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Upcoming Events

❖ Monday, August 28 to Friday, August 31

- Evening Swadhyay with Shri Champakbhai Pandit

❖ September 06 – 13: Paryushan Parva

- **Shri Samirbhai Pandit From Ahmedabad**
- **September 08, Saturday:** AshtaPrakari Puja by Pathshala Kids
- **September 09, Sunday:** Swapna Darshan & Mahavir Janma Vanchan
- **September 10, Monday:** 8 prakari Puja followed by Snatra Puja
- **September 13, Thursday:** Barsa Sutra Vanchan & Samvatsari Pratikraman
- **September 14, Friday:** Shree Sangh Samuh Parana

❖ September 15, Saturday: Sattar [17] Bhedi Pooja and Tapasvi Bahuman [Shri BhadraBahuji]

❖ October 12 to October 14: Swadhyay with Resp. Tarlaben

❖ October 16 to October 24: Ayambil Oli

❖ November 07, Wednesday: Diwali - Aarti & Mangal Divo and Diwali Night Jaap

❖ November 08, Thursday: New Year Gabharo Opening & Sangh Greetings

Other regular rituals:

- ❖ **Daily "Ashta Prakari Pooja" performed by volunteers in rotation**
- ❖ **Daily Aarti and Mangal Divo:** Performed every day in the evening at JSNE temple by different volunteers. If you wish to participate, please inform the assigned volunteer(s) and confirm the time. Visit <http://jsne.org/aartidivoschedule.aspx> to check current list of volunteers.

Recent activities at JSNE -

- **April 15, 2018: Kids' Shibir:** Once again, we had a one-day kids' shibir with Shri Champakbhai Pandit. Details are available in Pathshala report.
- **7th Pratishtha anniversary program:** Sangh members celebrated 7th anniversary of pratishtha with great enthusiasm and "Bhav". The highlight of this year's celebration was "Pratishtha" of Saraswati Devi Pratimaji. On April 28th, we performed "Snatra Puja" and Saraswati Devi Pratishtha. On 29th April, we performed 18 Abhishek. Singer Shri Amitbhai Barot made this event very musical and bhaktimay.
- **Chaumasi Chaudas & Pakkhi Pratikraman:** About 15 Sangh members performed traditional "Dev Vandan". 15+ ladies and 13 men [separately] performed Chaumasi Pratikraman on the Chaumasi Chaudas on July 26, 2018.

Detailed schedule of activities during Paryushan Parva 2018

Date	Time	Event
09/06, 07, Thursday & Friday Shravan Vad Agiyaras, & Baras Paryushan Day 1, 2	9:30AM -11:00AM	Ashtprakari Pooja – Prakshal starts at 9:30 AM sharp
	11:00AM - 12:00PM	Lecture
	12:00PM – 1:00PM	Ekasana - Please RSVP – Regular lunch will not be served on this day.
	6:30PM – 8:00PM	Evening pratikraman
	8:00PM - 9:00PM	Lecture and/or Bhavna followed by Aarti Mangaldivo
09/08, Saturday Shravan Vad Chaudas Day-3	9:00AM - 12:00PM	Ashtaprakari Pooja by Pathshala Kids – Prakshal starts at 9:00 AM sharp
	12:00PM - 12:30PM	Lecture
	12:30PM - 1:30PM	Lunch & Ekasana - Please RSVP
	5:45PM - 8:00PM	Evening Pakkhi Pratikraman
	8:00PM - 9:00PM	Lecture and/or Bhavna followed by Aarti Mangaldivo
09/09, Sunday Swapna Darshan and Janma Vanchan Shravan Vad Amas Day-4	9:00AM -11:30AM	Ashtprakari Pooja – Prakshal starts at 9 AM sharp
	11:30AM - 1:30PM	Lunch and Ekasana. - Please RSVP *Last dish will be served at 1:00PM*
	1:30PM - 5:00PM	Boli, Swpna Darshan, Janma Vanchan
	5:00PM - 5:30PM	Aarti – Mangaldivo
	5:30PM – 6:30PM	Light supper will be served after the Swapna Darshan- Please RSVP (No food will be served/allowed to eat after the sunset)
	7:00PM - 8:00PM	Evening Pratikraman
	8:00PM -9:00PM	Bhavana at Derasar
09/10, Monday Bhadarva Sud Ekam Besto Mahino Day-5	9:00AM - 11:30AM	Ashtprakari Pooja & Snatra Pooja– Prakshal starts at 9:00 AM sharp
	11:30AM - 12:30PM	Lecture
	12:30PM - 1:30PM	Ekasana - Please RSVP – Regular lunch will not be served on this day
	6:30PM - 8:00PM	Evening Pratikraman
	8:00PM - 9:00PM	Lecture and/or Bhavana followed by Aarti Mangaldivo

