

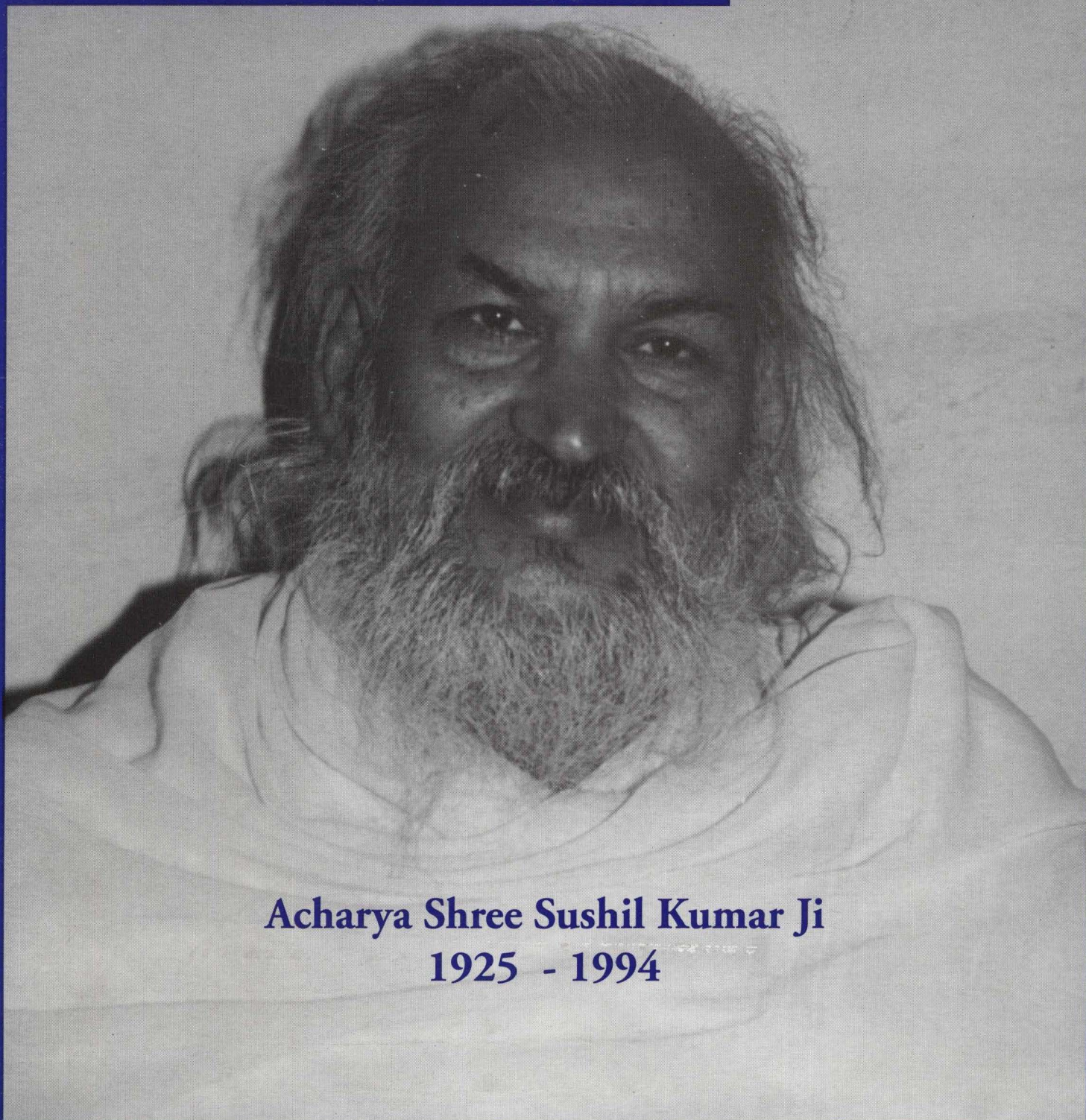
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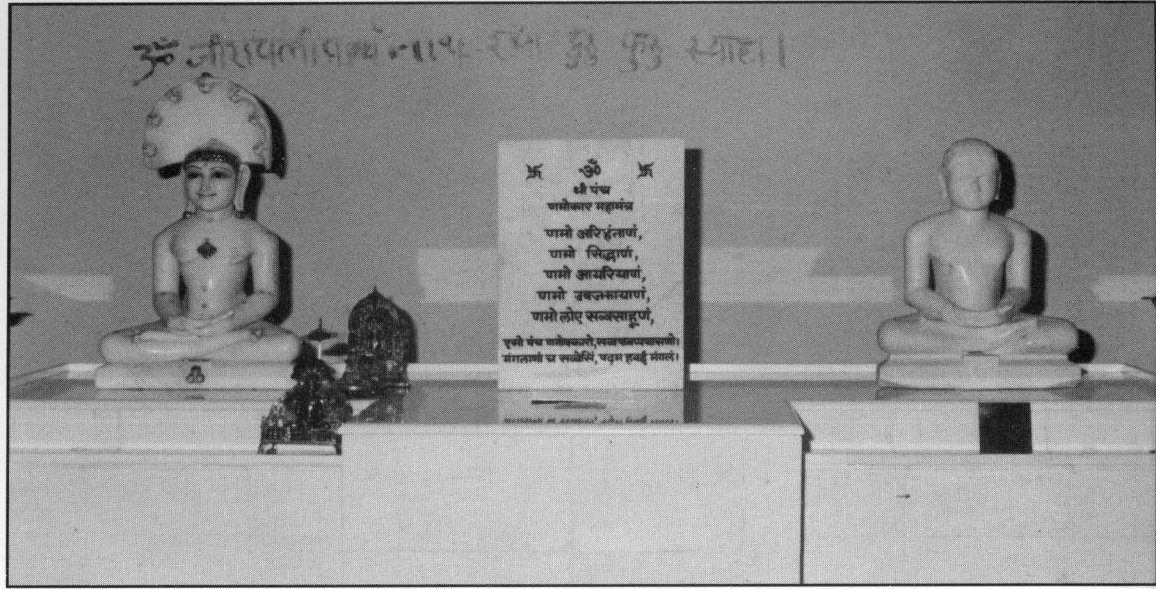
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अहो! अहो! श्री सदगुरु, करुणासिंधु अपार  
आ पामर पर प्रभु कर्यो, अहो! अहो! उपकार (१२४)

Thanks! the Holy True Teacher!  
Unfathomable ocean of compassion;  
I'm highly obliged; Oh! good Teacher,  
The Pupil poor has no expression. (124)

शुं प्रभुचरणकने धरुं? आत्माथी सहु हीन;  
ते तो प्रभुअे आपियो, वर्तु चरणाधिन (१२५)

What should I offer to you, Lord?  
In soul-comparison all is trifle;  
The soul is gifted by the Lord,  
I wish to act to your oracle. (125)

- Shri Atmasiddhi Shastra, Srimad Rajchandra -

We dedicate ourselves to ceaseless efforts of  
Acharya Sushil Kumarji and Gurudev Chitrabhanuji,  
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## From the Editor

On April 22, 1994, Acharya Shree Sushil Kumar Ji, who made Siddhachalam a teerth for Jains, passed away. Jain Centers throughout North America held meetings to pay tributes to him as he touched many of us through his personal charm and his noble deeds. For JAINA, he, along with Gurudev Chitrabhanu Ji, became one of the spiritual founding fathers. This Shraddhanjali issue of Jain Digest includes personal reflections of Jains from all walks of life. These remembrances were compiled by Hansa Varia, Jadavji Kenya, Anant Jain, and Atul Khara. The accompanying special commemorative issue was put together by International Mahavir Jain Mission, Siddhachalam.

The primary objective of Jain Digest is to inform us of activities of Jain communities throughout North America. The magazine reports on activities of JAINA headquarters and its various committees along with news of interest from overseas within its space constraint. Fresh ideas reports on activities of youths including Young Jains of America. Jain Digest is medium through which we can share our happy news and our views on Jainism and the activities of JAINA. The Matrimonial section, put together by Hasmukh Shah, certainly has a

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## President's Message

The sudden demise of His Holiness Acharya Sushil Kumar Ji has struck a severe blow to every believer of non-violence, Jains throughout the world and in particular, every Jain Community in North America. Although he is no longer with us his spiritual force lives on and accompanies us with confidence, charging us with the task of fulfilling the dream of spreading the principles of non-violence and *anekantwad* (multiplicity of views) as taught to us by Lord Mahavir and the other Tirthankers. Guruji, as he was affectionately called by his devotees, was a spiritual force behind JAINA, an organization that serves all Jains in North America. His ceaseless efforts to help us maintain our religious heritage and organize ourselves locally, nationally and internationally will be deeply missed.

He was a great visionary, an Apostle of Peace and a torch bearer for the principles of Jainism. He recognized the needs of today's changing world and gave us Siddhachalam, the first Jain *Teerth* (pilgrimage place) outside of India which plays a major role in spreading the principles of Jainism.

His absence will be profoundly felt, especially at the first Young Jains of America Convention in Chicago this July. Everyone has been eagerly waiting for this event. Our children have done an excellent job in organizing it. The convention's theme, *Religion and Culture - Learning for Tomorrow* reflects our children's awareness of the importance that the principles of Jainism will hold in their future and their readiness to pick up that torch and carry it forward.

I am confident that this convention will become a memorable memorial to that spirit and the future of Jainism in North America.

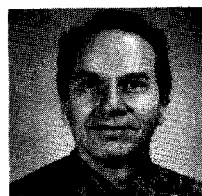
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Jagat Jain, President

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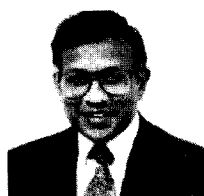
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We encourage our readers to send their questions, comments or views on current issues or concerns facing the Jain community of North America to the Editor-in-Chief, Harshad Shah (see address above). We will endeavor to publish letters space permitting. The Jain Digest reserves the right to edit all material for clarity and/or space. The views expressed in these letters are those of the authors and do not necessarily represent the views of JAINA. All letters must include the sender's name, address and phone number to be considered for publication.

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# HEADQUARTER NEWS

## New Members

JAINA is pleased to welcome four new Associate Members in Florida, Fort Lauderdale, Palm Beach, Tampa, and Portland. In addition, the Jain Social Group of Toronto has joined as an affiliate member. With these additions, JAINA has a membership of 52 centers. There are 12 other organizations which are regular members or affiliates. JAINA is an association of local associations and therefore represents Jain Communities in North America. We invite all Jains living in North America to join JAINA after organizing themselves as a center. We are happy to help in forming these centers. For more information please contact Jit Turakhia, Chair of the Membership Committee at 315/622-3287.

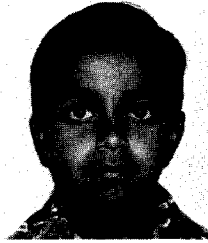


*JAINA Executive Committee in Los Angeles  
April, 1994.*

## Executive Committee Meets in L.A.

The JAINA Executive committee met in Los Angeles on April 1-2, 1994. The meeting was hosted by the Jain Center of Southern California. The meeting was attended by: Jagat Jain, Manibhai Mehta, Ramesh Jain, Niranjana Shah, Hansa Varia, Harilal Shah, Manoj Dharmasi, Dhiraj Shah, Narendra Shah, Narendra Sheth, Urmila Talsania, Prabodh Vaidya, Navin Shah, Jagdish Shah, Sonal Sheth, Samir Mehta, Maulin Shah, Tushar Shah, Poorvesh Sheth and Navalbhai Shah.

## Town Hall Meeting



*Akash Shah*

The evening Town Hall style meeting in Los Angeles was very productive with a lively exchange of ideas, information, and viewpoints. The most striking moment of the meeting was when 7 year old, Akash Shah, who had been sitting silently through out the meeting, raised his hand to ask some questions concerning religious books for children. Everyone felt proud of Akash. One day he is going to make his mark in life. We hope to meet many more children like Akash in the future.

## JAINA Ratna Award and Recognitions

Nominations are invited for the JAINA Ratna Award and Recognitions for outstanding contributions in promoting Jainism in North America. Nominations may be made on an individual or group basis. However to qualify as a group, the group should be a member of JAINA. All nominations must be post marked no later than December 31, 1994 to be considered eligible. The award recipients will be honored at the 8th JAINA Convention in Cherry Hill, NJ on July 14, 1995.

To qualify for the award or a recognition the nominee must meet the following criteria:

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  - b) Lecturing.
  - c) Teaching.
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  - e) Organizing/coordinating visits of Jain scholars/monks in North America.
  - f) Establishing/serving Jain organizations and/or organizing conferences locally, regionally, nationally or internationally.
  - g) Participating in lectures, discussions and presentations.
  - h) Promoting the Jain principle of caring for the needy in the community at-large.
  - i) Establishing contacts between Jains of North America and the world.

There is only one JAINA Ratna Award. However, there is no limit to the number of Recognitions. The Award and Recognition Committee members are *continued on page 11.*

## Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Board of Directors and Executive Council of JAINA will be on October 1-2, 1994 at Siddhachalam. On October 2, 1994 everyone present will also participate in Universal Forgiveness and Ahimsa Day Celebrations.

Jain families of North America are requested to send their views about JAINA's activities to the Director of their respective centers.

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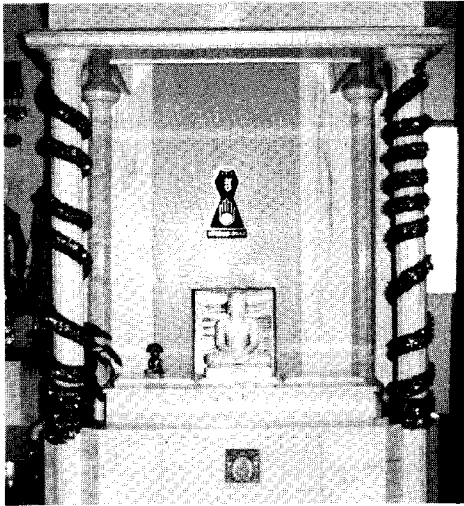
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# REGIONAL NEWS

## CANADA

*Mahindra Mehta*  
Regional Editor

### Edmonton, AB



*New Jain Temple in Edmonton, AB*

The Jain Society of Alberta celebrated Mahavir Jayanti on Sunday, April 24, 1994 at Jain Hindu Temple in Edmonton. Over 225 Jains and Hindus attended the celebrations.

The Jain community was shocked at sudden passing away of Guruji (Acharya Shree Sushil Kumar Ji). Prayers and two minutes of silence were observed.

