

# JainTimes

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## MAHAVIRNIRVAAN AND DIWALI CELEBRATION AND ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING

The auspicious occasion of Mahavir Nirvan, which coincides with Diwali - the festival of lights, will be celebrated with Nirvan Pooja on Sunday, December 2 at the Quality Inn in Richfield, OH. The Annual General Body meeting, a Swamivatsalya dinner and a cultural program will follow as per the schedule below.



Nirvan-kshetra pooja and offering of Nirvan Ladu	1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Aarti	3:30 - 3:45 p.m.
Swamivatsalya	3:45 - 5 p.m.
Temple Update	5 - 5:30 p.m.
General Body Meeting	5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Humanitarian Work in India	6:30 - 6:45 p.m.
Cultural Program	6:45 - 7:30 p.m.
Open Raas Garba	7:30 - 8:15 p.m.

The following Agenda is planned for the Annual General Body Meeting:

Approval of General Body Meeting Minutes from the last meeting on April 29, 2007. The meeting minutes will be available on the JSGC website ([www.jsgc.org](http://www.jsgc.org)) for review.

Review of JSGC activities during 2007.

Presentation of Treasurer's report.

Election of Board of Trustees.

Any other business as may properly come before the meeting.



Please plan to attend and call Neha Shah (440) 879-0169 by November 28, 2007 to confirm your attendance for better planning of the Swamivatsalya event.

### SPONSORSHIPS NEEDED:

Total expenses for the program are estimated at \$3500.

We are asking for 15 sponsorships at \$250 each.

Please call Ashwin Turakhia at (440) 526-5807 or Mayuri Dalia at (440) 237-8775 with your sponsorship commitments.

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES POSTIONS

If you are interested in serving on the JSGC board of trustees for the next term, please contact the nominating committee, Chhagan Bapna at 440-248-6016, or Vinod Sutaria at 440-582-6503 or Atul Shah at 440-974-8486.

This position would require a three-year commitment.

## Jain Study Group Sessions

Jain Study Group sessions are held usually on second Sunday of each month from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. at the residence of host families. Please come with family and friends to participate in the interactive learning to enrich your knowledge in Jain dharma. Following is the schedule for the months of November and December

<u>Date</u>	<u>Host Family</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>
Sunday, December 9, 2007	Atul & Neela Shah, Mentor	2:00-4:00 PM 440-974-8486

For directions and additional information, please contact the hosts or the co-coordinators, Chandrakumar Jain (440) 248-5562, Hansa Sutaria (440) 582-6503 or Nalini Shah (330) 339-4513.

### THE MAIN EVENTS OF 2007

Here are the main events that took place in the past year.

- Mahavir Jayanti, on April 29, 2007 at the Brecksville Community Center.
- Jain Picnic, on July 28, 2007, at the Hinckley Reservation.
- The following scholars visited Cleveland:
  - Shri Taralaben Doshi
  - Shri Dhirajbhai Pandit
  - Shri Abhaykumar Jain
  - Shri Rajendrabhai Shah
- Paryushan Parva, from September 8 to September 15.
- Mahavir Janam Vancham and Swapna Darshan, on September 9, at the Quality Inn in Richfield.
- Das Lakshan, September 16 - 25, celebrated on September 23 at the Quality Inn.
- Bhoomi Poojan and Khanan Vidhi ceremonies on October 20 and October 21 at the temple site.
- Diwali program and Mahavir Nirvan, December 2, at the Quality Inn in Richfield.



### ADULT'S AND CHILDREN'S PATSHALA

All adult's and children's Patshala sessions are held the first and third Sunday of the month. Since the Diwali program coincides with patshala, there will be no Patshala on December 2. The next Patshala will take place on December 16.

Interested parents, please call Ashwin Turakhia at (440)526-5807.

### Mahila Mandal

The Mahila Mandal has started meeting once a month. The Mahila Mandal sings stavans, and in the future will also learn about poojas and other related activities. The meetings are held at Mayurika Shah's residence. Please call Mayurika Shah at (440) 397-4575 for more information.

### Pakkhi Pratikamans

Pakkhi Pratikamans are being held on every "Chaudas" at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Atul and Neela Shah in Mentor (440) 974-8486 and at the residence of Drs Vinod and Hansa Sutaria in North Royalton (440) 582-6503.

