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Editor's Corner

Jai Jinendra,

Mother's Day is on May 12th. On Behalf of the Executive Committee, I wanted to wish all the MOMs or to-be MOMs a very Happy Mother's Day. JSCNC will also celebrate this special occasion in the next meeting. Details are in the "Monthly Meeting" section.

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, 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

We will celebrate “Mother’s Day” in this meeting. In addition to our standard meeting format, we will have children say something special to their moms. Since we are going to have sponsored lunch, please make sure you inform our food coordinator if you do not regularly attend the meeting. This is just for planning purposes.

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING

May 19th

Discourse Topic

TBD

Speaker

Dr. Mahesh Varia

2. Announcements

Mahavir Jayanti 2013

Mahavir Jayanti was celebrated at HSNC cultural hall on **Sun April 28, 2:00pm**. Every year we have a huge turnout! (350 people this year) The event was a huge success and a great demonstration of community support and unity.

Message from our current president Mr. Pratyush Mehta:

Jai Jinendra,

The 2013 committee would like to thank ALL the volunteers, choreographers, coordinators and the community at-large who helped us make this year's Mahavir Jayanti program a huge success. I specifically want to thank the Mahavir Puja coordinators, Kiritbhai Shah and Pritesh Shah and the cultural program coordinators, Ritaben Lodaya and Sejal Shah for their time and hard work for this year's program. The exhibition coordinated by Pravin Shah was well received by everyone. Thank you also to all the sponsors for their financial support for this annual event.

Pratyush Mehta

Mahavir Jayanti Program DVDs

JSCNC Audio team is working on making Mahavir Jayanti 2013 program DVDs available. As you might know, the entire program was recorded on high quality video camera and we strive to prepare edited versions from raw footage for better viewing experience. The entire program will be available in one or two DVD sets. We will also have high resolution pictures available.

To help us with distribution and planning, please fill out the following pre-order form.

<http://www.jscnc.org/mjdvd.php>

We will also have a sign up sheet in the next monthly meeting. Our goal is to prepare the DVDs by the next monthly meeting (May) and should be available for collecting personally. Due to logistics involved with this, we will not be able to mail anyone these DVDs. The committee is requesting a nominal charge of \$3 per set (Cash Only) to cover the administrative costs. You are welcome to donate more and the proceeds will be added to the General Fund for future activities.

JAINA Convention - 2013

When: July 4 - 7, 2013

Where: Novi, Michigan

Hosted by Jain Society of Greater Detroit

Visit: <http://convention.jaina.org> for more information.

3. 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:

**** Tithi Calendar for 2013 is now updated ****

Event	Time	Location	Contact
Weekly Swadhyaya (Mondays)	7.30 pm	HSNC Library	Mr. Harsha d Shah
Weekly Mahavir Puja	10 am	HSNC Temple	Mrs. Rekha Banker
Annual Father's Day Picnic	Jun 16th (all-day)	Lake Crabtree Park	

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.

Mother's Day Celebration

We have not had a pathshala for past several months due to Mahavir Jayanti preparations. The pathshala will resume this month from May 19th (Mother's day meeting) and we encourage all pathshala students to reflect upon, write and present a short paragraph, poem, song etc. honoring "**MOM**", during jain meeting.

5. 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)