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Dear Sādharmik Members, Jai Jinendra and Pranām

Congratulations to all JSMC members on the 25th year of our temple at Chicago. Today, JSMC is a role model Sangh across the world, wherein all Jain Sects worship and bond together as one community. It is only with the Krupa and blessings of Shree Shāsan Dev that our Sangh now boasts of nearly 2000 families as life members.

In 1968, a handful of Jain families with limited resources and a strong faith in Jain religion sowed the seeds of an organization incorporated as "Jain Society of Metropolitan Chicago". Their dreams became a reality when, after efforts of many visionary leaders in 1992-93, we inaugurated North America's first Shikhar Bandhi Derāsar in Bartlett, IL along with a grand community center on a 17.5 acre land. The next decade saw a major growth in our membership and thanks to our ambitious leaders, generous donors and dedicated volunteers, our facility was expanded in 2009 to a 78,000 SF facility that we use today.

It is with great pride and joy that we will hold a grand celebration of the 25th Pratisthā Anniversary from Friday, June 22nd to Sunday, July 1st 2018. **SAVE THE DATE.** Here are few highlights of the 10-day program that is now under planning:

Religious Activities	Entertainment	Other Ceremonies
- Bhavya Replica of Giriraj Shatrunjay - Bhavya Replica of Shri Asthapadji Tirth - Adhar Abhishek - Dhwaja Changing Ceremony - Pooja/Poojan/Vidhan - Samvedana/Bhavyatra - Atmasiddhi Parayan - Bhaktamar Jaap - Pravachan by prominent dignitaries	Sheth Motisha – a Professional Play Maharaja Kumarpal – a Professional Play Nem-Rajul – Nrutya Natika, JSMC home production Karmic Forces – Play by Pathshala Students - Music by Ashish Mehta, Vicky Parekh & Group	- Youth Programs - Jainism Exhibition - Mahavir Gallery Inauguration Saraswati Devi Pratimaji Sthapana Gurudev Shri Chitrabhanuji Bust Inauguration - Grand Float Procession - Interfaith Diaspora

Our goal and focus has always remained around three main pillars – Our Members, Our Religion, and Our Financial Strength, while providing a platform for the community for religious and social activities, as well as bonding.

Year 2017 was yet another remarkable year for JSMC! As a Sangh, with collective effort from our esteemed members, donors, and volunteers, we achieved many goals and milestones. We thank you from the bottom of our heart for your continued dedicated support and love for JSMC and for participating in 142 days of year-round activities and 48 distinct events. It was a busy, but a very engaging year at JSMC! Detailed report presented during last AGM meeting is available at <http://bit.ly/jsmc-agm2017> and year-end financial summary is available at <http://bit.ly/jsmcfinancialDec2017>.

As you can see from our AGM report, we achieved many milestones collectively with support from all of you. But we are not done yet. Current ECBOT and many past leaders continue to build the vision for longer term strength and sustainability of JSMC as a community, and as a part of that vision, we have a roadmap to achieve together. Long term vision includes master facility and beautification plan, humanitarian and social community center, stronger student scholarship program, plan for well-formed youth, women, and seniors' organizations, and finally, as always, plan for sustained unity, love, compassion and respect for each other!

We thank you again and invite you and your family to join and participate in upcoming major event Äyambil Oli and Mahavir Janma Kalyānak celebration. Also please block days for the 25th Pratisthā Anniversary celebration and attend as best as you can. Reach out to us to lead, volunteer and contribute towards the celebrations.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and the Executive Committee,

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**BOT Roles and responsibility:**

Per Constitution Article II (a) of the JSMC by-laws as adopted on March 29th, 2015 (Roles and Responsibilities of Trustees), the Board has assigned the following roles and responsibilities to collaborate with Executive Committee (EC) members as may be needed. The policy and budgetary decisions remain vested with the Board, however, day-to-day execution of tasks would be a responsibility of the EC.

Task/Role/Committee	Board Members
1. Capital Projects	Surendra Shah, Vasant Shah
2. Constitution, Legal, Advisory, Policy & Procedures	Jignesh Jain, Surendra Shah
3. Finance, Accounting & Budgeting	Jignesh Jain, Himanshu Jain
4. Facility Management, Rentals, Employee Management & Food	Hitesh R Shah, Himanshu Jain
5. Communication & Public Relations	Jignesh Jain, Tejas Shah
6. Liaison to EC & Event Management	Atul Shah, Hitesh R Shah
7. Liaison to Affiliates, Education & Library	Tejas Shah, Vasant Shah
8. Fund Raising & Long Range Planning	ALL

According to article **XI. B, C & D** of the JSMC Constitution as adopted on March 29th, 2015, the Board has appointed following members for the **Membership Screening Committee, Advisory Council** and **Ombudsman Council**. Congratulations to all members of these committees. Advisory Council and Ombudsman Council have selected their Chairman of their councils.

- The **Advisory Council** will help identify constructive projects and activities in accordance with the Society's objectives and will make recommendations to the Board
- The role of the **Ombudsman Council** is to ensure that the society's business is conducted in accordance of the Constitution and By-laws
- The **Membership Screening Committee** is responsible for ensuring that we are adding new JSMC life members based on a set of consistent screening guidelines

Committee	Members
Advisory Council	Chetan Shah, Dipak Doshi, Dipak Kapadia, Dr. Rajendra Shah, Dr. Shailesh Zaveri, Hemendra Shah, Mahendra Shah, Mahir Taswala, Mitesh Kamdar, Prabodh Vaidya and Ravindra Kobawala
Ombudsman Council	Arvind Shah, Hemant Shah, Mukesh Doshi, Prabodh Vaidya, Samprati Shah
Membership Screening Committee	Bharat Kothari, Pallavi Kobawala, Pragnesh Shah (Lead) , Sharad Jain, Yashvant Shah

