
Parshvanath	Dharam & Rashmi Shah	\$ 201
Mahavirswami	Bhupendra & Neena Shah	\$ 201

## ***Scholar Visit Update***

This year we have invited eight scholars to our Sangh to enlighten us with good values and knowledge.

<b>Scholar Name</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Host</b>
Rajubhai Kamdar	May 20 to May 23	Anand Kamdar
Samirbhai Shah	May 30 to June 3	Bipin & Sohini shah
Tarlaben Doshi	June 16 to June 20	Shital Shah and Manoj & Surbhi Modi
Shrenikbhai Gala	July 13 to July 19	Rashmikant & Hemlata Shah
Champakbhai Mehta	July 27 to August 2	Atul & Jagruti Patrawala
Pravinbhai L. Shah	Aug 18 to Aug 25 (Paryushan)	Atul & Jagruti Patrawala
Samaniji Dr. Suryashnidhiji & Samaniji Sudhannidhiji	Sep 7 to Sep 9	Manish & Varsha Mehta
Bhadrabahuji	Sep 11 to Sep 17	Shreyas & Purvi Shah

We sincerely appreciate all host families for their hospitality and coming forward to facilitate the Scholars.

**We also thank Pritishbhai and BOT team members for inviting and coordinating with Shri Pravinbhai Shah as a Paryushan scholar.**

**We also thank Manish & Varsha Mehta for coordinating and hosting Samaniji Dr. Suryanshnidhiji and Samaniji Sudhanidhiji.**

## ***Parna Day Message (August 26, 2017)***

Tapasavi and sakal sangh parna will be held on August 26, 2017. A team of nine families is sponsoring this year's parna and they are very excited and honored to lead this auspicious event. We appreciate their sponsorship as well as their hard work for planning one of the biggest events of the year.

We are requesting all tapasvis and society members to join for a Snatra Puja at the temple at 7:00 AM followed by a procession starting at 8:30 AM within our temple's beautiful compound. Parna sponsors are planning a welcome ceremony for all tapasvis at 8:45 AM.

**Parna timing: 9.00 am – 12:00 pm**

### **Sponsoring families**

Biren & Avani Shah (Vraj, Vunsh)	Ketan & Janki Shah (Ruhin, Banhi)
Chintan & Dipal Shah (Yaksh, Myra)	Kritesh & Hiral Mehta
Hiren & Radhika Shah (Rahi, Hiya)	Kushant & Nirali Shah (Kalp)
Jigar & Purvi Shah (Prisha, Many)	Neel & Jasmita Oza (Lavanya, Vyom)
Jinansh & Priya Shah (Aarush)	

Humble request to all tapasvis from our sponsoring families: please join the entire sangh for parna at the temple and give us an opportunity to serve you. The sponsorship team will feel truly honored and blessed if all tapasvis performed parna at the temple and not at home.

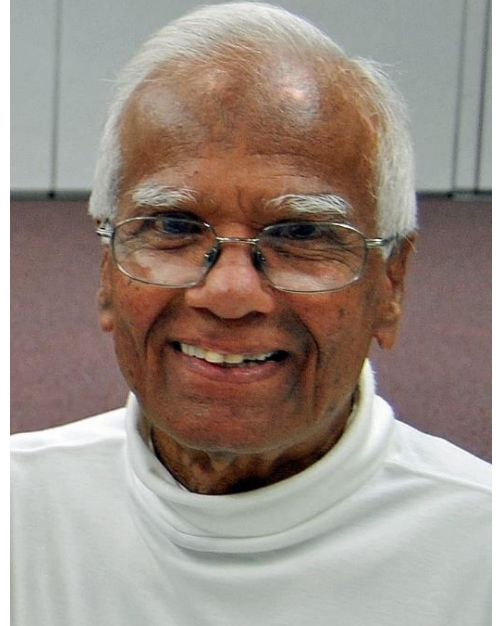
**[PARNA RSVP LINK](#)**



## ***Late Shri Dr. Kantibhai Shah***

On behalf of members of Saurashtra Sarvodaya Trust Upleta and myself, I express our heartfelt condolences to family members of Dr. Kantibhai Shah for his sudden and untimely death. I was shocked and couldn't believe the news as we were working together only a month back at our medical camp. We traveled up to Surendranagar together after the camp on 9th January. He was always fit and had not mentioned any complaints about his health.

Dr. Kantibhai was associated with us for more than ten years. He was part of our team of doctors at our annual mega medical and surgical camp organized at cottage hospital at Upleta. The camp was arranged in the last week of December and first week of January for twelve to fourteen days. He was always there for the entire period and would also be present at the pre checkup camp which is organized two weeks prior to main camp and would conduct surgical out-patient department (OPD). He used to come on the day before the beginning of camp, organize and set up his room and start his work on schedule. He always worked from morning till evening until the last patient was seen with smile on his face and without any sign of fatigue or anger. He used to examine each and every patient in detail, record his notes on case paper and explain the patients and their relatives the line of treatment and investigations required. He was always conservative and never advised surgery to any patients when it was not indicated or required. Not a single patient had left his cabin without satisfaction.



