



October 2017 Newsletter

Message from JSOT Management Committee

Welcome to a new look for our monthly newsletter. We hope this newsletter provides information you need to participate fully in activities of the Society. Our Diwali event on October 15 is now SOLD OUT! Thank you to all members for the overwhelming response! Shubh Deepawali to ALL !! We look forward to celebrating together on October 15th. The actual date for Diwali is Thursday October 19th, 2017.



Temple Hours & Address

Open every Sunday from 9am to 2pm.

Address: 48 Rosemeade Avenue,
Etobicoke, Ontario M8Y 3A5

JSOT members may access temple outside of these hours, [click here for more info](#)



Group Worship 10:30-12:30

October 1: Hindi Pooja
October 8: Bhakti Group Program
October 15: Snatra Pooja
October 22: Samayak

[click here for more information on the origins and differences in worship traditions](#)



Jain Sunday School

October 15: Sutra Pathshala

October 22: Jain Pathshala

[click here for more information on Jain Sunday
Schools](#)



Special Events

October 15: [Diwali Dinner](#)

November 17: [Seniors Session](#)

October Lunch Sponsors

October 15: Sponsorship Open

October 22: Anonymous (\$151) [in honour of Late Smt Sunita Abad](#)

[click here for more information on Lunch Sponsorship](#)

JAIN SOCIETY OF TORONTO

**&
JAIN JAGRUTI CENTRE TORONTO**

Invite you for

DIWALI CELEBRATIONS

ON

SUNDAY - OCTOBER 15TH, 2017

Venue:

Markham Convention Centre

**2901 Markham Rd,
Toronto, ON M1X 0B6**

Time: 5:00 PM

Ticket \$28.00 each

Table : \$250.00 (10 Tickets)

Gold Sponsor Table: \$500/-

Platinum Sponsor Table: \$1,000/-



**A VERY ENTERTAINING EVENING IS PLANNED INCLUDING A LIVE
DJ PERFORMANCE AND DELICIOUS INDIAN CUISINE.**

To Reserve Your Tickets:

RSVP:

<u>Contact:</u>	Dr. Mahendra Jain	- 416-837-7166	drjainjsot@gmail.com
	Nailesh Vora	- 416-826-7925	nailesh.vora.jsot@gmail.com
	Sanjay Shah	- 647-866- 9097	sanjayshahjsot@gmail.com
	Dr. Raj Patil	- 416-988- 8655	drpatiljsot@gmail.com
	Vipul Shah	- 416- 575-7598	valvipul@yahoo.ca

For Ticket booking you can also call any MC members

The Diwali Celebration on October 15 is SOLD OUT. Unfortunately, no tickets will be available at the door.

For all ticket holders, please arrive on time 5pm for snacks and meet & greet. A fun-filled program will begin at 6pm promptly!

Fun Survey

From time to time, we will ask you a question. Please tell us what you think. Results are anonymous and will be published in next newsletter. Please answer as honestly as a Jain should!

Question: Diwali is coming up. Some Jains believe that fireworks and firecrackers should be avoided during this celebration. What do you think?

[Submit your answers here!](#)

Be a part of JSOT history: Get involved with the building of our next home at 441 Ellesmere Road



Construction at JSOT's next home is progressing strongly thanks to donations & dedication from our generous members & volunteers. With your continued support, we aim to move to our new home before Paryushan / Das Lakshan 2018. However, JSOT needs your help NOW to make this dream a reality! How can you help?

1. Understand the progress we have made by attending the next Open House (keep watching newsletter for dates)
2. Volunteer your time to help supervise / manage the construction
3. Make a one-time donation towards construction, big or small, every bit

counts

4. Pledge a donation over time, for example \$500 per year for 5 years, to help support the building maintenance fund
5. Consider a large donation to have a space dedicated or named as per your preferences

Donors will be acknowledged (if they wish). We remain grateful to donors of JSOT's first two temples, 247 Parklawn (purchased in 1983), and 48 Rosemeade (purchased in 1990). These donors laid a strong foundation for our current Jain Society and for the next generation. Please consider doing the same at this important stage in JSOT history.

