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Bhagwan Mahavir Swami Janma Kalyanak - May 12, 2013

8th Temple Anniversary - June 15-16, 2013

3rd Shri Ashtapadji Anniversary - June 23, 2013



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JAIN CENTER OF AMERICA, NEW YORK
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Bhagwan Mahavir Swami Janma Kalyanak

Francis Lewis High School, 58-20 Utopia Parkway, Fresh Meadows, New York 11365

Sunday, May 12, 2013

2:30 pm Onwards

Swamivatsalya from 4:00 pm until 7:00 pm

From Eastern Long Island: Take 495 West – Long Island Expressway to Exit 25, “Utopia Pkwy”. Make Right on Utopia Pkwy and the school is on the left side.

From Manhattan: Take 495 East – Long Island Expressway to Exit 25, “Utopia Pkwy”. Make Left on Utopia Pkwy and the school is on the left side.

By Bus: Take the Q17, Q88, Q31, or Q30 to Utopia Pkwy, and Horace Harding Expressway. The school is one block north of the Long Island Expressway.

By Subway: Take the E or the F train to 169th Street. Then, take the Q30 towards Little Neck or Q31 Bayside to Utopia Pkwy. Follow the above directions.

FULL DRESS REHEARSAL DETAILS

Date: Saturday, May 11, 2013

Place: Francis Lewis High School, 58-20 Utopia Parkway Fresh Meadows, New York 11365

Time: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

DONATION FOR THE MAHAVIR JAYANTI CELEBRATION PROGRAMS

We are very happy to announce and acknowledge following sponsors.

1. Surendraji & Vimlaji Jain, Saurabh & Seema Jain (1st birthday of their grandson and son, Aarav Jain)	Swamivatsalya	\$9,501
2. Group of JCA Members	Participant Trophy	\$2,501
3. Group of JCA Members	Director Plaque	\$1,001
4. Group of JCA Members	Rehearsal School	\$1501

We are requesting sponsorship for following items:

1. School Hall Rental	\$3,001	2. Stage Decoration	\$2,001
3. DJ/Sound System	\$1,501	4. Video Photography	\$1,501
5. Rehearsal Swami Vatsalya	\$1,501	6. General Donation	\$151 onwards

We look forward to seeing you at the celebration.

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.

VARSHITAP PARNA – Monday May 13, 2013

JCA is organizing Varshitap Parna on Monday, May 13, 2013. Please give your names for the Parna to JCA manager or any Executive Committee Members.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

JAI JINENDRA.

Dear Sadharmik Brothers and Sisters,

I am very happy and honored to report that, our center is doing well. 2012 was successfully completed and JCA is in sound and good condition. JCA memberships have been increasing. We will be celebrating Mahavir Jayanti on May 12, 2013. Board of Trustees and Executive Committee requests all members to participate and help financially and other aspects to JCA.

Mahavir Jayanti is an event where our young budding Jains participate in a cultural program, devoting a lot of time and efforts to present the Jain Cultural program. We all at JCA appreciate and value their efforts to preserve our culture. On behalf of JCA, I thank them, directors and volunteers. We all must help to see all children and youth remain connected to JCA and Jainism.

JCA membership has been increasing every month. Board of Trustees and Executive Committee are working on plans to have more activities in the Temple. JCA belongs all of us, it becomes our duty to take JCA on the path of progress. We request all participate to help us with your suggestions so that JCA can achieve the goal for further progress. JCA is an example where all beads of a necklace are joined together in one string and we all need to continue to add strength and synergy so that this string continue to stay strong. This is the place where Unity in Diversity is practiced under one umbrella and will remain so in future.

One of our Sadharmik family member Kishorebhai and Ranjanben Mehta family have invited Sakal Sangh and all Jains in our area to join them at their home for BIYASANA during "Varshitap-Tapasaya" starting April 3, 2013. Many Sadharmiks have joined to do Varshitap. This is the first time such an event ever done by an individual Sadharmik family in North America. It is a great task with a lot of efforts and time. On behalf of JCA, I thank Kishorebhai and Ranjanben for such a generous religious giving to Jains in our area. We all at JCA wish them good luck and offer any help they need.

Shri Ashtapadji Granth part II is published & being distributed from January 2013, please take your copy at Temple. This completes the Publication of Shri Ashtapadji Granth Part I and II. Dr. Rajnaikant Shah is the editor with dedicated effort and time of many years. On behalf of all members of JCA I thank Dr. Shah and his family. These Granths were also made possible by financial donations by Sadharmiks, the help of Acharyas, research team of scholars, scientists and many other individuals, on behalf of JCA, I thank all of them. JCA has received many appreciation and thank you letters from Acharyas, Jain leaders, business owners and scholars. JCA is known around the world for such a great historical Jain Publication.

