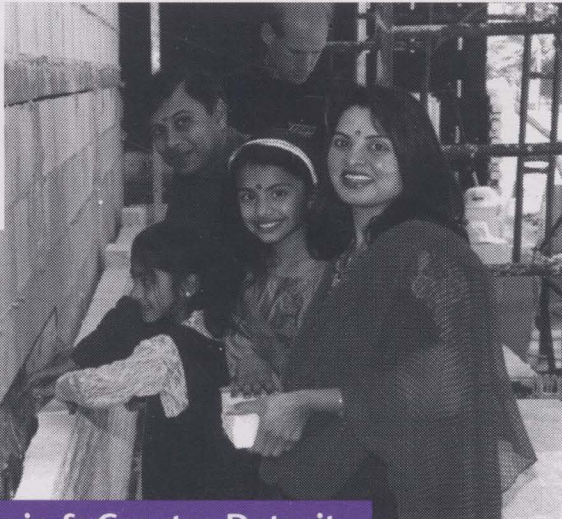


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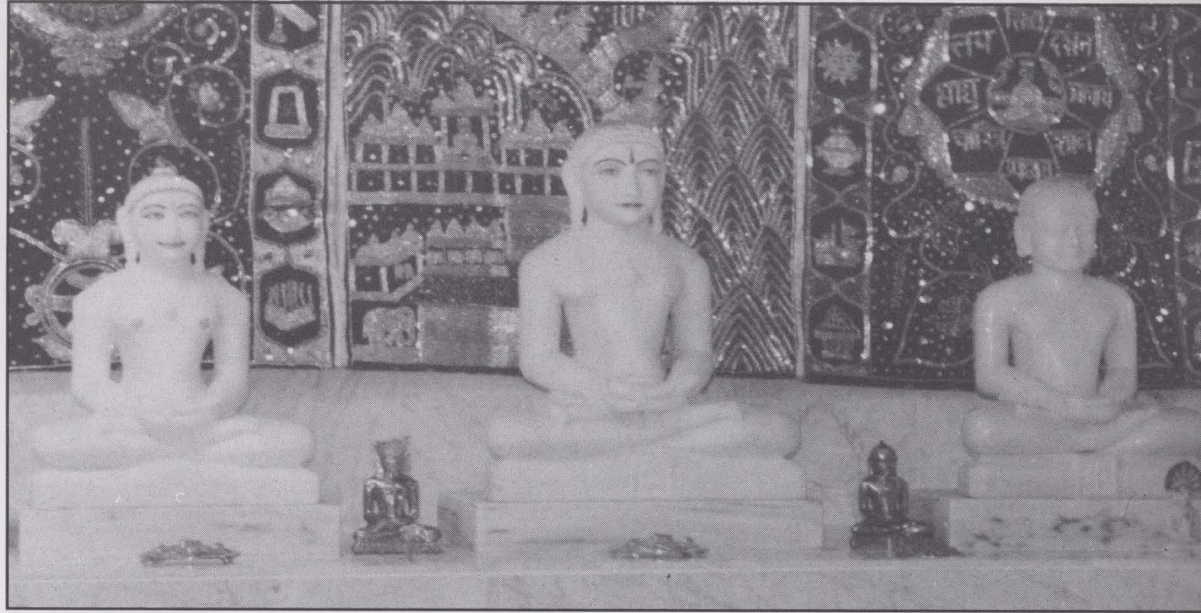
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अहो! अहो! श्री सदगुरु, करुणासिंधु अपार
आ पामर पर प्रभु कर्यो, अहो! अहो! उपकार (१२४)

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 सहू 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
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On behalf of the Executive Committee, I want to thank those 235 families who came forward and committed themselves to support JAINA on a yearly basis by donating \$251.00 and taking a major step to make JAINA financially healthy on a permanent basis.

In my last message to you, I wrote that we have a response-ability. It was not simply rhetoric and you have proved it. The results speak for themselves. It also demonstrates vitality and potential of our community.