### Fredericton, NB

Mahavir Jayanti was observed at the home of Professor Hem Jain.

### Halifax, NS

Mahavir Jayanti was celebrated on April 24, 1994.

### London, ON

Bhagwan Mahavir's murti was installed at Hindu Cultural Center under the guidance of Gurudev Chitrabhanuji on Sun-

day, May, 29 1994. The hosts and sponsors were Kiran and Amrit Nahata, Jyoti and P. C. Shah and Raj Jain.

### Montreal, P.Q.

Pawan Jain expressed great sadness and a sense of personal loss at the sudden death of Guruji. Mahavir Jayanti was celebrated on April 24, 1994.

The community is very proud of Anup Kuriya who fasted for eight days during paryushan. During this time he continued to take care of his family's business.

### Ottawa, ON

Jagmohan Humar was elected president of Ottawa Jain Society. Mahavir Jayanti was celebrated on April 24, 1994.

### St. John's, NF

Mahavir Jayanti was observed at the home of Virendra Jain.

### Saskatoon, SK

Mahavir Jayanti was observed at the home of Atul Jain.

### Toronto, ON

Over 600 people celebrated Mahavir Jayanti on May 1, 1994 at the Jain Society of Toronto. The program began with Mahavir Pooja, Snatra Pooja, and the singing of stavan. The children of the pathshala recited schlokas and danced. The children put a great deal of effort into the program under the guidance of Kumud Bhimani and Arvind and Meena Shah. The audience was very appreciative. The program concluded with Namokar Mantra, Arti and Mangal Divo. The evening ended with sumptuous dinner sponsored by the families of Om Prakash and Trishala Jain.

The news of Guruji's sudden death reached Toronto within an hour, from our trustee Ramesh Jain, who was in Delhi on April 22, 1994. Mahavir Jayanti celebrations were postponed the same evening and a Shanti Path was conducted for three days at the Jain Centre. The members of the Executive Board and the Board of Trustees asked Ramesh Jain to represent

the Toronto Jain Society at Guruji's funeral. A twelve hour Namokar Mantra Jaap was held in memory of Guruji at the home of Surinder and Subhas Jain on May 8, 1994. The Canadian Council of Hindus paid tribute to Guruji at Ganesh Temple on Saturday May 7, 1994.

The Jain Society of Toronto held their 1994 elections at the end of March. The results were: Gyan Chand Jain, President 1994-96; Jashwant Shah, Vice-President; Arhant Jain, General Secretary; Ramesh Varia, Treasurer. The new Executive Committee is Kumud Bhimani, Ladies Representative and Entertainment; Premal Shah, Youth; Om Prakash Jain, Food; Pritam Mehta, Pathshala; S. Khamesra, Public Relations and Samayak; Bharat Shah, Snatra Pooja and Picnic; Pravin Shah and Anil Vora, Fund Raising. Keshav Chandaria and Naresh Jain were re-elected as trustees for another five year term.

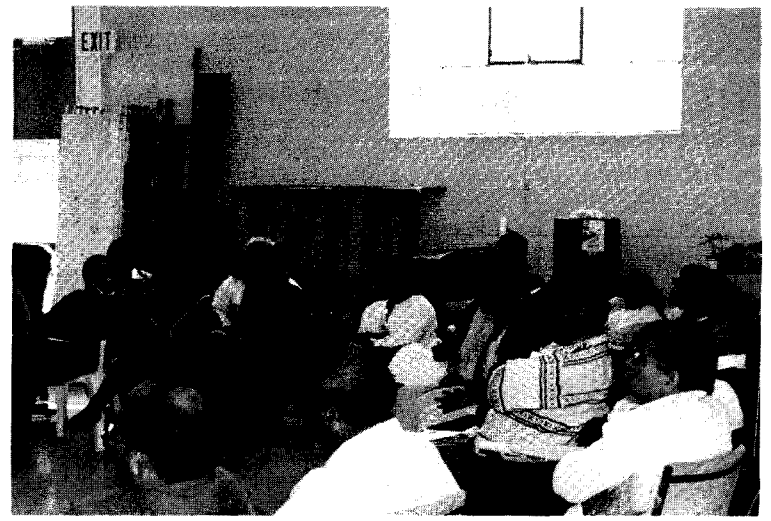


*Ribbon Cutting Ceremony  
Canadian Regional Office of JAINA*

The opening ceremony for the Canadian Regional Office of JAINA was held in February, 1994. After the opening about fifty officers and active members of various Jain organizations attended the Center's Leadership Effectiveness Workshop (CLEW) that was organized by JAINA.

In 1993, Tushar Mehta one of our young men from Brompton, Ontario attended the Shree Bidada Sarvodaya Trust Hospital in Kutchh, Gujarat for ten days and the Veerayatan's Eye Hospital in Bihar for six weeks. He had the opportunity to





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get involved and learn first hand about the health issues, hospitals and the socio-economic conditions in India. By becoming personally involved Tushar saw how much can be accomplished when the community and volunteers pull together to help with such a noble task. He recommends that everyone to visit and work at institutions like these.

The Veerayatan's Eye Hospital (Netra Jyoti Deva Mandiram), which has performed more than 30,000 free eye operations to date, was the brain child of Gurudev Upadhaya Amar Muniji. It was constructed under the direction of Acharya Chandanaji and Sadhvi Chetnaji Maharaj is the manager. For details about the medical camp at Bidada please see the March, 1994 issue of the Jain Digest, pp-14.

## MIDWEST

*Manubhai Doshi*  
Regional Editor

### Chicago, IL

The newly elected officers of the Jain Society took office on January 1, 1994. The center has continued to attract people from all over the area. Snatra Pooja and Digambar Pooja are performed every Sunday morning. Sthanakwasi friends come together on the first Sunday of every month for Samayika and the chanting of Namokar Mantra. Shrimad Bhakti is held on the third Sunday of every month in the Jnanmandir. Panchakalyanak and other

poojas are performed frequently with the active participation of the ladies from the Mahavir Mahila Mandal. Arti and Mangal Dip are performed every evening in the temple and in the Jnanmandir (Temple of Knowledge).

Religion classes began in January. Four separate classes are conducted for children. The classes are based on age and are conducted in accordance with the course outline prescribed for each class. In addition, there is a class for adults with an emphasis on the essence of Jainism. All classes are conducted simultaneously from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon after common prayer which is held from 10:50 to 11:00 a.m. About 100 children and 25 adults have been taking advantage of these classes. A class in Gujarati began in May.

During *Chaitri Oli* arrangements were made for Ayambils at the center on April, 17 and 23, 1994. More than 150 people observed Ayambil.

The 2592nd birthday of Lord Mahavir was celebrated on April 24, 1994. More than 1,200 people attended. A speaking contest for children was the main part of the program. The theme was the impact of the Jain Center in your life. The thirty children who participated were divided into three age groups. By the manner in which the children expressed this theme, one can state that the Jain Center is going to play a very significant role in preserving Jain heritage. Prizes of \$51, \$31 and \$21 were awarded to the top three participants in each age group. The following children were the recipients:

#### Age 5-9

- 1st prize - Shital Shah
- 2nd prize - Shashin Shah
- 3rd prize - Nina Mehta

#### Age 10-13

- 1st prize - Amishi Sandesara and Tina Shah
- 2nd prize - Jay Shah
- 3rd prize - Rena Shah

#### Age 14-19

- 1st prize - Darshan Mehta
- 2nd prize - Parshwa Shah
- 3rd prize - Smiti Parekh

In addition, \$5 was presented to every participant by Rajendra Shah. The program ended with Arti and Mangal Dip followed by dinner.

On hearing the sad news of the passing away of Acharya Shree Sushil Kumar Ji on April 22, 1994, the center sent a telegram to his Ashram in New Delhi. A resolution to that effect was passed on April 24, 1994. In addition, Kausagga and two minutes silence were observed, praying for the bliss of the departed soul.

More than ninety people participated in observing the 93rd anniversary of Shrimad Rajchandra's Samadhi on May 1, 1994. Followers enthusiastically recited Atmasiddhishashtra and chanted the Smaran Mantra. The program concluded with Arti, Mangal Dip and dinner.

A drive was undertaken to collect useable clothing for distribution in India. With the cooperation of the Indiraben Doshi Memorial Trust, 106 parcels of clothes were sent to Baltimore for shipment to India.



## Detroit, MI

Mahavir Jayanti was celebrated on April 24, 1994. The program started with Snatra Pooja and concluded with dinner. A dramatic presentation of the Chandanbala story was the highlight of the celebration. There was folk dancing by the youth.

Construction of the temple is proceeding well. The community feels very excited about seeing this plan become a reality.

## St. Louis, MO

Prayers, bhajans, religious classes and other programs are held by the Jain Center every month. In February, the program included a video presentation on Buddhism. In March, there was an overnight camp for the youth. Mahavir Jayanti was celebrated on April 24, 1994. The program included a Guru Pooja dedicated to Lord Mahavir. The program concluded with Arti and Mangal Dip.

## NORTHEAST

*Vinay Vakani*  
Regional Editor

## Albany, NY

The Jain Society of the Capital District celebrated Mahavir Jayanti and the first anniversary of Mahavir Pratistha on May 7, 1994 at the Hindu Temple. Snatra Pooja and Panch Kalyanaka Pooja were performed with *Bhakti Sangeet* (devotional songs) by Vinod Shah of the New Jersey Jain Center followed by a children's program.

Children ages 5 to 18 recited Namokar Mantra, and displayed charts of the eight Karmas, nine Tattvas, five vows and twelve Bhavnas. A Jain Academy Bowl was organized. Two teams were asked 30 questions based on the above mentioned topics. The 150 members who attended were delighted by the performance and encouraged the children with hearty applause. The success of the program was the result of the hard work of the children and the pathshala's teacher, Jagdish B. Doshi.

The celebration ended with the traditional Swamivatsalya dinner.

## Boston, MA

Ratibhai Dodhia of the Jain Center of Greater Boston has written three books: Primer of Jainism, Levels I, II, and III. These books explain the principles, history and practices of Jainism in simple terms. They are easy to read and would be ideal source material for teaching pathshalas.

The Level I book discusses topics like: Tirthankar Bhagwaans, five auspicious events in life of a Tirthankar, proper conduct, Bhagwaan Adinath, Bhagwaan Mahavir, sense organs, living and non-living. This book is suitable for students ages 6 to 8.

The Level II book discusses history of Jainism, Jain cosmology, substance, gaatis, reality, passions, householder's conduct, non-violence, Paryushan Parva, and Dash-Laxana parva. This book is suitable for students ages 9 to 12.

The Level III book provides an incisive description of topics of bondage and karmas, the three spiritual jewels, salvation, stages of evolution for a householder, themes of meditation, Jain logic, and non-absolute point of view. This book is suitable for young adults and adults. To obtain copies of these books contact the Jain Center of Greater Boston, 83 Fuller Brook Road, Wellesley, MA 02181.

## Buffalo, NY

The Jain Community of Buffalo was saddened by the sudden death of Acharya Sushil Kumar Ji. Many Jain and Hindu families from across the Western New York area came into contact with Guruji during the summer camps in Niagara Falls, Ontario. His achievements were recalled especially Siddhachalam, a *teerth* (place of pilgrimage) for Jains of all traditions. Everyone paid their last respects to Guruji by observing a minute of silence during the Sunday *Kirtan* (prayer) on April 24, 1994, at the Hindu Cultural Center (HCS).

Mahavir Jayanti was celebrated at the HCS on Sunday, April 17, 1994. The children recited the meaning of Meri Bhavna in English under the guidance of Jagat Jain. The celebration also included a special pooja by Arihant Jain of Toronto and singing of Jain stavans. Gyan Jain, president of the Jain Society of Toronto, spoke about the unity of the Hindu and Jain communities in Buffalo. The day ended with Swamivatsalya lunch.

## Essex Fells, NJ

Many members of the Jain Center of New Jersey (JCNJ) attended a memorial service at Siddhachalam for Acharya Sushil Kumar Ji to express their sorrow at sudden passing away of a great supporter of the JCNJ. The children from the JCNJ pathshala sang a special tribute at this meeting. On April 17 and 23, 1994, many members participated in Aayambil Tapasyas.

Mahavir Jayanti was celebrated on April 24, 1994. Over 100 children participated in performing a pooja dance, singing Jain *stavans* (hymns) and taking part in a drama about Jain philosophy.

On May 8, 1994 about 150 members of JCNJ traveled to Washington, D.C. to visit the Jain Temple in nearby Silver Spring, MD. The Jain Society of Metropolitan Washington (JSMW) graciously hosted our visit and made everyone feel very welcome. Everyone performed Panch Kalyanaka Pooja celebrating the five Kalyanakas of Bhagwaan Parshwanath. The visit strengthened the friendship between our two Jain communities. The JCNJ expressed its sincere appreciation for the splendid hospitality.

Many Jain scholars are scheduled to visit the JCNJ during the months of May, June, July and August. For information regarding the activities at the Jain temple in Essex Fells, NJ, please call 201/226-2539.

## Hartford, CT

The Jain Center of Greater Hartford celebrated Mahavir Jayanti on April 24, 1994 at the Storrs campus of the University of Connecticut. The program began with observing one minute of silence in memory of Acharya Sushil Kumar Ji. High school students read passages from Samayasara and the Tattavarth Sutra followed by Deva, Shastra Guru, Snatra and Mahavir Poojas, Bhajans and Arti. More than 150 people attended including, students from UConn, families from Connecticut and neighboring states. An entertainment program, which included: folk and individual dances, songs, and a tabla/sitar recital by Kader Khan and Mushtaq Khan was followed by dinner.

## New York, NY

Mahavir Jayanti was celebrated by the Jain Center of America (JCA) on April 24, 1994. It began with Shraddhanjali to Acharya Sushil Kumar Ji. Children from ages 5 to 18 participated in presenting 13 skits and dances including a *Nritya Natika* (dance-drama) depicting the life of Shri Sthulibhadra. Congressman Gary Ackerman, of North Queens, was the guest of honor. He commented on the unity and progress of the Jain community.

JCA affectionately recognized Shree Mohanlal Jhaveri, known as Gatukaka, for his services to the Jain community and presented him with a shawl as a token of appreciation.

We are sad to report that Shree Jhaveri passed away on June 7, 1994 at 81. He was a follower of Mahatma Gandhi and was very active at the JCA and Siddhachalam, devoting his life in service to the community.

Many Jain Munis, Shramaniji (Samans) and scholars are scheduled to speak at the temple in Queens from now through September.

