

# JSCNC Newsletter

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## Editor's Corner

Jai Jinendra,

On behalf of Executive Committee 2013, I wanted to wish everyone A Happy New Year. I hope everyone had an opportunity to slow down and spend some time with their family and loved ones. We are off to a great start with the new committee and look forward to another fabulous year.

Regards,

*Anand Shah*

(Secretary, JSCNC)

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# 1. Message from our New President

Jai Jinendra,  
Happy New Year and Best Wishes for 2013.

First, kudos to the 2012 Executive committee for an outstanding job done last year. You have set the standards very high for us. Thank you and we appreciate your dedication and hard work. JSCNC has a rich history and is indebted to a number of visionary leaders who designed and set the course for this center in the late 1970s. At the same time we are excited about the opportunities ahead of us to understand our religion better, understand the changing needs and the challenges of the society we live in and last but not the least help ourselves to the best of our ability to apply the principles of jainism in our daily lives. Our overarching goal, this year, will be to give kids and youths the knowledge and tools of jainism they need to thrive in this challenging times. We hope you can join us in better understanding the principles of jainism and in working with us to assure that we continue to meet our mission to prepare the kids and youths for the 21st century.

As we begin the journey this year we sincerely hope that you will volunteer your time in any and all of the activities of the center throughout the year. We are looking forward to your continued support for various activities of the center and please feel free to contact any of the committee members in this regard.

Thank you.

Pratyush Mehta

## 2. 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, Mrs. Heena Mehta** 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   |

### **NEXT MONTHLY MEETING**

**Jan 20**

**Discourse Topic**

**TBD**

**Speaker**

**Dr. Mahesh Varia**

## 3. Announcements

## Pathshala Dues for 2013

I would like to remind the parents of Pathshala kids to ensure that annual dues for Hindu Society facility use are paid. This is a Hindu Society of NC requirement for all groups who use the facility. The contribution is \$10 per month per child and you can either pay monthly or annually.

For your convenience, the committee can accept your check on your behalf and provide it to HSNC. You can bring a check to the next meeting or let us know the arrangements you have made (auto draft/direct pay).

Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

*Thanks to all the parents who have already registered and made their payments! We only have about 1/3 of the students registered. Please make sure you register your child. Registration instructions:*

How to register for 2013 and pay your dues

- All current or students who wish to start in 2013 are required to fill out the online form.
- Link to online form: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/viewform?formkey=dDVCNXI5SVpndFVvTFZrM3VWLWxMS2c6MQ>
- Make sure that you provide contact information of parents so pathshala teachers can use it in case of emergency.
- Registration /Payment deadline is Sunday February 3rd. ( Do this before your Superbowl party!!)

## JAINA Convention - 2013

**When:** July 4 - 7, 2013

**Where:** Novi, Michigan

*Hosted by Jain Society of Greater Detroit*

Early registration is now open. Visit: <http://convention.jaina.org> For more information visit the convention website.

## Food Table for 2013

We have a NEW food coordinator this year - Mrs. Heena Mehta. The updated food table is on our website under Documents section. You can also access it by visiting: [http://www.jscnc.org/docs/JSCNC\\_2013\\_Foodtable.pdf](http://www.jscnc.org/docs/JSCNC_2013_Foodtable.pdf)

# 4. Upcoming Activities

This JSCNC 2013 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. Here is a list of some key dates:

| Event                            | Time            | Location           | Contact           |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Weekly Swadhyaya (Mondays)       | 7.30 pm         | HSNC Library       | Mr. Harshad Shah  |
| Weekly Mahavir Puja              | 10 am           | HSNC Temple        | Mrs. Rekha Banker |
| Mahavir Jayanti Dress Rehearsal  | April 21<br>3pm | HSNC Cultural Hall |                   |
| Mahavir Jayanti Cultural Program | April 28<br>2pm | HSNC Cultural Hall |                   |

# 5. 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](mailto:JSCNCpathshala@yahoo.com).

### **Food-bank Visit**

As part of our community outreach program, JSCNC Pathshala children visited Raleigh Food bank On Dec 15, 2012. This was a joint venture between JSCNC pathshala & local YJA chapter. We had a good turnout (6 Adults & 9 children) from Mahavir Group. Thanks to Kunal Lodaya for taking the leadership to set this visit up.

To view a small collection of photos from this food-service, please visit: [https://picasaweb.google.com/110288364931266353354/FoodBankDec?authkey=Gv1sRgCKqQn7KI8\\_K8Yw](https://picasaweb.google.com/110288364931266353354/FoodBankDec?authkey=Gv1sRgCKqQn7KI8_K8Yw)

## **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)