JCA will be celebrating the eighth Temple Pratishta Anniversary and third Shri Ashtapadji Pratishta Anniversary in June 2013. Details will be sent soon. JCA request all to participate and help JCA.

I personally thank Board of Trustees, Executive Committee members, Religious coordinators for their hard work and dedication. Hope to see you all at Mahavir Jayanti.

Thanks and Regards,

Jawahar A. Shetti

Chairman, Jain Center of America, NY

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

JAI JINENDRA.

Dear All Sadharmik Brothers & Sisters,

Jain Center of America is happy to be celebrating Mahavir Janma Kalyanak Cultural Program this year on Sunday May 12th at Francis Lewis High School. As always, it will be a great celebration for all of our Jain families, as children from every sector are participating in this beautiful event honoring our Lord Mahavir Swami. We will be celebrating Temple Pratishta Anniversary and Shri Ashtapadji Pratishta Anniversary in June 2013.

JCA is one of the most unique centers in USA. 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 one roof by their own ways and also jointly during Samuhik Samayak & Navkar Mantra Jaap, various pujas, the Pratishta and so on. Your generous and undying service to our community is invaluable.

It humbles me to serve as the President of such a phenomenal JCA. Thank you for giving me this opportunity. JCA Members, Directors & Participants have always tried to put on the best Cultural program where more than 200 children participate in various dances, naatak and songs. The participants along with their directors have been practicing every weekend for the last 3-4 months. Their presence at JCA every weekend has made the environment so lively. 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.

Micchammi Dukkadam.

Rajesh Shah, President, JCA-NY

MAHAVIR SWAMI TEMPLE – 2nd FLOOR

Besta Mahina's Snatra Puja Schedule: Friday, May 10, 2013	10:30 am Sunday, June 9, 2013	2nd Floor
Snatra Puja (from Sangh): Sunday, April 28, 2013	10:30 am Sunday, May 19, 2013	2nd Floor
Besta Mahina Bhaktamar stotra Aradhana	8.30 am Sunday, May 12, 2013 Sunday, June 9, 2013	2nd Floor

JAIN CENTER OF AMERICA, NEW YORK SHRI MAHAVIRSWAMI DERASAR 8TH PRATISHTHA ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

June 16th 2013: Sunday:

- 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**.

S. No.	Name of Pratimaji	Nakro for Abhishek
1.	Shri Mahavirswami, Shri Neminath Shri Sambhavnath	\$ 151 for each Abhishek of all 3 Bhagwans
2.	Shri Parshvnath	\$ 51 for each Abhishek
3.	Shri Shantinath	\$ 51 for each Abhishek
4.	Shri Adinath Chaumukhi	\$ 51 for 3 Abhishek
5.	Shri Simandharswami	\$ 51 for 3 Abhishek
6.	Shri Gautamswami	\$ 51 for 3 Abhishek
7.	Shri Manibhadra vir Dev	\$ 101 for 6 Or \$ 251 for 18 Abhishek
8.	Shri Nakoda Bhairav Dev	"
9.	Shri Ghantakaran Mahavir dev	"
10.	Shri Bhomiaji	"
11.	Shri Gaumukh Yaksha	"
12.	Shri Padmavati Devi	"
13.	Shri Laxmi Devi	"
14.	Shri Sarsvati Devi	"
15.	Shri Chakesvari Devi	"
16.	Shri Shantinath & Siddhachakra	\$ 51 for 18 Abhishek for each set (Panchdhatu)
17.	Shri Shantinath	\$ 51 for 18 Abhishek for each set

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

SHRI ASHTAPADJI TIRTH

3rd Pratishtha Anniversary for Shri Ashtapadji Tirth will be celebrating on Sunday, June 23, 2013. Further details on activities for that day will be sent thru email.

SIDDHACHAKRA PUJAN

Bharatbhai and Kusum Shah request Sakal Sangh to attend Siddhachakra Pujan for their daughter Priya's wedding. The pujan will be performed by **Shri Chandrakant Bhai** on June 9, 2013. Additional information will be emailed.

ADINATH JINALAYA PROGRAM SCHEDULE AND UPDATES

Dear Dharambandhus,
Jai Jinendra!

We will be celebrating "Bhagwan Mahavir's Janmotsav" on Tuesday, April 23rd 2013 as per Schedule

Murti Abhishek: 9:30 am

Shanti Dhara: 9:45 am

Mahavir Bhagwan Puja: 10:15 am

Aarti: 11:30 am

Followed by Swamivatsalya

We request all our members to be present on this very special religious day along with family and friends. **(Especially our children)**

Mahavir Jayanti Cultural Program

JCA's Mahaveer Jayanti cultural program is Sunday, May 12th 2013 At Francis Lewis High School.