## Syracuse, NY

The Syracuse Jain Center has approximately 13 member families. These families meet once a month for religious and social activities on a Sunday at 4:00 p.m. at the home of a host family.

These get-togethers begin with Namokar Mantra. Young people ages 10 to 20 present stories they have written on Jainism. Discussions on Jainism, vegetarian diet and JAINA news are held. Everyone is encouraged to participate. Occasionally a short "test" is given on the principles and rituals of Jainism. The winners are awarded prizes. At the end of the evening dinner is served.

April's meeting was held on the 17th and was dedicated to Mahavir Jayanti. A few members presented stories on the twenty-seven birth cycles of Bhagwaan Mahavir and the fourteen *swapnas* (dreams) of Trishla. May's meeting was held on the 8th, a moment of silence was observed in condolence for Acharya Sushil Kumar Ji.

## Washington, D.C.

Pravin Dand, the president of the Jain Society of Metropolitan Washington (JSMW), reports that the society has been

humming with activities as more and more young people and adults have started to participate.

Over 50 members attended Samuha Aayambil on April 17, 1994. Twenty students and their professor from Georgetown University also attended because they wanted to learn about the Jain religion. Their visit was coordinated by Sujal Shah. After the welcome by Pravin Dand, Jaya Nagda, Ankur Gosalia, Tejas Doshi, Rajni Gosalia and Kanu Doshi talked about the principles of Jainism. After a lively discussion moderated by Niren Nagda the visitors toured the temple and participated in *Aayambil* (lunch) sponsored by Bhupendra and Surekha Shah.

From April 19 - 22, 1994 Dr. Shekharchandra Jain, a well-known Jain scholar from Gujarat, gave talks on Jain scriptures at the center including Namokar Mantra Dhyana sessions.

The Mahavir Jayanti celebration on April 23, 1994 was attended by over 400 members. Dr. Shekharchandra Jain gave an enlightening talk on the life and teachings of Bhagwaan Mahavir. The highlight of the evening was a cultural program which began with the recitation of Namokar Mantra, followed by skits, solo dances, and Raas-Garbas presented by the children, young adults and a surprise item by the mothers. The evening concluded with the traditional Swamivatsalya dinner.

A prayer meeting was held on May 1, 1994 at the center to offer tribute to Acharya Shushil Kumar Ji. Over 125 members attended the service. After reciting prayers, two minutes of silence was observed.

On Sunday, May 8, 1994 the Jain Center of New Jersey visited. About 100 of our members were present to greet the 153 visitors. After performing Chaityavandan, everyone proceeded to the Sherwood High School where lunch was served. The group returned to the temple where everyone participated in the Panch Kalyanaka Pooja performed by Vinod Shah and his musical accompaniment. Gurudev Chitrabhanuji gave a discourse on "Know(ing) your inner-self (*Atma*) and you will know everything" in English and Gujarati.

On May 22, 1994 the JSMW celebrated the Varshi-Tapa Parnu by Anjana B. Vora. The celebration started with Snatra Pooja. Gurudev Chitrabhanuji

spoke on the meaning and importance of Tapa in our lives.

The celebration concluded with the Swamivatsalya lunch sponsored by the Vora Family.

## SOUTHEAST

*Surendra Shah*  
Regional Editor

## Atlanta, GA

The Jain Society of Atlanta celebrated Mahavir Jayanti on April 24, 1994. The children presented a fine program. Over 250 people took part in the celebration and a dinner sponsored by Suresh and Varsha Shah and Narendra and Kusum Shah.

Kantaben Shah sponsored a Bhavana followed by dinner on March 6, 1994 for about 150 people.

Pathshala for young adults and children is held every Sunday. Virbala Jain and Hetal Jain teach the youth classes and Manhar Parekh teaches the adult classes. The youth group met at the home of Sarla Kothari to plan this year's activities.

## Augusta, GA

The Jain community of Augusta celebrated Mahavir Jayanti on April 19, 1994 at the Hindu temple. Guests from the Atlanta Jain Society conducted the Snatra Pooja. About 200 people attended. Lunch was served afterwards. Jyoti Shah and Manish Ghelani have taken the leadership in starting the children's pathshala. The society can be reached on Prodigy (GPGV02A) or Internet. For further information contact Navnit Shah.

## Charlotte, NC

The Jain study group of Charlotte celebrated Mahavir Jayanti on the morning of April 23, 1994 at Hindu center, Vedant Hall. Jains and non-Jains took part in the celebration. Many families from the surrounding areas came to hear the guest speaker Chandrakantbhai Mehta. Mr. Mehta came from Parsippany, NJ and is a renowned Jain scholar who has studied Tatvarth in great detail. In the evening, he had a mini-teach-in of the Tatvarth Sutra at the home of Sanghpati, Surendra Patel. Surendra Jain, had a 24 hour Namokar

Mantra Dhun at his home. Many families participated. A delicious dinner followed.

## Clarksville, TN

The Jain Center of Middle Tennessee Clarksville celebrated Mahavir Jayanti. The youth presented a program of stavans accompanied by music. Sameer Shah and Pankaj Sheth composed and sang the stavans. Ten young adults are going to Chicago for YJA Convention. Pravin Mehta was elected president.

## Miami, FL

The dream of bringing all the Jain Centers of South Florida together became a reality on Saturday, April 30, 1994 when participants from Ft. Myers, Jacksonville, Orlando, Tampa, and Tri-county celebrated Mahavir Jayanti. A joint effort like this is very important because it fosters a sense of unity.

The Mahotsav took place at Ramblewood Middle School, in Coral Spring began in a very inspiring way with Manglacharan and stavans.

Dr. Shekherchandra Jain, a scholar from India, gave a very exuberant speech in which he reminded everyone of the importance of the celebration of the 24th Tirthankar, Bhagwan Mahavir. He noted that this was most important at a time when "war and conflict" are very much in our minds. The Jain message of peace and non-violence, typified in the life of Bhagwan Mahavir, finds a symbolic expression in the celebration of Mahavir Jayanti.

The auspicious Swapna Vidhi started with explanation of the fourteen dreams of mother Trishla by a group of fourteen participants. The Swapna Vidhi and "Ghee Boli" were very well received and enjoyed. The climax of the program came at Arti and Mangal Divo, which were bid at \$10,000 each.

A cultural program included: the birth of Bhagwan Mahavir, a skit on vegetarianism, Divo Nritya and solo dances by girls ages 7 and 9. A Swamivatsalya dinner followed.

Bharat and Usha Shah from New York were invited to perform a drama. Their professional performance explained the duties of Jains who live in western countries, keeping in torch with their heritage and accommodating our senior citizens. The most relaxing moment came when

Ghanshyam Joshi performed the sangeet with Yogesh Sant of New York on tabla.

A Shraddhanjali resolution in memory of Acharya Shree Sushil Kumar Ji was passed and signed by the Jain Centers of South Florida region on April 30, 1994. The center was fortunate to have been able to receive Guruji six times in past two years.

## SOUTHWEST

*Jadavji Kenia*  
Regional Editor

## Dallas, TX

Mahavir Jayanti was celebrated on April 24, 1994 with a great deal of enthusiasm at the Jain Center in Richardson, TX. Pooja was followed with a lecture by Shri Shekhar Chandra Jain, a visiting scholar from Ahmedabad. The children performed a drama interpreting the dreams of Queen Trishla. A game, in a talk show format, was presented in which contemporaries of Mahavir such as: Chandanbala, Mahavir's parents, Gautam Swami, and even Bhagavan Mahavir were interviewed by the talk show host. A classical dance was performed by a talented group of young ladies.

The evening sessions with Shri Shekhar Chandra Jain continued for four days after Mahavir Jayanti. He spoke about "Dash Laxan," virtues and other Jain topics. He taught a technique of meditation based upon reciting of Namokar Mantra which can be done for 48 minutes, long enough for a Samayak.

The society received the news about Acharya Shree Sushil Muni Ji's with sorrow. A few moments of silence were observed during the meeting in his honor and to pray for the peace of his soul's journey towards salvation.

The Jain Society of North Texas and the Jain Youth Group is planning to send about 25 delegates to the YJA Convention in Chicago. Attendance at this conference is being considered an investment in the future. In order to encourage participation among our youth, the society has contributed over \$4,000 towards air fares and other expenses.

## Houston, TX

The Jain Society of Houston celebrated Mahavir Jayanti on April 17, 1994. The program included a children's performances, stavans and lectures by Manoharbbhai Kucheria and Navinbhai Mehta. This was followed by a general body meeting where the activities of the past year were reviewed.

The Society elected a new Board of Trustees and an Executive Committee headed by Parimal Desai as president.

A Bhoomi Poojan was performed on Sunday, April 24, 1994 with great jubilation, for the expansion and renovation of the present facility. The pooja was performed under the guidance of A. L. Mehta. Shirish and Leena Kothari sponsored the Jain Center's *Bhoomi Poojan* (ground breaking ceremony) and Nitin and Varsha Shah and Anil and Sangita Shah of Lafayette, LA sponsored the temple's Bhoomi Poojam.

On Sunday, May 15, 1994, there was a Varsitap Parna celebration at the center for four members:

- Ranjanben Sanghani finished her Tapasya of fasting on alternate days for 400 days.
- Mrudulaben Sutaria finished her Tapasya of daily Ekasana for 400 days.
- Sangeeta Sutaria, the daughter of Sureshbhai and Mrudulaben, finished her Tapasya of alternate Ekasana and Beasana for 400 days.
- Preetam Shinghavi, son of Ashokbbhai and Ujwalaben, finished his Tapasya of daily Beasana for 400 days.

Our heartiest congratulations to all four of the Tapasvis for successfully completing the Varsitap. The parnas were celebrated with the traditional sugarcane juice followed by Snatra Pooja, stavans and Swamivatsalya lunch.

## Tulsa, OK

The members of Tulsa Jain Sangh celebrated Mahavir Jayanti on April 24, 1994. All the children help perform the Snatra Puja, which was led by Harsha Mehta. To refresh our minds about the principles of Jainism a video was shown on Tirthankar Bhagavan Mahavir, that was produced by the Institute of Jainology.

The Sangh has raised over \$5,300 for the victims of the devastating earthquake in Maharashtra, India. The funds will be used to build three houses as part of Jaina Nagar in cooperation with Lions Club of Dhobi Talao, Bombay.



Regular activities at the Sangh include: Jain school every Sunday taught by Aruna Shah; Bhakti and Bhojan on first Sunday of the month and a Snatra Pooja on the second Sunday of the month. Although the Jain community is small, their enthusiasm to pursue Jain activities is overwhelming.

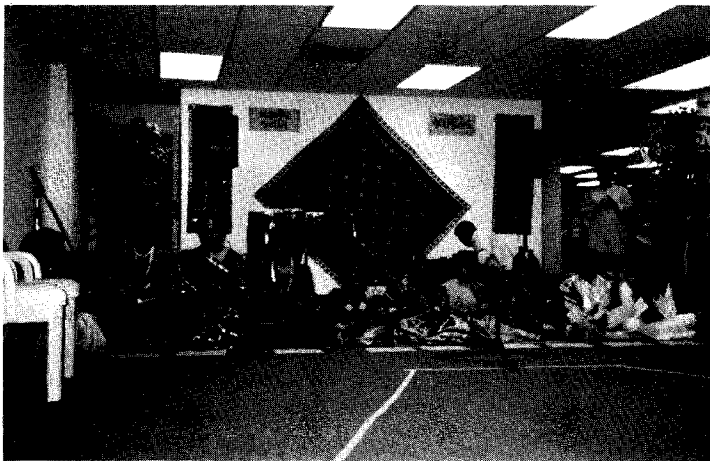
## WEST

*Chandrakant Parekh*  
Regional Editor

### Los Angeles, CA

An overflow crowd attended the Mahavir Janma Kalyanak Celebration on Saturday, April 23, 1994. It was a huge success. The program began with a Snatra Pooja followed by bhavna. The children's program was the highlight of the day. Over seventy children from the pathshala were dressed in colorful costumes and presented an impressive program of stavans, garbas and a drama on Shalighdra that was presented in flawless Gujarati.

The outstanding success of this event was attributed to the enthusiasm and hard work of the children, the dedication of the pathshala teachers, the skill of the program coordinators, and the encouragement of the parents. Under the direction of pathshala teachers, over one-hundred children between the ages of seven and fifteen participated in the construction of a magnificent *Samo-vasaran*.



*Los Angeles Pathshala's Samovasaran construction.*

A wide cross section of the Indian community gathered at the Jain Center on Sunday, May 1, 1994 to pay a tearful tribute to Acharya Sushil Kumar Ji. Among the hundreds of Jain families and community leaders were: Mahesh Gupta, President of Overseas Friends of BJP, Shiva Subramanyam representing the Vishwa Hindu Parishad of America, Ramesh Gandhi, President of the Federation of Hindu Associations, Mohinder Singh, Editor of the L. A. India Journal, Inder Jain of the International Mahavir Mission, Harish Dhurv of the Friends of India Society, Haribhai of the BSS Swaminarayan Temple, and many others. Guruji was eulogized as an untiring crusader and champion of peace and non-violence.

The Fourth Annual Medical Camp that is jointly sponsored by the Jain Center of Southern California and the Jain Social Group of Los Angeles, was very successful. The event was organized at the center on May 8, 1994 and provided an excellent opportunity for the elderly, visitors, and the local families to obtain an expert medical examination, with follow-up advice for free. Over thirty physicians and specialists in ayurvedic, asthma, general practice, internal medicine, cardiology, psychiatry, gynecology, orthopedics, E. N. T., pediatrics, urology, optometry, ophthalmology, astrocenterlogist, pharmacy and dentistry examined almost 200

patients. These on-site examinations were followed up with lab reports and analysis of the blood samples.

From May 12 - 17, 1994 Dr. Shekhar Chandra Jain, a Jain scholar and Sahitya Ratna, lectured at the center on *Bhakhtamar*. In addition, he conducted classes on *Namokar Dhyam* meditation for adults and children.

### Portland, OR

A new Jain Center in Portland, OR has been formed. For more information please contact Surbhi Jhaveri at 503/ 292-1965.

### San Diego, CA

About ninety people of the Jain Society celebrated Mahavir Jayanti on April 24, 1994. A musical dance drama on *Dreams of Trishla Devi* was presented by twenty children dressed in beautiful costumes. The drama was directed by Kokila Doshi with the help of Parul Kothari and Jagruti Maniar. The society has a membership of thirty-five families and meets once a month. Pathshala for the children began about six months ago. For more information please contact Manoj Maniar at 619/549-9726.



