

# Jain Times

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## **Mahavir Nirwaan Pooja, General Body Meeting, Bhajan Sandhya and Bhaktamar Poojan**

### **Planned for the weekend of October 24 and October 25**

It is with great pleasure and excitement that we announce the celebration of Mahavir Nirwaan followed by the Annual General Body meeting and Bhajan Sandhya for Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. On Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup> we will conduct Bhaktamar Poojan. Details of all the programs are included in this bulletin.

The Bhajan Sandhya and the Bhaktamar Poojan will be led by the famous vidhikar Shri Narendra Nanndu and his group. They are famous for their skills in conducting major poojas and other Jain ceremonies. They have done many Pratishtas in India and in USA – Chicago, New York, Los Angeles among them. We are fortunate to be able to get them for our celebration.

On Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, we will also have a Jain Center Update and our Annual General Body meeting. As part of the Annual General Body meeting we will be electing members for the three open positions to serve on our Board of Trustees per our Code of Regulations (see sidebar). This is a great opportunity for interested members to participate in our Society and see their hard work come to fruition in various ways. Detailed agenda for the General Body meeting is included on the next page.

During the Bhajan Sandhya on Saturday, we will also be conducting “Bolis” for various Upkarans needed for our Temple. We are also offering many of the smaller items needed for the Temple with fixed Nakras. Details of various boli and Nakra items are attached.

Please note that functions are being celebrated at different locations on Saturday and Sunday. There are many events that need to take place. Timing for each event is, therefore, very important. Please be on time for all events, so that all events can be conducted as planned.

Please plan to participate in the events to the maximum extent possible. Please donate generously. Let us all join together to make this event a Grand Success!!!

## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES POSTIONS**

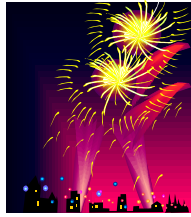
If you are interested in serving on the JSGC board of trustees for the next term, please contact the nominating committee, Chhagan Bapna at 440-248-6016, Shailesh Nanavati at 440-835-8408 or Atul Shah (440) 974-8486.

Three positions are open for election. The positions have a three year term per the Code of regulations.

*Happy Diwali*



## MAHAVIR NIRVAAN/DIWALI CELEBRATION , ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING, BHAJAN SANDHYA AND BHAKTAMAR POOJAN



Please see the schedule below for details of our upcoming program. Read carefully for time and locations. **Please note that all events will start promptly so that the days festivities can be concluded in a timely manner.**

**Please plan to attend and call Sunit Jain at 330-904-4912 to confirm your attendance for better planning of the Swamivatsalya events.**

### Saturday, Oct 24 - Seven Hills Community Center

Light Lunch (please note lunch will not be served after 12:30)	11:30 - 12:30
Nirvaan Pooja, aarti	1:15 - 2:30
Jain Center Update	2:45 - 3:30
General Body Meeting	3:30 - 4:45
Swamivatsalya	5:00 - 6:00
Bhajan Sandhya and Bolis for Upkarans	6:30 - 10:15
Closure	10:15 - 11:00

### Sunday, Oct 25 - Mentor Senior Center Hall

Arrive and Collect individual Bhaktamar Yantra and Samagri	12:00
Bhaktamar Poojan	12:30 - 5:00
Swamivatsalya	5:00 - 6:15
Closure	6:15 - 7:00

**PLEASE RSVP TODAY!**

#### **SPONSORSHIPS NEEDED:**

**Total expenses for the program are estimated at \$13,000.**

**We are requesting sponsorships of \$2,500 each for the dinners on Saturday and Sunday. We are also requesting \$1,500 for the lunch on Saturday. We also are requesting general sponsorships of \$250.**

**Please call Sunit Jain at 330-904-4912 with your sponsorship commitments.**

### GENERAL BODY MEETING

**Agenda:**

- Approval of previous GBM minutes (11-16-08 which have been posted on the website for review).
- Review of JSGC activities of 2009
- Treasurer's Report
- Election of Board of Trustees
- Any other proper business

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

- Mahavir Jayanti, on April 25 at the Solon Community Center
- Jain Picnic, on June 28, at the Solon Community Park.
- The following scholars visited Cleveland:
  - Shri Dhirajbhai Pandit
  - Shri Shrainikbhai
  - Shri Tarlaben Doshi
  - Shri Narendra Nandu
- Paryushan Parva, from August 15 - August 23.
- Mahavir Janam Vancham and Swapna Darshan, on August 22, at the Highland Heights Hall.
- Das Lakshan, August 24 - September 4, celebrated on August 30 at the American Phillipines Hall.
- Diwali program and Bhajan Sandhya celebrated October 24 and 25.

