

Jain Center Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Shri Dhirubhai Pandit - August 15-22

Daily lectures on weekdays will start at **8:30 pm**. There will be an all day shibir on **Sunday, August 17th from 10:00 am to 1:30 pm** followed by light lunch. Topics to be announced later.

Paryushan Maha Parva 2003

We will be celebrating **Paryushan Maha Parva** from Sunday, August 24 to Sunday, August 31. **Shri Kumarpal Desai** (see the bio-data later in this newsletter) will present discourses on different aspects of Jainism.

Program Details:

August 24, Sunday

10:00 AM to Noon	Kalpsutra Vanchan at JCSC
Noon	Ekasana at JCSC
2:00 PM to 3:30 PM	Children & Senior's program at Sanatan Dharm Mandir
3:30 PM to 4:30 PM	Pravachan at Sanatan Dharm Mandir
4:30 PM to 6:00 PM	General Body Meeting at Sanatan Dharm Mandir
6:00 PM to 7:30 PM	Swamivatsalya Dinner* at Sanatan Dharm Mandir
7:00 PM to 8:00 PM	Pratikraman at JCSC
8:00 PM	Aarti & Mangal Divo

*For sponsoring the Swamivatsalya dinner, please contact

Ashok/Harshana Savla, at (626) 287-6560 or assavla@yahoo.com

August 25, Monday thru August 29, Friday:

10 AM to Noon	Kalpsutra Vanchan at JCSC
Noon	Ekasana at JCSC
6:30 PM to 8:00 PM	Pratikraman at JCSC
8:00PM	Aarti & Mangal Divo
8:30 PM to 10:00 PM	Pravachan at JCSC

August 30, Saturday

8:30 AM to 10:00 AM	Snatra Puja at JCSC
10:00 AM to Noon	Kalpasutra Vanchan at JCSC
Noon	Ekasana at JCSC
2:00 PM to 6:00 PM	Swapna Ceremonies, Mahavir Janma Vanchan and Parnu Ceremonies at Sanatan Dharm Mandir

August 30, Saturday - Continued

6:00 PM to 7:30 PM	Swamivatsalya Dinner at Sanatan Dharm Mandir Sponsored by: Evergreen Diamond Group
6:30 PM to 8:00 PM	Pratikraman at JCSC
8:00 PM	Aarti & Mangal Divo

August 31, Sunday - Samvatsari

10:00 AM to Noon	Barsa Sutra Vanchan at JCSC
Noon	Gheeboli for Sangh Darshan
1:00 PM to 3:00 PM	Ekasana at JCSC
3:00 PM to 7:00 PM	Samvatsari Pratikraman for parents of young children at JCSC
5:00 PM to 7:00 PM	Samvatsari Pratikraman (motu) at Sanatan Dharm Mandir
4:30 PM to 6:30 PM	Samvatsari Pratikraman (nanu) at JCSC
8:00 PM	Youth Samvatsari Pratikraman in English in Volvo Bldg.
8:30 PM to 9:30 PM	Aarti & Mangal Divo
September 1, Monday (Labor Day - Holiday)	Kshamapana Pravachan at JCSC
9:00 AM	Parana at JCSC

Aarti & Mangal Divo:

8/24 Sunday	Aarti & Mangal Divo	Boli + 10 Artis for \$51 each*
8/30 Saturday	Aarti & Mangal Divo	Boli + 10 Artis for \$51 each*
8/31, Sunday	Aarti & Mangal Divo	Boli + 10 Artis for \$51 each at JCSC ONLY
8/24 to 8/30	Aarti	\$201 at JCSC
	Mangal Divo	\$151 at JCSC

