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Dear Members,

Jai Jinendra,

Although the year is coming to an end, we are still in the process of planning events for this year and beginning to work on next year. It has been a very exciting year for JSGC as many steps have been taken to bring us closer to having our own derasar in Cleveland. As many of you may have read in the Jain Digest from JAINA, there are many pratistha mahotsav's happening around the country which gives us inspiration and motivation to move forward.

We will be having a Diwali and Mahavir Nirvaan program on Sunday, November 16 at the Quality Inn in Richfield. (Please read inside for more details.) **As you may know, having your RSVPs helps us to have more accurate planning. We do not wish to have anyone left out so please help us to plan a better event by letting us know that you will be there. Do not assume that we will count you or know that you will be attending. You can call or email, whichever is more convenient, but please do contact as soon as you know you will be attending.**

On the same day, we will also be having our General Body meeting for which we need your attendance. Please note that we will be starting our program earlier because of the early sunset.

Also, as we begin to plan our upcoming year, we are looking for interested and hard-working people who would be interested in serving on the board of trustees. (See sidebar.)

Thank you for all the support and enthusiasm you continue to give to our community. We would not be as successful as we are without your dedication.

Thank you,
Ashwin Turakhia

440-526-5807

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 Kushal Baid at 440-357-6148 or Shailesh Nanavati at 440-835-8408.

This position would require a three-year commitment per the code of regulations.

Happy Diwali



MAHAVIR NIRVAAN 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, November 16 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	12:30 - 2:30
Ladu	p.m.
Aarti	2:30 - 2:45 p.m.
Cultural Program	2:45 - 3:30 p.m.
Swamivatsalya	3:30 - 5:00 p.m.
Break	5:00 - 5:15 p.m.
General Body Meeting/Annual Update/ Temple Update	5:15 - 7:00 p.m.
Open Raas Garba	7:00 - 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 June 7, 2008. The meeting minutes will be available on the JSGC website (www.jsgc.org) for review.
- Review of JSGC activities during 2008.
- Presentation of Treasurer's report.
- Election of Board of Trustees.
- Temple Update
- Any other business as may properly come before the meeting.



Please plan to attend and call Parul Jain at 216-464-6355 or parulsjain@yahoo.com or Mayurika Shah at 440-397-4575 or mayurika@aol.com by November 8, 2008 to confirm your attendance for better planning of the Swamivatsalya event.

SPONSORSHIPS NEEDED:

Total expenses for the program are estimated at \$4000.

We are asking for one sponsorship at \$1000, two sponsorships at \$500 and eight sponsorships at \$250.

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

DIRECTIONS

Quality Inn

Address: 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.

Jain Study Group Sessions

<p>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</p>	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left; border-bottom: 1px solid black;"><u>Date</u></th> <th style="text-align: left; border-bottom: 1px solid black;"><u>Host Family</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Sunday, November 9, 2008</td> <td>To be announced</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sunday, December 14, 2008</td> <td>To be announced</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>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.</p>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Host Family</u>	Sunday, November 9, 2008	To be announced	Sunday, December 14, 2008	To be announced
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THE MAIN EVENTS OF 2008

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

- Shilanyas/Shilaropan and Mahavir Jayanti, on April 12 - 13, at the temple site.
- Jain Picnic, on June 28, at the Solon Community Park.
- Jain Sangh Yatra to Detroit - July 19 via bus.
- The following scholars visited Cleveland:
 - Shri Nareshbhai Shah
 - Shri Khemchand Jain
 - Shri Dhirajbhai Pandit
 - Shri Chandrakantbhai Mehta
 - Shri Rajnibhai Shah
 - Shri Ashwini Pragyaji
 - Shri Samirbhai Shah
- Paryushan Parva, from August 27th to September 3.
- Mahavir Janam Vancham and Swapna Darshan, on August 31, at the Quality Inn in Richfield.
- Das Lakshan, September 4 - 14, celebrated on September 14 at the Brecksville Community Center.
- Diwali program and Mahavir Nirvan, November 16, 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 November 16.

The next Patshala will take place on December 7, and December 21. There will be a winter break until February, when Patshala will resume on February 1. 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, learn about poojas have important discussions and help plan the cultural programs. 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 November 12, 26 and December 11.

<p>President Ashwin Turakhia Ph: (440) 526-5807 ashwinturakhia@yahoo.com</p>	<p>Vice President Ravi Jain (440) 248-5562 ravijaingems@yahoo.com</p>	<p>Treasurer Mayuri Dalia (440) 237-8775 daliamm@hotmail.com</p>	<p>Secretary Kamna Jain (440) 498-7132 kamnajain@hotmail.com</p>
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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:

2008: \$ _____ **2009:** \$ _____ **2010:** \$ _____

Intend to contribute Stocks/Bonds/Funds/Real Estate: **2008** **2009** **2010**

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:

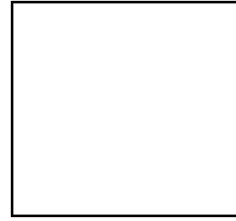
2009: \$ _____ **2010:** \$ _____ **2011:** \$ _____ **2012:** \$ _____ **2013:** \$ _____

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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and
we don't forget to count you.**