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Editor's Corner

Jai Jinendra,

This month's newsletter has a number of important announcements - specifically about the upcoming Paryushan. Please read the entire newsletter.

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

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING

Sep 9

Discourse Topic
Kalpasutra / Paryushan

Speaker

Mr. Pravin K. Shah

2. Announcements

Paryushan Maha Parva 2012

Jain Study Center of North Carolina will observe Paryushan from **Sep 8th – Sep 15th**. Please note that these are different from traditional Paryushan dates [Sep 12th – Sep 19th]. Every year, JSCNC organizes a number of activities, thanks to volunteers, so consider taking advantage of as many activities as possible. Also, during this maha parva, we would like to send our good wishes to all those who are planning to do Tapasya. Do bring to our attention any tapasya by sending a quick email to Anand Shah (anand2.shah@gmail.com). All Tapasvis will be recognized in the next newsletter.

On this auspicious occasion of Paryushan, consider donating generously towards Jiv Daya, Scholar Fund, Paathshala / children's activities or the General Fund. All contributions to JSCNC are tax-deductible. Make your check payable to "Jain Study Center of North Carolina" or simply "JSCNC", and either hand them to any Committee Member, or mail them to the Treasurer at: Pratyush Mehta, 207 Forsyth Drive, Chapel Hill, 27517. Phone#: (919) 967-6270.

Paryushan 2012 Planner

Date	Time	Host/Place	Event
Sat Sep 8	9:00am - 12:00pm	Hindu Bhavan Temple Hall	Puja on First Day of Paryushan. Please arrive 15 minutes early so we can start the Puja at 9 AM sharp.
Sun Sep 9	10:45am - 1:00pm	Hindu Bhavan Temple Hall	Monthly meeting. Speaker: Mr. Pravin K. Shah Topic: Kalpasutra/Paryushan

Sun Sep 9	6:30pm - 8:00 pm	Pravinbhai & Artiben Shah 509 Carriage Woods, Raleigh, NC. Phone (919) 859-4994	English Pratikraman with Explanation
Tue Sep 11	7:30pm - 8:30pm	Pravinbhai & Artiben Shah 509 Carriage Woods, Raleigh, NC. Phone (919) 859-4994	Explanation of Pratikraman Speaker: Mr. Pravin K. Shah An interactive session to review the real meaning behind each Sutra we recite and discuss the importance of Samvatsari Pratikraman
Fri Sep 14	8:00 pm - 10:00pm	Hindu Bhavan Temple Hall	Bhavana Co-ordinators: Mr. Arvind Shah, Mr. Mayur Lodaya, Mr. Badal Mehta and Mr. Dilip Shah
Sat Sep 15	10:00am - 1:00pm	Hindu Bhavan Temple Hall	Puja on Last Day of Paryushan.
Sat Sep 15	5:00pm - 8:00pm	Dr. Maheshbhai and Induben Varia 737 Pinehurst Dr., Chapel Hill, NC 27517. Phone#: (919) 929-6726	Samvatsari Pratikraman (JSCNC Calendar) For adults - 5:00 p.m. sharp. If you wish to recite specific Sutras during Adult Pratikraman, please contact Mrs. Rekha Banker (rekla78@gmail.com or 919-676-4548) For children (in English) - 5:30 p.m. sharp If you wish to recite specific Sutras during Children's English Pratikraman, please contact Mrs. Rita Lodaya or Mrs. Sejal Shah Please arrive 15 mins early.
Sun Sep 16	2:00pm - 3:00pm	Kiritbhai and Jyotiben Shah 511 Hickorywood Blvd., Cary, NC 27519. Phone#: (919) 469-5158	Children's Samayik Please arrive 15 mins early.
Wed Sep 19	5:00pm - 8:00pm	Arvindbhai and Arunaben Shah 8705 Stage Ford Rd., Raleigh, NC 27615. Phone#: (919) 518-1112	Samvatsari Pratikraman (Traditional Calendar) For adults - 5:00 p.m. sharp. Please arrive 15 mins early.

In addition to these activities, following daily events during the traditional Paryushan week are scheduled as follows:

Sep 12 – Sep 18 [Traditional Calendar] Daily Pratikraman at 7pm sharp	Sep 12 – Sep 18 [Traditional Calendar] Daily Pratikraman at 7pm sharp
<p style="text-align: center;">In Cary</p> <p>Kiritbhai and Jyotiben Shah 511 Hickorywood Blvd., Cary, NC 27519. Phone#: (919) 469-5158 <i>(On 9/15 due to Chaudas, the Parikraman will start at 6pm at Kiritbhai's Place)</i></p> <p>Daily Kalpa Sutra reading from 8 – 8:30 will follow the Pratikraman and will be led by Dr. Ramnik Zota.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In Raleigh</p> <p>Arvindbhai and Arunaben Shah 8705 Stage Ford Rd., Raleigh, NC 27615. Phone#: (919) 518-1112</p>

Revised guidelines for contributions/donations

The Executive committee adopted a unanimous resolution on Jul 15, 2012. The resolution institutes a cap of \$5,000/year with no more than \$1,000/year from any one contributor on donations/fund raising activities which are member initiated and not center initiated. The organization/project may be here in USA or abroad. The decision to come up with the donation cap was purely to avoid the extra scrutiny by taxing authorities here in United States and abroad where funds are being sent by this center.

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

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