This would have not been possible without the hard work of the Executive Committee members and volunteers like Bachubhai Ajmera, K.C. Bhajji, Bhadrash Dhila, Jagat Jain, Ramesh Jain, Ila Mehta, Prakash Mehta, Bipin Parikh, Mahendra Shah, Ramesh Shah and many others. My hat's off to them.

At this time, I would also like to express my gratitude to 77 trustees who are contributing a minimum of \$500/year and helping JAINA to serve its constituents. I would also like to express my thanks to 560 plus families who have become Life Members of JAIN DIGEST by donating \$101.00.

These 900 plus visionary families have placed their faith in JAINA to be their voice, as well as to carry out all kinds of religious, educational, social and humanitarian activities, which will benefit not only this generation of Jains, but many more generations to come.

JAINA has already moved in this direction.

Jaina Charitable Trust has contributed \$5000 to the Tulsa Jain Sangh in response to their request for help in building their non-sectarian temple. JAINA is ready to help any Sangh in such endeavors.

JAINA reaches out to our youth by providing a grant of \$2500 to Southeast Regional YJA Convention to erase their expected deficit and making it possible for 100 youth to participate in Regional YJA Convention for three days in Raleigh, NC, during Thanksgiving weekend.

This is just the beginning. Many more good things like Senior Citizens housing, National Education Curriculum to teach Jain religion, greening of one of the places of pilgrimage in India, organizing a Sangh next year to expose our children to places of pilgrimage, planning for a video for our places of pilgrimage and many more activities will enrich the lives of all Jains.

Every Jain should support JAINA either by becoming a Trustee, Patron or JAIN DIGEST Life Member to make JAINA stronger than it is now.

"Let us stop the loss of Jain identity and culture and be a proud Jain."

JAI JINENDRA!



Dhiraj Shah

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"Truth is my religion and ahimsa is the only way of its realisation."
— Mahatma Gandhi

Jai Jinendra!

The cover of this issue recognizes the ardent efforts made by the Jain Center of Northern California and Jain Society of Detroit for further establishing Jainism in North America.

JAIN DIGEST also congratulates the JAINA Executive Committee for the grand success of JAINA Patrons project under the leadership of Dr. Dhirajbhai Shah.

The YJA is planning the next Youth Convention in the summer of 1998. Details are included in this issue.

We are pleased to add a new feature "For Our Health" beginning this issue. We welcome questions from readers and will publish them in due course. Please send them to the JAINA Headquarters.

On behalf of the Editorial Board and Regional Editors, I want to wish everyone a Healthy, Happy and Peaceful New Year.

Lata Champsee

MIS

I am writing to you as regards the matrimonial match service JAINA and your self offer. I would like to point out to you that in the preference criteria your inclusion of "Color of Skin" is extremely prejudicial. I am not at all clear why Jains as a whole would subscribe to matching preferences for skin tone. I am equally surprised that a non-profit organization in the USA would allow such criteria to be published. I would strongly suggest that you publish an apology to all Jains for even suggesting skin tone be a criteria and further make available your resources to eliminate such criteria from being practiced.

Amit Shah
via email

Response-Ability

It is heartening to read President Dr. Dhiraj Shah's message in Fall 1997 issue of JAIN DIGEST. He has a pragmatic approach for the goals he initiated and to be achieved.

In fact, he has already started his mission in right earnest. He takes leadership in a humble way and keeping in mind "practice before preach", he donated \$5001 to start with, for JAINA Patron Program. He has ability to create thousands of responses. Although he is a physician by profession, his total devotion towards JAINA is laudable. JAINA is destined to achieve new heights under his leadership. Two years tenure is too short to fulfill all tasks undertaken, but whatever avenues explored and the aims achieved for the worthy cause will become guidelines for successive leaders.

Jain Digest: New get-up

I was excited when I saw JAIN DIGEST Fall 1997 issue. It has now a new get-up. Congratulations to Editor-in-Chief and Publishing Editor for such new presentations and excellent work.