*Cast of: Dreams of Trishla Devi*

### San Francisco, CA

About 425 people celebrated Mahavir Jayanti at the center. The program began with a Snatra Pooja followed by stavans that were presented by the children. The highlights of the celebration included two inspiring lectures, one by Navin Dedhia on the Message of Bhagavan Mahavir and the other by Harendra Shah on *Anekantvad*.

The center holds regular meetings: including weekly swadhyay for adults, bi-

weekly classes for children, monthly classes for the youth and Preksha Dhyani. The Preksha Dhyani teachers recently conducted an eight week training session in the San Jose area.

The center will host Shri Dhirubhai Pandit who will be staying for three weeks, Shri Kiranbhai Parekh and Bhattarak Charukirtiji who will be staying for one month and Samniji Mangal Prajna and Samniji Charitraya Prajna who are staying for two months. For more information please contact Harilal Shah at 510/487-9380.

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Manibhai Mehta, Chair - Los Angeles,  
CA - Chair;  
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Balu Kuriya, Ottawa, Canada.  
Please send your nominations with a passport size photograph of the nominee to: Manibhai Mehta, 11403 Tortuga Street, Cypress, CA 90630, phone: 714/898-3156.

## **The Eighth Biennial JAINA Convention will be hosted by the Jain Sangh of Cherry Hill, N.J. on July 1-3, 1995**

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# OTHER ORGANIZATION NEWS

**Jain Meditation International Centre, Canada** held Mahavir Jayanti on April 24, 1994. Irena Upenieks, President spoke about "*Living Mahavira's Teaching of Non-violence in Today's World.*" Michael McAteer, a reporter for the Toronto Star interviewed Mrs. Upenieks for an article that was published on 4/9/94. The article included a photograph of Irena standing next to a statue of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of Animals. The photograph drives home the point of the Jain principle of Ahimsa and love towards all living creatures. The article described Irena's life and how she came to embrace Jainism.

**International Mahavir Jain Mission, Canada** is organizing the 9th annual Arhum Yoga Camp to be held from July 30 to August 6, 1994 at the Canterbury Hills in Ancaster, Ontario. For more information please contact Harish Jain at 905/525-5651; Surinder Jian at 905/735-6194.

The two-hour video interview with Guruji that was made three years ago in Delhi is now available. For more information about this video call Siddhachalam in the United States of 905/881-9390 in Canada.

**The Jain Social Group of Toronto** held a dinner party/fashion show with entertainment at the Maurya restaurant on May 12, 1994. The function was well attended.

**The Jain Meditation International Center, New York** will assist the Jain Society of Toronto, Canada with this year's observance of the Festival Of Forgiveness (*Paryushan*) under the spiritual guidance of Gurudev Chitrabhanuji. For more information please contact Gyanchand Jain at 416/469-1109 or Bhadrabehn Kothari at 905/820-0659.

The Jain Community in Metropolitan New York area was shocked by the news of sudden passing away of Acharya Sushil Kumar Ji in New Delhi on April 22, 1994. More than 500 people, including dignitaries representing various religious organizations, trustees of the International Mahavir Jain Mission (IMJM), JAINA, members of various Jain Centers and area Jains, gathered at Siddhachalam on May 1, 1994 to remember and pay tribute to Guruji.

The solemn ceremony began by carrying the urn containing the ashes to the podium. This was done by the Trustees of IMJM and Dr. Jagat Jain, President of JAINA. Mr. Vinod Shah of the New Jersey Jain Center recited Guruji's favorite hymns. Mr. Madho Jain and Mr. Bawa Jain introduced the dignitaries and Dr. Surendra Singhvi, Dr. T. J. Salgia, Mr. Amul Shah, Dr. K. C. Bhaiji, Dr. Mahendra Pandya, Mr. Ramesh Jain, Mr. Pannalal Jain, and others read the messages of condolence that had been received from all over the world. Many spoke about their personal encounters with Guruji.

In his message of condolence the Hon. Shankar Dayal Sharma, President of India, praised the effort of Acharya Sushil Kumar Ji in resolving conflicts and his contribution towards maintaining world peace. Messages from the Prime Minister of India, Speaker of the Lok Sabha, His Holiness the Dalai Lama and other dignitaries expressed sorrow that the world has lost a great spiritual leader.

The Consul General of India-New York, Pramukh Swami of the Swaminarayan Temple, Steve Anderson of the Temple of Understanding Interfaith Organization, the leader of the World Conference of Religion and Peace, Mr. Saied Thalikhari representing New Jersey's Governor the Hon. Christine Whitman, Ms. Barbara Gonbach of the Southern Asia Institute of Columbia University, Mr. Arun Jain - President of IMJM and Dr. Jagat Jain - President of JAINA, addressed the gathering paying tribute to Guruji. Gurudev Chitrabhanuji spoke about the closeness of his relationship to Acharya Sushil Kumar Ji and said that the world has lost a great soul. The service concluded with the fervent hope that Acharya Sushil Kumar Ji's work of building world peace would continue.

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## Jain Meditation International Center, New York Gurudev Chitrabhanu's Weekend Schedule 1994

### July 1-4 - Chicago, IL

Young Jains of America, Ashik Shah Mid-Atlantic Coordinator,  
212/213-2544; Seema Jain-Chair, 708/653-0308;  
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Shanit/Jai Dev-Nancy/John Grasso, 203/452-1619.

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JMIC, Doral Inn, JMIC 212/362-6483  
Gurudev Chitrabhanuji's Birthday Celebration - it's a Tuesday.

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Chetana-Cathy Florida, 313/449-2101.

### August 20 - Raleigh, NC

Pravin Shah, 919/469-0956.

### September 2-9 - Paryushana

Festival of Forgiveness, to be announced.

**Weekend Consultations  
by appointment for Out-of-Towners**

July, 23 - 24 and 30 - 31

August, 13 - 14 and 27 - 28

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The Jain Study Circle, North Hills NY held its annual meeting on June 5, 1994 at the residence of Krishna and Chandrabehn Mehta. This will be the fifteenth year of publication for the *Jain Study Circular* which is a quarterly publication devoted to the scriptural studies of the principles of Jainism. A resolution of condolence was adopted on the sad demise of Acharya Sushil Kumar Ji. The JSC holds quarterly meeting in the New York Metropolitan area to increase awareness and conduct discussions on topics related to the principles of Jainism. The JSC appeals to all readers of the circular to study, write and submit articles on Jainism for possible publication.

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तुभ्यं नमस्त्रिभुवनार्तिहराय नाथ !  
तुभ्यं नमः क्षितितलामलभूषणाय ।  
तुभ्यं नमस्त्रिजगतः परमेश्वराय  
तुभ्यं नमो जिन ! भवोदधि-शोषणाय ! ॥२६॥

*Tubhyam namastribhuvanartiharaya natha*  
*Tubhyam namah kshitalalamalabhushanaya.*  
*Tubhyam namastrijagatah parameshvaraya*  
*Tubhyam namo jina! bhavadadhi shoshanaya.*

हे नाथ ! आप तीन लोक के कष्टोंको दूर करने वाले हैं,  
आप भूमंडलके निर्मल भूषण हैं ।  
आप तीनों लोकोंके परमेश्वर हैं ।  
ओर (जन्म-जरा-मृत्यु रूप) संसार समुद्र से पार पहुंचाने वाले आप ही हो,  
अतः मैं आपको बार-बार नमस्कार करता हूँ ।

O Deliverer from all the miseries of the three realms! I bow to you.  
O Virtuous adoration of this world! I bow to you.  
O Lord paramount of the three realms! I bow to you.  
O Terminator of the unending chain of waves of rebirths! I bow to you.

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## SHRADDHANJALI

### ACHARYA SHREE SUSHIL KUMAR JI

ACHARYA SHRI SUSHIL MUNIJI AFFECTED US ALL

Guruji taught us about the importance of the Jain religion. We learned about many of the Jain principles and forms of meditation. We were very impressed with his candid knowledge of Jainism and his teaching methods. The Jain community will miss Sushil Muni's inspirational lectures.

*Neha N. Dedhia (18), San Jose, CA.*

Guruji was a nice and caring man. He helped a lot of people in the world and everyone loved him. It is sad that he is gone now. I have so many memories about him. . . He had a lot of knowledge. If you tell him a name (or a word) and then ask him what that meant, he will know. . . When he was 60, he still continued to devote his life to peace, non-violence, and protection of animals. . . We will all miss him because he is not here with us today. I wish he was still alive right now.

*Sheel Mehta (10), Hoffman Estates, IL.*

Realizing that absolute non-violence was not feasible in a twentieth century life style, Guruji advocated minimum violence. He taught us that ". . . being a true Jain may seem like you would have to be perfect, but there are things we can do in our daily lives which will help us toward this perfection. Not eating meat, minimizing consumption, such as extra clothes or too much food, are just some of the things one can do. However, do not let somebody make these decisions for you. It is solely up to you. It is important that whatever angle of Jainism you wish to follow, that you do it from the heart, and not what your parents or anyone else tells you.

*Kiran Jain (17), Placentia, CA.*

#### LETTING GO

I believe that I took my Guru for granted. I thought he would always be around. Guruji was, is, and always will be my spiritual father. Just seeing or even thinking about him keeps me going. His presence instantly brought upon a smile. Not the kind of, 'I need to impress someone' smile, but real peace. I don't cry for him, because I know he has succeeded to a higher spiritual plane. In fact, I celebrate him. We must pray for his soul, like the proper disciple should, without any remorse. This experience, as painful as it was, is teaching me how to let go. No more can I continue to be an anchor to another's soul.

*Sanjiv Jain, Laguna Niguel, CA.*

#### AND THAT'S HOW I FEEL

I knew Guruji for my whole life. I am not an expert on who he actually was but I do know him a considerable amount. He always put others before himself. His heart was free of evil and filled with love. Guruji was a person who I was able to talk to and he would understand. I will say a prayer for him tonight and hope

that his journey is a peaceful one. I will miss him.

*Rajiv Jain (16), Laguna Niguel, CA.*

His own life was an expression of the absolute non-injury in thought, word and deed. His eyes revealed and expressed this extreme compassion for the suffering of all mankind. . . What is actually needed is that the society should be re-educated in the true meaning and purpose of religion, and religions themselves should be pruned of all superstitions and all the factors of disharmony, and non-essential details should be ignored and essential principles emphasized and brought to the notice of all. Thus, his mission was to regenerate all religions in their own social set-up.

*Surendra Jain, Greenville, SC.*

#### REMEMBER

Remember his walk, remember his style,  
Remember his talk, remember his smile.  
Remember his teachings,  
Remember his preachings.  
Remember "Om Namo Arihantanam"  
Remember Guruji as the soul of the sun.  
Remember "white light!"  
Remember his hair turning white.  
Remember the tone of his voice,  
Remember Jainism is by choice.  
Remember Jainism is Dharma,  
Remember not to get bad Karma.  
Remember Jainism isn't a trend,  
Remember Guruji was my friend.

*Ravi Jain, Placentia, CA.*

Shri Sushil Muniji was respected outside the Jain community. He was very instrumental in promoting the most basic Jain principle of Ahimsa all over the world. He inspired many communities to build Jain temples outside India. His forward thinking allowed many Jains overseas to learn more about Jainism.

*Narendra Maniar, Atlanta, GA.*

The Augusta Jain Community owes a great tribute to Acharya Sushil Muniji for he was the one who conducted the Mahavir Swami Murti Pratistha at Hindu Temple of Augusta in September, 1991. We will always remember him for his contributions to our community and the world.

*Augusta Jain Community, Martinez, GA.*

(Guruji) possessed thorough knowledge of other religions and human understanding at world-wide level. For the survival of Jainism outside India, he saw the need to bring reforms conforming with the modern living styles while keeping the main



Jain principles of Non-violence, Vegetarianism, *Aparigraha* (non-possessiveness) and *Anekantvad* (multi-viewpoint) fully intact.  
*Mahendra K. Dosi, Alpharetta, GA.*

It is intriguing to note how Jainism, as a non-vedic, anti-brahmanical, sect has survived in India, and now spreading intact across the oceans. There is no doubt this high degree of mobilization of the Jains as a community across North America is to a great extent attributable to Acharya Shri Sushil Muniji's efforts. In the tradition of some of the monks in 100 B.C. to 850 A.D. who, in order to maintain the Jain tradition, had to gain royal support, and therefore compromise religious order to some extent, Sushil Muniji too, searched for a paradigm shift in the Jain beliefs. In doing so, he was controversial, yet very effective. We must continue his work through harmony and unity within our divergent practices and beliefs, while also maintaining good relations with the communities at large.

*Dr. Anant Jain, Dallas, TX.*

(Guruji) always gave logical answers to lot of mysterious questions related to Jainism. His knowledge on Jainism was deep. He said he had recited Namokar Mantra more than 900,000 times in his life. .... Guruji always believed in the powers of Namokar Mantra and he preached his followers to believe in it whole-heartedly.  
*Navin S. Dedhia, San Jose, CA*

Guruji was a Sadhak and a social visionary. Throughout his life and up to the last moment he worked hard for the unity, harmony and peace in the community, country and the (world) environment. It is a great loss for the humanity at the time when his quest for a non-violent and peaceful coexistence was gaining acceptance among the world leaders.  
*Mahendra Shah, Fl.*

Acharya Sushil Muniji has done more than any one single individual in bringing the Jains together in America and in providing the courage in practice of Jainism. My children and this community gained courage, vision, and pride in practice of Jainism through his teachings at Jain camps in Niagara Falls.  
*Ravi Pahade, Getzville, NY.*

Sushil Muniji's death is an irreparable loss for Jain community. His message of non-violence, peace and oneness of all living beings with the world at large will stay forever with us. Guruji's SIDDHACHALAM Ashram in New Jersey is a living example of his hard work, dedication to a cause and self service.  
*Manoj C. Maniar, San Diego, CA.*

Acharya Sushil Kumarji Maharaj was a dynamic teacher. During many of his visits to the Dallas area he taught us techniques of meditation and Arhum Yoga. These techniques became an asset to my traditional counseling skills, and from my professional and personal experience I know that they have proven to be very effective in healing and stress management. Guruji was a promoter of peace and non-violence, and has made a significant contribution in the field of holistic approach to healing. His great teachings shall live with us forever.

*Nalini Shah, Richardson, TX.*

Acharya Sushil Kumarji Maharaj was one of the trail blazers for youngsters growing up in North America. He taught them the fundamentals of Lord Mahavir's teachings, which has given them confidence in themselves and faith in their religion. He was a visionary and an ambassador of peace and a champion of the teachings of Lord Mahavira.