After the days of hard work he always used to be a good company for everyone irrespective of status or age. He would mix up with everyone and share his ideas and experience. He was perfectionist and would do his professional and personal work to his best. Personally it is a great loss to me because we used to manage surgical OPD together and it will always be heavy. As he would not leave his room throughout the day I could get out looking for other arrangements and attending operation theatre. I cannot imagine how will I able to cope up with work next year in his absence. In his death we have lost a sincere doctor and perfect gentleman who believed in 'service to mankind is service to God', which is motto of our organization.

Besides our camp he always offered his services and professional expertise at other medical camps, school children's check-up camps, social and religious programs organized in Saurashtra during his stay in India. I have always heard about his similar selfless services in Detroit and USA from my sister. We have lost a friend, a good doctor and a thorough gentleman. May his soul rest in peace and achieve Moksha at the earliest. We pray to Almighty God to give courage to his family members to bear his loss.

- **Dr. Piyush Tolia**

## ***Subscribing to JSGD E-mails***

Are you missing out on urgent news, program updates and reminders in-between issues of the Jain Vani? Any announcement in-between the Jain Vani publications will be sent out via email / Newsletters to the members who have signed up for this distribution list. Please use the steps below to sign up for the JSGD Email distribution List:

1. Send an email to [ankitjsgd@gmail.com](mailto:ankitjsgd@gmail.com).
2. Please provide your full name and email address and you'll be added to JSGD Email Subscription list. Reply to the confirmation email to activate your subscription.

# Nav-Padjini Ayambil Oli Update

In the Jain Dharma, the austerity called Ayambil is considered very auspicious and efficacious. Anyone can go to the Ayambil Shala to perform Ayambil. There, food which is devoid of any special taste and spices, is available for the performance of Ayambil.

## Khub Khub Anumodana to Bhagyashali who completed the Oli:

1 Ajita Desai	15 Jagruti Patrawala	29 Punita Shah
2 Anuja Shah	16 Jyoti Shah	30 Purvi Shah
3 Asha Shah	17 Jyotsnaben Shah	31 Ragini Kothari
4 Ashish Manek	18 Kala Shah	32 Ramesh N. Shah
5 Ashmi Haria	19 Kalpesh Shah	33 Ranjan R. Shah
6 Bipinbhai Shah	20 Khushboo Manek	34 Rohit (Nilpa) Shah
7 Birva Shah	21 Krina Gogri	35 Shardaben Shah
8 Chandrika Mehta	22 Kushant Shah	36 Shirish Shah
9 Chetna Shah	23 Lalit Shah	37 Sneha Haria
10 Dipal Shah	24 Manish Zaveri	38 Sunita Shah
11 Dipen Shah	25 Neena Shah	39 Surabhi Modi
12 Dixita Haria	26 Neeyati Shah	40 Surabhi Shah
13 Hetal Chheda	27 Neil Dedhia	41 Tarulata Shah
14 Jagdish (Shaila) Shah	28 Peenal Shah	42 Vanita Mehta

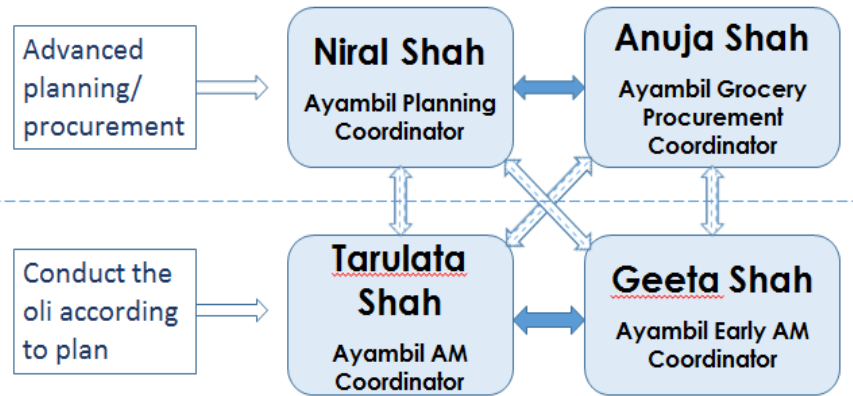
This year Ayamabil Oli was conducted with different approach to distribute the amount of work involved on volunteers who are putting their Heart and Soul in offering their help. For religious activity in prayer hall or Ayambil food downstairs, we always can count on JSGD volunteers and their commitment. Thanks to Sharadbhai Shah and other members for leading the daily religious activities.

