Jai Jinendra to all the readers

Mahavirai Namah.

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April 2017 Community Newsletter

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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."
Shri Mahavir Janmakałyana is an auspicious occasion for the Jain community. It was celebrated for the birth of Mahvir. 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, Mahvir Pooja was performed, followed by the Panchkalyana Pooja, Stavan, Skit on Mahvir 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.
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.

Kathleen Wynne
Premier
Varshitap Parna Celebration
On April 29th and April 30th.

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)**

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.

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!

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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.

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

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

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

'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

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

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

"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"

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 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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