*Jain Center of Central Ohio, Columbus, OH.*

Guruji had a unique way of explaining difficult concepts by using simple stories. Here is an example of his way of clarifying the difference between Dravya Karma and Bhava Karma. "... A man was driving a bicycle, and he hit another man. If the man gets up after getting hit and confronts the rider of the bicycle, what should the rider do? The cause of collision is the part operation of Dravya Karma. If both people fight or argue viciously, they form Bhava Karma, which in turn will cause fresh new Dravya Karmas. If the rider apologizes and says he was really sorry from the heart, then no more bad Karmas are formed. . . Path of Khsama (asking forgiveness) is the greatest wisdom a human should have.

*Nirmal Dosi, Scholar's Visitation Committee, JAINA.*

Guruji was more than a religious leader. He symbolized patience, strength, and happiness. He taught me things that I would never hear my parents or teachers say. He showed me how to believe in something that offers protection and comfort. He was not only a teacher and leader, but my good friend. I could ask Guruji any question, no matter how silly, and he would have an answer. He would reply with as silly an answer as the question I asked."

*Mamta Jain (15), Irvine, CA.*

## A FRIEND

A friend  
with a heart pure and clean,  
a child's heart, unbiased,  
undivided love,  
knew no bounds.  
Uninhibited thoughts,  
residing in scholarly mind,  
a open mind, vast and deep,  
a face full of life,  
charming and benign,  
who could understand us better?  
who could give us peace?  
THE FRIEND, OUR GURU.

*Ritambhara Jain, Long Beach, CA.*

The very mention of his (Guruji's) presence would bring a smile to anyone's face. The only time I couldn't bring myself to smile was two Fridays ago when my mom called me and told me about Guruji's passing away. Like many of us here, I cried and felt a deep sense of loss. And even though we are taught by faith that death is neither a beginning nor an end in and of itself, I still can't help but feel sad at this time. I would like to end today with a small poem about a true guru.

If the true guru is gracious,  
trust becomes complete.  
If the true guru is gracious,  
no one ever wastes away.  
If the true guru is gracious,  
trouble is a thing unknown.  
If the true guru is gracious,  
how could there be fear of death.  
If the true guru is gracious,  
one is given instant joy.  
If the true guru is gracious,  
one mingles with the truth.  
Acharya Sushil Muniji was my TRUE GURU."

*Anjali Jain, Cerritos, CA.*

Some of my friends, who had attended the camp at Siddhachalam, had become so (very) close to him and respected him for being their true friend. They felt that this was the greatest time of their lives. The teaching of Jainism at the camp changed their feelings towards religion. He will be remembered in every heart for his loving and caring guidance that helped my friends and many others throughout the world."

*Mansi Shah, Cerritos, CA.*

With love and respect, Guruji this is for you:  
You are the sun shining in the blue sky.  
Your massive heart is open to love all.  
Your caring never lets anything die.  
Birds and flowers all listen for your call.  
It's your bright light they are protected by.  
They depend on this orange burning ball.  
Your love is the stimulation to try.  
You got up whenever you took a fall.  
Hate can overcome even the great. Why?  
Glowing in the sky keeping peace for all.  
Never erased from the Earth is your cry.  
No one will forget you for you stood tall.  
Giving more proves that you are a great one.  
Nothing can exceed your greatness: MY GURUJI."

*Samta Jain (15), Irvine, CA.*

#### GURUJI: A LIVING EXAMPLE OF ANEKANTVAD

In early days of Guruji's stay in America, he used a traditional mask (*Muhapatti*), as would any Sthanakvasi monk. Vivek (my son), 7 years old at the time, curiously asked Guruji what the purpose was of the mask. Guruji not only cheerfully explained the purpose, but also gave him one of his masks, which delighted Vivek. In the later years, Guruji discontinued the use of the mask, at least in public, because it narrowly identified him as a conservative Sthanakvasi. Similarly, he encouraged establishment of temples, and worked hard to build a beautiful temple at Siddhachalam in New Jersey. These examples demonstrate Guruji's broad based approach and leadership to unite the entire Jain community, regardless of the traditional differences and sub-sects. Guruji provided a great living example of the practice of ANEKANTVAD.

*Hans Maru, Brookfield, CT.*

Most of his life he (Guruji) worked for promoting brotherhood and fraternity among the different groups of people, particularly he endeavored to forge unity of all Jains. Though he belonged to Sthanakvasi sect, he set up there (at Siddhachalam) the Jain temple with Shwetambar as well as Digambar idols. He also did not insist on wearing Muhapatti which had been inseparable emblem within Sthanakvasi sect. His concept of unity of the Jains has been articulated in the Jain Center at Bartlett (JSMC).

*Niranjan Shah, Chicago, IL.*

It was evident, the affection and respect he commended was not limited among Jains, but Hindus, Sikhs and everyone who was present (at the Shraddhanjali meeting) felt touched by this great and holy spiritual father. He has earned a permanent place in the history and a special place in the hearts of humanity. A true international messenger of Lord Mahavir in modern history.

*Hasendra Shah, Jain Center of Southern California, CA.*

He was not only famous as a Messenger of Peace during the Punjab crisis but also for his hard work and his active support for spreading Jainism in the world. For our Derasar for Tulsa Jain Sangh, he graciously agreed to get us two Murtis. As it turned out, one of the Murtis that was for some other center, got shipped to us by mistake. When we realized of the exchange, he told us not to worry about it. He said, "The Murti wanted to come to Tulsa and therefore let it be in Tulsa. Otherwise, this exchange could not happen." Our Derasar blessed by him "... would not have been - a dream come true - without his support and his blessing. ... Jain communities in North America will miss him for his divine guidance, dedicated support and profound knowledge of Jainism. ... True tribute to Acharyaji is to carry his dream to spread, support and convey the message of Jainism to all in the world.

*Ketan Sheth, Tulsa, OK.*

One of his greatest achievements was the sense of direction that he provided for the Jain youth of America. With the establishment of Siddhachalam, Guruji gave us a central foundation from which all of us could build and expand our knowledge of Jainism. He provided us with the tools to craft our own understanding of Jain philosophy and help purify our body and soul. Guruji was a man of great warmth, compassion, and understanding. He shall never be forgotten.

*Ashish A. Shah (19), Orange, CT.*

Guruji loved children. He had one single goal for them, which was to instill the finest principles of Jainism into them from a very early age. He successfully achieved that through his book Song of the Soul. He taught all children the very powerful aspect of non-violence, through which they develop the feeling of friendship for each other and learn to live in harmony with all the people in the world. To me, this is the most important contribution Guruji made in this country to change our lives. He developed our children into true Jains, which would not have been possible without his relentless effort.

The establishment of the Siddhachalam temple is one of Guruji's greatest achievements, especially for a monk who belonged to Shwetambar Sthanakvasi sect. When the temple was

officially inaugurated in 1991, it became the 'Palitana' of the West. Visiting this Tirth makes it possible for each Jain to fulfill a pilgrimage without going to India.

He actively participated as an ambassador in negotiating peaceful settlements for all the troubled areas of the world, a true testament of his efforts for achieving his goal of global harmony. As our sincere tribute to him, let us all make a commitment to continue to carry the torch of non-violence and friendship to mankind, which Guruji ignited throughout the world.

*Ashvin Shah, Orange, CT.*

In a special meeting of IMJM of Orange County and Jain Temple of Buena Park, when the children were invited to share their experiences to pay tribute to Guruji, each one spoke with a big lump in their throat, some of them could not even finish their sentence without sobbing.

Tears I saw in our kids eyes were not tears  
but love and respect for their spiritual mentor.

Pain I heard in our kids voices was not pain  
but a demonstration of their hunger to know more.

We bow our head to you Guruji with millions of gratitudes.  
You new your business and the investment we made in it is the best,  
not just for us, but (also) for coming generations.

*Usha Jain, Irvine, CA.*

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His Holiness Acharya Sushil Kumarji Maharaj, our beloved Guruji, led a spiritual renaissance. His dynamic and spiritual form of leadership opened up new dimension that was concealed under the cobwebs of tradition and inertia. This was the dimension of activism and positivism in Guruji's practice of affirmative Ahimsa. This affirmative and active Ahimsa was indeed the Ahimsa preached and practiced by Lord Mahavir. It was this positive Ahimsa that took Lord Mahavir to Chand Kaishik. This was the Ahimsa of the valiant and fearless. This was the Ahimsa of one who was not prepared to kill but, was certainly prepared to die.

Guruji preached that religion was the spiritual song of the soul. He transcended all divisions and found a common ground in that spiritual song, that one to one relationship of each soul.

Guruji was always in the thick of action. He brought Ahimsa to the battle-ground, where it was needed most. He brought the teachings of Lord Mahavir to a world struggling against strife and war. He came out of India. In doing so, broke all traditions and taboos.

Guruji was an Acharya. Since the days of that great Jain Acharya Hemchandracharya, Guruji was the first Jain Acharya who saw no reason to run away from politics and policies. In this tradition, Guruji concerned himself with action in all fields of life. He brought the Jain religion back to life and to the service of human beings, animals and plants. He was on an ad hoc basis, the de facto Raj Guru for successive governments. Guruji saw beyond

India and began working on the global scale. It was his mission to serve all humanity.

In the past few years my family and I had the good fortune to be able to spend time at the lotus feet of Guruji. Sidhdhachalam became our second home. Indeed, it was our hope that Sidhdhachalam would be our only home. What was there for us at Sidhdhachalam? Thousands of people came there whenever there was a major event, lectures, worship services and many other activities. When these events ended, people returned to their homes and only Guruji and a handful of Ashram devotees remained. The time we spent at Guruji's lotus feet was the most blissful. A time of *anand-mangal*. I did not ask questions. Indeed, I thought I was not fit to do so! But, there was no need for words. Just being there with Guruji was all that was necessary. In the mornings, Guruji would come to the temple and recite the Mantras. The magnificent Ashram with its glorious temple and divine murtis resonated with the sounds of mantras being chanted in Guruji's ringing voice. The group chanting that followed would fill everyone with bliss and peace. In that moment of spiritual abandonment one could reach into the depths of one's being.

There is no denying that Guruji attained Samadhi on Mahavir Jayanti and although we feel the pain, our faith and confidence remains. Guruji said a name is more than the person. I once told of my inability to seek his blessing, even though I thought about him earnestly. He told me it was the right thing to do and added that whatever he achieved through his meditations was to be found in his name. Many years ago, Guruji did some difficult sadhana. Kirtichandraji Maharaj said that no Jain monk or Acharya did such a rigorous sadhana in the past few centuries. Thus, all that is needed now is Guruji's name and meditation to be able to sit at his lotus feet.

Guruji was self-realized. His knowledge and perception were from within. He was beyond the intellect, books and shastras. There were moments when he would speak about this kind of original knowledge. What is significant is that although Guruji had written books many years ago and was a scholar of the classics and shastras he went well beyond this.

Jain monks are addressed as Maharaj, not because they have given up everything but, because they do not desire anything. In a sense Guruji was truly royal. Kirtichandraji Maharaj used to say light heartedly, "Guruji is holding his durbar." Indeed, Guruji did hold his durbar, on a spiritual throne where he gave everything away. Bliss to everyone! During the 7th World Religions Conference, Guruji recited a couplet in Urdu which describes himself.

*"Amiri ki to aisi ki,  
kii Apna ghar loota baithe!  
Fakiri ki to aisi ki,  
kii uhnke gharmen ja baithe!"*

For decades, Guruji has dwelled spiritually in the house of the Lord!

*Jain Society of Toronto, Canada  
Shantichandra B. Shah*



# COMMITTEE NEWS

## Code of Conduct for Spiritual and Community Leaders

Khushal Bhaiji - Chair

The Code of Conduct Committee has been charged with two tasks: educating the Jain Community about the Code of Conduct practiced by Sadhus and Sadhvis of different sects in India and how this code should be adapted, with their approval, for use in North America; secondly, to prepare a Code of Conduct for community leaders.

The committee sent a first draft of the suggested code to all Jain Centers. This draft was the beginning of a very important process towards healthy growth of the Jain Community in North America. The objective was to arouse our consciousness in this delicate, yet very significant matter.

The committee plans to issue a second draft after considering all the suggestions and comments. The committee welcomes comments and suggestions on the second draft. A final draft will be submitted to the Executive Committee for approval.

JAINA respects and welcomes the spiritual leaders of all sects equally - with no preferential treatment to anyone - to visit North America for teaching purposes only.

For more information, suggestions or comments please contact Khushal Bhaiji at 13579 Ridge Road, North Royalton, OH, 44153, 216/237-7587.

## Environment and Ecology

Nancy Jain - Chair



*Tree planting in Toronto.*

The Jain Society of Toronto in conjunction with JAINA planted a crimson maple tree at the center on June 5, 1994. JAINA Environment and Ecology Committee members Nancy Jain and Sheila Kuriya with JAINA's Vice-President, Ramesh Jain helped organize the tree-planting in recognition of the Jain community's commitment to the preservation of nature.

The 150 adults and children who had gathered after Mahavir Pooja received a green ribbon as a show of their support for this worthy action. As the tree was planted, the children poured *gundboduk* (holy water) on to the tree as everyone chanted Namokar Mantra, blessing the event.



*Earth Celebration in Los Angeles.*

Earth Day was celebrated on April 29, 1994 by the Jain Center in Los Angeles by planting news trees on the site adjoining the center. This land was acquired for future expansion.

## World Community Service

Dhiraj Shah - Chair

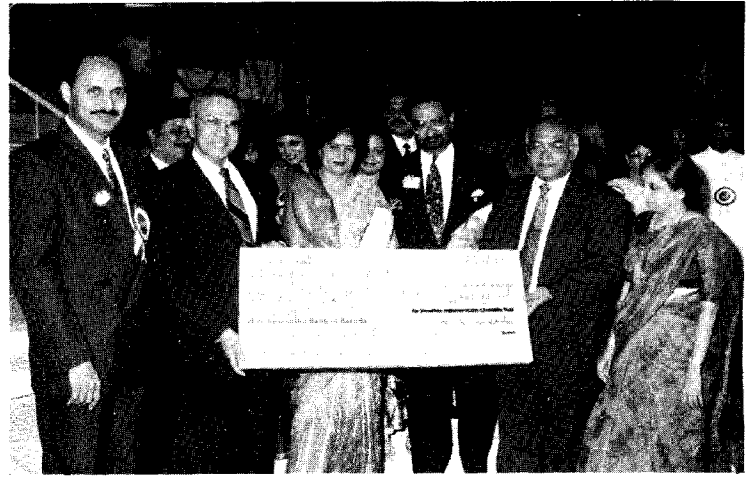
JAINA helps the earthquake victims of the Northridge, California. In the presence of over 500 hundred people gathered at the Jain Bhuvan in Cerritos, CA on April 3, 1994 the World community Service of JAINA and the Jain Center of Southern California presented a check for \$1500 to a representative of the International Red Cross to help the victims of the Northridge, California earthquake.