Special appreciation to key volunteers:

**Tarulata Shah, Geeta Shah, Anuja Shah and Niral Shah.** From Groc procurement to cooking/serving, we always can count on dedicated volunteers. Thank you for your commitment.

**Despite of her (Tarulataben) own on-going tapasyas, she along with Geetaben led the kitchen for all 9 days. How previlaged & fortunate, we all are to see such dedicated volunteerism among our community members? Khub Khub Anumodana!**

This event would not have been possible without all the volunteers who came daily for serving, utensil cleaning or all other activities involved to make this event successful. We would like to recongnize Maltiben Desai, Ramaben Haria, Sadhanaben Sheth, Bhartiben Shah, Devyaniben Shah, Hemlataben Shah and Sohiniben Shah for their devotion to help during Oli. Khub Khub Anumodna!





## ***SPE - Lifetime Achievement Award***

It is an honor that long-time and life-time member of our society, **Dr. Suresh Shah** has been recognized for “**Lifetime Achievement Award**” for **SPE (Society of Plastics Engineers)**.



We, as society, congratulate him for such a prestigious award and wonderful achievement.

Dr. Suresh Shah, retired, Senior Technical Fellow at Delphi Corporation, formerly General Motors, is announced as winner for this award. Shah is a technical specialist, with over 30 years of experience and more than 45 intellectual properties including patents and trade secrets – more than 40% of these are in production.

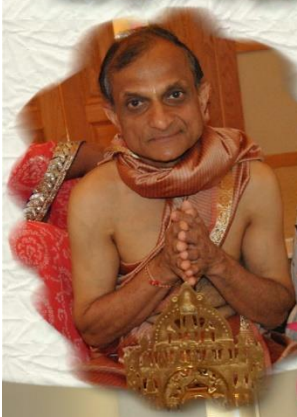
Dr. Suresh Shah has four degrees: PhD. In Polymer Chemistry/Plastics Engineering, M.S. in Plastics Engineering, both at UMass, Lowell MA, BSC-Tech in Plastic Technology at Institute of Chemical Technology (ICT) Bombay University, India and a B.S. in Chemistry, St. Xavier’s College, Gujarat University, India.

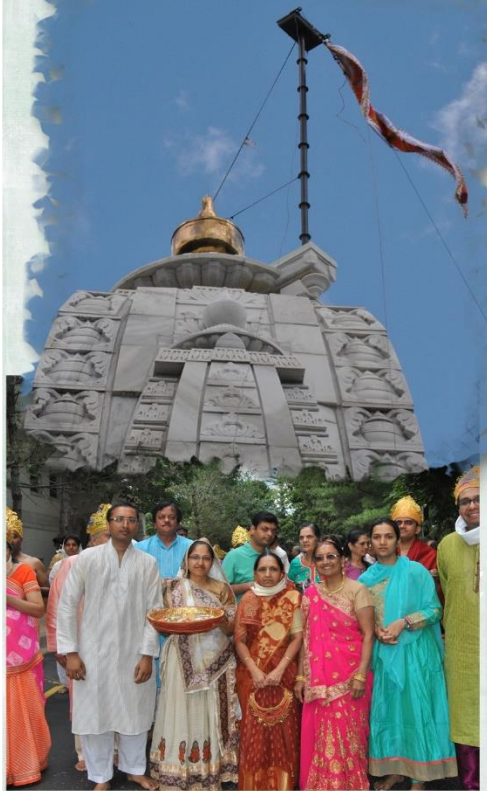
Dr. Suresh Shah has won more than 20 prestigious awards internationally. He has been interviewed over 30 times by industry trade journals, presented as a keynote speaker more than 15 times and has presented more than 80 technical papers worldwide. He will be honored for his lifetime of expertise and innovation, contributing to the advancement of the Automotive Plastic Industry, at the 47<sup>th</sup> – Annual Automotive Innovation Awards Gala on Nov 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017. [Learn more](#)

## ***Pictures Links***

We are very thankful to Sharadbhai for capturing the nice memories for all of us. Here are the picture links:

<b>Jain Academic Bowl</b>	<a href="https://goo.gl/photos/ocbpjTlm7rPenn677">https://goo.gl/photos/ocbpjTlm7rPenn677</a>
<b>Study Class Graduation (6/4/17)</b>	<a href="https://photos.shutterstock.com/gallery/b8c58086-75bb-4dda-a279-e0ab720155a2/0">https://photos.shutterstock.com/gallery/b8c58086-75bb-4dda-a279-e0ab720155a2/0</a>
<b>Father’s Day Picnic (6/18/17)</b>	<a href="https://photos.shutterstock.com/gallery/a40ede73-46bf-4d7c-902e-45e5dd79af9c/0">https://photos.shutterstock.com/gallery/a40ede73-46bf-4d7c-902e-45e5dd79af9c/0</a>
<b>Temple Anniversary Day 1 (6/23/17)</b>	<a href="https://photos.shutterstock.com/gallery/f677461d-c0c3-4b4a-bfad-dbf7f9f00718/0">https://photos.shutterstock.com/gallery/f677461d-c0c3-4b4a-bfad-dbf7f9f00718/0</a>
<b>Mumuxu Hetaben Bahuman (6/23/17)</b>	<a href="https://photos.shutterstock.com/gallery/f07ea689-95cc-4fd0-934c-e48e44b0731b/0">https://photos.shutterstock.com/gallery/f07ea689-95cc-4fd0-934c-e48e44b0731b/0</a>
<b>18 Abhishek Ceremony (6/24/17)</b>	<a href="https://photos.shutterstock.com/gallery/4d65742d-0ffa-4b22-a8ab-0cb5fa7bc4ff/0">https://photos.shutterstock.com/gallery/4d65742d-0ffa-4b22-a8ab-0cb5fa7bc4ff/0</a>
<b>Jain Housie (6/24/17)</b>	<a href="https://photos.shutterstock.com/gallery/40683665-654c-45b6-917e-bf2d552eb7fa/0">https://photos.shutterstock.com/gallery/40683665-654c-45b6-917e-bf2d552eb7fa/0</a>
<b>Dhwaja Ceremony (6/25/17)</b>	<a href="https://photos.shutterstock.com/gallery/0af51d2b-2bd7-4e33-b76a-9274e4790dea/0">https://photos.shutterstock.com/gallery/0af51d2b-2bd7-4e33-b76a-9274e4790dea/0</a>
<b>JAINA Convention (6/30/17-7/4/17)</b>	<a href="https://photos.shutterstock.com/gallery/53c60ef5-df9a-462c-9b21-2d30e8e26b61/0">https://photos.shutterstock.com/gallery/53c60ef5-df9a-462c-9b21-2d30e8e26b61/0</a>





## ***Jain Organization of Senior - JOS***

JOS was started in February, 2016 to organize specific activities for senior members of our society. Purpose of the group is to provide a place and a forum for JSGD seniors (and others) to get together on a regular basis and engage in the activities of common interests including:

- Bring seniors at the temple for socializing
- Help disabled or otherwise challenged seniors who need help
- Have fun
- Teach/learn/share knowledge
- Create a vibrant environment for everyone to enhance the use of temple facilities

The program is designed for seniors (typically 55 & over) but is open to all the members of JSGD. Initial plan was to meet once a month and spend 3-4 hours at the temple in activities of common interest to majority of the group. In reality, we have been able to meet about once every 6-8 weeks. The challenge has been to avoid conflicts with other JSGD programs, vacations and other commitments.

A typical program consists of:

- Recital of Bhaktamar Stotra and Moti Shanti (After Aarti and Mangal Divo) – 30 minutes
- Lunch – About an Hour
- Variety of activities – Games/Seminars/Music/ etc – About 90 minutes
- Followed by Tea/Snacks

List of activities may include:

- Assist seniors in their day to day living – Transportation, Grocery, Medical appointments, socializing, short hospital stays etc.
- Seminars on topics of interest – Health related, Bereavement, Wills/Trust, etc.
- Games/Yoga etc.
- Antakshri
- Music/Karaoke
- Lunch/Movie as a group
- Go Bowling
- Plan outings such as picnic
- short trips etc.

Over past 18 months, we had many successful programs with excellent attendance – ranging from 50 to over 100 people. We greatly appreciate enthusiastic support from our EC and BOT and look forward to many more programs in the future.

**Vastupal & Varsha Shah**  
**Pravin & Jyotika Sheth**

**Ramesh & Sheela Shah**  
**Bipin & Sohini Shah**

## ***JSMW Sangh Visit***

Jai Jinendra

It is my great pleasure to report back to you that we had a very pleasant, joyous, and successful religious bus trip to various Jain Temples in Pittsburg, Cleveland, Chicago, Detroit and Toledo during the July 28-30, 2017. This trip was not possible without the contribution, hard work, and tireless efforts put in by Jain Society of Greater Detroit in welcoming us. THANK YOU !!!

I take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers from your Sangh who dedicated their time and energy in making our yatra so successful, fulfilled and enjoyable.

On Behalf of Jain Society of Metropolitan Washington DC (JSMW) we like to invite your Sangh to visit JSMW and give us similar opportunity. JSMW will be eagerly waiting to hear from your Sangh for the upcoming trip.

Jai Jinendra.