Update on Projects

We are happy to inform you about the status of various projects that were completed recently or are in progress

- ◇ **Bhandar & Trigadu** designs have been approved and wood carving is currently going on. Delivery expected by April, 2018
- ◇ **Ceiling & Dome project** — we are currently looking into resolving water leakage issue through shikhar that has resurfaced. In parallel we are working with FRP professionals, architect & structural engineer to get detailed design & costing before we sanction the manufacturer of ceiling tiles
- ◇ **Children's Playground** — Budget was approved for this and it will be worked upon as part of our Master Facility Plan
- ◇ **New Chairs** — We are working on replacing our 25-year old dining area chairs by new chairs. This will also help our facility rentals besides improving member experience
- ◇ **Route 59 Left Turn** — IL Department of Transportation is finally expected to start road work on Route 59 (including a left turn light southbound into JSMC) in April this year
- ◇ **Front Lot** — After detailed discussion & Construction Committee recommendation, we have decided to demolish the house in the front lot that we purchased last year. The reclaimed land will be used in future projects



Mar 23 - Apr 1: Ayambil Oli, Mar 30 - Apr 1: Mahavir Janma Kalyanak

JSMC is honored to have **Panditvarya Shri Parasbhai Shah** during Ayambil Oli and Mahavir Janma Kalyanak Celebrations. Parasbhai is from Mumbai, India. He has studied Jain Philosophy at Yashovijayji Jain Sanskrit Pathshala in Mahesana, Gujarat and in 2001 obtained Sidhhipatrak. He has imparted knowledge to more than 300 Sadhu and Sadhvi Maharaj, anchored more than 33 Diksha Programmes and guided many Diksharthi on Achar and other matters. He has conducted Jainism Classes, religious Shibirs and Paryushan Mahaparva Aradhana internationally for past 10 years. He has also handled many poojans and aaradhanas including 18 Abhishek, Gautam Labdhi, Ashtaprakari, 108 Parshva Padmavati, Navgraha, Laghu Shanti Snatra, Panch Kalyanak, 12 Vrata, Anjan Shalaka, Patistha Mahotsav, etc.



Sponsorship opportunities for Swamivatsalya are available (see below details). JSMC welcomes partial sponsorships of \$500 or more from multiple donors. Please contact **General Secretary, President** or any **JSMC ECBOT member**.

Tentative Program Outline

Date	Time	Description
Fri, Mar 23 rd to Thu, Mar 29 th	12:00 to 1:30pm	Daily Ayambil (Opportunity to sponsor entire Ayambil Oli Aaradhana is available for \$3,501)
	10:30am to 12:00pm	Morning Pravachan by Shri Parasbhai Shah
	8:00 to 9:30pm	Evening Pravachan by Shri Parasbhai Shah
Fri, Mar 30 th	12:00 to 1:30pm	Daily Ayambil
	10:30am to 12:00pm	Morning Pravachan by Shri Parasbhai Shah
	2:00 to 3:00pm	Abhinav Samayik & Prashnottari with Shri Parasbhai Shah
	8:00 to 9:30pm	Evening Pravachan by Shri Parasbhai Shah
Sat, Mar 31 st	10:00 to 11:00am	Laghu Sidhdhachakra Poojan
	10:00am onwards	Chaitri Poonam Pat Darshan (Sponsorship Opportunity available for \$1,201. Multiple families can participate) Ladoo Ganthia Prabhavna will be served throughout the day until Sunset
	11:00am to 12:15pm	Morning Pravachan by Shri Parasbhai Shah
	12:00 to 1:30pm	Daily Ayambil & Afternoon Swamivatsalya (Sponsorship Opportunity available for \$2,501. Up to three families can participate)
	1:30 to 5:00pm	Vis Sthanak Poojan (Main Labharthi - \$401 [only 3], Small Pithika - \$75 [only 45], Ashtaprakari Pooja - Gheeboli)
	5:30 to 7:00pm	Evening Swamivatsalya (Sponsorship Opportunity available for \$4,001. Up to three families can participate)
	7:00 to 8:00pm	ECBOT Presentation and 25th Anniversary Update
	8:00 to 10:30pm	Mangal Deep ceremony with Dignitaries and Chief Guest, Cultural Program
Sun, Apr 1 st	8:30 to 10:00am	Ayambil Parna (Sponsorship Opportunity available for \$1,001 per family. Multiple families can participate)
	9:00am to 12:00pm	Digambar Puja
	10:30am to 12:00pm	Morning Pravachan by Shri Parasbhai Shah
	12:00 to 1:30pm	Afternoon Swamivatsalya (Sponsorship Opportunity available for \$2,001. Up to three families can participate)
	1:00 to 5:30pm	Declamation Contest (Sponsor Opportunity available for \$2,001)
	5:30pm to 7:00pm	Evening Swamivatsalya (Sponsorship Opportunity available for \$1,501. Up to three families can participate)

Ayambil Oli Pravachan Topics		
Date	Morning Topics	Evening Topics
Fri, Mar 23 rd	અહંથી અહંમ તરફ પ્રયાણ	અરિહંતે શરણં પવજ્જામિ
Sat, Mar 24 th	સર્વથી શૂન્ય તરફ પ્રયાણ	સિદ્ધે શરણં પવજ્જામિ
Sun, Mar 25 th	અનાચારથી આચાર તરફ પ્રયાણ	આચાર્ય શરણં પવજ્જામિ
Mon, Mar 26 th	અપૂર્ણતાથી પૂર્ણતા તરફ પ્રયાણ	ઉપાધ્યાય શરણં પવજ્જામિ
Tue, Mar 27 th	રાગથી વૈરાગ્ય તરફ પ્રયાણ	સાધુ શરણં પવજ્જામિ
Wed, Mar 28 th	અશુદ્ધતાથી શુદ્ધતા તરફ પ્રયાણ	દર્શન શરણં પવજ્જામિ
Thu, Mar 29 th	છદ્મસ્થતાથી કૈવલ્ય તરફ પ્રયાણ	જ્ઞાન શરણં પવજ્જામિ
Fri, Mar 30 th	અતિચારથી નિરતિચાર તરફ પ્રયાણ	ચારિત્ર શરણં પવજ્જામિ
Sat, Mar 31 st	શૂન્યથી સંપૂર્ણ તરફ પ્રયાણ	No Pravachan
Sun, Apr 1 st	તપ શરણં પવજ્જામિ	No Pravachan