09/11, & 12 – Tuesday & Wednesday Bhadarva Sud Beej & Treej	9:30AM -11:00AM	Ashtprakari Pooja – Prakshal starts at 9:30 AM sharp
	11:00AM - 12:00PM	Lecture
	12:00PM – 1:00PM	Ekasana - Please RSVP – Regular lunch will not be served on this days
	6:30PM – 8:00PM	Evening pratikraman
Day 6 & 7	8:00PM - 9:00PM	Lecture and/or Bhavna followed by Aarti Mangaldivo
09/13, Thursday Bhadarva Sud Choth Samvatsari Maha Parva	9:00AM -10:30AM	Ashtprakari Pooja – Prakshal starts at 9:00 AM sharp
	10:30AM - 12:30PM	Barsa Sutra Vanchan & Dhaliya
	12:30PM – 1:30PM	Ekasana - Please RSVP – Regular lunch will not be served on this days
	4:15 PM	Samvatsari Pratikraman, Start with sutra boli (Separate boli for Men’s and Women’s pratikraman)
	7:30 PM	Aarti - Mangaldivo
09/14; Friday Parna	7:15 AM	Samuh Darshan and Chaityavandan
	7:45 AM	Parna

Upcoming Events after Paryushan:

- ❖ **Saturday, September 15:**
 - Sattar [17] Bhedi Pooja and Tapasvi Bahuman at 9:00AM, followed by Lunch
- ❖ **Saturday Oct. 20 OR Sunday, Oct. 21 [will be announced]:**
 - Samuh Aayambil at Derasar – 12:00 Noon

Diwali and New Year Celebration:

- ❖ **Wednesday, November 7th:**
 - Aarti – Mangaldivo and Diwali Ratri Jaap at 8 PM
- ❖ **Thursday, November 8th:**
 - New year – 7:00AM – Derasar Dwar opening and Sangh greeting with snacks

Please follow all parking guidelines provided below during Paryushana Events:

Please **Do NOT Park** on our neighbor BD Carpet building parking lots in the Front, Side and Back of the building as marked in RED in the map. They will tow your vehicle. We may use JSNE back parking lot for Tents for Food service, so DO NOT Park in the back of the Derasar.

For more detail please visit JSNE website: <http://jsne.org/parking-guidelines/>

How Can You Take “Labh”

Introduced last year: As many of you experienced; you can easily pay for your pledges / make donations electronically through our website.

Swamivatsalya / Prabhavana Sponsorship:

- ❖ **Ekasana** at the Derasar for all eight days, nakro to sponsor ekasana on Paryushan days is \$351 per day. -- *please RSVP for daily Ekasana*
- ❖ Saturday, September 08: Swamivatsalya after Snatra Pooja for Approx. 250 people = \$2501 [Two or three families can join hands together] – Note: No Fringe Benefits.
- ❖ *Sunday, September 09: Swapna Darshan & Mahavir Janma Vanchan –Swamivatsalya for Approx. 350 people = \$3501 [Two or three families can join hands together] – Note: No Fringe Benefits.*
- ❖ Friday, September 14: Parana – volunteers to prepare one/two items for 50 – 60 people
- ❖ Saturday, September 15: Lunch for 225 people after Sattar Bhedi Pooja = \$2201 [Two or three families can join hands together] – Note: No Fringe Benefits.
- ❖ **Swapna Darshan Ceremony day Prabhavana “Ladoo”or similar:** *The sponsorship for this is \$551. EC will take care of order/delivery of this.*
- ❖ **Samvatsari Pratikraman day Prabhavana:** *The sponsorship for this is \$501. About 175+ men and 200+ women take part for Samvatsari Pratikraman. EC will take care of order/delivery of this.*

Annual Maintenance Fund:

As all of you are already aware, and many of you committed to for many years towards JSNE sustaining member donation of \$350 on an annual basis which has been a big help in taking care of our expenses related to maintenance of our Facilities e.g. electricity bill, heating bill, Facilities cleaning, snow removal, any & all repairs etc. Since we have our different memberships well defined now, per EC; we are going to rename this fund to "Annual Maintenance Fund" with the same amount of \$350/- per year. The name better fits the purpose of this fund.