Performance by children from Shri Adinath Jinalaya Pathshala is

The Story of Mahasati Maina Sundari ~ Dance Drama

Many members have been working diligently to portray the story of the unshakable faith of a young princess who wins a tough battle against the test of her Karmas.

Please encourage & show your support to the efforts put forth by our Children

As Jains it is our obligation and duty towards the next generation to actively participate in such celebrations and help to carry on our Jain traditions and heritage.

We take this opportunity to remind all our Dharmabhandhus to participate in our weekly pujas on every Sunday starting at 10.00 am followed by Swamivatsalya.

8TH PRATISHTHA ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Please join us in celebrating the Eighth Pratishtha Anniversary on Saturday, June 15, 2013 under the Guidance of Pandit Kemchandji at Adinath Jinalaya.

Saturday, June 15, 2013 - Abhishek and Shri Munisuvratnath Bhagwaan's Vidhaan

09:30 am - 10:00 am - Abhishek & Shaantidhara

10:00 pm - 12:30 pm - Shri Munisuvratnath Bhagwan's Vidhaan

12:30 pm - 1:00 pm - Visarjan & Aarti

12:30 pm onwards - Swamivatsalya

Murti Abhishek will begin promptly at 9:30 am on Saturday, June 15, followed by Shantidhara, Vidhaan, Pujan, and Aarti.

We request all Dharambandhus to participate in the events with their family and friends. You are all requested to bring along family and friends to celebrate this auspicious occasion. As Jains, it is our obligation and duty towards the next generation to actively participate in such occasions and carry on our Jain tradition.

SHRI DADAGURUDEVAY NAMAH:

MONTHLY DADA GURUDEV PUJA SCHEDULE:

April 28, 2013 (Sunday): 9:30 am to 12:15 pm, 4th Floor

May 26, 2013 (Sunday): 9:30 am to 12:15 pm, 4th Floor

June 15, 2013 (Saturday) Adhar Abhishek start at 8:30 am

June 16, 2013 (Sunday) Dadaguru Dev puja after Snatra Puja @ 8:30 am

(Followed by Dhawaja at Vijay Mahurat around 12:40 pm)

SHRIMAD RAJCHANDRA SWADHYAY BHAKTI SCHEDULE

Venue: Shrimad Dhyana Hall, 3rd Floor Derasar

Time: 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm on Sunday.

Date	Occasion
Sunday, April 28	ParamKrupaludev's 112th Dehotsarg Day (Death Anniversary) Observed
Sunday, May 26	Param Upkari Prabhu Shreeji's Dehotsarg Day (Death Anniversary) Observed
Sunday, June 16	ParamKrupaludev's Chitrapat Sthapna Anniversary Day (Celebrating as Father's Day)
Sunday, July 21	Swadhyay and Gurupurnima Celebrations

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:

1. Shri Mukesh Ajmera (718) 423- 6148 (Home)
2. Shri Chandresh Panchamia (516) 437-8092 (Home), (917) 749-8798 (Cell)

JCA SCHOLARS LECTURE SERIES AT SIDDHACHALAM JUNE 28TH THROUGH 30TH 2013

GENERAL INFORMATION

Jain Center of America (JCA) will be hosting a JAIN Academic Lecture Series at Siddhachalam, NJ from **Friday June 28, 2013 to Sunday June 30, 2013**. This two-day and two-night event will consist of highly professional educational sessions that will be focused on aspects of Jain philosophy conducted by two scholars on Jainism.

There will be two simultaneous sessions on both days. One session will be conducted in English, with Professor Jeffery Long, from Pennsylvania. The other session will be in Hindi, with Pandit Mahesh Kumarji, from India. The focus of the two lectures will be on the following three topics: ***Karma and Its Importance in the Jain Path; Anekantvad – The Jain Philosophy of the Diversity of World-views; and Leading a Jain Way of Life and the Importance of the Jain Way of Life in today's world.*** Siddhachalam, North America's First Jain Tirth with its beautiful spiritual setting and replica of Shikarji provides an ideal environment for the first JCA Scholars Lecture Series. By having the event at Siddhachalam, the participants will have the opportunity to stay overnight and become fully involved with the educational sessions that provide a dual immersive experience – both religious as well as educational.

REGISTRATION

This two-day and two-night event will include food, lodging, a printed program guide and curriculum for the registered attendees. There will be a minimal ***nonrefundable registration fee of \$150 per person*** for those who wish to attend that will cover the cost of this program as well as food and lodging. You must be over the age of 18 years to register. Registration is limited to 75 attendees. You can register a maximum of two people at a time. Online Registration ***begins on May 6, 2013 and will close on June 25, 2013.***

SPONSORS

We are looking for ***15 Sponsors to Donate \$501*** each to help pay for the facilities, food, program guide and curriculum binders, and travel expenses and honorarium for the Jain Scholars. Each Sponsors name will be shown in the program guide and curriculum binders as well as noted on the JCA Lecture Series website.