*Presentation of the check at Buena Park, California*

JAINA helps earthquake victims of Maharashtra, India. In the presence of over 40,000 people gathered under the banner of the Lions Club International, Bombay, India on February 26, 1994, the World Community Service Committee of JAINA presented the Lions Club with a check for more than 1.8 million rupees. The money will be used to build the Jain Nagar of fifty homes and a primary school in the village of Kawatha, which is 45 miles south of Latur and has been adopted by the Lions Club. The project is expected to be completed soon.

JAINA has launched a Rwandan Refugees Relief Fund to raise money to help victims of the cholera epidemic and starvation.



*World Community Service representatives, Bachubhai and Hansaben Ajmera (extreme right) presenting the check to the Lions Club.*

The Jain Community is very much distressed at seeing the thousands of desperate Rwandan refugees dying of hunger and cholera. JAINA has launched a Rwandan Refugee Relief Fund that will be used to save as many lives as possible and will be coordinated with Doctors Without Borders, the American Red Cross, Catholic Charities and similar organizations.

Send your tax deductible contribution to JAINA, 135 Morningside Drive, Grand Island, NY, 14072 in U.S.A. or Shri S.S. Jain Foundation, 276 Carlaw Ave., Unit 200, Toronto, ONT M4M 3L1, Canada. For more information please contact Dhiraj Shah at 716/773-1314 or 716/285-8438.

# *With Best Wishes to JAINA*

*from Drs. Bhupendra and  
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*Grand Island, New York*

## Vegetarian of the Year Award

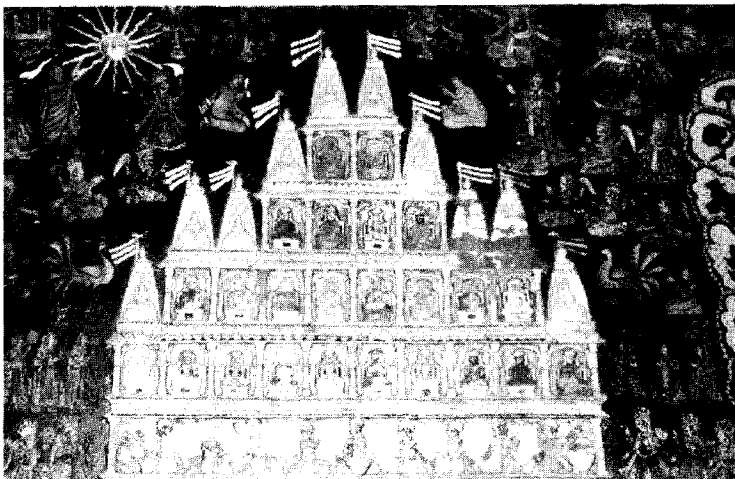
Bombay, India - In January, 1994 the Vegetarian of the Year Award was presented to Dr. J. M. Jussawalla. This distinguished award was presented by the president of the Society, Gurudev Chitrabhanuji to Dr. Jussawalla because of his "noble deeds and practicing the best from all the teachings of various religious traditions." In doing so the president noted that being a vegetarian is not only important as a dietary habit but, as a renouncement of violence.



Presentation of the Vegetarian of the Year Award

## Shantinath Temple

Bombay, India - The controversy over the question of how to deal with the deteriorating condition of the 18th Century,



A painting of Ashtapad Mountain inside the Shantinath Temple

Shantinath Maharaj Temple, Payadhuni in the heart of Bombay has raised many questions. The temple dedicated to the 16th Tirthanker, was built in 1797 by the philanthropist, Shri Motishah Sheth.

The temple houses some fine examples of 18th Century art work, and inscriptions of the Kalpa Sutra. The artifacts are meanful to the historic and cultural heritage of India.

Several factions wanted to see the temple demolished and rebuilt. However, Gurudev Chitrabhanuji proposed that the temple's *Sabha Mandap* be renovated and only rebuild the *Ghabhara*. Stating that renovation is a nobler solution that embodies "good action" since it follows the principle of *ahimsa*.

## School Anniversary

Bhuj, Kutch, India - The Matru Chaya School in Bhuj, Kutch run by the Jain Medical and Educational Trust, celebrated its 20th anniversary. Dr. Dhiraj H. Shah of Buffalo, New York expressed his cooperation to help modernize the school.

Keynote speaker, Gurudev Chitrabhanuji spoke about the school as a blessing because of the important work it does to educate and shape lives of the young students.

In his remarks, he divided the word *jeevan* (life) into three syllables - *jivavu*, meaning to live in the beauty of life; *vadhnvu*, meaning to grow in knowledge, love, peace and prosperity and *namanu*, meaning to be noble and humble. He pointed out that to grow with love and to humbly accept whatever you receive, is the essence of life.

Gurudev Chitrabhanuji stated that nature is a generous giver that does not confine its resources. Likewise, anyone who understands philanthropy is the true - *Lakshmipati*. According to him poverty is undesirable, but hoarding wealth is worse.

## Young Jains International Conference

London, England - For the first time this July there will an international gathering of Jain youth in London, England. Delegates will meet with the aim of adapting Jainism to the 21st Century. Some of the issues on the agenda will include:

- life and activities of Jain youth in various parts of the world.
- practicing Jainism in everyday life.
- the relevance of Jainism to global problems.
- networking with non-Jain organizations,

Greenpeace, vegetarian societies and environmental organizations

Dr. Michael Tobias, one of the United States foremost environmental engineers and the author of *Life Force: the World of Jainism* and Mr. Satish Kumar, a former Jain monk and now one of England's leading environmentalist and editor of *Resurgence*, England's first 'green journal' will be the guest speakers.

Dr. Tobias has challenged the youth to "convey emphatically the possibilities of Jainism in a world sundered by ill-will and suffering." "What stands out in Jainism is its penetrating insights, phenomenal integrity and childlike idealism . . ." Delegates are expected to come from North America, Europe, Africa and Asia. They will have special opportunities to meet and make new friends and participate in workshops that are geared for learning.

## Two Disciples of Acharya Tulsi Visit Europe

Saman Shitprajna and Saman Shrutprajna, disciples of Ganadhipati Gurudev Tulsi and Acharya Shri Mahaprajna of Jain Vishva Bharti, Ladnun, Rajasthan, India successfully completed a 75 day tour of seven European countries. From mid-February through April, 1994 they visited England, Germany, Belgium, Holland Austria, Switzerland and Finland. They lectured on anuvrat (taking small vows), the science of living, non-violence, ecology, world peace and Jainism.

While in England, they were invited to lecture at Oxford, Cambridge and Bristol Universities. In Fin-

land, they met and discussed issues with the Rector of Universities. In Switzerland, they taught Preksha Dhyana meditation techniques. The Samans were very well received and at many locations gave interviews for newspapers, radio and television.

## Ahimsa International

New Delhi, India - The Sixth World Jain Conference sponsored by the World Jain Congress and organized by Ahimsa International (AI) will be held in New Delhi, India on December 25 - 27, 1994. The theme of the conference is "*The Jains in the 21st Century*." The organizers are extending an open invitation to all Jains and Jain scholars from all over the world to participate. If you

are interested in presenting a scholarly paper, the conference committee invites you to send the document to the address indicated below. In addition, AI is requesting photographs (3"x5") with discription, of Jain Temples and Sthanakas in your area for publication in a souvenir brochure. For more information please contact: Satish Kumar Jain, Secretary General, Ahimas International, 53 Rishabh Vihar, Vikas Marg Extention, New Delhi - 110092, India, Phone: 221-5490.



*Samans with Finish University Students*



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REMEMBER WHAT YOU HAVE SAID, AND YOU NEVER FORGET WHAT YOU HAVE SAID.

**READ, REVIEW AND SHARE WITH FRIENDS.**

## Kanya Chhatralaya Opens

Ahmedabad, India - The Shri Mahavira Jain Vidyalaya (MJV) of Bombay announces that it has just purchased a facility for a Kanya Chhatralaya (a hostel for young ladies) in Ahmedabad, India that will provide lodging and boarding for about 50 college girls at an estimated cost of over \$300,000.

The MJV, an educational institution that maintains the highest standards, has supported over 8,000 bright and needy Jain students. However, this is the first time in the history of the MJV that a major step has been taken to help Jain girls. For more information please contact: Anop Vora at 716/473-9290.

## Tattvartha Sutra in English

Middlesex, England - The Institute of Jainology will introduce the Tattvartha Sutra, (in English) the first book of Jain scriptures in the Sacred Literature Series, in ceremonies at St. James Palace on July 25, 1994. This Sacred Literature Series is dedicated to sacred books of many faiths and will be launched by H. R. H. Prince Philip, President of the International Sacred Literature Trust.

# JAINA Charitable Trust

## An Appeal for Membership

During the past twelve years Jains in North America have seen the ever increasing activities of JAINA. Our most important responsibility is to see that these activities continue and help maintain a meaningful Jain environment. To do this we need everyone's support to make JAINA a financially stable organization. To help accomplish this a JAINA Charitable Trust has been established. The first twenty-two founding trustees have elected an Executive Council that will serve for a four year term. They are: Mahendra Pandya, New York, NY-Chair; Niranjana Shah, Chicago, IL-Vice Chair; Bharat Tolia, Detroit, MI-Secretary General; Dhiraj Shah, Buffalo, NY-Controller of Finance; Members-at-Large: Mahendra Varia, Martin, KY; Bhupendra Tolia, Norwood, NJ; Rashmi Kant Gardi, Chicago, IL. Although these Founding Trustees have established the first Executive Council there is always an important place for anyone wishing to become a trustee at this time. Therefore, Please complete the following form and send your tax-deductible contribution, by check, made payable to JAINA to the address below.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Earthquake in Maharashtra, India

Recently we had an opportunity to read Jain Digest and we were highly impressed at the work done by you and your team to help out our fellow Indians back home. My wife and I extend our sincere thanks to all of you at Jain Digest for the wonderful work you are doing for our entire Indian community!

Thanks to Dhiraj Shah for his excellent work in helping the earthquake victims in India.

*Mukesh and Mayuri Shah  
Cerritos, CA*

We would like to give our congratulations to JAINA for the excellent job it did in helping the earthquake areas of India.

*Tarulata and Hemant Thakkar  
Fort Lauderdale, FL*

## Inquiries

I would like to find out if the Jain Digest accepts advertisements?

*Chandan Vora  
Johnstown, PA*

*In response to Mr. Vora's letter, the Jain Digest does accept advertisements. Look for the name and address of the new Advertising Manager in the next issue or send your inquiries to the Editor in Chief, Harshad Shah. See page 2 for details.*

## Praises

I was very impressed with the Centerfold, the Goals, Objectives, Responsibility, Measurement and the Status of each objective/goal for JAINA. It was distributed to all the members of our society. The society directors were impressed with it and have directed me to prepare a similar format and formulate our society goals for the next five years. Thanks for providing such an excellent idea and bringing the "total quality management" approach to JAINA. Keep

up the good work.

*B. H. Deliwala, Oviedo, FL*

Please accept my congratulations on bringing out such a nice edition of Jain Digest March, 1994. JAINA's Two Year Strategic Plan is a unique and wonderful work. This is the first opportunity for the people to know about JAINA's plans and achievements. Under the able leadership of Jagat Jain some of the achievements that are articulated in the short term plan are noteworthy.

All the sections have similar design, impressive headings and typestyle. Everything is better! Please keep it up.

*Hashukh Shah  
Silver Spring, MD*

I received the Jain Digest today and it is wonderful work. Manoj, Yogendra and myself like it very much. A lot of credit goes to you and the new editor.

*Vinay Jain  
Boston, MA*

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# YOUTH SECTION - FRESH IDEAS

*Samir S. Mehta, Associate Editor - Youths*

## EXECUTIVE BOARD and CONVENTION Volunteers OF YJA

Young Jains of America, one of the most active committees in JAINA, would like to recognize all of the youth that have put in countless hours of hard work, week after week, since early August of 1993. These youth put in an average of 8-20 hours a week, each week for the past year. Those active and energetic youth are:

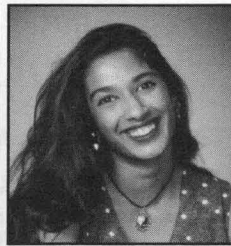
### CONVENTION '94 CAPS OFF!

YJA would like to proudly announce that they have reached their maximum capacity of 400 youth for the First Biennial YJA Youth Convention during July 1-4, 1994 in Chicago, Illinois, USA. This limit was reached before the second deadline of May 1, 1994 had even occurred. The response to attend Convention '94 was just plain overwhelming.

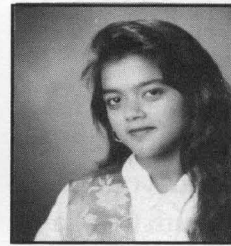
As this issue of Jain Digest goes to press, YJA is currently busy with tying up loose ends for Convention '94. They are focusing in on the sound programming aspect of Convention '94 and along with taking care of small details to ensure an enjoyable yet educational weekend. Please look for the next issue of YJA's newsletter, Young Minds, to have a complete summary of Convention '94. If you would like a free copy of Young Minds please call Samir Mehta at (713) 277-5401 as soon as possible.



