

## Mahavirai Namah.



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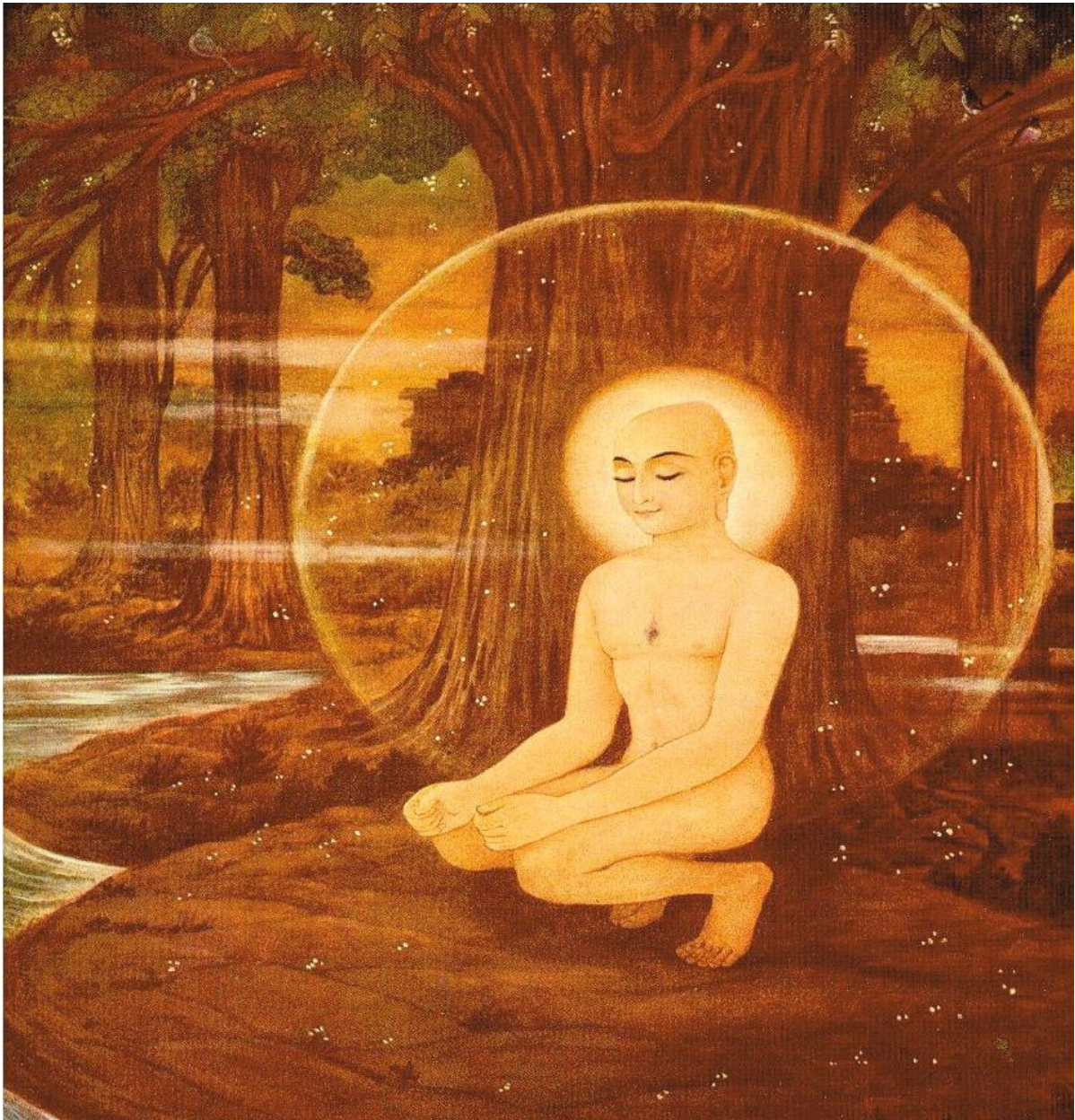
April 2017 Community Newsletter

