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SHILANYAS /SHILAROPAN AND MAHAVIRJANMA KALYANAK APRIL 12 & 13

It is with great pride and pleasure that we announce the Shilanyas/Shilaropan celebration for our upcoming Jain Temple - the final step before the actual construction of our Temple begins. The Shilanyas/Shilaropan ceremony will take place at the Jain Center site on April 12 and April 13, 2008. It will also coincide with the Mahavir Janma Kalyanak celebration for this year on April 12, 2008.

The ceremonies will involve doing poojas and vidhis (Shilanyas) of nine shilas (inscribed marble plates) and then laying them in the foundation of the gabhara site. The purpose of this ceremony is to make the Temple eternal. Well known vidhikars, Shri Nareshbhai Shah from Long Island, New York and Shri Khemchand Jain from San Jose, California will be leading our Sangh in performing the vidhis as per our scriptures. We are also fortunate to have well known Jain scholars, Shri Rajnibhai Shah and Shri Chandrakantbhai Mehta with us during these ceremonies to educate and encourage us on this momentous occasion..

We would like to have maximum possible participation from our community as we had during the Bhoomi poojan program last October. We are excited to invite you, your family and friends to participate in this once in a life-time opportunity to make this program a great success. Please read the details of the program, nakras, bolis as well as sponsorships available in this Jain Times.

Please RSVP with your attendance to either Parul Jain at (216) 921-2551 or Mayurika Shah at (440) 397-4575 by April 1.

SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE

Total expenses for the program are estimated over \$25,000. We are asking for the following sponsorships:

- (3) Platinum sponsorships at \$2,500 each
- (3) Gold sponsorships of \$1,500 each
- (3) Silver sponsorships of \$1000 each.
- We are also asking for 40 general sponsorships of \$250 each.

We appreciate any donations so please donate generously to support the JSGC. All donations made towards JSGC are tax-deductible as allotted by law.

Please call Ashwin Turakhia at (440) 526-5807 or Mayuri Dalia at (440) 237-8775 for your sponsorships.

SHILANYAS/SHILAROPAN SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

- **11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Lunch** which will promptly end at 12:30.
- **1:00 - 6:00 p.m.: Poojas / Scholar's Programs**
The poojas and vidhis will include the Snatra pooja , Kumbh Sthapan, Deep Sthapan, Patla Poojan (Navgrah Pooja, Das Dikpal Poojan, Ashta Mangal Poojan, 16 Vidhya Devi Poojan,) Aarti, Mangal Divo, Shanti Kalash.
- **6:00- 7:30 p.m. : Swamivatsalya**
- **7:30 - 9:30p.m. : Bhakti/Cultural Program,** and Aadesh for Sunday's ghee boli.

SUNDAY, APRIL 13

- **7:00a.m. - 1:00 p.m. : Poojas / Scholar's Programs**
Snatra Pooja, 7 Dev Vandans, Shilaropan/ Shilanyas (9 Shilas), Aarti/Mangal Divo/Shanti Kalash, Visarjan Vidhi
- **1:00: Swamivatsalya**
Please note that we have arranged for both Digamber and Shwetamber vidhis and poojas to be performed at these ceremonies. When such occasions arise, the participants who have taken the nakras or bolis for any individual items will be performing vidhis and poojas by both traditions.

LOCATION:

Location for both days will be at the temple site. 3226 Boston Mills Rd, Richfield, OH 44286

GHEE BOLIS:

There will be Ghee Bolis for Aarti, Mangal Divo and Shanti Kalash on both Saturday and Sunday. The Ghee Bolis for doing poojas and installation of nine Shilas (Shilaropan/Shilanyas) for Sunday will be completed and Aadesh given on Saturday evening.

NAKRAS:

For participation in the poojas on Saturday, nakras of:

- \$251 for Kumbh Staphan (1)
- \$151 for Deep Sthapan (1),
- \$101 each for Navgrah Poojan (9), Das Dikpal Poojan (10), Ashta Mangal Poojan (8), and 16 Vidhya Devi Poojan (16).

There will also be an opportunity for 81 families to participate in the Shilanyas/ Shilaropan ceremony on Sunday with Nakra of \$151 each.

For any questions about the bolis or the nakras, contact Ashwin Turakhia at (440) 526-5807 or Mayuri Dalia at (440)237-8775.

CLOTHING:

Please do not wear any black clothes and do not wear any leather products. Please check the weather and come dressed in appropriate attire.

CLOTHES CHANGING TENT:

There will be changing tents available for both men and women who wish to change clothes before and/or after the poojas.

AYAMBIL:

For those who are doing Ayambil, Jagdish and Tejal Shah will be providing food at the temple site. When you RSVP, please indicate if you will need these special provisions.

PARKING:

Parking will available across the street at the Ohio Turnpike parking lot as well as Hampton Inn. There will be van transportation from Hampton Inn, Quality Inn, and Super 8. As there are restricted parking spots, we ask try to carpool as much as possible.

