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## CELEBRATES



VIR SAMVAT 2540

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YEAR 2014

*Bhagwan Mahavir Swami Janma Kalyanak - May 11, 2014*

*9th Temple Anniversary - June 8, 14, 15, 2014*

*4th Shri Ashtapadji Anniversary - June 22, 2014*



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JAI JINENDRA

JAIN CENTER OF AMERICA, NEW YORK  
CELEBRATES

*Bhagwan Mahavir Swami Janma Kalyanak*

Martin Van Buren High School Auditorium, 230-17 Hillside Ave, Jamaica, NY, 11427

Sunday, May 11, 2014  
Sharp 2:00 pm Onwards

Swamivatsalya: Light Snacks @ 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm & Dinner @ 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

**From Eastern Long Island:** Take 495 or GCP West to "Cross Island Pkwy S." and then, Exit 28A, "Hillside Ave". Make right on Hillside Ave and School is on the right side.

**From Manhattan:** Take 495 or GCP East to "Cross Island Pkwy S." and then, Exit 28A, "Hillside Ave". Make right on Hillside Ave and School is on the right side.

**By Bus:** Take the Q43, N22/A and N26 to 231 Street and Hillside Ave.

**By Subway:** Take E or F train to 179th Street. Take the Q43, N22/A and N26 to 231 Street and Hillside Avenue.

**FULL DRESS REHEARSAL DETAILS**

Date: Sunday, April 27, 2014

Place: Martin Van Buren High School Auditorium, 230-17 Hillside Ave, Jamaica, NY, 11427

Time: 10:00 am Onwards

**DONATION FOR THE MAHAVIR JAYANTI CELEBRATION PROGRAMS**

**We are very happy to announce and acknowledge following sponsors.**

1. Group of JCA Members from Adinath Jinalaya	Participant Trophy distribution	\$2,501
2. Group of JCA Members from Gujarati Stanak	Director Plaque distribution	\$1,001
3. Group of JCA Members from Adinath Jinalaya	Rehearsal School Rental	\$1,501

**We are requesting sponsorship for following items:**

1. Sangh Swamivatsalya	\$9,501 (min. \$501 onwards)		
2. School Hall Rental	\$3,001	3. Stage Decoration	\$2,001
4. Video Photography	\$1,501	5. DJ/Sound System	\$1,501
6. Rehearsal Swamivatsalya	\$1,501	7. General Donation	\$151 onwards

**We look forward to seeing you at the celebration.**

**VARSHITAP PARNA – Friday May 2, 2014**

Thursday, May 1st 2014: Bhakti Bhavana in JCA Ithaca Temple starting at 7:00 pm, after Swamivatsalya from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm at Elmhurst Hall. Events and Swamivatsalya sponsored by Kishorbhai and Ranjanben Mehta.

Friday, May 2nd 2014: Tapasvis Parna in Gujarati Samaj at 10:00 am sponsored by Kishorbhai and Ranjanben Mehta.

Saturday, May 3rd 2014: Tapasvis Bahuman followed by Swamivatsalya and Dandiya Raas in Gujarati Samaj from 4:00 pm sponsored by JCA.

**BHOJANSHALA TITHI AND GHEE BOLI COMMITMENTS**

**REQUEST FOR TITHI SPONSORS for OUR BHOJANSHALA USD 251 /- Only**

For Any Day of your Choice: Birthdays, Marriage Anniversary, Graduation.

Any other memorable event of your life or in fond memory of your loved ones.

Please contribute generously to HONOR your days with OUR SANGH

**We would also request all Saadharmik brothers and sisters to come forward and contribute towards their ghee boli commitments from past years. We appreciate and thank you for your generosity.**

## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

**Jai Jinendra.**

Dear Sadharmik Brothers and Sisters

It is a great pleasure and honor to report to you that our center is sound in physical and financial condition with support from all of you. Activities were reduced due to very severe winter this year. JCA will be doing cultural program on Sunday May 11, 2014 in celebration of Mahavir Jayanti, the event is performed by all JCA children and adults. It will be a very wonderful program, as every year. JCA will also be doing a very special event, Bahuman of Varsitap Tapasvis and organizer/sponsor of Varsitap, Kishorbhai and Ranjanben Mehta, on Saturday May 3, 2014 at Gujrati Samaj from 5.00 PM on word. Board of Trustees and Executive Committee requests all to participate in all upcoming activities. JCA belongs to all of you and your help and participation will further progress JCA.

JCA had sent letters to the members with balances due of Bolis, pledges from Temple Pratihtha 2005, Shri Ashtapadji Pratihtha 2010 and other bolis and pledges from year 2007 to 2013, few months ago. JCA requests for your response, if you have not yet responded. JCA would like to close these items from JCA accounting system and will appreciate your help.