- Allap Shah, JSMW member, [allapshah@gmail.com](mailto:allapshah@gmail.com)



## ***Baar (12) Bhavana***

**Bhavana: (Contemplations / Reflection):** The Jain way of life emphasizes the thinking of a person, subject matters of one's thoughts, what a person thinks, and how he thinks. This is called Bhavana, yearnings, thought, aspirations, or reflections. The Bhavana describes the subject matters of one's contemplations, and how to occupy one's mind with useful, religious, beneficial, peaceful, harmless, spiritually advancing, karma preventing thoughts. The Bhavanas, also called Anupreksha's, help one to remain on the right course in the life, and not to stray away. The person's behavior, or practical life, or action is the resultant of his internal thoughts, day in and day out. The Bhavanas are twelve in number.

**(1) Anitya bhavana: (The Impermanence of the sansaar or world):** Nothing in the Universe has permanence, even though the whole Universe is constant. Spiritual values are therefore worth striving for as they alone offer the soul, its ultimate freedom and stability.

**(2) Asharana bhavana: (The refuge to the sansaar, i.e. world of becoming, is misleading):** The soul is its own refuge, and to achieve total freedom, and enlightenment to the true path one takes refuge to five best personalities, namely Arihanta, Siddha, Aachaarya, Upaadhyaya and Sadhus. The refuge to things other than above due to delusion, is misfortune, and must be avoided.

**(3) Ekatva bhavana: (The aloneness of the Soul):** The soul is solitaire, and lonely in existence. The Soul assumes birth alone, and departs alone from the life form. The Soul will be responsible for its own actions, and karmas. The Soul will enjoy the fruit, and suffer bad consequences of its own action alone.

**(4) Anyatva bhavana: (The Self dependence, separateness):** In this world nobody is for somebody, and somebody is for nobody. The soul therefore should not develop attachment for worldly objects and beings.

**(5) Sansaara bhavana: (The Worldly existence):** The soul transmigrates from one life to the other and in four gatis, human, animal, hellish, heavenly, and is full of pain and miseries. The Soul must achieve ultimate freedom from it, which is moksha.

**(6) Ashuchi bhavana: (The impureness of the body):** The composition of the body will reveal all the things we loathe, such as excrement, urine, blood, meat, bones, sweat, and so on, and therefore is impure. The Soul, within the body but unattached to the body, alone is pure. The body ultimately becomes non-existent, but the Soul continues on, is eternal. The emotional attachments to the body is useless.

**(7) Aashrava bhavana: (Influx of Karma contemplations):** Raag, Dwesh, ignorance etc. attracts new karmas. Deluded state, and how to be free from delusion is the subject matter of this thought activity.

**(8) Samvar bhavana: (Stoppage of influx of Karma):** To get absorbed in achieving spiritual knowledge, meditation, etc. prevents the influx of karmas.

**(9) Nirjaraa bhavana: (Karma Shedding):** This efficacy of discipline and penance for freeing oneself from the bondage of the karma.

**(10) Loka bhavana: (Universe):** To Think of the nature and structure of the universe. The Universe consists of six substances, Soul, Pudgal, Dharma, Adharma, Kaala, Space. The Universe is grouped into three divisions

- Urdhvaloka: or heavenly areas above us where among other heavenly objects, super life called Gods live
- Madhyaloka: or central area where humans and animals live.
- Adholoka: which is located in the lower regions of the universe, where hellish beings, live.

On the top of the Universe is Siddha shila where liberated souls, or Siddhas live. Apparently, Siddha shila at one end of the Universe creates the reference as the highest position in the universe, earth in the central region, and other referenced high, or low from the earth.

**(11) Bodhidurlabha bhavana: (Unobtainability of true talent):** It is very difficult for the transmigrating soul in this sansaar (world) to be close to, or be opportune to be accomplishing right faith, right knowledge, and right conduct, etc. So when you have the opportunity to be a Jain, take advantage of it to develop right religious talent.

**(12) Dharmadurlabha bhavana: (Unobtainability of true preceptor, scripture and religion):** To be able to distinguish right religion, scripture, preceptor etc. from wrong, and to follow the right, requires good judgement.

#### **Four Bhavnas or Virtues**

Besides the twelve Bhavnas described above Jainism has laid great importance on the following four Bhavnas or virtues.

Amity, love, and friendship - Maitri  
Appreciation, respect and joy - Pramoda  
Compassion - Karuna  
Equanimity and tolerance- Madhyastha

- Source: <http://www.fas.harvard.edu/~pluralsm/affiliates/jainism/article/bhavana.htm>
- Source: <http://www.hinduwebsite.com/sacredscripts/jainscripts/12bhavanas.asp>

## ***2017 JSGD – Panch Tirth Yatra***

JSGD yatra committee organized a Chaitya Pari Pati during the weekend of August 4-5-6, 2017 and visited Indianapolis, St. Louis, Chicago & Milwaukee WI centers.

With Shashandev's blessings, enthusiastic support of many JSGD volunteers and EC and warm receptions from host sanghs, 52 yatris – in one bus - ranging in age from 11 month old baby boy (Paras and Jigna Veera's son) to two 85 yrs. young senior ladies (Nandaben Gajarawala and Sharadaben Shah) successfully completed their 1400 miles panch tirth yatra with good shata and in good health.