*at Sanatan Dharma Mandir

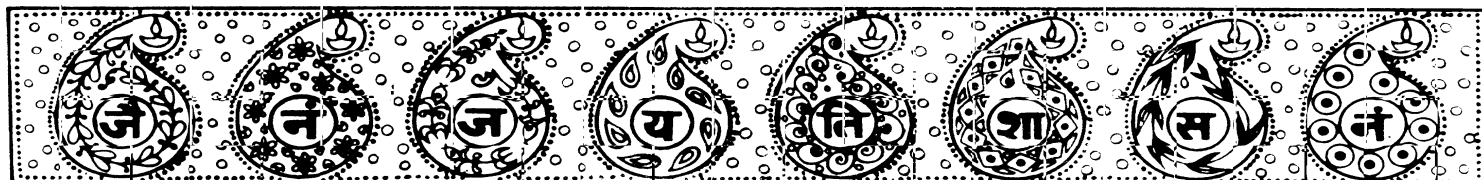
Swapana Ceremony on Saturday, August 30

Four families can participate for each of the following swapnas:

1. Elephant, 2. Bull, 3. Lion, 5. Garland, 6. Moon, 7. Sun,
8. Flag, 9. Kalash, 10. Padma Sarovar, 11. Ratnakar,
12. Viman, 13. Jewels and 14. Fire

Swapana Utarvanu	\$251
Vakshep pooja	\$101
Phul Pooja	\$101
Swapana Sangh Darshan	\$351

Note: Swapna # 4 "Laxmiji" will have only one ghee boli for the entire ceremony



UPCOMING EVENTS - Continued

Paryushan Maha Parva 2003 - Continued

Parnu Ceremony on Saturday, August 30

Parnu Bandhavu, Cushion & Bhagvan Sthapan for Parnu Boli
Ghugaru, Ghant and Phul-ni Mala \$101 each
Bhagvan Puja – 1st, 2nd and 3rd \$101 each

Samvatsari Pratikraman

There will be a Ghee Boli for the following rituals and sutras: Perform Pratikraman, Take Pratikraman, Take Thoi, Vanditu – 1st, Vanditu – 2nd, Saat Lakh, Atichar, Samvatsari Sutra, Ajit Shanti, Santi Karam, Moti Shanti, Sansardava, Michhami Dukkadam and Samayak Paravu, Aarti, and Mangal Divo.

Ekasana

In order to make the proper food preparation and arrangement, please help us by signing up on the bulletin board and obtaining your **Ekasana Pass** in advance at the Jain Center. Please contact **Divyaben Gangar** at **714-283-0323** for sponsorship, volunteer help as well as Ekasana passes.

Lectures in English

During the Paryushan, we will try to arrange lectures for youths in English on certain days. More details will be posted on the bulletin board. Please plan to attend.

Volunteers

We need many young volunteers to help during Paryushan, so please come forward and let us know if you can help. For more information please call **Vipin Vadecha** at **(909) 861-2677** or email at **vadechav@juno.com**.

Das Laxana Maha Parva 2003

We will be celebrating **Das Laxana Maha Parva** from Monday, September 1, 2003 to Wednesday, September 10, 2003. **Shri Girishbhai Shah**, an eminent Jain scholar from JCSC, will be with us during this celebration.

Program Details:

September 1, Monday thru September 5, Friday and

September 8, Monday thru September 9, Tuesday:

8:00 PM	Aarti & Mangal Divo
8:30 PM to 10:00 PM	Pravachan

September 6, Saturday:

10 AM to 12 Noon	Pravachan
8:00 PM	Aarti & Mangal Divo

September 7, Sunday:

10 AM to 12 Noon	Pravachan
2:00 PM	Pooja
8:00 PM	Aarti & Mangal Divo

Please contact **Dr. Kiritbhai** and **Raginiben Shah** at **(626) 574-6964** for further information.

September 10, Wednesday:

5:30 PM	Digambar Pratikraman
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September 11, Thursday:

9:00 AM	Parana
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Das Laxana Maha Parva:

9/1 to 9/10

Aarti	\$101
Mangal Divo	\$75

For all the Ghee Boli (Fixed amount and Boli), please contact **Ashok/Harshana Savla**, at **(626) 287-6560** or **assavla@yahoo.com**

EXPANSION PROJECT REPORT

PROGRESS TO DATE (as of July 14, 2003)

- Re-inforcing steel bars and cables are being placed on the plywood deck for the second floor slab. Concrete will be poured very soon.
- Steel plates for the supporting structure of the exterior stones are also being placed. Some design and construction related issues with the stones are being worked out.
- More details will be presented at the General Body Meeting on Sunday, August 24th.
- Construction progress photos are posted at www.jaincenterexpansion.com website.