*Jai Jinendra to all the readers*

Upcoming event		
Day	Date	Program Description
Sunday	April 16, 2017	Snatra Pooja and Sutra learning Pathshala
Sunday	April 16, 2017	Shrimad Rajchandra Dehvilay Tithi Celebration
Sunday	April 23, 2017	Pathshala and Samayik
Sunday	April 30, 2017	Varshitap Parna Celebration
Sunday	May 7, 2017	Hindi Pooja
Sunday	May 7, 2017	Jain Professional and Cultural Association
Sunday	May 14, 2017	Bhakti Group Program
Saturday	May 20, 2017	Senior Session
Sunday	May 21, 2017	Snatra Pooja and Sutra learning Pathshala
	May 26-28, 2017	Pravachan and Meditation by Ben Sri Ratnaprabhu
Sunday	May 28, 2017	Pathshala and Samayik
	August 26-28, 2017	Jain Camp



## Mahavir Janma Kalyanak Celebrated on Sunday April 9, 2017



*Mahavir Jayanti commemorates the teachings of Lord Mahavira. He was a symbol of non-violence. He showed us the path of right faith, knowledge and conduct to realize liberation. He preached non-violence, honesty, chastity and detachment from material things.*

*"The foremost accepted date for the birth of Mahavira is 599BC."*



# Mahavir Janma Kalyanak Celebrated on Sunday April 9, 2017

Shri Mahavir Janmakalyanak is an auspicious occasion for the Jain community. It was celebrated for the birth of Mahavir. The atmosphere was filled with joy and excitement. Shree Sangh came together celebrates this event in both Digambar and Shwetambar tradition. The day started with Snatra Pooja, Shibir on Raj Katha, followed by lunch. Many individuals who were fasting with Aymbil in Aymbil Ori, performed their activities, followed by their lunch. Later, Mahavir Pooja was performed, followed by the Panchkalyanak Pooja, Stavan, Skit on Mahavir Janma, Ghee boli, Aarti, Mangal divo and Shanti Kalash. Throughout the event, there were many community booths of Shram Yagna, food drive, Jain camp and Yugpurush. The event ended with swamivatsalya.





**Welcoming additional Shanti Nath Bhagwan for Snatra Pooja**



**Divinetouch Program during Mahavir Janam Kalyanak celebration on Sunday.**



Message from Premier Kathleen Wynne to Jain Society Of  
Toronto on Mahavir Janam Kalyanak Day



**MAHAVIR JAYANTI**  
**Jain Society of Toronto**

April 9, 2017

*On behalf of the Government of Ontario, I am delighted to extend warm greetings to members of the Jain Society of Toronto as you celebrate the birth of Mahavira.*

*I am honoured to add to the many good wishes your community will receive during this most important religious holiday.*

*Ontario is proud to be home to a dynamic and engaged Jain community. Your faith reflects the most noble ideals of dharmic religions — non-violence, respect for all living things and compassion for all. These are values cherished by all Ontarians.*

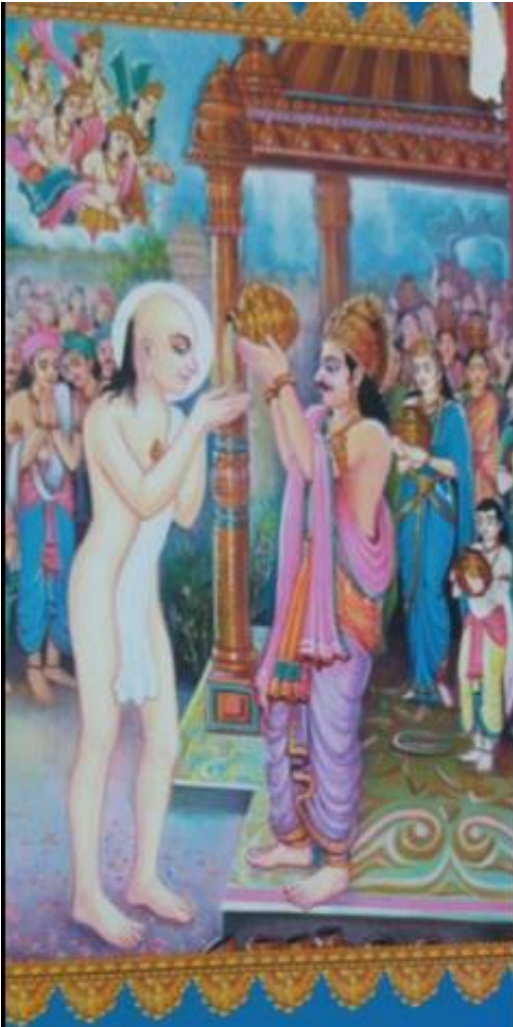
*I commend the Jain Society of Toronto for its dedication to highlighting and sharing the richness and vibrancy of Jainism, and for its commitment to enriching the life of the community.*

*May you continue to receive the blessings of peace, harmony and wisdom.*

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathleen Wynne".