Please NOTE following instruction for Daily Ayambil:

1. **RSVP is required** for **Daily Ayambil** at JSMC or Food Pick-up. You can collect Ayambil Passes in Advance once you RSVP
2. Ayambil Food will be available for **pick up after all seated Tapasvi Ayambils are done**. Food Pick-up with RSVP will get priority
3. JSMC encourages all Tapasvis to **bring their own utensils and avoid Paper products usage**. Cleaning facility is available

Vardhaman Tap Foundation (વર્ધમાન તપ પાયો) at JSMC

We are pleased to announce initiation of Vardhaman Tap foundation (વર્ધમાન તપ પાયો) at JSMC starting Monday, March 12th 2018. If you are interested in initiating the Vardhaman Tap then for better planning please register online at <http://bit.ly/vardhamantappayo>.



Ayambil Oli & Mahavir Janma Kalyanak

શ્રી વીસ સ્થાનક પદ પૂજન - શનિવારે, માર્ચ ૩૧ બપોરે ૧:૩૦ કલાકે

Sponsorship Opportunity: નાની પીઠિકા નો નકરો ફક્ત ૭૫ ડોલર અને મુખ્ય પીઠિકા ફક્ત ૪૦૧ ડોલર છે (ફક્ત ૩ ઉપલબ્ધ)

શ્રી વીસ સ્થાનક પદના કોઈ પણ એક પદની આરાધના પણ તીર્થંકર નામકર્ણ બાંધી શકે છે. શ્રી શિકાગો જૈન સંઘમાં શ્રી વીસ સ્થાનક ના પૂજન દ્વારા આરાધના કરવાનો અવસર આવ્યો છે. સકળ સંઘને લાભ લેવા માટે સુંદર તક છે. વીસ સ્થાનક તપ કરનાર માટે આ વિશિષ્ટ તક છે. નવપદ, ગોયમપદ, અભિનવ જ્ઞાનપદ, સંયમપદ જેવા પદોના પૂજનથી આપણા સંઘમાં પુણ્યવૃદ્ધિ થશે. સર્વ જીવોને શાંતિ સમાધિ અને કલ્યાણની પ્રાપ્તિ થશે. આ પૂજનમાં લાભ લેવા મુખ્ય પીઠિકા નો નકરો ફક્ત ૪૦૧ ડોલર છે (ફક્ત ૩ પીઠિકા ઉપલબ્ધ છે) અને નાની પીઠિકા નો નકરો ફક્ત ૭૫ ડોલર છે.



Shri Vis Sthanak Pad Poojan—Saturday, March 31st at 1:30 pm

Sponsorship Opportunity: Small Pithika - \$75 each; Main Pithika - \$401 [Only 3 available]

It is said that doing Aaradhana of even one pad of the twenty pads of Vees Sthanak will lead you towards the path of being Tirthankar. At Chicago Jain Sangh we are blessed with an invaluable opportunity to perform Vis Sthanak Pad Poojan during this Mahavir Janma Kalyanak celebration. It is believed that Poojan of this Vis Sthanak brings Peace, Health and Divine bliss to the community. You can participate in the Poojan with a pledge of **\$401 per Main Pithika (3 available)** OR reserve a **Small Pithika** with a pledge of only **\$75 per pithika**.

For more information please contact [Religious Secretary](#) OR [Jt. Secretary](#).

19th Annual MJK Declamation Contest – April 1, 2018 at 1:00pm

Age 8 to 9 years	Age 10 to 13 years	Age 14 to 18 years	Age 19 and above
A letter to Mahavir Swami	The Tirth I Love	Destiny VS Self-Effort	My Vision for JSMC's next 25 years

JSMC awards 3 prizes in each age group. If we have more than 15 participants in the first 3 groups then we will award 4th & 5th place prizes. Trophies will be given to 1st 3 places in all the groups. Group 4 will not be given Cash Prize. Members are encouraged to award individual prizes to all the contestants. You can register for declamation contest by visiting <http://bit.ly/19Declamation>

Please Contact [Education Secretary](#), [Dr. Mukesh Doshi](#), or [Jt Secretary](#) for registration or more details

Upcoming Lecture Series (Until June 2018)

Atmarprit Smrutiji Lecture Series Mar 13 - 17	Shri Fulchandji Shashtri Lecture Series May 3 - 5	Dr. Hukamchand Bharilji Lecture Series June 8 - 13
 Lecture Topic Tue, Mar 13 to Fri, Mar 16 7:45 to 9:30 pm Samyak Darshan Sat, Mar 17: 10 am to 12 pm Key to Happiness	 Lectures Date & Time Thu, May 3: ચૈતન્ય ચમત્કાર Fri, May 4: આત્માનુભૂતિ તથા તત્ત્વવિચાર Time: 8 to 9:30 PM Sat, May 5: 10 am to 12 pm: ધર્મ અને વિજ્ઞાન 1 to 1:30 pm: સમાધિ મરણ	 Lectures Date & Time Fri, Jun 8 & Sat, Jun 9 8:00 to 9:30 pm Sun, Jun 10: 10 am to 12 pm 1:30 to 2:30 pm Mon, Jun 11 to Wed, Jun 13: 8 to 9:30 pm

Tentative List of Dignitaries Visiting JSMC in year 2018 (excluding 25th Anniversary)