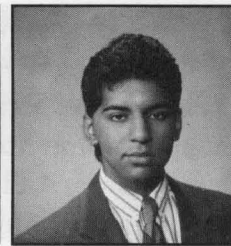
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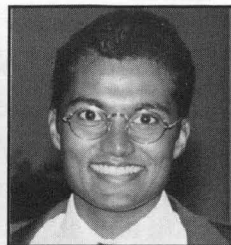
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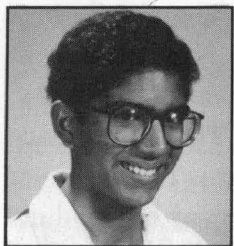
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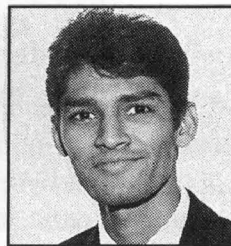
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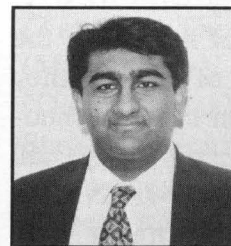
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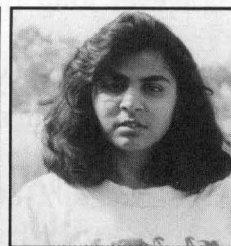
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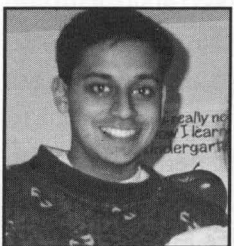
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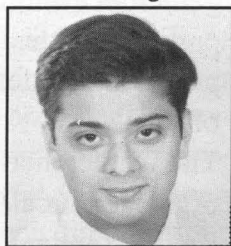
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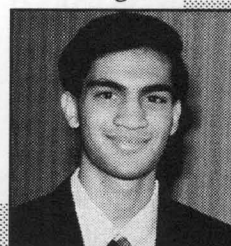
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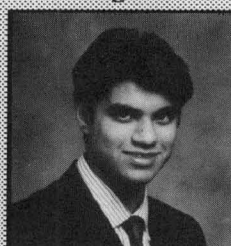
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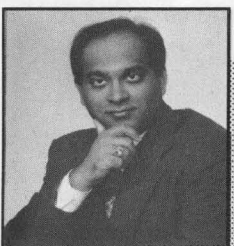
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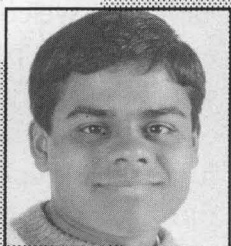
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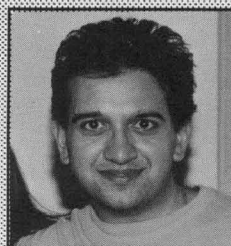
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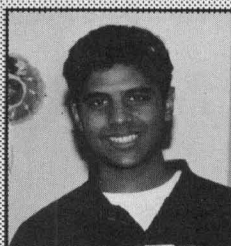
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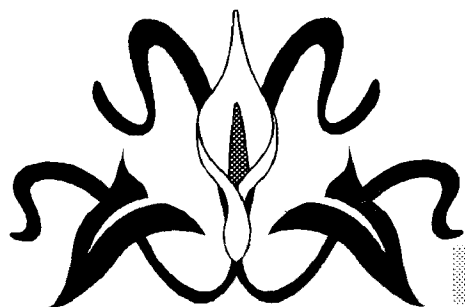
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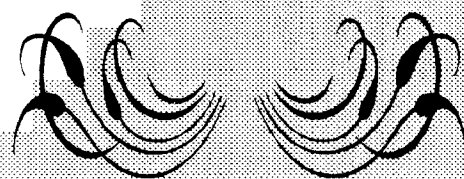
The JAINA Library and the Education Committee warmly welcomes any and all youth volunteers with a talent. Any youth that has a talent in things such as literature writing of Jain stories, poetry and prose writing, drawing, computer animation, usage of a deluxe IBM-PC with items such as Deluxe Paintbrush, Harvard Graphics, a color scanner, and a laser printer, etc. are cordially invited to visit the JAINA Library in Lubbock, Texas. Anyone with any talents can stay with Dr. Premchand Gada in Lubbock for one week, two weeks, or as however long they wish to stay. They need a lot of help from the youth in a variety of fields as they try to take Jainism in the technological 21st century. Please call Dr. Gada at 1-800-99-JAINA for any questions that you might have. Also, everyone is reminded that many Jain books are ready to be published for kids in pre-school and elementary school. These informative and educational books can be made available to anyone interested by calling Dr. Gada at the above phone number. Please make use of the resources that are being made available for our children to ensure the steady growth of Jainism in North America.



The youth members from the University Jain Society at The University of Texas at Austin would like to cordially invite all interested youth and adults to the Third Annual South Region Jain Youth Conference to be held in Austin, Texas during the Thanksgiving Day Weekend 1994. The Conference will begin Friday, November 25th and continue through Saturday, November 26th. This Conference is unique in that it is the first ever regional gathering of both adults and youth. No other region in North America has ever put together an event like this one. The purpose of this Conference is to promote the ideals and awareness of Jainism.

The Conference is being primarily organized for all Jains in the South Region ranging from young children to the youth to the adults. But anyone else wanting to attend is more than welcome to come to the event. In the past, these Conferences were only held for the youth of the South Region, but this year having the adults participate will further open the communication channels between the two groups. There will be separate activities

along with joint activities between the adults and the youth. The entire format of the Conference will be very similar to past JAINA Conventions, with numerous workshops, panels, seminars, and open forum discussions. Also, there are plans on having two very distinguished guest speakers from our Jain community. The theme for this Conference will focus on the environment and the ecology, topics that have not really been discussed from a Jain viewpoint. We also plan on having workshops on matters such as vegetarianism in the 1990's and animal compassion. We urge everyone to attend this Conference, especially interested youth and adults from North America. If anyone from outside the South Region wants to attend, please contact Mrs. Hansaben Varia (First Vice-President of JAINA from the South Region) at (214) 644-0294 for further information concerning this monumental event.



## JAIN BBS: ACCESSING JAINISM WITH USE OF TECHNOLOGY

A computer-based JAIN Education and Information Bulletin Board System (JAIN BBS) has



now be-  
come available. It makes informa-  
tion about Jainism and  
commentaries on other  
world religions readily available at  
the simple touch of a finger, mainly  
due to the usage of computer tech-  
nology. This computer-based  
electronic system is intended to  
promote education and provide  
information about many aspects  
of Jainism for youth, as well as  
adults in North America. A per-  
sonal computer and access to a  
modem lets the user connect to a  
wealth of information free of  
charge. Access to the JAIN BBS  
can be made available worldwide  
as many universities and corpora-  
tions have arrangements for free  
connection to the Internet system.  
The JAIN Bulletin Board Service  
is an educational service co-spon-  
sored by JAINA and the Jain Center  
of North Carolina to provide infor-  
mation and news about many  
aspects of Jainism. Currently, the  
JAIN BBS has all information in  
English. In the future, we will in-  
clude materials in Indian languages  
such as Hindi, Gujarati, and other  
languages as software in these lan-  
guages is acquired.

**Access to JAIN BBS:** Access to  
the JAIN BBS has expanded sig-  
nificantly to make information  
rapidly available on a wider scale,  
and also as freely and economically  
as possible. There are now four  
different ways to receive this infor-  
mation. The original and direct  
access is via a modem connection  
to the JAIN BBS master database.  
As this involves long distance phone  
costs, parts of the database have

been made available via Internet,  
the second method. This is through  
a "telnet" access to the JAIN BBS  
database on the University of North  
Carolina Sunsite computer data-  
base. The third method of  
disseminating JAIN BBS infor-  
mation is through periodic JAIN BBS  
E-mail Bulletins. Subscription to  
the email service is free. For those  
individuals not having email ac-  
cess, a fourth method has now  
become available. The JAIN BBS  
E-mail Bulletins will now be sent  
by telefax (Fax). Subscription to  
the Fax service is US \$12 per year  
or US \$100 for a lifetime  
subscription.

**JAIN BBS E-Mail Bulletin Ser-  
vice:** The JAIN BBS E-mail  
Bulletins feature articles on the  
many facets of Jainism. Recent ar-  
ticle have included life of Lord  
Mahavira, interpretation of the  
Namokar Mantra, introduction to  
Jain philosophy, a tribute to the  
remarkable contributions of Sushil  
Muni, and introductory articles on  
other world religions. Details of  
how to access and request further  
information are provided below.  
(1) *JAIN BBS direct modem con-  
nection at 919-469-0207.* Then  
follow the on-screen directions for  
login and database access. (2) *JAIN  
BBS E-mail Bulletin.* For a free  
subscription, send your request by  
email to Parul Shah at  
phshah@gibbs.oit.unc.edu (3) *JAIN  
BBS Database Access via  
Internet to University of North  
Carolina Sunsite.* For informa-  
tion, please send email to Mahesh  
Varia at varia@med.unc.edu (4) *JAIN  
BBS Bulletins by FAX.* Please

send email to  
phshah@gibbs.oit.unc.edu or write  
to Pravin Shah, Jain Study Center  
of North Carolina, 401 Farmstead  
Drive, Cary, N.C. 27511-5631,  
USA.

### Information from the Jain BBS:

The first phase of the JAIN BBS  
was completed and became opera-  
tional in February 1993. A course  
on the Fundamentals of Jainism in  
English became available and in-  
cludes the following topics of  
interest to youth and adults: What  
is Jainism, Concept of God in Jain  
Religion, Jain Ethics, Path of Lib-  
eration, Jain Sects, Metaphysics of  
Jainism, The Six Universal Sub-  
stances, The Nine Essentials  
(Tatvas), The Five Principles  
(MahaVratas), The Ten Virtues  
(Dushlaxanas), The Fourteen  
Stages of Spiritual Development  
(Gunasthanakas), Aspects of Jain  
Sacred Literature (Agam and Non-  
Agam), and other topics. The  
information can be transferred and  
stored in your computer files and  
printed. This may then be used for  
education, information, or distrib-  
uted freely for non-commercial  
purposes. We are actively entering  
information on a variety of subjects  
to expand the database on Jainism  
in the JAIN BBS. Any feedback  
and comments will be very much  
a p p r e c i a t e d



A special thanks to Pravinbhai  
Shah, Maheshbhai Varia, Parul  
Shah, and Monica Shah for con-  
tributing to the Youth section

Please complete the following membership form if you are within the ages of 14-29 and are interested in joining - Young Jains of America. Send the completed forms to:  
Anil Jain, Director of Membership - YJA, 758 Brookside Circle, Elmira, NY 14903.



# Young Jains of America

## Federation of JAINA

### Membership Form 1993-1994

Member I.D. (Zone - Number; YJA use only): \_\_\_\_\_

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Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ M.I. \_\_\_\_\_

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Current Electronic Mail Address (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone Number: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Home Fax Number: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YY): \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Jain Ctr. Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Married? ☐ Yes ☐ No If Yes, Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' Names: \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YY) of Spouse: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

#### High School Information:

☐ Check if currently a high school student

High School Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class of: \_\_\_\_\_

#### College Information:

☐ Check if currently a college student

University/College: \_\_\_\_\_ Class of: \_\_\_\_\_

Most Recent (or current) Degree/Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Previous Degrees/Majors and/or Schools Attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Current College Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Valid Until: \_\_\_\_\_

Current College Telephone Number (if applicable): ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

#### Young Professional Information:

Profession (list primary field(s)): \_\_\_\_\_

Employer/Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Position/Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Bus. Telephone Number: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Bus. Fax Number: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

I do **not** want:

☐ Any of this information published in an upcoming YJA directory.

☐ My home ☐ college ☐ business phone number(s) published.



# MATRIMONIALS

*Hasmukh Shah, Associate Editor*

## MALE

**M23:** Gujarati parents invite responses for their handsome, well settled son, born Oct. '63, 5'8", 134 lbs, M.B.A., from vegetarian, good looking, educated girls. Call: 718/565-7032.

**M237:** Gujarati parents invite responses for their very handsome, US born son, born April, '68, 6'0", M.D. (1994), from educated, pretty, cultured girls.

**M244:** US raised Gujarati vegetarian, born May, '65, 6'1", 175 lbs, athletic and social, active in community, well employed Engineer, double M.S., pursuing Ph.D., invites responses from caring, educated females. Call: 301/577-5215.

**M256:** Gujarati uncle invites correspondence for handsome nephew, born June, '65, 5'10", 145 lbs, M.S. (Mech. Engg.), from educated and caring girls. Call: 714/951-3830.

**M275:** Intelligent, handsome, vegetarian, born April, '62, 5'10", 160 lbs, Net Work System Engineer, enjoys travelling, sports, reading and music, seeks suitable match. Call: 905/828-6976.

**M312:** Gujarati Surgeon invite responses for his good looking vegetarian US born son, Oct. '65, 5'10", 175 lbs, M.D. ('91) 3rd year resident in Radiology, from cultured, educated females. Call: 810/979-4999.

**M319:** Gujarati vegetarian, born Dec. '69, 5'7", 157 lbs, M.S. (Civil Engg.), well employed, invite responses from cultured, educated girls. Call: 313/532-3440.

**M320:** Gujarati parents invite responses for US citizen, handsome, well employed son, born June, '65, 5'8", 150 lbs, B.S. (E.E.) from educated, cultured girls. Call: 908/518-0116.

**M321:** Gujarati Uncle invites response for handsome, vegetarian, well settled in diamond business, nephew, born Oct. '63, 5'11", 175 lbs, (Brief marriage. No issue.) from suitable females: Call: 708/720-2443 or mail bio-data to P.O. Box 68695, Schamburg, IL 60194.

**M323:** Gujarati physician invite responses for good looking, intelligent, US citizen son, born Oct. '64, 5'8", 140 lbs, B.A., M.B.A., well employed, from suitable educated girls. Call: 313/675-4388.

**M325:** Gujarati uncle invites responses for his good looking nephew in India (petition pending), born Oct. '66, 5'7", 125 lbs, B. Com. studied computer programs. Owns software business, from suitable females. Call: 708/876-1279.

**AM80:** Brother invites responses for his well employed brother, M.S. (polymer), born Aug. '66, 5'6", 140 lbs. Call: 412/486-0269 or mail bio-data to 413-D Glen Malcolm Drive, Glenshaw, PA 15116.

**AM97:** Gujarati vegetarian from MA, born Nov. '64, 5'9", 145 lbs, B.S. (Engg.), well employed with a computer company, seeks correspondence from educated girls. Call: 508/937-9268.

**AM98:** Delhi parents invite responses for very handsome, cultured, professional son having own successful practice on west coast, born June, '62, 5'9", 160 lbs, CPA, MBT, from educated, cultured girls. Call: 608/836-9318.

**AM100:** Gujarati parents invite responses for US citizen, vegetarian, non-smoker, well established son, born Dec. '66, 5'8", CPA, from suitable educated match. Call: 909/278-3696.

**AM103:** Gujarati parents invite correspondence for US citizen, career oriented son, Indian born, April, '66, 5'8", 120 lbs from suitable girls. Call: 212/505-9306.

**AM104:** Gujarati parents invite responses from well educated, slender, attractive, vegetarian females for US citizen son, 26, 5'7", handsome, athletic, 3rd year medical student with myriad interests. Photo appreciated. Call: 815/937-5714.