NOTABLE SUCCESS STORIES

- Musical charity gala organized on May 30 generated over \$120,000 for the Jain Bhavan Expansion Fund.

Fund Raising Opportunity

This is a reminder about an easy way for every one to help out with the fund raising for the Jain Center expansion and renovation project. Most of us buy groceries from supermarkets on a regular basis or eat at Soup Plantation Restaurants. Instead of paying cash to buy groceries, you can purchase Gift Certificates that are used just like cash. These gift certificates will provide 2 to 15% donations to the Jain Center with no cost to you. In addition, there are special cards/programs for Albertsons and Vons that will also provide similar donations.

We have Gift Certificates in the denominations of \$10 with no expiration date from Ralphs (Food 4 Less) giving us 5% and Soup Plantations giving us 15% donation. You can buy these certificates for yourselves as well as your family and friends. They can be collected from the Jain Center on any major events from Savitaben Mehta. Please be sure to bring cash or check. You may write a check to JCSC but you will not be able to claim tax deduction for the amount.

If you have a club card from Vons, please register the account number with Savitaben to get 3-5%. Also you may pick up special cards for Albertsons from Savitaben that will give us 2-5% based on the amount of purchase. For more information, please contact **Savitaben Mehta** at **714-898-3156**, **Bindi Doshi** at **714-995-8914** or **Harshida Vasa** at **714-995-1660**. We appreciate your help and continued support.

AN APPEAL TO ALL MEMBERS

Jain Center of Southern California has embarked on a monumental task of constructing one of the finest Jain Tirths in North America. Your financial contributions will greatly help to complete this noble project in a timely manner. Those who have pledged for donations are requested to send in their contributions at the earliest so that we do not have to resort to using the bank loan funds.

For additional information, please contact **Sumati Shah**, Chairperson JCSC Building committee at **562-926-4075** or by e-mail at **sumati1@hotmail.com**.

----- Bulding Committee

OTHER EVENTS

Pujya Tarlaben Doshi - 24th to 29th September
Chaudas Pratikraman - 8/11, 8/26, 9/9, 9/25, 10/9,
10/24, 11/7 and 11/22
Snatra Puja/Navkar Mantra Jaap - 8/30, 9/27, 10/26

JCYC 2003-2004

JCYC New Committee

This year a panel of six people selected JCYC committee 2003 members instead of a general election. The panel was made up of two adults, two youth and two current JCYC members. This method was adopted from YJA current format to get the best-qualified people to serve on the JCYC committee.

Thirty people applied for the positions. The panel narrowed down to twenty candidates for the personal interview. It was a very difficult task for the panel to select semifinalist candidates since many of them had excellent resume. The panel had even more difficult task of deciding on final thirteen. Interview process took three and a half hours. We are pleased to see that this many number of people were interested.

The following is our new JCYC committee 2003-2004:

Co-Presidents: Akash Y Shah and Mona Shah
Vice President: Anisha Sakariya
Secretary: Priya Shah
Director Of Activities: Sonali Vasa
Historian: Mihir Shah
Publishing: Vidhi Doshi
Public Relation: Bijal Mehta, Poonam Jain and Sunny Shah
Member At Large: Chandni Shah, Ashley Jain and Kunjan Shah
Past Co-Presidents: Shrenik Shah and Shanehi Shah
----- Sailes Jain

BIO-DATA OF DR. KUMARPAL DESAI

Dr. Kumarpal Desai a versatile young native of Gujarat, has made an impressive contribution to literature, journalism, education and religion. He is a professor of Gujarati, Director of the University School of Languages and Dean of the Faculty of Arts of the Gujarat University, where he also guides research students.