We hope the members who were contributing \$350 on an annual basis towards sustaining a/c will continue to contribute towards the newly named fund. We also would like to encourage more and more members to join the "Annual Maintenance Fund".

This is **less than \$1 a day commitment for your Own Facilities.**

You can pay \$350 at once or sign up for automatic monthly installment of \$30/month; on our website.

JSNE volunteers will personally contact you during Paryusan Parv for your commitment. Please make a commitment to keep up and maintain the facilities in the best condition.

Please contact any EC member if you would like to sponsor any of the above events or volunteer your services

JSNE Pathshala – August 2018

Jai Jinendra and Pranam,

Welcome Back! We are incredibly excited to begin our fifteenth year here at JSNE Patshshala! We are glad to have you as part of our family and hope you are looking forward to the 2018-2019 year. We are very much looking forward to watching the students to have the place filled with the hustle and bustle that has been absent all summer.

During the 2018-19 school year, we will continue to build upon and refine our proven foundation of good work, honored traditions, and continued *excellence in learning Jainism*.

We look forward to a very positive and productive year together! We extend a special, yearlong invitation to our families to join us at pathshala activities and events whenever possible. We value your involvement and support in your child's education! Your active participation is a key to the success of our pathahala.

Congratulations and special thanks to all Pathshala students/families, teachers, and JSNE Executive Committee for this spiritual journey. During the past year; we once again successfully accomplished many tasks on hand while we continued to add new dimensions to make Pathshala a better place for students, parents and teachers. Most importantly, support from the parents, community, hard work of staff and the spirit of our students made this happen.

Pathshala activities – In addition to learning Jain Philosophy, rituals, sutras and stutis, Pathshala students enthusiastically participated in the following activities this past year –

- **Jain Camp/Shibir** – On Sunday, April 15, 2018, JSNE had organized our second one-day (starting from 9:30 am-6:00 pm) Jain Camp/Shibir filled with educational and fun activities. We were blessed to have Panditji Shri Champkbhai from Mumbai, India to grace us during this event. About 30 pathshala kids and 40+ parents enthusiastically participated for the full day.

The goal of this shibir was to provide JSNE community members and opportunity to quest their thirst for answers and right knowledge in open fun-filled way, witnessed by parents and JSNE pathshala teachers, answered by shri Champkbhai Panditji. Kids and parents were given heads up to provide their questions in advance, which were incorporated in various skits and mock trial to get the right answers from Panditji. We were real-time translating Gujarati <-> English to answer our basic and puzzling questions about Jainism. This event was unique in a sense that it was just not the straight Q/A, but the questions were asked by students performing various skits.

This 2nd of its kind shibir at JSNE temple was a great success (despite the spring school vacation) and received very good feedback by all attendees.

Special thanks goes to Shibir team – Amit Shah (for organizing and leading), Vijay Shah (Supporting and leading), Jainy Shah (making kits for students), Nimisha Asthagiri (Creative ideas, drafting emails and follow up with parents/kids), Grishma Gandhi Shah (Directing kids for skits) and Pulkit Shah (for English to Gujarati translation) - to make this event unique and very enlightening for all of us with their motivation, dedication and hard work.

- **Test** - On June 10th pathshala, students took written and oral exams on what they learned during the year.

- **Graduation Ceremony**

Graduating students were recognized and honored with a Certificate and a small Memento.

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- Students shared their reflections on Pathshala at the assembly why it is important to attend pathshala, what they learned at pathshala over the years which will last forever with them. We wish them all the best.

- **End-of-year outing** – On the last day of Pathshala on June 10th, students, along with parents/teachers, went to the Bowling place in Woburn, MA. 40+ students participated and had lot of fun.
- **The website "Jainism: A Way of Life"** – The website **JAWOL** is created by level 3 teacher Dhruvi Ashara to showcase students' work. Level 3 students/teacher have been wanting to build a platform to share their views as Jains, and this pathshala year it happened. It is still in its infant stage with few topics covered but it's a good start.
 - Our great religion is not just a religion but a way of life one can adopt to live following minimalism, and non-violence towards other living being. It's not as hard to follow as we think!
 - The site has 3 main topics: "Jain beliefs", "Jainism and Science" and "Everyday Life as a Jain" and many sub-topics. The site map is included on the home page for easy access. It is their humble attempt to try to explain these topics in an easy language so one with little knowledge about Jain religion can understand. But for those with large knowledge about Jain religion, they will find many informative topics and useful tools in day to day life. This will be ongoing project as new topics will be added yearly. We encourage everyone to visit the site.