## FEMALE

**F188:** Hindi speaking Oswal parents from Atlanta, invite responses from medical students, doctors or professionals for their US born Aug. '67, 5'7", 120 lbs, vegetarian, beautiful daughter, M.D. (6/94). Call: 404/992-0105.

**F233:** Kutchi parents invite responses from educated Jain vegetarian boys, for their daughter, born July, '66, 5'4", B.S. (Chem). Call: 919/776-9091.

**F257:** Gujarati parents invite responses from highly educated professionals for their US citizen, cultured, slim, vegetarian daughter, born Sept. '70, 5'4", 110 lbs, B.S. (pharmacy), completing Pharm.D. in 5/95. Call: 203/798-0596.

**F258:** Gujarati parents invite responses for their beautiful US born daughter, Aug. '71, 5'6", B.S. (business) from medical students, doctors, or other professionals of cultured families.

**F274:** Parents invite responses from well educated, cultured professionals for their slim, attractive, smart, vegetarian daughter, born May, '68, 5'1", 100 lbs. B.S. (finance), pursuing MBA, who has a blend of eastern and western values. Call: 905/828-6976.

**F311:** Gujarati brother invite responses from professionals for his good looking, cultured sister in India, born Sept. '70, 5'2", studying B.E. (electronics). Call: 614/851-9201.

**F314:** Gujarati parents invite responses for their beautiful, intelligent, vegetarian US born daughter, Feb. '69, 5'4", 120 lbs, B.A., professionally employed, from suitable educated candidates. Call: 612/636-1075.

**F318:** Gujarati parents from IL invite responses for their pretty, vegetarian, green card holder daughter, born Sept. '71, 5'3", 96 lbs, B. Com., employed in a bank. She is visiting India shortly. Call: 708/627-2822.

**F322:** Gujarati parents invite responses for their pretty, vegetarian daughter studying medicine (1st year resident for M.D.), born Feb. '69, 5'0", 100 lbs, from professionals. Call: 718/359-7645.

**F324:** Gujarati Surgeon invites correspondence from highly educated professionals for his daughter 23, fair, slim, beautiful, intelligent and well versed in Indian culture, M.S. (economy) from very prestigious school. She visits, India on a regular basis.

**AF74:** Gujarati parents from IL invite responses from professionals under 27, for their US raised, very beautiful, charming and intelligent daughter, born Jan. '71, 5'5", B.S. (chem) 1994. Call: 815/937-5714.

**AF99:** Gujarati parents invite responses for their charming, pretty, intelligent, vegetarian, US born daughter, Jan. '70, 5'3", 112 lbs, B.S. (psychology), pursuing MS, employed, from cultured professionals. Call: 708/551-3272.

**AF101:** Gujarati parents invite responses from vegetarian well settled professionals for their beautiful US citizen daughter, B.S., successful professional career, born April '69, 5'2", 100 lbs. Mail bio-data, family back ground and photo.

**AF102:** Gujarati, green card holder, educated and raised in Bombay, born July '72, 5'7", 125 lbs, B. Com. Responses invited from professionals males preferably in medical field. Call: 214/240-7749 or mail bio-data to 4405 Scenic Circle, Garland, TX 75043.

**AF105:** Gujarati brother invite responses for cultured, well educated, employed sister in India, born Aug. '58, 5'6", B. Com. pursuing post graduate study, from suitable candidates. Call: 301/847-1026.

**AF106:** Parents invite responses with photo from Gujarati, Jain, vegetarian, professionals for slim, beautiful daughter born Oct. '69, education convent school, architecture - Baroda University, currently pursuing biology degree in USA.

## Placing an Ad

Anyone wishing to place an ad with the Marriage Information Service (MIS) must follow these step-by-step instructions **carefully**. Upon request, the MIS will send you (the registrant) two (2) forms: a Personal Data Form and an Additional Information Form. These forms must be completely filled out by you, only. **Do not leave anything blank.**

Mail: 1. the completed forms, 2. a check in the amount of \$25.00 payable to **Hasmukh M. Shah, LEAVE THE "MEMO" OR "FOR" LINE BLANK,** 3. a recent photo of yourself with your name printed on the back.  
to: Hasmukh M. Shah  
1409 Rising Wind Court  
Silver Spring, MD 20905  
Phone: 301/384-1746

Upon receipt of this information the MIS will place an ad for you which will appear in the Jain Digest *only once*. If you wish to draft an ad yourself, you may do so in **30 words or less**. Remember, that the MIS reserves the right to edit all such ads.

As a rule, all MIS ads include the phone number of the registrant. However, if you do not wish to publish your phone number, Hasmukh M. Shah must be specifically notified.

## Responding to an Ad

All those wishing to respond to an ad must follow these step-by-step instructions. Place a recent photograph of yourself and your bio-data in a sealed, stamped envelop with your return address in the upper left-hand corner and the **MIS ad reference number** in the lower left-hand corner of the envelope. **NOTE: leave space on the envelope for an address.** Place this envelope in another envelope with your return address in the upper left-hand corner and mail it to Hasmukh M. Shah. See address above.

Upon receipt of these responses the MIS will place the ad holders address on the inner envelope and mail it. Remember, the MIS is not responsible for responses that do not conform to these instructions.

Please notify the MIS when a marriage or engagement has been announced. This helps us to know that this community service is helping in maintaining our traditions.

We are happy to announce that ads # F098, F196, M240 and M2425 are either engaged or married.

If you wish to receive the Jain Digest please contact the Editor-in-Chief, Harshad Shah, for address see page 2.

*Continued from page 1.* very good following.

Beginning with the Fall '94 issue, we plan to include a special article of general interest on Jainism under the guidance of Manubhai Doshi. Please forward your articles to him.

In today's age of Think Pads and Internet, JAINA Bulletin Board Service is doing its fair share in disseminating information in modern ways. Page 26 offers more details.

Ours is a society on the move. And it is important that you send your change of address notices to Jain Digest to continue

to receive the copy of this magazine. To add a name to the mailing list, please use one of the circulation forms. JAINA has to pay additional charges to the Post Office for forwarding the *Jain Digest* to the new address.

Putting such a magazine required dedicated efforts of the Editors and Managing Editorial Board, they deserve many thanks. We're pleased to announce that John D'Arcangelo has joined the team as the Publishing Editor. An unusually busy summer has delayed the publication of this issue for which we apologize.

# HAPPY OCCASIONS

**JAINA wishes the best to all!**

**And thanks for the donations mentioned along with the names.**

- Mr. Surendra and Mrs. Nina Shah, Inverness, FL for opening their new business - Sunny's Cleaners. The address is 2601 N. Forest Ridge Boulevard, Hernando, Florida 34442 \$25.00
- Dr. Jagat and Mrs. Urmila Jain of Buffalo, New York on the acceptance of their son, Sumeet to Cornell University, NY. \$51.00
- Dr. Dhiraj and Mrs. Patima Shah of Buffalo, New York on their son, Mitul winning the Tennis Championship (Doubles) of Western New York M.M. League. \$51.00
- Mr. Ramesh P. and Dr. Jaya Shah of Cleveland on the acceptance of their daughter, Bella to Vassar College, New York. \$25.00
- Mr. Naresh and Mrs. Minaxi Shah of New York, New York on the acceptance of their son, Ushir to the Boston University in the Bio-Medical Engineering Program. \$21.00
- Mr. Ramesh and Mrs. Asha Jain of Toronto, Ontario on the acceptance of their son, Anurag to the Columbia University. \$25.00
- Drs. Gaurang and Ashwina Sheth of Williamsville, New York on the acceptance of their son, Jigish to the Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri. \$51.00
- Dr. Suresh and Mrs. Meena Shah of Lockport, New York on the acceptance of their daughter, Mala to the Wellesley College, Wellesley, MA. \$51.00
- Drs. Kirit and Urmila Talsania of Chicago, Illinois on the acceptance of their daughter, Seema to the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. \$25.00
- Dr. Kirit and Mrs. Vibhuti Gosalia of Phoenix, Arizona on the Varshi Tap of Kirit Bhai's mother. \$51.00
- Dr. Pravin and Mrs. Aarti Shah of Cary, North Carolina on the acceptance of their daughter, Shweda to the North Carolina State University at Raleigh, North Carolina. Donating the book *Essence of World Religions* to each participant at the YJA Convention, July 1-4, 1994 in Chicago, IL.
- Mr. Sushil and Lata Kothari of Williamsville, New York on the successful operation of their import business. \$25.00
- Ms. Hansa Varia of Dallas, Texas on graduation of her daughter, Shaina from the University of Texas at Austin and her accepting the position of consultant managment at KPMG Peat Marwick. \$51.00
- Mr. Vijay and Mrs. Alka Jain of Buffalo, New York on the 3rd birthday of their son, Abhishek and the 5th birthday of their daughter, Julie \$21.00
- Drs. Bhupendra and Smita Mepani of Buffalo, New York on the acceptance of their son, Jay to Johns Hopkins University. \$51.00

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# 1995 CONVENTION UPDATE

## The Eighth Biennial JAINA Convention

*theme:* Jainism / Non-Violence and Peace

*when:* July 1, 2, 3, 1995

*where:* Cherry Hill, N.J.

*sponsored by:* The Federation of  
Jain Association of North America

*hosted by*

The Jain Sangh, Cherry Hill, New Jersey

### EARLY BLOCK REGISTRATION

At this time next year the 1995 JAINA Convention will be history. Those who did not attend will be hearing from their friends about the smashing success it was, how they enjoyed it, and how their children enjoyed it because they made new friends and learned more about Jainism.

The Jain Sangh of Cherry Hill, NJ is already working very hard to make it the best convention ever. But only you, the members of other Sanghs in North America can insure the success of such a large event by giving ideas, volunteering to share some of the responsibilities and above all by attending.

We are expecting 10,000 happy, excited visitors cheering their leaders, being with their friends, relatives and loved ones, but most importantly committed to Jain religion and traditions. You will want to be there.

The Cherry Hill Sangh is proposing Early Block Registration wherein families can register in advance through their local Jain Center and in turn receive a discount in the registration fee and motel charges. It will also enable families, of a given center, to live in the same motel making it easy for their children to perform in one of the evening programs. Jain Center presidents are requested to get early commitments from their members during Paryushan Parva. To commit your local Sangh to a specified number of tickets. Names of families preregistering in this manner will appear in the convention souvenir under their Sangh's names as supporters.

### OPPORTUNITY TO EXHIBIT

Have you ever thought about getting your entire Sangh involved? Have you ever thought giving your youth a project about Jain philosophy, stories, principals and educating them in a fun way? It would be wonderful for your local Sangh to plan an exhibit at the convention. You may win first, second or third prize . . . these kinds of projects create strong bonds and pride in your Sangh . . . and you look good as a leader!!!

One of the great accomplishments of '93 convention was the exhibit from Boston Jain Center and Cleveland Jain Center. They were dynamic, participative, educational for all ages and fun!!! Our youth and children love these kinds of educational tools.

Suggestions for creating an exhibit:

1. Non Violence and its Benefits
2. Anekantavada
3. Aparigraha
4. Jain Monk's Life
5. 14 Dreams of Trishala
6. Jain Teerth
7. Vegetarianism
8. Re-incarnation

We shall be more than happy to work with you on any ideas and subjects you may have in mind.

### Contact

**Dilip Shah**  
Secretary, Jain Sangh, Cherry Hill, NJ  
Phone and Fax: 215/561-0758

**Ramesh Shah**  
Secretary, JAINA  
Phone 216/442-4596 - Fax: 216/974-9852

*Look for more details about the Convention in the next issue of Jain Digest*

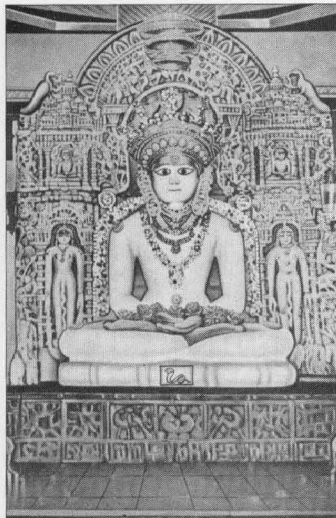
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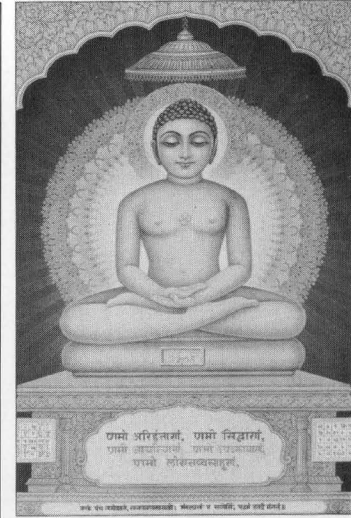
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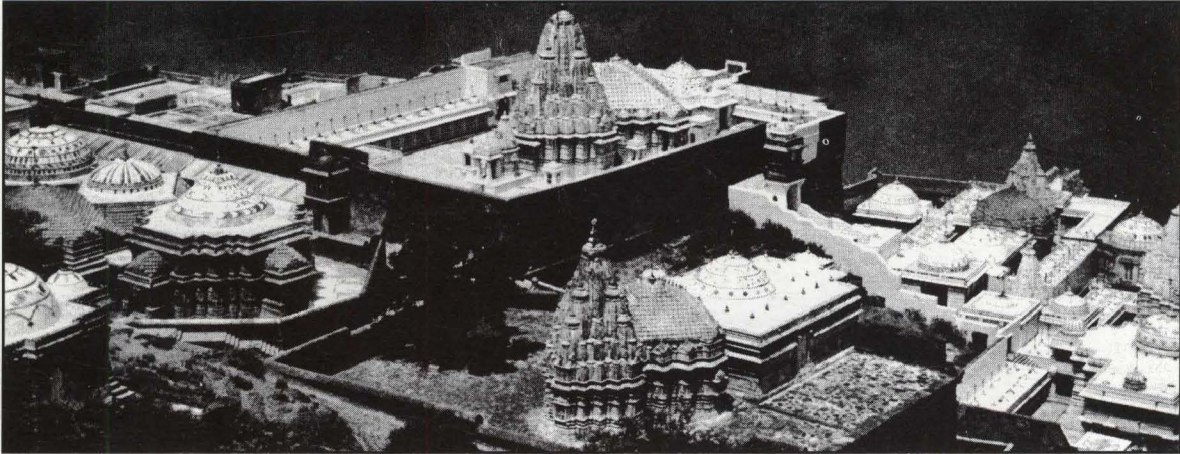


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