For information on 441 Ellesmere Project, please contact [Dr. Mahendra Jain](#) or MC member [Manish Shah](#).

Paryushan / Das Lakshni Celebrations 2017

We thank all members for attending JSOT's Paryushan & Das Lakshni celebrations in high numbers this August & September 2017! Everyone will agree that the energy was high for this most important Jain celebration of the year! Scholarly lectures were provided by our invited guests from California (Shri Jayesh Khona) and India (Shri Sudeep Kumar Jain, Shri Vijay Shah, and Shri Pradeep Shah). A warm thank you to our volunteers without whom these 18 days of worship, reflection, and learning would not have been possible.

[Message to those who borrowed costumes on August 20/27: Please return immediately to MC Member Ashwin Shah ashwinjsot@gmail.com]

Select photos can be found [here](#).

JSOT visit by the Atlanta Sangh

JSOT was honoured to host members of the Atlanta Jain Sangh on September 15-16 at 48 Rosemeade. Atlanta guests travelled by bus to temples in Niagara Falls, Toronto, Cleveland, Pittsburgh, before returning back to Atlanta. [Click here to view pictures](#).

Lunch Sponsorship

With the help of sponsors, JSOT will strive to offer Lunch to all devotees four Sundays of every month. We now seek sponsors for each Sunday. Sponsors may prepare their own food, or they may leave all food arrangements to JSOT.

Sponsorship amounts for food prepared by JSOT is based on anticipated attendance.

Lunch Sponsorship Amounts

35 people or less: \$151

60 people or less: \$201

100 people or less: \$301

150 people or less: \$351

200 people or less: \$451

250 people or less: \$501

- Multiple families can split sponsorship cost
- Name of sponsor and one-page dedication (if desired) will be published in Newsletter; families will be invited first to perform Aarti; families are invited to serve food if they wish
- Consider Lunch Sponsorship to celebrate and/or announce a special occasion in your family

October sponsorship for 2nd and 3rd Sundays remain Open

If you wish to sponsor (this month or coming months), please contact our Management Committee members

Vipul Shah kevalvipul@yahoo.ca

Ashwin Shah ashwinjsot@gmail.com

Pathshala Open House

It's back to school time! Why not include Jain Studies in your child's curriculum this year? Your child will connect with Jain heritage, culture, and philosophy. And of course, your child will have fun and make many friendships that will last a lifetime!!

There are currently three "Jain Sunday School" or "Pathshala" options in GTA. Classes are held either once or twice a month. There are various locations in the GTA, various formats, various curriculums, some organized by JSOT volunteers, others by our sister organizations. Parents: while your child participates in class, you can participate in spiritual activities, or choose to catch up on errands like grocery shopping closeby. Lunch is available for students and parents at some Pathshalas.

See [HERE](#) for full details.

Please email jsot.education@gmail.com if you have any questions.

We request [RSVP](#) for the open houses at least 2 days before class.

Let's help our kids connect to our Jain roots. More detailed information on each Pathshala found [HERE](#).

Community Bulletin Board / Classified Adds

Wanna sell or buy something? Looking for work, or looking to hire? Matrimonial? JSOT members may place an add in this space. Maximum 50 words per add. Submit to jsot.newsletter@gmail.com prior to 20th of month, for publication in following month's newsletter.

WANTED: Household help. Vegetarian family near Don Mills subway station (Don Mills & Sheppard) is looking for help with household chores such as cleaning, kitchen work, laundry. Should understand Hindi or English. Monday to Friday 10am-2pm. \$15/hour. Please email don.mills.househelp@gmail.com for more information.

How to sign up for this Newsletter:

Please share this link with your family, friends, and children, so they may directly receive this JSOT Newsletter. Free! No membership required!

<http://eepurl.com/oQ5Zn>

Contact us:

For a list of [JSOT Management Committee Members](#), [click here](#)

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