Month	Event	Dignitary	Month	Event	Dignitary
Mar 13-17	Lecture Series	Atmaprit Smrutiji	Jul 5-11	Lecture Series	Shri Vipinji Jain
Mar 23-Apr 1	Ayambil Oli & Mahavir Jayanti	Panditvarya Shri Parasbhai Shah	Aug 25-28	Lecture Series	Smt. Rupaben Shah
May 3-5	Discourses	Shri Fulchandji Shashtri	Sep 14-23	Das Laxana	Shri Sanjayji Shashtri
Apr 6	Live Vyakhyan	Panyas Acharya Mahabodhi Vijayji MS	Oct 16-25	Aso Mas Oli	Shri Girishbhai Shah (Tentative)
Jun 8-13	Lecture Series	Dr. Shri Hukamchand Bharilji	Nov 5-12	Diwali	TBD
Jun 22 - Jul 1	25th Anniversary	See details about 25th Anniversary			

For more information please contact [President](#) or [Education Secretary](#)

Please NOTE: Vehicles NOT PARKED in the designated PARKING AREA will be TOWED away at OWNERS Expense.



25th Anniversary Celebration Highlights



In 1970 a handful of Jain families with limited resources and a strong faith in Jain religion sowed seeds of an organization incorporated as "The Jain Society of Metropolitan Chicago". They dreamt of creating a community that will become a support system for families to come in future. Their dreams became a reality when after efforts of many visionary leaders in 1992-93 we inaugurated North America's first Shikhar Bandhi Derasar in Bartlett, IL along with a grand community center on a 17.5 acre land. The next decade saw a major growth in our membership and thanks to our visionary leaders, generous donors and dedicated volunteers in 2009 the then facility was expanded to a 78,000 SF facility that we use today.

Today with 1900 families as life members, JSMC has become a role model sangh in entire world where all Sects of Jainism worship together with respect and peace. It is with great pride and joy that **Sanghpatis Prabodh & Lata Vaidya, Jayendra & Leena Shah, Sanjay & Hemali Shah, Kishor & Rashmi Shah and Dr. Shailesh & Mayuri Zaveri** would like to invite the entire Jain Sangh of JSMC for a grand celebration of 25th Pratistha Anniversary between Friday, June 22nd to Sunday, July 1st 2018.

Tentative Program Outline (may change based on Dignitary schedule) Youth Programs are being finalized (stay tuned!)

Day	Time	Event	Day	Time	Event
Fri, Jun 22 nd	Evening	- Mangal Deep Ceremony - Swagatam – Musical Performance - Blessings by Dignitaries - Giriraj Vandana – Inauguration of Giriraj Shatrunjay Darshan - Celebration with Raas Garba with Shri Ashish Mehta & Group	Thurs, Jun 28 th	Morning	Pravachan by Smt Tarlaben Doshi
				Afternoon	- Bhaktamar Smaran - Shashan Vandana - Mini Youth Shibir by Shri Jinaybhai Shah
				Evening	"Rishton Ki Dor" – a Musical by Shri Vicky Parekh
Sat, Jun 23 rd	Morning	- Digambar Abhishek with Shri Dr. Sanjivji Godha - Exhibition Opening Ceremony	Fri, Jun 29 th	Morning	Digambar Vidhan by Swami Shri Bhattarakji
	Afternoon	- Poojan by Shri Hiteshbhai Vidhikar, Shri Ashish Mehta & Group* - Inauguration of Mahavir Swami 27th Bhav (Life) Gallery		Afternoon	Parshwanath Panch Kalyanak Poojan by Shri Narendra Nandu, Shri Vicky Parkeh*
	Evening	Sheth Motisha – Professional Play by Rangat Production		Evening	- Opening Ceremony of Saraswati Devi Darshanik Pratimaji in Prayer Hall - Keynote by Mr. Sajan Shah – Youth Motivational Speaker - Nem-Rajul – Nrutya Natika, a JSMC Home Production
Sun, Jun 24 th	Morning	Digambar Vidhan by Shri Dr. Sanjivji Godha	Sat, Jun 30 th	Morning	- Gurudev Chitrabhanuji's Bust Inauguration Ceremony - Float Procession with all Dignitaries & Guests
	Afternoon	- Adhar Abhishek with Shri Hiteshbhai Vidhikar, Shri Ashish Mehta & Group - Ashtapad Vandana - Inauguration of Ashtapad Darshan		Afternoon	- Swagatam – Classical Dance Performances - Interfaith Dignitaries Diaspora – Invited Dignitaries and Local Faith Leaders
	Evening	- Bhakti, Blessings by Dignitaries - Karmik Forces – Play by Pathshala students		Evening	- Mangal Deep with Chief Guest – Prominent Political Leader & Invited Dignitaries - Dignitaries Abhivadan - Grand Finale Cultural Program - Keynote by Mr. Rahul Kapoor – a renowned motivational Speaker
Mon, Jun 25 th	Morning	Pravachan by Swami Shri Shrutprgyaji	Sun, Jul 1 st	Morning	- Derasar Dhawaja Pooja with Shri Narendra Nandu, Swami Shri Bhattarakji, Vicky Parekh - Pradakshina & Dhawaja Ceremony
	Afternoon	Samvedana by Shri Ashish Mehta & Group			
	Evening	- Cultural Program - 1 - Pravachan by Shri Rakeshbhai Jhaveri			
Tue, Jun 26 th	Morning	Pravachan by Shri Rakeshbhai Jhaveri	Sun, Jul 1 st	Afternoon	Bruhad Shanti Maha Poojan by Shri Narendra Nandu, Vicky Parkeh & Group*
	Afternoon	Pravachan by Shri Rakeshbhai Jhaveri			
	Evening	- Cultural Program – 2 - Maharaja Kumarpal – Professional Play by Rangat Production			
Wed, Jun 27 th	Morning	Pravachan by TBD)	Mon, Jul 2 nd	Evening	"Bhakti Ki Raat" – a Musical by Shri Vicky Parekh & Group - Closing Remarks by Shri Sajan Shah - Thank you from JSMC
	Afternoon	Ashtapad Bhavyatra by Shri Lalitbhai Dhami, Jinaybhai Shah and Ashsh Mehta			
	Evening	Atmasiddhi Parayan by Shri Ashish Mehta & Group			
				Morning	Dhwar Opening Ceremony