Throughout the yatra, we spent many hours in the bus. A great deal of the time in the bus was devoted to a variety of Jainism related activities including:

- Games related to religious knowledge
- Q&A about Jain topics
- Stavan Antakshri,
- Bhakti songs
- Sharing of the Jain Knowledge and philosophy
- Sharing of the memories and experiences of previous yatras and also of the power of navakar mantra

Many of the yatris had come prepared with material necessary to help everyone learn while having fun. Although everyone helped, special thanks go to:

- Jyotsanaben & Rajnibhai Shah for all the fun games, Q & As and also for prizes to game winners
- Lalitbhai Shah, Ashaben Sheth, Kamleshwariben Shah for stavan singing
- Donors who helped cover some of the yatra costs
- Paras Veera for taking the pictures

We observed Navakarshi and Chovihar timing throughout the yatra. Yatra photos will be shared via separate link. Some of the improvements incorporated in this yatra from our previous experience included:

- No night time driving
- Only two persons/room during hotel stays

Yatra organizers greatly appreciate everyone's efforts and dedication. Plenty of snacks and refreshments were available throughout the yatra to keep everyone nourished and energized.

The weather was pleasant and comfortable throughout the yatra and our driver, Denise (We called her Dee) was one of the best and safest drivers we have had.

This was one of the most memorable JSGD yatras and we look forward to many more such experiences.

Thanks & Jai Jinendra!

Jigna & Paras Veera  
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Varsha & Vastupal Shah



Father's



Day

Picnic



# Study Class Corner

Jai Jinendra!

**Quote for the month:**

*“External renunciation is meaningless if the soul remains fettered by internal shackles”*  
- Bhagwan Mahavir

## Jain Academic Bowl (JAB)

This year we had our 1st JSGD JAB competition participated by 20 students. We appreciate the hard work and dedication by all the participants and mentors.

## Study Class Bag

Study class distributed new bags to all the students. We would like to thank and recognize following families for sponsoring the bags.

- Aarna Madhani
- Abhiliash & Dhara Shah (Dhruv)
- Amit & Priya Jain (Adiva, Vedika)
- Anonymous
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- Prachi & Saurabh Shah (Anushka, Manav)
- PY Innovations (Nishita, Hridank)(Jitesh & Kavita Shah)



Anumodana to sponsors and encouragement for students.

## Study Class Graduation

Study class celebrated graduation of senior students going to college on June 4th. Congratulations to Class of 2017 and Best Wishes for their future endeavor.

Aditi Bhandari  
Chintan Ajmera  
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Juhi Nahata  
Kunal Shah  
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Saiyam Kothari

Shreyans Munot  
Utsav Lathia

## Sutra Stavan Recital

Study class will have Sutra & Stavan Recital by students on Aug 13th, 2-5 PM and will be followed by light dinner. All Society members are invited to attend to encourage study class students.

## Paryushan Lectures

This year during the Paryushan study class will have multiple lecture sessions for students.

- Monday (21st August) 8:30 PM – Lecture by Visiting Scholar Pravinbhai L. Shah (Gr 5 and above)
- Tuesday (22nd August) 8:30 PM – Social Hall lecture by Bhavnaben Mehta (Gr 5 and above)
- Tuesday (22nd August) 8:30 PM – Video/Story session for young students (Gr 4 and below)

## **Paryushan Tapasya**

Study class would like to encourage all students to participate in various Tapasya and events during Paryushan and Das Lakshan. Jain Bucks worksheet and guidelines will be posted during Paryushan.

## **Essay Competition**

This year's study class essay competition has been announced for Group 5 and above. Following are the essay topics. Guidelines for the essay posted on the study class website. Deadline for submitting essay is Sept 10th, 2017.

<b>Group</b>	<b>Essay Topic</b>
5A	Yaksh and Yakshinis in Jainism and their importance and contribution
5B	Power of Forgiveness
7/8	Reflect on a time when you questioned or challenged a Jain principle or teaching. What prompted your thinking? What was the outcome?

## **Study Class Registration and Class Changeover**

Students will move to next class based on attendance, exams and teachers' recommendations during October class this year. More details will be published on study class website and assembly.

## **Study Class Sponsorship**

Lifetime sponsorship is \$1001 and you can select a month of your choice for lifetime. The monthly sponsorship is \$125. For sponsoring study class, please contact Kamlesh Shah or email at [studyclass.jsqd@gmail.com](mailto:studyclass.jsqd@gmail.com).

You may also sponsor lunch at study class to celebrate birthdays, anniversaries or maybe you need no reason. Please contact Rachna Parakh or Pratiksha Shah.