RSVP TODAY

## Bhajan Sandhya and Bolis for Upkarans

Saturday October 24, 2009

A Bhajan sandhya program is planned for Saturday October 24, 2009 starting at 6.30 PM. The program will be led by Shri Narendrabhai Nandu and his group. It is also planned to perform "Bolis" for various Upkarans needed for our upcoming Temple. The list of items for Bolis and the starting prices for each "Boli" is listed below.

No	Name	Purpose	Configuration	Boli Starting Price in \$
1	Chhatra	Dharmanath Bhagavan	Copper/Gold or Silver	2,001
2	Chhatra	Adeshwar Bhagavan (Digamber)	Copper/Gold or Silver	2,001
3	Chhatra	Mahavirswami Bhagavan	Copper/Gold or Silver	2,001
4	Trigadu	Snatra Pooja	German Silver	2,001
5	Bhandar	Main Bhandar in Rangmandap	German Silver	1,501
6	Bhandar	Padmavati Devi - Bhandar	German Silver	751
7	Bhandar	Manibhadravir - Bhandar	German Silver	751
8	Khokha	Dharmanath Bhagavan	Silver - 9 kg	5,001
9	Mugat & Kundal	Dharmanath Bhagavan	Silver - 2 kg	2,001
10	Khokha	Mahavirswami Bhagavan	Silver - 7 kg	4,001
11	Mugat & Kundal	Mahavirswami Bhagavan	Silver - 2 kg	1,501
12	Parnu	Parnu (for Mahavir Janma function)	Copper & Silver	2,001
13	Ashta Mangal Toran	Gabhara Entrance	Copper & Silver	1,501
14	Toran	Hallway to Derasar Entrance	Copper & Silver	1,501
15	Nav Aang Tika	Pooja to Dharmanath Bhagavan	Silver - Gold Plated	1,501
16	Nav Aang Tika	Pooja to Mahavirswami Bhagavan	Silver - Gold Plated	1,501
17	Ashta Dhatu Murti	Parshwanath Bhagavan (Digamber) to be placed near by Adeshwar Bhagavan (Digamber)	Ashta Dhatu	501
18	Panch Dhatu Murti & Navapadaji	Shantinath Bhagavan & Navapadaji	Panch Dhatu	501
19	Panch Dhatu Chovishtho	Chovishtho to be placed near by Dharmanath Bhagavan	Panch Dhatu	501
20	Dagina and Chhatra	Padmavati Devi	Silver Plated	501
21	Dagina and Chhatra	Sarasvati Devi	Silver Plated	501
22	Mugat & Chhatra	Manibhadra Veer	Silver Plated	501

Please plan to attend the celebration and fully participate in the bolis. An individual, family or a combination of families can bid on items of their choice. It is our temple and your opportunity to take the maximum "Labh" by donating towards various items to the Temple.

**Nakaro List for Various Items needed in the Temple**

Here is a list of items needed in the Temple for our various poojas and celebrations. The list combines items for both the Shwetamber and Digamber poojas to avoid duplication. All items are planned in German Silver unless otherwise specified.

These items will be awarded on a first come first served basis starting at 12.00 Noon on Sunday, October 25, 2009. To encourage widest possible participation, these items will be awarded on a one per family basis until November 30, 2009. Any remaining items will be available to anyone interested effective December 1, 2009.