25th Anniversary Celebration Highlights

25th Anniversary Sponsorship Opportunity

Sanghpati - \$21,125
All 5 names received

Platinum Sponsor -
\$11,125

Gold Sponsor -
\$5,125

Silver Sponsor -
\$1,125
2 names received

Gurudev Chitrabhanuji
Bust Sponsor - \$25,125
(up to 5 sponsors)

Labharthi of
Mahavir
Swami Gallery
- \$1,125 (up to
27 sponsors)

Prabhavana
Sponsor -
\$11,125

Labharthi of
Saraswati Devi
Pratimaji Sthapana
- Starting Gheeboli:
\$5,125

Celebrating a Milestone event of 25th Anniversary for Jain Temple of Chicago is once in a life time opportunity. ECBOT and Anniversary Planning Team are working for a grandeur plan to celebrate this event. For this we need lot of generosity from you the donors who have been the back bone of our community. The picture on the side shows all the Initial Sponsorship opportunities available for the 25th anniversary celebrations. If you are interested in sponsoring any of the category then please contact any Fund Raising Team OR ECBOT Member OR send an email to fr-25@jsmcoffice.com and someone will contact you immediately.

Dignitaries, Aaradhak & Sangeetkar Blessings



*Smt. Sudhaben Sheth



Dr. Shri Sanjeevji Godha



Swasthi Shri Bhattacharjaji



Gurudev Shri Chitrabhanuji



*P.P. Acharya Shri Ratnasundarsuri Maharajsaheb



#Gurudev Shri Jinchandraji



Acharya Shri Lokeshmuniji



Gurudev Shri Rakeshbhai Zaveri



Swami Shri Shrutpragyaji



Sajjan Shah



Aashish Mehta



Jinaybhai Shah



Shri Kumarpal B. Desai



Smt. Tarlaben Doshi



Smt. Pramodaji



Shri Hiteshbhai Shah



Shri Lalitbhai Dhami



Shri Narendrabhai Nandu



Vicky Parekh



Rahul Kapoor

* - Blessings Only via recorded video # - Presence yet to confirm

We Love Volunteers!

Putting together one of the best event of the past 25 years requires that we all come together to make this a big success. A lot of ground in terms of defining and planning the event has been done and a lot more needs to be covered. This is by no means a task for only few of us but it needs involvement from each and everyone of you. We are seeking for leaders, helpers and most importantly active volunteers in various area of planning and execution of the 25th anniversary. If you are interested in volunteering for the event then **JOIN THE TEAM** - Sign Up TODAY at <http://bit.ly/25volunteer>

Do Some Satkarya!

<http://bit.ly/jsmcsatkarya>

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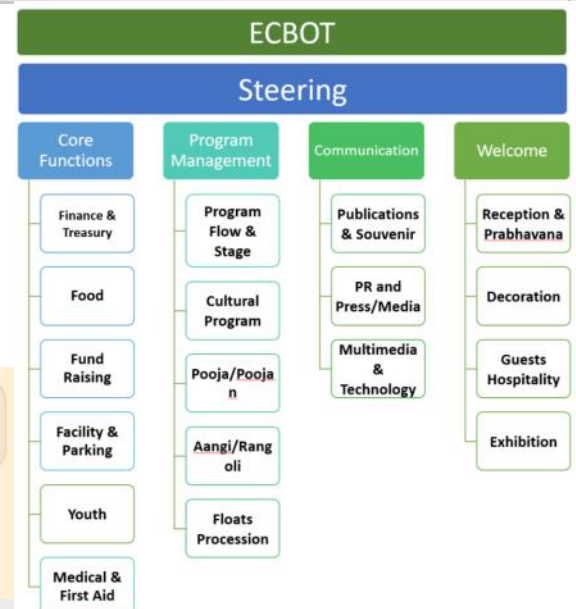
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Goal is to reach at least 25 in each Category





JSMC Tentative Events List for the Year 2018

January

Mon 15 th	Shree Aadinath Bhagwan Moksh Kalyanak	શ્રી આદિનાથ ભગવાન
Sun, 21 st	Pavagadh Poojan	પાવાગઢ પૂજન
Sat, 28 th	Lock-in	

February

Sat, 17 th	JSMC Bowling	
Wed, 28 th	Chaumasi Chaudas	ચૌમાસી ચૌદસ

March

Sat, 3 rd	JSMC Ski Trip	
Fri, 9 th	Varshitap Starts	વર્ષીતપ પ્રારંભ
Fri, 23 rd to Sun, Apr 1 st	Ayambil Oli	આયંબીલ ઓળી
Sat, 31 st	Chaitri Poonam - Pat Darshan	ચૈત્રી પૂનમ - પટ દર્શન
Fri, 30 th to Sun, Apr 1 st	Shree Mahavir Janma Kalyaanak Celebration	શ્રી મહાવીર જન્મ કલ્યાણક ઉજવણી