**Hindi Class time is 9:45 AM – 10:45 AM**

**Jain Study Class time is 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM**

<http://www.jsqd.org/studyclass.php>

**Upcoming Study Class Dates for 2017**

**Sept 10**

**Sept 24**

**Oct 8**

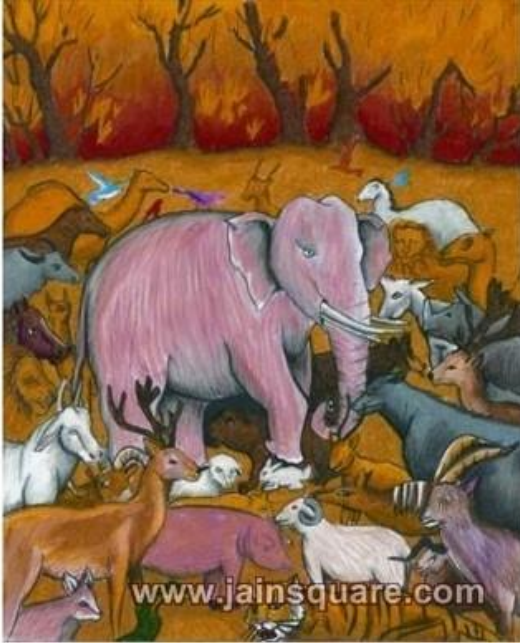
**Oct 29**

## ***Kid's Section – Jain Story – Megh Kumar***

King Shrenik of Magadh had a beautiful queen named Dharini. While sleeping, she once dreamt that a white elephant was entering her mouth. She immediately woke up and told the king about the dream. Shrenik knew that it was an auspicious dream. He called the fortune tellers who stated that the queen would get a handsome and lovable son who would have marvelous achievements to his credit. The king and queen were very much pleased to hear this.

During the third month of her pregnancy, Dharini had an irresistible urge to ride in the country on an elephant with the king during rain, while the sky is full of clouds of different hues and there are frequent flashes of lightening. In most of India, it rains only during the monsoon, which occurs from June to October. Dharini however had the urge during off-season. The fulfillment of her urge was therefore a problem. In order to see that she is not affected by the unsatisfied urge, king asked his eldest son and the Prime Minister Abhaykumar to devise

some way to satisfy that urge. Abhaykumar had a friend who could make miracles. He exhorted that friend to cause untimely rain etc. for the sake of his step mother. That friend arranged exactly according to Dharini's urge. She therefore could ride on an elephant with the king and satisfied her urge



In due course she gave birth to a very handsome, attractive boy. Rain in Indian language is called Megh. In memory of the pregnancy urge of Dharini, the boy was named Meghkumar. At the age of 8 he was sent to school where he learned all 72 arts and crafts and became known as an accomplished youth. He was then married to 8 beautiful girls with whom he enjoyed all the pleasures of the worldly life. Once Lord Mahaveera came to Rajgruhi and camped in Gunashil monastery. Almost every resident of Rajgruhi used to go to His sermon. Meghkumar went as well, and was very much impressed. Realizing the transitory nature of the worldly situations, as explained by the Lord, he decided to renounce his worldly life. But his parents were sad to hear about his intentions. They tried every means to stop him from renouncing. He however remained very firm. But in order to satisfy his parents' wish, he agreed to become the king for one day and was coroneted with all the royal pomp. Immediately after that, he left everything and became a possession less monk of Lord Mahaveera.

At night, he was allotted a place near the door for spreading his bed. During the night, monks going for bathroom had to walk past his side. Since no lamps are allowed in the monks' residence, they happened to trample his bed and at times his body as well. Poor Meghkumar could not sleep for the whole night. He was raised in all the luxuries and even monks used to treat him with regards. It was therefore awful for him to face the feet of the monks and the dirt that was brought all over his bed and body. He had to stay sleepless for the entire night. He felt that he could not bear that sort of miserable life and decided to give up renouncement.

In the morning, he went to Lord to seek permission to return home. The Lord was aware of discomforts that he had faced. He however asked him, 'Megh, do you remember the discomforts that you had faced during previous life?' Since Meghkumar did not, the Lord described it as the following:

"During the previous life you were the king of elephants and were known as Meruprabha. Once there was a fire, which you escaped narrowly. That reminded you of the terrible fire you had faced in still earlier life. For a shelter from fire, you therefore opened up a vast stretch of land by removing all plants, bushes, and trees so that all animals could get refuge in case of a fire. You also weeded out grass that grew there.

Again, there was a wild fire in your forest. All the animals came running and took refuge on that stretch. You also were there. During that time, you raised your foot to scratch your body because of an itch. That very time a rabbit was pushed in that space by the pressure of other animals. As you tried to put the foot back, you felt the presence of the rabbit and decided to hold the foot up in order to save it. The fire raged for two and a half day during which you continued to hold your foot up out of compassion for the rabbit.