HOTEL ROOMS:

There will be hotel rooms available to JSGC members at the Quality Inn in Richfield for Friday and Saturday nights. The rooms are available for \$39 plus tax/night on a first come first served basis. To reserve a room, please call (330) 659-6151

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR JSGC FOR 2008

EVENT	DATE	LOCATION	NOTES
Shilanyas & Mahavir Janma Kalyanak	Saturday, April 12 & 13	Temple Site Richfield, Ohio	See details on page 2
Satsang with Shri Ashwini Pragyaji	June 5 - 12	Host family to be decided	
Jain Picnic	Saturday, June 28	Solon Community Park	
Jain Sangh yatra to Jain Derasar	Saturday, July 19	Detroit	JSGC members will take a bus trip, please keep the date open.
Satsang with Shri Dhirajbhai	July 22 - July 27	Host family to be decided	
Paryushana	August 27 - September 3	Host family to be decided	Satsang with Shri Samirbhai
Mahavir Jayanti Celebration	Sunday, August 31	Quality Inn, Richfield	
Samvatsari Pratikaman	Wednesday, September 3	American Phillipines Hall	
Parna	Thursday, September 4	American Phillipines Hall	
Dash Lakshana Parva	Sunday, September 14	Brecksville Community Center	
Diwali (Mahavir Nirvaan Celebration) and General Body Meeting	November 16	Quality Inn, Richfield	(Date not finalized yet)

Jain Study Group Sessions

Jain Study Group sessions are held usually on second Sunday of each month from 2:00-4:00 PM 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 Apr. and May

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>HOST FAMILY</u>
March 23	2:00 - 4:00 p.m.	Kushal Baid
April 6	2:00 - 4:00 p.m.	To be determined
May 4	2: 00 - 4:00 p.m.	To be determined

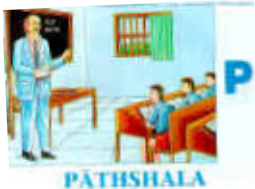
First Sunday, due to Mother's Day

Currently the group is studying Chapter 6 of 'Tattvarth-Sutra', the most widely accepted and studied amongst Jain scriptures. We are following a text book in Gujarati and a supplementary Q/A book in Hindi. . There are elaborate discussions, inputs, and Q/A in Gujarati, Hindi and English. Any one with some background and exposure to the principles of Jainism should be able to understand and learn the topics.

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.

Adult's & Children's Pathshala

Adults and children's Pathshala are held twice a month (1st and 3rd Sunday). The children are divided into groups by age. Younger students meet with teachers to memorize sutras and stavans. The older children are with a teacher who helps them understand the meaning and application of what they have learned. The adults learn about a specific topic.



The next few dates are April 6 and April 20. We currently have 30 kids enrolled. Interested parents please call Ashwin Turakhia (440) 526-5807.

Ayambil Oli

Ayambil Oli will start from April 12 - April 20. Anybody who has interest in doing Ayambil, can contact Jagdishbhai or Tejalben Shah at (330) 963-3896 or (216) 534-4751.

MAHILA MANDAL

MAHILA MANDAL meets twice a month. The Mahila Mandal sings stavans, learns about poojas, and other related activities. The Mahila Mandal also helps to plan programs for JSGC functions. Currently there are 10 ladies attending regularly. If you are interested, please contact Mayurika Shah at (440) 397-4575.



Pakkhi Pratikamans



E 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 dates few dates are March 20, April 5 and April 19.

DIRECTIONS

To the Temple Site: 3226 Boston Mills Rd. Richfield, OH 44286

From the East side:

Merge onto I-271 S via the exit on the LEFT toward I-480 E / AKRON / COLUMBUS. Take the OH-303 exit- EXIT 12- toward RICHFIELD / PENINSULA. Turn LEFT onto W STREETSBORO RD / OH-303. Turn RIGHT onto BLACK RD / CR-169. Turn LEFT onto BOSTON MILLS RD. End at 3226 Boston Mills Rd Richfield, OH 44286-9455, US.

From the West Side:

Merge onto I-480 E via the ramp on the LEFT toward CLEVELAND. Merge onto I-71 S via EXIT 11 toward COLUMBUS. Merge onto I-80 E via EXIT 233 toward TOLEDO / YOUNGSTOWN (Portions toll). Take the OH-21 exit- EXIT 173- toward I-77 / AKRON / CLEVELAND. Turn RIGHT onto OH-21 / BRECKSVILLE RD. Turn LEFT onto BOSTON MILLS RD. End at 3226 Boston Mills Rd Richfield, OH 44286-9455, US

From the South:

Merge onto I-77 N. Merge onto I-77 N via EXIT 125B toward CLEVELAND / DOWNTOWN AKRON. Take the OH-21 / BRECKSVILLE RD exit- EXIT 145- toward I-80 / OHIO TURNPIKE. Turn SLIGHT RIGHT onto OH-21 / BRECKSVILLE RD. Turn RIGHT onto BOSTON MILLS RD. End at 3226 Boston Mills Rd Richfield, OH 44286-9455, US

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.

MEET THE NEW BOARD OF TRUSTEES

For the 2008- 2009, the following people will be serving JSGC as board of trustee members. Please do not hesitate to contact them at any time with questions.

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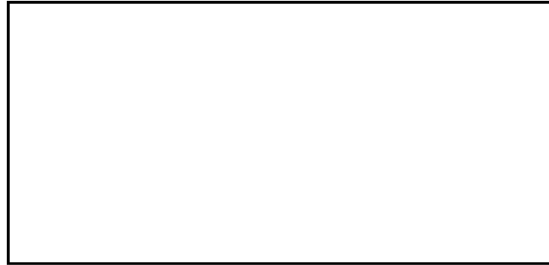
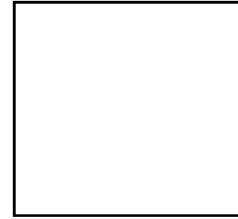
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Address Correction Requested

DIDYOU RSVP?

What are you waiting for? It is very important if you are attending the function that you please RSVP immediately. You do not want to miss this historic moment for JSGC. So RSVP today via email or phone.