Hasmukh Shah
New Port Richey, Florida

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MILESTONES FOR THE Millennium

Bhumi Pujan for Jain Bhawan Jain Center of Northern California

The Jain Centre of Northern California celebrated the Bhumi Pujan ceremony on a rainy morning of November 15th, 1997, with great devotion, splendor and gaiety. The event marked an auspicious beginning of the construction of the first Jain Bhawan in the San Francisco Bay area. The ceremony was graced by spiritual leaders—Shri Jinchandraji and Shri Amrendramuni. The puja rituals were performed by Dr. Pankaj and Hansa Vyas, in the presence of city dignitaries—Mayor Mr. Henry Mannayan, Santa Clara County Supervisor, Mr. Pete McHugh, City Manager Mr. Greg Larsen and 500 plus devotees.

Dr. Pravin Jain, the temple committee President and Chairman of the Jain Center of Northern California, described the day's ceremonies as "once in a life time" occasion. "I pray that we build a temple where we can all feel love and brotherhood, and hope that everyone's appetite for inner peace will be fulfilled". Although the Bhawan site was flooded with ankle deep water from early morning rain, the high spirits of attendees and guests enabled timely conclusion of scheduled events as planned.

Henry Mannayan, Mayor of Milpitas, complemented the Jain community on their high spirits despite the weather, and described rain itself as a blessing sent from Heaven to purify the land. He added that the temple would embody the values of family community and freedom of religion—qualities abundant in Milpitas, a city of diversity. The sun broke through at a very successful conclusion of a Bhumi Pujan. After the puja the chanting congregation lead a procession to a nearby Swami Narayan temple followed by a series of lectures, reading of messages including one from the President of JAINA, Dr. Dhiraj Shah, congratulating the Sangh and wishing them all the best on this most auspicious day. After some fund raising activities the congregation was treated to discourses by Shri Jinchandraji Maharaj, Shri Amrendramuni, Samani Sanmatiprajnaji and Samani Prasannaprajnaji. The two storey Jain Bhawan will house a temple and a bhakti room on the second level and a meeting hall, classroom, library, kitchen and dining hall on the first level. The JCNC intend to build a unique landmark for Jains across the United States, Canada and the rest of the world. For information on the temple and for donations please contact JCNC at www.jcnc.org or Pravin Jain at 408/559-6987.

Bricklaying Ceremony in Detroit, MI

The Jain Society of Greater Detroit celebrated brick laying ceremony at their temple site on Saturday, September 27, 1997. The Detroit temple is under construction and the society wanted all of their members' participation in giving a symbolic hand in building the "Jinalaya". The event was a spectacular success with wholehearted support from the society members as well as excellent weather. During the ceremony, over 160 families (more than 400 individuals) had an opportunity to place a brick on the northwest corner side wall of the temple in construction. A picture was taken of every family as a remembrance of this unique celebration. Next door, the temple house was kept open for puja, darshan, and bhaktibhav. Everyone was treated to refreshments after the program.

The Pratishtha Mahotsav program will start on Saturday, June 27, 1998, and end on Monday, July 6, with a 'Dwar Opening' ceremony. The Pratishtha will take place on Sunday, July 5, 1998.

The Jain Society of Greater Detroit requests the Jain community at large to plan their 1998 July 4 weekend for attending our Pratishtha Mahotsav. We will be providing detailed information on the Pratishtha Mahotsav to all Jain Centers as they are finalized. We will publish it also in the March and June 1998 JAIN DIGEST.

Cleveland Jain Sangh Celebrates Mahavir Nirvana Day

Dr. Dhiraj Shah, President of JAINA, attended the "Mahavir Nirvana Celebration" on November 2. More than 300 people attended the gathering. Dr. Shah gave a very inspiring talk and encouraged the Cleveland Jain Sangh to build their Non-Sectarian temple, pathshala and Sthanak as soon as possible. Dr. Jagat Jain, past President of JAINA also addressed the gathering and urged the same. Both of them met the leaders of Cleveland Jain Sangh and visited prospective sites for a temple. Dr. Shah promised the sangh all the help from JAINA. After Dr. Shah's inspiring talk, one well-known Jain leader of Sangh came forward and offered \$100,000 for the temple, but wanted to remain anonymous. Cleveland is fortunate to have such donors and this action should encourage all others to come forward and not wait for everyone else.