He has written more than 100 books including eleven books in English and two books in Hindi. His literary works have mainly dwelt upon the human values and ideals. He is a knowledgeable scholar of Jainism. His writings on Jain religion and its philosophy have been widely acclaimed. His books on Jainism are well received in India and abroad. An effective and impressive speaker, Dr. Kumarpal has expressed himself boldly and scholarly at various conferences and won various prizes.

He has received awards such as 'Jain Ratna', 'Jain Gaurav' as well as recognitions for promoting spiritual values and Indian Culture. He has delivered lectures on Jain religion and philosophy; participated in seminars and symposia on Jain philosophy and religion in India and abroad during the last two decades and gave radio and T.V. talks on the same.

He is working as Editor of Jain Philosophy for the first-ever encyclopedia in Gujarati of which 17 of the 20 volumes are already published. He is associated as a trustee with various institutions and also holds many other positions with various religious organizations. Dr. Kumarpal Desai is a popular sports commentator on AIR and Television, particularly on cricket and regularly writes columns in various news papers since 1962.

Simple by habits, Dr. Kumarpal possesses pleasing personality and amicable nature, as a result of which he has earned friends in various circles.

----- **Mukund Shah**, Editor Navchetan

PAST EVENTS

UNIQUE PHOTO EXHIBITION

A selection of 30 photographs from some of the world's best-known photographers of Indian culture were displayed on Tuesday, July 8, 2003 by DR. ATUL K. SHAH, Editor of JAIN SPIRIT MAGAZINE. The theme of the exhibition was 'JAINISM : ANCIENT TRADITION, MODERN VALUES'.

The subjects of the photos were art, worship, wisdom, lifestyle, role models, heritage, science and environment. The highly acclaimed international magazine Jain Spirit, has one of the world's best collections of Jain photographs and access to the best contemporary photographers of Jainism. Each photo was accompanied by captions which gave a positive and vibrant message about the practical and scientific wisdom of Jainism. The quality and presentation were very professional, and provoked a lot of interest, especially among the young.

We are very grateful to Dr. Atul Shah and Mira Shah for sharing this unique photo exhibition with our center. We also thank all the volunteers and families that hosted the guests.

Dhwaj Ceremony & General Body Meeting - July 13th

This annual event was held on Sunday, July 13th and as always well attended. It all began with a Snatra Puja followed by a special puja for the Dhwaj ceremony conducted by Shri Nirmal Doshi from Ahmedabad, India. The Swamivatsalya lunch was sponsored by **A J Dudhekar of Westar Funding**.

After lunch, **Dr. Kamini Vora** made a presentation regarding The Research Institute of Scientific Secrets from Indian Oriental Scriptures in Ahmedabad, India. After her presentation, a General Body Meeting was held. The topics discussed included Financial report of 2002, Progress Report of Jain Bhavan Expansion Project and General Information about 2004 election.

The Nomination Committee has been formed as follows:

Mr. Shirish Seth - Chair Person, Dr Dinesh Shah and

Mrs. Pallavi Gala. More information about the election will be distributed during the Paryushan.

Mr. Vijay Chheda and Dr Manibhai Mehta presented a progress report of the activities at the Bidada hospital. A young patient who has benefited from Jain Center's sponsorship of rehabilitation center was not granted Visa to come to US, so his presentation had to be cancelled. However, many pictures of the patients before and after the surgery were presented. On behalf of the Bidada Trust, Vijaybhai and Manibhai thanked the Jain Center for their continued support. The next camp will be held in January 2004 and all volunteers are encouraged to participate.

Pujya Sunandaben Vohora

Pujya Sunandaben visited our center from July 26th thru August 7th. She held an all day special shibir on Sunday, July 27th attended by many people. Our community members always enjoy her lectures giving us practical advice and appreciate her enthusiasm. Our many thanks to Pujya Sunandaben and all the host families who took care of her during her visit.

VOTE OF THANKS

Special Thanks

Our sincere thanks to **Bipin & Suchita Tolia of Printing by Bell** for printing this newsletter free of charge. We appreciate their continued support.

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Monday to Friday:		7:00 PM to 9:00 PM	
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Swadhyay on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday:		8:30 PM to 10:00 PM	
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Sunday		10:30 AM to 2:00 PM	
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