April

Sun, 8 th	Shrimad Rajchandra Samadhidin	શ્રીમદ્ રાજચંદ્ર સમાધી દીન
Sun, 15 th	Shree Simandhar Swami Janma Kalyaanak Celebration	શ્રી સીમંધર સ્વામી જન્મ કલ્યાણક ઉજવણી
Sun, 15 th	Shri Kanjishwami Janma Jayanti	શ્રી કાનજીસ્વામી જન્મ જયંતિ
Wed, 18 th	Varsitap Parna Celebration	વર્ષીતપ પારણા ઉજવણી
Sun, 22 nd	Chakreshwari Devi Poojan	ચક્કેશ્વરી દેવી પૂજન
Sun, 22 nd	Shri Laghurajswami Samadhidin	શ્રી લઘુરાજસ્વામી સમાધી દીન
Wed, 25 th	Shree Mahavir Swami Keval Gyan Kalyaanak	શ્રી મહાવીર સ્વામી કેવળ જ્ઞાન કલ્યાણક

May

Sun, Apr 22 nd & Sun, 6 th	JSMC Health Fair	
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June

Fri, 22 nd to Sun, Jul 1 st	25th Temple Anniversary Celebration	25th દેરાસર વર્ષગાંઠ ઉજવણી
Sat, 30 th to Wed, Jul 4 th	YJA Convention	

July

Thu, 26 th	Chaumasi Chaudas Pratikraman	ચૌમાસી ચૌદસ પ્રતિક્રમણ
Sat, 28 th	JSMC Mela	
Sun, 29 th	Gurupurnima Atmasidhi Bhakti	ગુરુ પુર્ણિમા આત્મસિદ્ધિ ભક્તિ

August

Sun, 26 th	Benshri Champaben Janma Jayanti	બેનશ્રી ચંપાબેન જન્મ જયંતિ
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September

Sun, 2 nd	Shri Brahmchariji Janmadin	શ્રી ભ્રમચારીજી જન્મદીન
Thu, 6 th to Thu, 13 th	Paryushan Parva	પર્યુષણ પર્વ
Sun, 9 th	Shree Mahavir Swami Janma Vanchan	શ્રી મહાવીર સ્વામી જન્મ વાંચન
Fri, 14 th	Tapasvi Parna and Aalochana Bhakti	તપસ્વી પારણા અને આલોચના ભક્તિ
Fri, 14 th to Sun, 23 rd	Das Laxana Parva	દસ લક્ષણા પર્વ
Sun, 30 th	Tapasvi Bahuman	તપસ્વી બહુમાન

October

Fri, 12 th & Sat, 13 th	JSMC hosted Garba	ગરબા
Tue, 16 th to Thu 25 th	Ayambil Oli	આયંબીલ ઓળી
Sun, 21 st	Shree Manibhadra Vir Pooja	શ્રી માણીભદ્રવીર પૂજા
Sun, 21 st	Shri Vidyasagar Maharaj Janma Jayanti	શ્રી વિદ્યાસાગર મહારાજ જન્મ જયંતિ
Sun, 21 st	Shri Aryika Gyanmati Mataji Janma Jayanti	શ્રી આર્યિકા જ્ઞાનમતી માતાજી જન્મ જયંતિ
Sun, 28 th	Shri Atmasiddhi Namaskardin	શ્રી આત્મસિદ્ધી નમસ્કારદીન
	Annual General Body Meeting	ઝનરલ બોડી મીટિંગ

November

Mon, 5 th to Mon, 12 th	Diwali Celebration	દિવાળી
Mon, 5 th	Dhan Teras	ધન તેરસ
Tue, 6 th	Shree Ghantakarna Vir Poojan	શ્રી ઘંટાકર્ણવીર પૂજન
Wed, 7 th	Mahavir Nirvan Kalyaanak	મહાવીર નિર્વાણ કલ્યાણક
Wed, 7 th	Diwali & Garnu Ganvanu	દિવાળી અને ગરણુ ગણવાનુ
Thu, 8 th	New Year Day	બેસનુ વર્ષ
Mon, 5 th to Thu, 8 th	Samadhimaran Mala	સમાધીમરણ માળા
Mon, 12 th	Gyan Panchami – Desavagasi Samayik Aaradhana	જ્ઞાન પંચમી - દેસાવગાસી સામાયિક આરાધના
Sun, 18 th	Shri Brahmchariji Samadhi Din	શ્રી ભ્રમચારીજી સમાધિ દિન
Thu, 22 nd	Chaumasi Chaudas Pratikraman	ચૌમાસી ચૌદસ પ્રતિક્રમણ
Fri, 23 rd	Pat Darshan	પટ દર્શન
Sun, 25 th	Shrimad Rajchandra Janmadin	શ્રીમદ્ રાજચંદ્ર જન્મ દીન

November

Thu, 30 th	Maun Agiyaaras	મૌન અગિયારસ
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Please note: Event updates, visiting dignitaries and their lecture series will be shared via email and website as they get finalized.



Upcoming Events

Shrimad Rajchandra Samadhidin Sunday, April 8, 2018

Shrimad Rajchandra Bhakti will be held between 10:30 am and 12:00 pm. Please contact **Yashvant Shah** at (630) 295-5587 or **Ramesh Desai** at (847) 995-1015 for program details.

Shree Simandhar Swami Janma Kalyaanak Sunday, April 15, 2018

We will celebrate this event with Snatra Puja and Ashtha Prakari Puja of Shri Simandharswami followed by Swamivatsalya. **JSMC welcomes sponsorship \$1,001 for this event.** Contact any *committee member* for details.

Shri Laghurajswami Samadhidin Sunday, April 22, 2018

Shrimad Rajchandra and Laghurajswami Bhakti will be held between 10:30 am and 12:00 pm. Please contact **Yashvant Shah** at (630) 295-5587 or **Ramesh Desai** at (847) 995-1015 for program details.

Shri Kanjswami Janma Jayanti Sunday, April 15, 2018

Pujya Shri Gurudev Kanjswami Janma Jayanti celebrations will be held in Derasar. Please contact **Tanmay Shah** at (847) 903-9511 or **Falguni Gosalia** at (224) 226-3995 for program details and sponsorship opportunity.