Please Sponsor this JCA Lecture Series Event by making your \$501 Tax Deductible Donation to Jain Center of America.

ART GALLERY UPDATE

With immense pleasure we would like to invite entire Sangh for a grand inaugural celebration program on Saturday, June 22nd 2013 at 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm for lunch and 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm for JAIN CENTER'S ART GALLERY PROGRAM.

This event will be followed by a few cultural programs and short documentaries on the two exhibitions. In which we will be honoring the participants of our incoming exhibition "JAIN DONATIONS - THE PILGRIMAGE IN ITSELF."(DAAN DHARAM) This series is being done by new and emerging artists and children of JCA. And we also will be honoring the participants of our outgoing exhibition "JAIN TEMPLES - THE SOURCE FOR ETERNAL PEACE."

Please bring all your family and friends to make this event successful. Thank you.

Shefali Ajmera **Suman Bafna** **Kalpna Gandhi** **Jaimini Shah Reshma Shah**
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YOUTH ACTIVITY UPDATE

JIVA youth group is running the Pathshala every Sunday from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm on 2nd floor. We encourage parents to bring their kids and take this opportunity in their successful learning of the Jain religion. We will soon be starting youth discussions every Sunday which will cover Jain topics as well as some professional career related topics. We encourage Youth to be a guest speaker and host at least one discussion group.

Please keep yourself updated through our biweekly emails. Join the youth committee by registering today. For further details contact: Riddhi: rjhaveri87@gmail.com

AYAMBIL OLI

2013 Ayambil Oli starts on Wednesday, April 17th, 2013 and ends on Thursday, April 25th, 2013. The Parna day is Friday, April 26th, 2013. Sponsors for upcoming Ayambil Oli are:

Smitaben Jaswantbhai Shah and Family.

On the weekend of April 21st 2013, kitchen will remain closed except for Ayambil. Please give your name for Ayambil Oli and also for single Ayambil to provide you all with better service.

Sponsors for Oct 2013 Aymbil Oli are:

Rashmiben & Dineshbhai Shah - Bhavnaben & Amit Shah

MEMBERS, WHO ARE ALSO INTERESTED IN SPONSORING FUTURE EVENT, SHOULD GIVE THEIR NAMES TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS OR JCA Office.

JAINA 2013 CONVENTION

2013 JAINA Convention is hosted by Jain Society of Greater Detroit in Novi, Michigan from July 4, 2013 to July 6, 2013. It's an only event in North America where Jains from around the States and other countries comes together. Over 2500 people have already been register for this event. If you are interested and have not register or need more information, go to JAINA website, <http://convention.jaina.org>. Anyone interested to participate in the Cultural Program & Jains Got Talent competition during the convention, please contact Reepal Shah @ 248-943-6925.

VARSHITAP TAPASAYA - FROM APRIL 3, 2013

Our Sadharmik family member **Kishorebhai and Ranjanben Mehta** have invited Sakal Sangh to join them at their home for Biyasana during Varshitap Tapasaya which started on April 3, 2013. Many Sadharmiks have joined to do Varshitap and taking a labh of Biyasana at their home. You can reach them at 516-747-0469 and their address is 6 Green Dr, Roslyn, NY 11576.

“STHANAK NEWS”

Jai Jinendra

**STHANAK 8TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION.
DAY & DATE : SATURDAY, JUNE 15TH 2013.**

PLACE: JCA, 2ND FLOOR – STHANAK FROM 9.AM TO 1.PM

- BHAKTI BHAVNA (9:00 A.M.)
- SAAMAYIK & ARIHANT VANDANVALI (10.00 AM ONWARDS)
- RELIGIOUS DISCOURSES BY : DR.HUKUMCHAND BHARILL.

**FOLLOWED BY SWAMIVATSLYA,
SWAMIVATSLYA FOR SATURDAY, JUNE 15TH IS SPONSORED BY:**

- 1) - DR.MAYUR & DR.PURNIMA KOTHARI
- 2) - JAYPRAKASH & PUNITA KOTHARI
- 3) - ANJALI ASHOK SHETH (MUMBAI)
- 4) - ULKA ABHAY KOTHARI

IN MEMORY OF THEIR “MATUSHRI”
G.S. - ILABEN JAYANTBHAI KOTHARI

PLEASE CONTACT THE FOLLOWING COORDINATORS FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

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

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