JAINA Executive Committee Meets at Siddhachalam

JAINA'S newly elected executive committee's 1st meeting was held at Siddhachalam on Oct 4th. President Dhirajbhai uplifted everyone's spirits by pronouncing the JAINA Patron program a grand success. 235 Jains from all over North America opened their wallets and pledged \$65,000 to this most essential project. Dhirajbhai reported that in the last 90 days he visited 6 Jain centers (New York, Boston, North Jersey, Atlanta, Orlando and Siddhachalam). During his trip to Orlando, he helped that center raise \$80,000 for building their new temple. A donation of a 2-acre plot has brought their dream closer to reality.

In this meeting the E.C. agreed that JAINA would act as a conduit for collecting donations on behalf of Shree Virchand Raghavaji Scholarship fund. E.C. appointed Pramodaben Chitrabhanu (JMJC), Shantibhai Shah (President of Siddhachalam), Dr. Bipin Parikh (Chicago), Rajiv Pandya (youth member), Virendra Shah (L.A.) and Ramesh Jain (Toronto) as JAINA Directors at large. New chairpersons were appointed for the following committees.

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To help with increased workload at the JAINA head quarters, a part time position of Executive Director to JAINA was created. Kamlesh Amin, who has been helping JAINA for the past 3 months at no cost, was approved for that position (Tel/Fax: 716/636-5342).

JAINA is exploring a proposal for a pilgrimage to Jain Tirths in India during Dec. '98 with the help of Bharatiya Jain Sangathan.

Dr. Pandya proposed to send to all the Patrons and the members of Charitable Trust, as a souvenir, a wonderful book on Jain Art titled "Peaceful Liberators" if he can get enough copies. He also proposed to sponsor in cooperation with Education Committee a book project on fundamentals of Jainism to be supervised by Pravin Shah for every Jain family in North America. Pravinbhai will also work with education committee under the chairmanship of Dr. Prem Gada and prepare a proposal for an essay competition every year before Mahavir Jayanti for children in three age categories *see page 14*).

JAIN DIGEST in the future will allocate a page for the news of Pathshalas. Dr. Subhash Jain of University of Connecticut was appointed as an editor of feature articles in JAIN DIGEST for one year.

Sobhagya Khamesra, and Gyan Chand Jain of Toronto presented financial report of the 9th JAINA Convention. The good news from Toronto was that the convention has surplus of approxi-

mately \$100,000 and they have allocated \$25,000 of that to JAINA'S general fund. They presented JAINA a check in the amount of \$7,215 on account.

Tulsa Jain Sangh (Tulsa, Oklahoma) has embarked upon building their new Jain temple and requested JAINA's help. JAINA Charitable trust agreed to a grant of \$5,000 and JAINA will publicize their need through JAIN DIGEST and JAINA Focus to bring their dream to reality.

Members felt that each center should try to include news of JAINA in their newsletters.

JAINA FOR ALL AND ALL FOR JAINA!

Board of Directors meets at Siddhachalam

As is our tradition, JAINA's Board of Directors and Presidents of all 54 Jain Centers were invited to Siddhachalam on October 4 for the annual meeting. This annual meeting of JAINA always takes place during first weekend in October when Siddhachalam celebrates Kshama Day and Ahimsa Day. This informal gathering of JAINA board members and trustees of Siddhachalam permits dialogue between Siddhachalam, the only Tirth in North America and JAINA, the only voice of 80,000 plus Jains on this continent. This wonderful idea of combined meeting was suggested by Acharya Sushil Kumarji to JAINA in 1992 and it has served every one very well.