**Kathleen Wynne**  
**Premier**





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तेवो ऋषभदेव भगवाने करेसो ते तप जेत्से १

**वर्षीतप...**

Varsitap: To do Besanu on alternate days and Upvas on the rest, for a whole year. Thus this fast is very rigorous since it entails a whole year of "tap" with eating no food on alternate days and eating food on rest of the days,

## Varshitap Parna Celebration On April 29<sup>th</sup> and April 30<sup>th</sup>.



Kailashben A. Shah and Sadhnaben V. Sheth will be completing the Varshitap Taparcharya and Parna is on April 29, 2017.

The program is as follows:

### April 29, 2017 (Saturday)

8:00am Parna Celebration at Jain Centre (Basement)

10:00am Sri Parshwanath Panchkalyank Pooja (Main Hall)

### April 30, 2017 (Sunday)

12:39 pm: Shree Bhaktamer Mahapujan conducted by Naresh Shah from New York. Swami Vatsalya to follow.

This auspicious poojan will be conducted at the Jain center in the main hall. **Shakal Sangh is invited.**

RSVP for Bhaktamber Poojan is a must in order to stop any food wastage. **Please reply by April 20, 2017.**

Rsvp:

Saileshbhai Shah : 905 832 8663

Vasantbhai Sheth : 289 304 9848

# Grand Opening of Jain Professional and Cultural Association on Sunday, May 7, 2017 at 2:30pm to 5:00pm.

It is our pleasure to invite all Jains of JSOT Canada to join with Jain Professional and Cultural Association, inauguration on Sunday May 7th 2017.

## Grand Opening of Jain Professional and Cultural Association



### *Helping others is like helping your self*

#### **Vision**

Our vision is to develop community services that will help grow the society at large and will bring economic prosperity to the community. We will be the backbone of the Jain community at large. We thrive to establish a strong organization where all successful and experienced professionals will stand up on same platform to help the new generation, immigrants or any other members looking for a better opportunity. We will grow together and build a strong community by helping each other.

#### **Mission**

All Jains must help and guide each other to find employment. Entrepreneurs will get an opportunity to grow their business through our community and develop a financially strong community. Our goal is to build ourselves as a community with a vision. All our members' experience and knowledge will help to bring positive change into the community, home and country.

#### **When**

Sunday, May 7, 2017 @ 2.30 pm to 5.00pm  
(Light refreshment will be served)  
Please RSVP by Apr 30, 2017

#### **Where**

48 Rosemeade Avenue, Etobicoke, ON, M8Y3A5

Please fill up the attached membership forms and bring with you for Registration!

#### Point of Contact

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Jain Camp 2017: August 12<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017



Towards Ahimsa

*education for students of non-violence*



**MAHAVIR JAYANTI SPECIAL**  
Register for camp for only \$250!  
Offer valid April 9 - April 17, 2017.

Jain Camp is an amazing overnight experience for youth aged 12-17! Campers learn how to apply Jain philosophy to daily life while gaining leadership skills and making life-long friends in the community.

# Jain CAMP 2017



Date: August 12th - 16th, 2017  
Age: Campers 12 - 17, Counsellors 18+  
**Early Bird Price: \$275 Until June 15**  
Regular Price: \$345 after June 16  
Location: Woodland Trails Scout Camp,  
Newmarket ON, Canada  
Spaces limited. Register Early at:  
[www.towardsahimsa.com](http://www.towardsahimsa.com)

A nonprofit camp run by Towards Ahimsa Inc. with the support of:



Jain Society of Toronto



IMJM Canada



Young Jains of Toronto



Sri Jain Mandir



Brampton Jain Temple

**Register between April 9-17 to get the Mahavir Jayanti Special price!**



## [Acharya Sushil Kumarji Birthday Celebration on June 4, 2017 at 48 Rosemeade Avenue. .](#)

The program will start at 4:00PM. After a brief discussion of Guru Ji's life, there will be Meditation & Yoga demonstration and Guru Ji favorite Bhajans by a professional singer accompanied by musicians followed by dinner at 5:30PM.