Pathshala Statistics for year 2017-2018 – Following are some statistics from the last year –

- Total Number of Registered students – 120
- Total Number of families directly engaged in Pathshala – 75+

Pathshala Food and Class Sponsors – Thanks to all the sponsors, who had signed up to bring snacks for pathshala and donated generously to sponsor pathshala classes. We really appreciate your support and count on your continued enthusiasm during the upcoming year, as this is what really keeps all of us growing strong every year. Please visit the pathshala web page for the list of Food and Class Sponsors.

The suggested donation amount to sponsor one Pathshala session is –

- One class (Rookies to Swadhyay) is \$ 51
- One Pathshala Session (all classes) is \$ 251

Upcoming Pathshala Activities –

- **1st session** - The first Pathshala session is on **September 16th, 2018**. We welcome all the returning and new students and thank them to be part of this very important part of the JSNE. **Please fill out on-line Registration Form. One per family ASAP. Registration form is available under Pathshala section in JSNE web page. All kids are placed in the pathshala level based on the school grade.**
- **Pathshala time/hours** – Starting this year, we plan to have a total of 13 sessions a year. **The time is from 1:30 to 3:45 pm.** Please see 'Pathshala schedule' below for this year's Pathshala session dates. Taking into account the students/parents enthusiasm and quest for learning, we may have additional ad-hoc pathshala sessions (in addition to 13 scheduled) for Shibir type Q/A, Lab Sessions, Special ritual/sutra, Art/Musical projects, etc. Stay tuned for this session info in upcoming months.
- **Minimum age requirement to attend Pathshala** - The student shall be 4 years old and/or in Pre-K to attend Pathshala as of September 2018.

- **Paryushana** – Parva begins on, **September 06 (Thursday)** and ends on **September 13 (Thursday)**. The **Parva Point sheet** is available on **JSNE web page** under **Pathshala** section. Student/parent is requested to take the print out of this sheet before the Paryushana starts and log all the activities daily. Please fill out one sheet per student (including new students starting September 2018) and **bring the completed sheet on the 1st pathshala day –September 16th at temple.**
- **Snatra and Ashta Prakari pooja** – On **Saturday-September 08, 2018**, there will be Snatra and Ashta Prakari pooja performed at temple for all (although all the kids will be given special preference for the pooja). The expectation is that kids will join this pooja with the pooja samagri (Fruit, Akshat, Naivedya, etc.) they have brought.
- **Award Ceremony** – **During the October 2018 pathshala**, students will be recognized and awarded for the Parva activity and for a job well done for 2017-2018. This will be based on the year-end award points students accumulate from attendance, homework, and test results.

Pathshala Schedule – Following is the schedule for the upcoming year **2018-2019**.

September 16, 2018	November 11, 2018	February 10, 2019	April 07 2019
October 14, 2018	December 09, 2018	March 10, 2019	May 05, 2019
October 28, 2018	January 06, 2019	March 24, 2019	June 09, 2019
	January 27, 2019		

Pathshala Level and Teachers: - Pathshala level and teachers for each level are as follows :

Level	School Grade	Teacher
Rookies	Pre-K and KG	Swati Mehta, Smita Shah
Level 1	1 and 2	Arpita Gosalia, Jainy Shah
Level 2	3 and 4	Mitul Dalal, Nilam Maru
Level 3	5 and 6	Dhruti Ashara, Himanshu Palkhiwala
Level 4	7 and 8	Hemant Shah
Level 5	9, 10, 11 and 12	Nimisha Asthagiri
Swathyay	Adults	Pulkit Shah
Substitute teachers		Ajay Vora, Amit Shah
Sutra and Ritual Help		Vijay Shah

Please know that we highly value pathshala communication. We encourage you to contact us if/when the need arises, and to *stay in the know* about your child's studies, assignments, assessments and pathshala activities, as well as other events and happenings.

As we begin a new pathshala year, we invite you to visit the pathshala website (<http://jsne.org/pathshala>) for the latest information, news and announcements, like **Registration form, Paryushana Point Sheet, Curriculum, homework, Food and Class sponsors, Attendance/Home Work and Food Policy, past event pictures and other resources**. Parents who have questions or concerns during the year are encouraged to contact their child's teacher.

The pathshala staff joins me in extending best wishes to you for a productive pathshala year filled with many opportunities. Working together, we will inspire success and a lifetime of learning Jainism.

Regards

Hemant Shah

JSNE Pathshala Team