If interested, please call the hosts to confirm specific dates and times.

The next few dates are December 8 and December 23.

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## BHOOMI POOJAN AND KHANAN VIDHI CEREMONIES A GREAT SUCCESS

The Jain Society of Greater Cleveland hosted a very successful Bhoomi Poojan and Khanan Vidhi ceremony on October 20 and October 21, 2007. The ceremonies were attended by approximately 200 people on each day. Well-known Vidikhar Shri Nareshbhai traveled from Long Island, New York to host our event. We were also honored to have Shri Chandrakant Mehta, a well-known speaker in Jain philosophy to guide our function.



The ceremonies started off with a wonderful pooja in which many families had the opportunity to participate. After the pooja, there was a swamivatsalya, followed by a cultural program. Children recited the Tirthankar's names, and also participated in a drama. A few ladies performed a dance. Mahila Mandal kept the mood up with many devotional songs.

On Sunday, the Bhoomi Poojan took place to purify the land with mantras before the actual construction begins. We couldn't have asked for better weather. Then the Khanan Vidhi began with many families participating in digging the ground at the temple site.

We would like to thank all the people who helped to make this a very successful event. This community becomes strong with the combined efforts of all. Thanks also to all of the people who attended and either contributed their time or donations. We appreciate it all!



### DIRECTIONS

**Quality Inn: 4742 Brecksville Road, Richfield, OH**

**From I-77S,** Take Exit 146 for route 80 and Route 21 (Brecksville Road). Bear to your right and take the ramp for Route 21. Off the exit ramp take a right on to Brecksville road. Quality Inn is about 1000 yards to your right.

**From I-77N,** take Exit 145 for Route 21 (Brecksville Road). Make a left on to Brecksville Road off the exit ramp. Quality Inn is about 1500 yards to your left.

**Atul and Neela Shah's Residence: 6290 Foxwood Court, Mentor, OH 44060, PH: 440-974-8486**

**From 271:** Merge onto 90E. Take OH 615 exit, Exit 195, toward Center St/Kirtland Hills/Mentor. Turn Left onto OH 615/Center St. Turn Right onto Tyler Blvd. Turn Left onto Munson Rd. Turn Right onto Hopkins Rd. Turn Right onto Pinewood Ct. Turn Left onto Gatewood Dr. Turn Right onto Trailwood Court. Turn Right onto Foxwood Court. Turn Left to stay onto Foxwood Court.



# Jain Society of Greater Cleveland

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## Pledge Form Jain Center Project

I/We \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ (H), \_\_\_\_\_ (W), \_\_\_\_\_ (C)

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

### Pledges for Construction of the JSGC Jain Center

Intend to contribute total cash \$ \_\_\_\_\_ One Time or on the following terms:

**2007:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **2008:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **2009:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Intend to contribute Stocks/Bonds/Funds/Real Estate: **2007** **2008** **2009**

*Please contact finance committee for the procedure to transfer any securities to JSGC for Jain Center project. Since Mutual funds takes longer to transfer, please initiate the process at least 4 to 6 weeks in advance.*

### Pledges for Maintenance of the JSGC Jain Center

Intend to contribute total cash \$ \_\_\_\_\_ One Time or on the following terms:

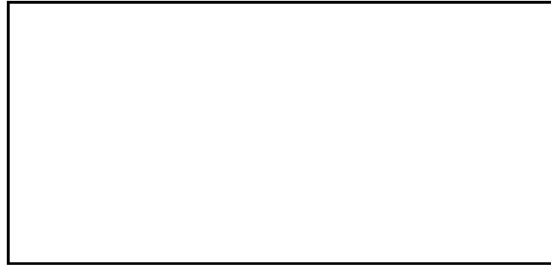
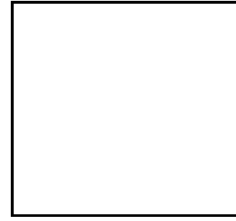
**2008:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **2009:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **2010:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **2011:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **2012:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Please make your check payable to "JSGC "(Jain Society of Greater Cleveland) and specify 'Jain Center' on memo line.*

Thank you for your generous support. Please mail checks or call/email your pledges to:

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Address Correction Requested

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you do that now before time passes by.**