Hope to see you all at Mahavir Jayanti and all Varsitap events.

Thanks and Regards

Jawahar A. Shetti  
*Chairman- JCA-NY*

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

**Jai Jinendra.**

Dear Sadharmik Brothers & Sisters,

Jain Center of America, NY, is celebrating Lord Mahavir Janma Kalyanak Cultural Program this year on Sunday May 11th at Martin Van Buren High School Auditorium. As always, it will be a great celebration for all our Jain families, as children from every sects are participating in this beautiful cultural program honoring our Lord Mahavir Swami.

JCA is honoring 35 Varsitap Tapasvis on Saturday, May 3 at Gujarati Samaj. In Addition to that, Kishorbhai & Ranjanben Mehta are organizing 2 events, Bhakti Bhavana in JCA Temple on May 1st and Parna in Gujarati Samaj on May 2nd. On behalf of JCA, I want to thanks Kishorbhai & Ranjanben Mehta for organizing Biyasana during Varsitap tapsaya and the Parna.

JCA is one of the most unique centers in North America. This honor is due to all the members who generously give their time & talent to benefit others. Especially distinct is that all different Jain sects pray under the same roof by their own ways. Your generous and undying service to our community is invaluable.

JCA Members, Directors & Participants have always tried to put on the best Cultural program where more than 200 children participate in various dances, plays and songs. The participants along with their directors have been practicing every weekend and weekdays for the last few months.

For their hard work and the great community at JCA, I would love to see everyone come and attend the rich cultural program to encourage our upcoming generation. Also, request everyone to participate in Varsitap Tapasvi's Parna and their Bahuman.

Micchhammi Dukkadam.  
Rajesh Shah  
*President, JCA-NY*

## MAHAVIR SWAMI TEMPLE 9th PRATISHTHA ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

### Saturday, Jun 14th 2014

7:00 pm: Bhakti by Aashish Bhai Mehta and Nayanbhai Sanghvi

### Sunday, June 15th 2014

9:00 am: Snatra Puja. Nakro will be \$101 per family - 5 families can take labh  
10:00 am: 18 Abhishek of 2nd floor Bhagwan by Shri Nayanbhai Sanghvi.

### Dhwaja Aarohan of 2nd floor Mahavir Swami Temple will be at 12:38 pm Sharp

Name of Pratimaji	Nakro for Abhishek	Name of Pratimaji	Nakro for Abhishek
Shri Mahavirswami, Shri Neminath,	\$151 for each Abhishek	Shri Ghantakaran Mahavir Dev	\$51 for 3 Abhishek
Shri Sambhavnath	of all 3 Bhagwans	Shri Bhomiaji	\$51 for 3 Abhishek
Shri Parshvnath	\$51 for each Abhishek	Shri Gaumukh Yaksha	\$51 for 3 Abhishek
Shri Shantinath	\$51 for each Abhishek	Shri Padmavati Devi	\$51 for 3 Abhishek
Shri Gautamswami	\$51 for each Abhishek	Shri Laxmi Devi	\$51 for 3 Abhishek
Shri Adinath Chaumukhi	\$51 for 3 Abhishek	Shri Sarasvati Devi	\$51 for 3 Abhishek
Shri Simandharswami	\$51 for 3 Abhishek	Shri Chakesvari Devi	\$51 for 3 Abhishek
Shri Manibhadra Vir Dev	\$51 for 3 Abhishek	Shri Shantinath (Anjan Salakha)	\$51 for 3 Abhishek
Shri Nakoda Bhairav Dev	\$51 for 3 Abhishek	Shri Adinath (Anjan Salakha)	\$51 for 3 Abhishek

SHANTINATH BHAGWAN FOR SNATRA PUJA \$51 (MAXIMUM 4 SPONSORS)

### SHRI DADAGURUDEVAY NAMAH:

#### MONTHLY DADA GURUDEV PUJA SCHEDULE:

May 18, 2014 (Sunday) 9:30 am to 12:15 pm, 4th Floor

#### PRATISHTHA ANNIVERSARY PROGRAM DETAIL:

*Under the Guidance of Shri Aashish Bhai Mehta*

Adhar Abhishek on June 14, 2014 (Saturday) From: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, 4th Floor

June 15, 2014 (Sunday): Anniversary Puja: 9:30 am to 1:15 pm (New Dhawja: 12:39 pm Sharp)

Before Dadagurudev Puja there will be Snatra Puja at 2nd Floor from 8:00 am to 9:15 am

You all are requested to attend the entire program and take Dharam Labh

### SHRI ASHTAPADJI TIRTH

4th Pratishtha Anniversary for Shri Ashtapadji Tirth will be celebrating on Saturday June 21 and Sunday, June 22, 2014. More information will be send thru email.