At the end of fire as the animals retreated, you tried to lower your foot. It had however stiffened during that time. You could not maintain your balance and fell down. You felt agonizing pain and could not get up. That way you spent three days and night facing much affliction and acute pain. Ultimately you left that body and were born here as the prince of Shrenik, because of your compassion for the rabbit. If you could face that much distress

for the sake of rabbit and gained the valuable human life in return, how come you cannot face the foot dirt of your fellow monks in the interest of gaining lasting happiness?”

Meghkumar was impressed by the Lord’s words and realized that he should stay on in his own interest. He requested the Lord to initiate him afresh since he had virtually broken his vow of the monkhood by strongly desiring the worldly life. The Lord did accordingly and Meghmuni, as he was called after that, started leading rigorous, austere life. Fasting for days together, he stayed, most of time, in meditation in order to eradicate his Karmas. The Lord and Gautam-swami too praised him for that. When his body became very weak and could no longer observe the rigors of monkhood, he decided to observe fast unto death. That he did for a month on mount Vaibhargiri near Rajgruhi and took birth in heaven. The Lord has stated to Gautam-swami that at the end of the heavenly life, he would be reborn in Maha-Videha and would attain salvation.

**Key Message:** Here is a great example of compassion. An elephant bears discomfort and pain to save a little animal. We are more developed and rational beings. We should learn from these animals to be helpful to each other. Besides, when one takes an oath to lead the life a monk, one should not revert to worldly life. This is a very tough and rigorous life meant to give an understanding of the true nature of the soul. In order to achieve this understanding, one must put aside the worldly life permanently because it tends to distort thing. Suffering occurs because of one’s past karma so one should accept it and focus on the soul and self-realization.

## ***JOY Update***

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#### **JOY Web Page**

**<http://jsqd.org/joy.php>**

Jai Jinendra!

These past few weeks have been very eventful for JOY. On May 14th, we hosted our second annual Mother’s Day Garba. We had a great turnout and even introduced a new video from mothers to their children as well as video from the children to their mothers. These videos were a hit, as was the surprise performance by few moms to the mother’s day parody of ‘Eye of the Tiger’. It was an evening filled with food, dancing, and pure fun!

Following the Mother’s Day Garba, JOY helped out with making Sandwiches and setting up early on June 18th for the Father’s Day Picnic. We really enjoyed getting to know the process and hard work it takes behind each event and got a little backstage view as well. We ended off this event with help in cleanup.

These past few weeks in study class we have maintained our goal of helping out in volunteering for the little things such as serving food and cleaning up and are planning on continuing to do so in the future.

JOY is also planning on some future volunteering events to end off this JOY calendar year with partnership with ‘Life Remodeled’ to remodel Detroit downtown as well as continuing our volunteering at the temple. We will also host our JOY board annual elections during Paryushan. More details about these events will be sent out soon. We encourage all JOY members to participate in these small and big JOY events.

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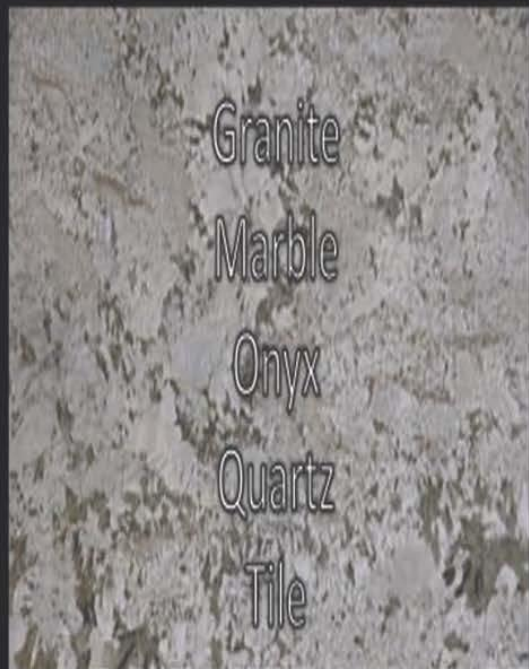
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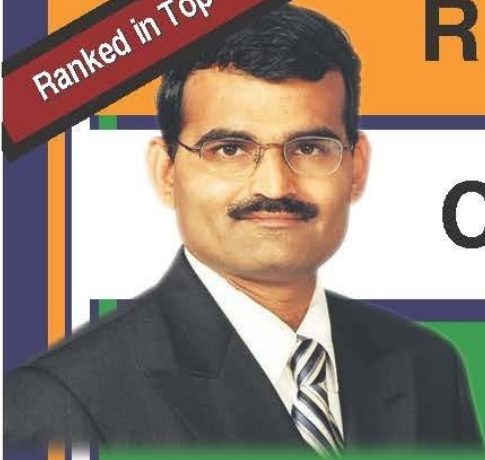
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