For more details please contact.

Kamal Jain 905 735 1320 or 905 735 6194 R

Mrs. Prabha Jain 905 469 8869

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## ['Shram Yagna' or 'Spring Cleaning on Sunday May 6, 2017 at JSOT.](#)

### **It's time to roll up our sleeves for our temple!**

You and your family are invited for the '**Shram Yagna**' or '**Spring Cleaning**' at our beloved temple.

Every spring we cleanup our home, but do we remember to clean the home of our Bhagwan? You will agree that our temple needs a lot of cleaning and maintenance. This year let us **start a new tradition** and maintain our temple with our own hands.

Our children volunteer at many other places to get volunteer hours; this year we are creating a volunteer opportunity right at home!

Modiji is cleaning up India; let us show our support by cleaning up our Jain Center!

Date: Saturday May 6th 2017, Time: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Light Refreshments will be served. All ages above 12 years are welcome.

**Students will receive participation certificates with volunteer hours.**

Please register to volunteer on one of these five teams. Send an email to [Manish Shah at manishshahjsot@gmail.com](mailto:Manish Shah at manishshahjsot@gmail.com)

GREEN TEAM: Exterior cleaning and landscaping.

WHITE TEAM: Interior cleaning

PINK TEAM: Kitchen cleaning and organizing

BLUE TEAM: Small repairs and maintenance

YELLOW TEAM: Library, stage and office organizing

For more details please contact:

Manish Shah - 647 982 328 ,

Nailesh Vora - 416 826 7925

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### **Seniors corner :**

No meeting in April. Next dates for seniors sessions are

May 20th, June 17th., July 15th., September 16th., November 18th 2017



# Regular Community Events



## Mahavir Pooja in Hindi ( First Sunday )

Mahavir Pooja conducted in Hindi at the Jain center from 11am to 2pm .  
This program recurs on the first Sunday of every month.

## Bhakti Program ( Second Sunday )

Bhakti program at the Jain center from 10am to 2pm .  
This program recurs on the second Sunday of every month.



## Snatra Pooja in Gujarati ( Third Sunday )

Regular monthly snatra pooja conducted in Gujarati at the Jain center  
from 10am to 2pm .

This program recurs on the third Sunday of every month.

**Sutra Learning Session on third Sunday JSOT Centre from  
11.00am to 12.00.**



## Pathshala and Samayik (Fourth Sunday):

Regular monthly pathshala and Samayik conducted on the fourth  
Sunday of every month at the Jain center from 10am to 2pm.

## Matrimony:

Parents invite proposals from suitable match from boy living in Canada/USA for their vegetarian, well-educated and attractive 1985 born , daughter, B Tech-MBA, height 5'4 , very well employed and working in Toronto in a Bank. E- Mail- [mb19959@gmail.com](mailto:mb19959@gmail.com)

"Gujarati Jain parents seek alliance for their Canadian citizen daughter, born in India, June 1988, 5' 7", fair, vegetarian, raised in India-USA-Canada. Graduated from York University in Toronto, working with Royal Bank of Canada as a Stock & Data Analyst. She is family oriented, outgoing, with a perfect blend of traditional and modern values. Seeking educated Jain professional, vegetarian, non-smoker, non-drinker US or Canadian citizen with similar values. Please email Biodata and recent photographs to: [asheena11@yahoo.ca](mailto:asheena11@yahoo.ca)"

Gujarati Jain parents seek alliance for their Canadian citizen daughter, born in India, December 1988, 5' 2", fair, vegetarian, raised in India-USA-Canada. Graduated from University of Waterloo. She has done Bioinformatics with Computer Science and working as a Software Developer. She is family oriented, outgoing, with a perfect blend of traditional and modern values. Seeking educated Jain professional, vegetarian, non-smoker, non-drinker living in USA or Canada with similar values. Please email Bio-data and recent photographs to: [jainfamily101@gmail.com](mailto:jainfamily101@gmail.com) or Call (519) 208-4142.

## Access to Temple :

To access the temple, please buy Fob from Hitesh Shah : 416-520-7427 or Sandip Dagli: 416-727-4789. Cost of Fob is \$35

Tax Receipt :: Please contact Hitesh Shah : 416-520-7427 to get Tax Receipt for year 2016.

Poojari for Temple : We are looking Poojari for Temple. Please contact Sanjay Shah : 647-866-9097



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