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Editor's Corner

Jai Jinendra,

This year is unusual due to Adhik Mas and Paryushan days are different for different sects. Additionally our sang has traditionally celebrated Paryushan from Sat to Sat. In order to minimize confusion, I have posted all the Paryushan dates on our calendar. Please visit www.jscnc.org and click on Events.

Regards,

Anand Shah

(Secretary, JSCNC)

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1. Monthly Meeting

The community holds its monthly meetings at the Hindu Temple in Morrisville, NC. We invite everyone to attend the monthly meetings.

Please inform our Food Coordinator, Mr. Ajay Shah for planning purposes if you are planning to attend.

Monthly Meeting Format

10:45 a.m.	Prayer/Stavans
11:00 a.m.	Item(s) / presentation by Paathshala children
11:15 a.m.	Administrative/Committee activities
11:30 a.m.	Discourse/discussion
12:45 p.m.	Other Announcements
01:00 p.m.	Lunch

Please note the new date for next month's meeting. It will take place on Sep 9th (2nd Sunday) instead of Sep 16th (3rd Sunday).

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING

Aug 19

Discourse Topic

**Samyag Darshan, Samyag Gnan,
Samyag Charitya.**

**If I am a Jain, do I have to become
aware of these topics?**

Speaker

Dr. Mahesh Varia

2. Announcements

Paryshan Parva

JSCNC will celebrate paryushan from Sep 8 - Sep 15. We are in the process of planning several activities during this auspicious week (discourses, swadhyay, kalpasutra reading etc.) and will communicate those in Sep newsletter. As always, please consult the online calendar for up-to-date information on specific dates and events.

Local events in honor of tragedy in Wisconsin

As the horrific news spread about the shooting at a Gurdwara (Sikh Temple) in Wisconsin, the entire nation rallied in support of the victims. A number of local organizations planned events remembering the victims and condemning the act. Our President, Mr. Kamlesh Shah also expressed his deep sorrow in a letter to Dr. Didar Hothi, BOD President of Sikh Gurdwara of NC. A transcript of the letter is below:

Kamlesh Shah <kshah_us@yahoo.com>
Date: Tue, Aug 7, 2012 at 11:13 AM
Reply-To: Kamlesh Shah <kshah_us@yahoo.com>
To: Didar Hothi <c22realty@gmail.com>

Hello Dr. Hothi,

On behalf of the Jain Study Center of NC, I would like to express deep sadness and shock on the news of the killings in Oak Creek, Wisconsin on Sunday the 5th of August.

Jain principles do not condone any violence against any living being, and such an action from an individual or a group of people is highly condemned by us as a collective group of Jains residing in NC and elsewhere.

We deeply regret the news and would like to express our sympathy to greater Sikh Community residing in North Carolina and elsewhere.

We also like to offer any help and support we can provide to the community in Wisconsin in this great time of sorrow. We are circulating the information on the vigil being held on 8/8 to our community at large and I will be in contact with you in that regard.

Also, please find attached herewith a message issued by JAINA - Federation of Jain Association in North America.

The greater Sikh community of Wisconsin and North America is in our thoughts and prayers.

PS: Please feel free to circulate the same to your membership at large.

Thanks !

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3. Upcoming Activities

This JSCNC 2012 calendar is online. Please visit <http://www.jscnc.org> and click Events. The calendar has the most up-to-date listing of all confirmed activities for the year. All the tithis (Lunar Days) are also posted on the online calendar.

Swadhyay - twice a week - Contact Mr. Harshad Shah

Mahavir Puja - once a week - Contact Mrs. Rekha Banker

Annual Camp - Save the date - Oct 6 and 7

4. Pathshala Corner

JSCNC Pathshala serves our young kids to instill spiritual development, self-awareness and promote Jain identity in

individuals, based on the principles of Jainism. The teachers pay special attention to the needs of young and older groups and have structured curriculum as such.

The Paathshala classes take place every first Sunday of the month from 12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. in the Hindu Temple Cultural Hall AND on 3rd Sundays during the monthly meeting. If you plan to attend and/or need more information, please call Mrs. Rita Lodaya or Mrs. Sejal Shah. Paathshala e-mail address is JSCNCpathshala@yahoo.com.

Sign-in/Sign-out Process

I wanted to remind everyone that children's safety is our utmost concern. Our pathshala attendance continues to grow. All pathshala classes are held on safe premises of Hindu Center, however there is considerable traffic in the parking lot. To help pathshala teachers maintain order and keep everyone safe, we are asking all the parents **to sign in and sign out** their kids - irrespective of the age of their child - during the 1st Sunday pathshala. We request very basic information (Who, When and emergency contact). We will use this process for all future youth activities. The goal of this process is to balance convenience and children's safety.

Please continue to follow this process. It is important to cooperate with the teachers for the safety of your children.

6. Supporting our center

You can support our Center by:

- Becoming a member if you are not already: Please print a form from our website: <http://jscnc.org/docs/MembershipForm.doc>, complete it and mail it by following instructions
- By making a generous donation for Education Fund or Jiv Daya or Mahavir Jayanti or general donation. Follow this link to <http://jscnc.org/HowToMakeADonation.php> to learn how to make a donation.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

Anand Shah

(Secretary, JSCNC)