**Please call Sunit Jain at (330) 904-4912 to take the item/nakra of your choice.**

No	Items	Nakaro	No	Items	Nakaro
<b>Ashta Prakari Pooja Saman</b>			<b>Snatra Pooja Saman</b>		
1	20 Kalash, Rushabh Kalash	\$ 501.00	15	Shanti Kalash, Kansa ni Thali, Small Pankhas, Chamar etc	\$ 251.00
2	5 Kundi	\$ 201.00			
			<b>Aarti - Mangal Divo</b>		
3	2 Moti Thali	\$ 101.00	16	Aarti with thali	\$ 251.00
4	2 Buckets	\$ 51.00	17	Mangal Divo	\$ 151.00
5	2 Ashta Mangal Ghado for poojan	\$ 101.00	18	108 Divani Aarti in built in thali	\$ 351.00
6	Nalacha valo Thal	\$ 101.00		<b>Aashta Mangal, Navagrah, Das Digpal For Poojan</b>	
<b>Kesar Pooja Saman</b>					
7	25 Pooja Thali (6") and Vataki 20 Large Thali (10" thali and 12" thali) 2 Vataka and 2 chamachi for Sukhad Chandalo Mate ni Sali 20 spoons	\$ 501.00	19	Aashta Mangal	\$ 251.00
8	Kesar Vatava no Orasiyo And Sukhad	\$ 151.00	20	Navgrah	\$ 251.00
			21	Das Digpal	\$ 251.00
			<b>Samayik &amp; Pratikraman and Pooja</b>		
<b>Agra Pooja Saman</b>			22	Large Sthapanaji & Bajot, 10 small Sthapnaji	\$ 151.00
9	4 Small Dhupiya, 2 Large Dhupia	\$ 101.00			
10	1 Large Akhand Divo (Silver)	\$ 501.00		<b>Swapnas</b>	
11	1 Small Fanas Divo	\$ 101.00	23-36	14 Swapnas (Copper/Silver)	\$301/each
12	2 Floor standing Divi	\$ 151.00		<b>Other</b>	
13	10 Dipaks	\$ 101.00	37	Ghant (Pittal)	\$ 151.00
14	2 Darpan, 2 Chamar, 2 Pankha	\$ 251.00	38	Ghant(Pittal)	\$ 151.00

## The Bhaktamar Poojan Program

**Sunday, October 25, 2009 – Starting at 12.00 Noon**

We are excited to bring the Samuhic Bhaktamar Poojan to our Sangh for the first time. It is a great pleasure that it will be led by the renowned vidhikar Shri Narendrabhai Nandu and his group. The plan for the Bhaktamar Poojan is as follows:

**A. Individual Pooja:** All interested families will be able to perform the entire Pooja on an individual or family basis using a Bhaktamar yantra that is being specially brought from India. The individuals and families will then be able to take these yantras (on which they have performed the Pooja) home as an auspicious memory of this wonderful occasion.

We have requested both Shwetamber (44 gathas) and Digamber (48 gathas) yantras based on our best estimate of the Shwetamber and Digamber families in our Sangh. They will be distributed along with the Pooja Samagri on the day of the Poojan starting at 12.00 Noon.

**The Nakra for the individual yantra and pooja samagri is \$101.00**

**All persons participating in the individual Poojan are requested to bring:**

1. 2 Thalīs approximately 8” in diameter (one to keep the yantra and one for samagri) and a small kalash. Silver/German silver items are preferred.
2. Katasana(s) for you and your family members doing the Pooja.
3. Pooja clothes are recommended. Regular clean clothes may be used.

**B. Pooja at the Main Yantra:** The vidhikar will be preparing a large main yantra in the front of the hall. 24 families will have the opportunity to do the pooja at the main yantra for 2 gathas each. Each family taking the 2 gatha nakra will be allowed a maximum of 5 people at the yantra for this pooja.

**The nakra for a 2 gatha Poojan at the main yantra is \$251.00.**

In case more than 24 families that are interested in this poojan, the families will be selected and gathas awarded on a lottery system. The selected families will be informed of the gathas awarded to them by phone by October 23<sup>rd</sup>. A list of families selected will also be sent by e-mail as back up.