Saturday, June 21: Bhakti Bhavana by Nayanbhai from 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm on 4th Floor

Sunday, June 22: Puja and Dwaja Aarohan on 4th Floor

### SHRIMAD RAJCHANDRA SWADHYAY BHAKTI SCHEDULE

Venue: Shrimad Dhyana Hall, 3rd Floor Derasar

Time: 1:30pm to 4pm on Sunday

#### Date

Sunday, May 18

Sunday, June 15

Sunday, July 20

#### Occasion

Swadhyay & Param Upkari Prabhu Shreeji's Dehotsarg Day

Param Krupaludev's Chitrapat Sthapna Anniversary Day

Swadhyay & Gurupurnima Celebration

P.S. The aforementioned dates are tentative and subject to change. All members of JCA are cordially invited to join in the Bhakti and Satsang and have Dharma Labh.

For additional information please contact the following persons:

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**SHRI ADINATH JINALAYA**  
**Pratishtha Anniversary Celebration 2014**

Jai Jinendra!  
Please join us in celebrating our Ninth Pratishtha Anniversary on

Sunday, June 15, 2014  
By performing  
Shri Kalyan Mandir Vidhaan  
*Under the Guidance of Pandit Kemchandji Jain*

Program as follows:  
Abhishek & Shantidhara: 9:00 am - 9:45 am  
Shri Kalyan Mandir Vidhan: 10:00 pm – 12:30 pm  
Visarjan & Aarti: 12:30 pm – 1:00 pm

**We are very fortunate that this special day falls on Sunday this year.**

We request all Dharambandhus to participate in the celebrations along with family and friends.  
As Jain Shravaks, it is our obligation and duty to actively participate in such auspicious occasions  
So that the coming generations continue our Jain Traditions

**UPDATE ON JCA ART GALLERY WORK- A PICTORIAL GUIDE TO JAINISM**

JCA wish to inform the members that work on Pictorial Guide to Jainism has been completed. This work has taken almost eight (8) to nine (9) years to complete, as many corrections had to be done in the posters. Also new material and many new posters were added. This work needed lot of research about the proper information.

As you all know Art Gallery work was installed in JCA in 2009. Many scholars and members reviewed the work. Some of them brought to our attention that some corrections are needed to be done in the installed work. Dr. Shah and team went through suggested corrections and made necessary changes in the present Art Gallery. Also 50 new posters are being added to present Art Gallery. Now Art Gallery will have more than 500 posters and total of 700 items of various art objects in our Temple building.

**This completes work on the Pictorial Guide to Jainism.**

- An introductory booklet is being planned. This will have synopsis about our Pictorial Guide. Soon we will be putting this synopsis of Pictorial Guide on JCA website.
- All these Pictorial Guide posters will be available in a DVD format.
- Also available will be Art Work by code DVD set.
- Whole Pictorial Guide will also be uploaded on Jain e-library during the current year.

**ART GALLERY UPDATE**

1. The last call for Jain temples original artworks is available until May 11, 2014. If you had been thinking of becoming a collector of this collection kindly select the Artwork and remit the check to JCA manager. Painting number 8,12, 16 and 17 are not available as they are in the private collection now. Rest all are still available, as can be seen in the attachment. You can also please see the documentary on Jain Temples collection on JCA website in Art Gallery section
2. May 11th, 2014, we will be collecting contributions for the lucky draw of the remaining paintings. Kindly wholeheartedly participate in the lucky draw and do not miss the great opportunity of having an original Artwork in your private collection.
3. Please mark your calendars for Sunday June 1, 2014, as we will be doing an inauguration of a one of its kind mixed media artworks on Jain Philosophy by Dr. Nikhil Trivedi. Details to follow.

# "STHANAK NEWS"

**Jai Jinendra**

PLEASE NOTE SCHEDULE FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

EIGHTH ANNUAL 24 HOURS AKHAND

**"NAVKAR MAHA MANTRA JAAP"**

From: Saturday, May 17th 2014 (10.15 am)

To: Sunday, May 18th 2014 (10.15 am)

FOLLOWED BY **"SAAMUHIK SAAMAYIK"** @ 10.30 am onwards,  
ALONG WITH DISCOURSE BY  
PANDIT DHIRUBHAI MEHTA

CELEBRATING 9TH "STHANAK" ANNIVERSARY  
SUNDAY, JUNE 8TH 2014 @ 10.15 am ONWARDS  
ALONG WITH "SAAMUHIK SAAMAYIK" & DISCOURSE BY  
SAMANI BHAVIT PRAGYAJI  
SAMANI SANGH PRAGYAJI

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**~~ ALL ARE REQUESTED TO ATTEND AND HAVE DHARAM LABH. ~~**

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