Varsitap Tapasvi Parna Celebration Wednesday, April 18, 2018



JSMC is fortunate to celebrate the auspicious occasion of Varsitap Parna for our Varsitap Tapasvis **Smt. Parulben Jayeshbhai Shah** and **Smt. Jigisha Ketan Shah**. This is Parulben's sixth Varsitap Aaradhna.

As a celebration, there will be Ikshu Ras Abhishek on Shree Aadinath Bhagwan followed by Snatra Pooja and Swamivatsalya. **Contact any committee members to sponsor this auspicious event.** Details of available sponsorship opportunities will be announced later.

Ongoing Swadhyaya Series

JSMC is pleased to announce following ongoing Swadhyaya Series

- ♦ **JSMC General Swadhyaya** - 3rd Sunday 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Coordinator - **Dr. Parimal Parekh** (815) 618-8738
- ♦ **Jin Tatva Swadhyaya** - Mon to Thu 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM and Sun 11:15 AM to 12:30 PM. Coordinator - **Falguni Shah-Gosalia** (224) 226-3995 and **Nipun Narechani** (847) 848-3180
- ♦ **Raj Parivar Swadhyaya** - Every 2nd and 4th Sunday 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Coordinator - **Mitesh Kamdar** (847) 736-7982

For more information on various swadhyayas please contact their respective coordinator OR President or Vice President.



JSMC Health Fair 2017 - Sunday, April 22 & Sunday, May 6 2018

As part of community service initiatives, JSMC is proud to conduct the annual Health Fair. We have many doctors providing their free services to this noble cause. JSMC appreciates their support.

Day 1 - April 22, 2018

Diagnostic Blood Screening, EKG, Carotid, Echocardiogram Screening, and Bone Density Checkup.
All Tests are Free

Day 2 - May 6, 2018

Blood Pressure Check-up, Hearing Tests, and Health related discussions with Primary Care Physicians.
Specialist Consultation & Blood Report Screening.
All consultation is Free

Registration will be setup Online
Exclusively Organized for **JSMC Life Members Only**

If you are not a member and would like to become one, visit—
www.jsmcmember.org.

Sponsor the entire event for only \$3,501.

Please contact [Membership Secretary](#) or [Jt. Treasurer](#) or [General Secretary](#) for more details.



Pathshala

Pathshala Registration for year 2018

- Year 2018 enrollment is still open - visit app.jsmcmember.org or contact **Membership Secretary**
- Yearly Pathshala Registration Fee is \$35 per student. **After Mar 1st** it will be \$51 per student.
- Registration Fee includes all Pathshala books, book bag and lunch after each class for all participating students.

Pathshala Lunch Sponsorship

- JSMC Pathshala Lunch Sponsorship is just \$501 and many spots are still available for the year 2018. Sponsoring a Pathshala lunch would be an excellent opportunity to celebrate yours or your loved one's special event
- Check out the [Pathshala Lunch Sponsorship](http://bit.ly/pathshalalunchsponsorship) (<http://bit.ly/pathshalalunchsponsorship>) page on our website. Please contact **Education Secretary** or **Food Secretary** for availability and participation.
- For details on Pathshala visit us at www.jsmonline.org/pathshala.asp or email at pathshala@jsmcoffice.com

IT Help Needed

JSMC is embarking on a journey to retool its IT platform. We need help from IT developers, testers and analysts to work on this project. If you have an expertise in one of these areas then please contact [General Secretary](#) OR [Jt. Secretary](#) to become part of the team.



Thanks to JSMC Extended Teams and Volunteers.

To join the team contact volunteers@jsmcoffice.com.

JSMC Balance Sheet Summary - 2017

As of December 31, 2017 (unaudited)

ASSETS	
Current Assets - Bank Accounts	\$3,885,095
Current Assets - Accounts Receivable	\$345,433
Fixed Assets	\$11,018,104
Total Assets	\$15,248,632
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Current Liabilities	\$45,385
Long Term Liabilities	\$280,501
Equity	\$14,922,746
Total Liabilities And Equity	\$15,248,632

JSMC Income & Expense - 2017

As of December 31, 2017 (unaudited)

Total Income	\$1,870,681
Total Expenses	\$ 672,961
Net Income	\$1,197,720

JSMC Statement of Cash Flows - 2017

January - December 2017 (unaudited)

Cash as of January 1, 2017	\$3,029,518
Cash as of December 31, 2017	\$3,885,097
Net Cash Increase (Decrease)	\$855,579

For any questions regarding accounting details at JSMC, please contact [Treasurer](#) at (847) 477-7160 or [Jt. Treasurer](#) at (708) 372-1748 Or Email at finance@jsmcoffice.com. Year ending financial summary is available at <http://bit.ly/jsmcfinancialDec2017>

Budget, Lifetime Supporter and Fixed Pledge Opportunities

Expense Budget for Year 2018

Expense Category	Amount
Salaries (salary, payroll, work comp)	\$ 130,000
Office Supplies, postage & printing	\$ 25,000
Utilities (phone, gas, electric)	\$ 70,000
Kitchen (supplies & groceries)	\$ 75,000
Kitchen (payroll)	\$ 75,000
JSMC Programs (including Pathshala)	\$ 55,000
Dignitaries (travel and honorarium)	\$ 35,000
Facility Maintenance	\$ 100,000
Landscaping & Snow Removal	\$ 17,000
Cleaning Service	\$ 45,000
Insurance	\$ 28,000
Finance Charges (audit, CC & bank)	\$ 15,000
Charitable Donation	\$ 5,001
Annual Operating Expense	\$ 675,001
25 th Anniversary	\$ 230,000
Capital Projects and Improvements	\$ 800,000
Total Expense	\$ 1,705,001

Life Time Supporter



JSMC appreciates the ongoing contributions of our **450+ Lifetime Supporters** who have pledged amounts ranging from **\$5,001 to \$365 per year**. Their pledge adds up to **\$213,563** per year and meets about 32% of our annual operating expenses. THANK YOU!!!