**The people performing Poojan at the main yantra are requested to wear pooja clothes.**

**Please call Sunit Jain at (330) 904-4912 on or before Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup> to make commitments for the individual and main yantra poojans. Preferred time to call is on weekday evenings from 7.00 - 10.00 PM or on weekends.**

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**DIRECTIONS**

**For Saturday**

**Seven Hills Recreation Center  
7325 Summitview Dr  
Seven Hills, OH 44131**

**FROM THE EAST:**

Take I-480 W toward I-480 W/CLEVELAND/  
TOLEDO/I-480 E/I-271 S/COLUMBUS.  
Merge onto I-77 S via EXIT 20A toward AKRON.  
Take the PLEASANT VALLEY RD exit, EXIT  
153, toward INDEPENDENCE/SEVEN HILLS  
Take the ramp toward SEVEN HILLS.  
Turn LEFT onto E PLEASANT VALLEY RD.  
Turn RIGHT onto BROADVIEW RD/OH-176.  
Turn RIGHT onto HILLSIDE RD.  
Turn RIGHT onto SUMMITVIEW DR  
7325 SUMMITVIEW DR is on the LEFT.

**FROM THE WEST:**

Merge onto I-90 E toward CLEVELAND.  
Take the I-71 S/OH-176 S exit, EXIT 170B, toward  
COLUMBUS  
Merge onto JENNINGS FWY/OH-176 S toward  
PARMA/DENISON  
Take the exit on the LEFT toward I-480 W/  
TOLEDO  
Turn RIGHT onto BROOKPARK RD/OH-17/OH-  
176  
Turn LEFT onto BROADVIEW RD/OH-176  
Turn LEFT onto HILLSIDE RD.

**DIRECTIONS**

**For Sunday**

**Mentor Senior Center Hall  
8484 Munson Road,  
Mentor, OH 44060**

**From the East Side:**

Merge onto I-271 N toward US-422 W/ERIE PA.  
I-271 N becomes I-90 E. 6.3 mi  
Take the OH-615 exit, EXIT 195, toward CENTER  
ST/KIRTLAND HILLS/MENTOR  
Turn LEFT onto OH-615/CENTER ST. 3.8 mi  
Turn RIGHT onto MUNSON RD. 0.2 mi  
8484 MUNSON RD is on the RIGHT.

**From the West Side:**

Merge onto I-90 E toward CLEVELAND. 10.9 mi  
Merge onto I-90 E via EXIT 170B toward CLEVE-  
LAND/COLUMBUS.  
Keep LEFT to take OH-2 E via EXIT 185 toward  
PAINESVILLE. 10.2  
Take the OH-615 exit toward MENTOR. 0.1 mi  
Turn LEFT onto OH-615/CENTER ST. 1.0 mi  
Turn RIGHT onto MUNSON RD. 0.2 mi  
8484 MUNSON RD is on the RIGHT.

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**ONGOING PROGRAMS**

• **Jain Study** - usually on second Sun-  
day 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.

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Host Family</u></b>
November 8	Kushal Baid

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.

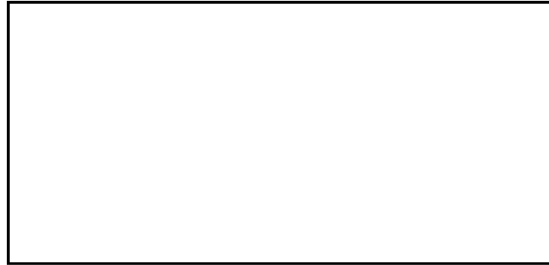
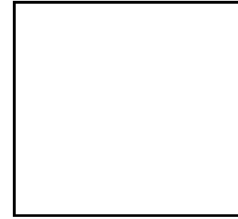
• **Adult and Children's Patshala** - All  
adult's and children's Patshala ses-  
sions are held the first and third Sun-  
day of the month. The next Patshala  
will take place on October 18, Novem-  
ber 1 and 15. Interested parents,  
please call Ashwin Turakhia at (440)  
526-5807.

• **Mahila Mandal** - The Mahila Mandal  
meets twice a month. The mandal  
learns various religious rituals and  
meanings behind the rituals. The  
meetings are held at Mayurika Shah's  
residence. Please call Mayurika Shah  
at (440) 397-4575 for more informa-

tion. The next few dates are October  
21, November 3 and 19.

• **Pakhi Pratikamans** - Pakkhi Pratika-  
mans 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 October 17, No-  
vember 1 and 15.

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Address Correction Requested

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