For any questions or to participate in the Lifetime Supporter program, please contact treasurer@jsmcoffice.com or JigneshJain-BOT@jsmcoffice.com.

Fixed pledges Opportunities

Existing Fixed Pledges	Available	Donation per family
Outside Lion	AVAILABLE 3	\$8,333
Roop Chowki	AVAILABLE 3	\$25,001
Multi-purpose Room	AVAILABLE 3	\$33,333
New Dining Area	AVAILABLE 3	\$17,001
Samagri Gruh	AVAILABLE 3	\$17,001

Fixed pledge participants name up to 60 characters will be displayed. Amount can be paid in 3 annual installments

JSMC Scholarship Program

JSMC Scholarship and Student Loan Program

We had a very successful first year of the JSMC Scholarship & Loan Program in 2017. We disbursed \$145,000 for 28 college loans or scholarships using an entirely online & confidential process, managed by an independent team of JSMC members. For college year 2018-19, we will be launching the program soon. Stay tuned!



Those interested in contributing to or becoming part of the program, **please contact Trustees Jignesh Jain OR Himanshu Jain.**

Acknowledgement

JSMC Lock In

We had another super successful Lock-in event in January with participation from 130+ kids and 40+ volunteers. The kids had amazing time throughout their stay. After aarti & prayers in the derasar, the kids enjoyed delicious dinner of Ras Puri. The activities then moved to the prayer hall where Kids enjoyed group activities and variety of activity stations worked by our volunteers. From non-stop bouncing on the inflatables to running, jumping, game and movies kids were just having fantastic time. They enjoyed the continuous flow of food with Pizza at Ten, Mid Night Snacks and sleepy ice creams before retiring to their beds while lazily watching movies with Popcorns. The goal of the night was bonding in a team and to make new friends while catching up with old ones. We sincerely hope that your kids would have enjoyed the event and the memories created here will be carried on for years to come. We want to thank all the volunteers without whose support the Lock-In event wouldn't have been secured and fun for all.

Welcome to these new members since update since our last Newsletter

Month	Full Name	City	St	Month	Full Name	City	St
Jun-17	Anuja & Rishi Jaitly	Chicago	IL	Aug-17	Dineshkumar & Ankita Patel	Hoffman Estates	IL
Jul-17	Sagar & Jennifer Doshi	Long Grove	IL	Sep-17	Veeral & Depti Shah	Hanover Park	IL
Aug-17	Bakul & Ranjan Thakkar	Shaumburg	IL	Oct-17	Ruchir Gandhi	Hanover Park	IL
Aug-17	Uthayasen & Shreeyala Agamban	Shaumburg	IL	Oct-17	Jagdishbhai & Jyoti Shah	Hanover Park	IL
Aug-17	Hardik & Khyati Shah	Des Plaines	IL	Nov-17	Smitesh & Smita Shah	Des Plaines	IL
Aug-17	Sandeep & Alpa Mehta	Kalamazoo	MI	Nov-17	Jay & Prachi Shah	Lincolnwood	IL
Aug-17	Bhadresh & Zarana Sheth	Hanover Park	IL	Nov-17	Renuka & Atul Shah	Des Plaines	IL
Aug-17	Abhinandan Madwanna & Pooja Kothadiya	Naperville	IL	Dec-17	Amar Shah	Lombard	IL
Aug-17	Virag & Smiral Shah	Brookfield	IL	Jan-18	Anand & Ronak Shah	Saint Charles	IL

Updated Membership and Pathshala Registration Portal

We are very pleased to inform you that we have upgraded Membership & Pathshala Registration portal with new and improved capabilities like responsive design, new look-n-feel and Mobile Friendly layout.

To access the new Portal visit <http://app.jsmcmember.org> and follow this process:

If you are JSMC Life member OR if not a Member but have registered for Pathshala in the past

1. Click on forgot password and enter your email address you used in old portal
2. You will receive an email with a link to create new password -
3. Click on the link in the email and generate your new password
4. Log on using new credential on the portal
5. Validate your profile including past Pathshala registration and update it if needed - **Please Note:** As per JSMC constitution any Family member over the age of 25 OR married needs to have their own membership
6. To register for pathshala select student one at a time, register to their appropriate level and pay the amount online.
7. As a last step you can opt to become JSMC Life Member if you wish so. We encourage you to become JSMC Life Member

If you are not a JSMC Life Member and have not registered for Pathshala in past then:

1. Click on Register/Become a member and follow step-by-step instruction to create your profile and register for Pathshala
2. As a last step you can opt to become JSMC Life Member if you wish so. We encourage you to become JSMC Life Member

For any questions or queries please contact [Membership Secretary](#).

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Membership Update

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Setup your online profile, if you haven't done yet. Contact membership@jsmcoffice.org if you have any question.

Member Activities

Temple Hours

Weekdays: 8 am – 8 pm

Weekend: 7 am – 9 pm

Weekly Activities

Sunday 9:15 am Digambar Puja

Saturday 9:00 am Yoga & Meditation

Monthly Activities

1st Sunday 11 am Navakar Jaap

1st & 3rd Sunday 11 am Shrimad Rajchandra Bhakti

1st & 3rd Sunday 11 am Pathasala

1st & 3rd Sunday 11 am General Swadhyay

1st & 3rd Sunday 10 am Sutra Classes

1st & 3rd Sunday 10 am Hindi Classes

2nd Sunday 11 am ECBOT office hours

1st Tuesday 8 pm Executive Committee Meeting

3rd Tuesday 8 pm Board of Trustees Meeting

Other Activities

Seminars and Lectures by Scholars and Speakers

Senior Citizen Services, Mahila Mandal

Health fair and Medical Services

Cultural and Musical Programs

JYFC & Youth programs

JSMC welcomes suggestions/comments

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