Dhirajbhai talked about the vitality of JAINA. In three months since this present committee has been elected to serve, we have published first issue of JAIN DIGEST, two issues of JAINA Focus, inaugurated JAINA Patron Program that generated sufficient funds for JAINA'S basic operations. JAINA's next priority is to help every metropolitan area build their own temple. If they have a temple, help them to create Pathshala Program and if they have a temple and a Pathshala, encourage them to build housing for our senior citizens.

Girish Shah of San Francisco announced that their temple building plans have won final approval from the city planners. This new temple will be on a 1.7-acre land and will serve 500 Jain families in the bay area. Bhumi Pujan will be on November 15. They have already raised \$1.1 million and \$600,000 in pledges. They hope to raise balance of \$2 million needed to complete by sponsorship of deities. Everyone at the meeting cheered and wished them good luck. JAINA will certainly help to bring their dream to reality.

Raju Shah, coordinator for YJA along with Gaurav Kapadia and Anish Sheth announced that 1998 YJA Convention will take place in Houston (*see page 15 for more information*). Girish Shah announced a gift of \$500 and enough frequent flyer mileage for one air ticket to YJA. Pravin Shah of North Carolina talked about

website their center has created www.jainism.org

They have put 39 books, 70 articles and wealth of information. If you have any non-copy righted material of interest to Jains he will put it on the web at no cost to JAINA. He also talked about regional youth convention. He pointed out a multimedia CD-ROM published by Harvard University on Pluralism that will be of interest to all Jains. He has offered to work on a book with JAINA to be published in American English for Jain households in North America as a primer on Jainism that will be distributed to all 8000 Jain families. Helping him in this effort will be Dr. Prem Gada of our Education Committee.

Bachubhai Ajmera, newly appointed chairperson of World Community Services wants to create an escrow fund of \$100,000 so when an emergency cry for help comes from any corner of the world, JAINA can readily respond.

Ilaben Mehta who was appointed to the North American Family Assistance Program explained in the shortest speech of the day, mission of her committee- to help any Jain family in crisis situation.

Nirmal Dosi of Scholar Visitation Committee estimated that Jain Scholars have delivered 68,000 lectures in North America. He would like to see combined celebration of Paryushan and Das Laxana for the entire Jain community. He presented offer from Dr. Kirti Shah and his brother Virendra Shah who perform various pujas, that they have offered to perform Jain weddings for any families. Any donations received by them will be contributed to JAINA General funds.

Dr. Jagat Jain who will head Community Leadership Council, said he wishes to develop human resources for the future leadership of JAINA.

Dr. Navin Mehta Honored

Dr. Navin Mehta, a well-known philanthropist of New Jersey, was honored by former Prime Minister of India, I. K. Gujral, during his visit to New York City in September. Our congratulations to Dr. Mehta who is also ardent supporter of JAINA.

Congratulations to...

Chaaya Kapadia of New York City to be appointed in charge of Annual JAINA Essay Contest to be held in early 1998. (See page 9 for details).

Jain Social Groups Federation—Sixth International Conference

International conference organized by Jain Social Groups Federation will take place at Poona on 19th, 20th, and 21st December, 1997. Individuals interested in attending the conference should contact Mugatbhai Doshi, President JSG Federation: (022) 516-4263 Fax (022) 511-3087.

Swadhyay Shibir at Tithal, Gujarat

Parshavnath Aradhna Shibir at Tithal will take place on December 23rd, 24th, and 25th. Individuals interested in attending should contact Shanti Niketan Sadhna Kendra at Tithal, Gujarat.

"21st Century Belongs to Jains"

by Mr. N. A. Palkhiwala

The next millennium begins with three very important events for Jains. In the year 2001, the first and foremost event for Jains will be 26th hundredth birth anniversary of Bhagavan Mahavir, who was born in the year 599 BC.

Secondly, Shrimad Rajchandra, who expired in 1901, was the Guru of Mahatma Gandhi. He expired on the 16th of April, 1901, at the age of 33. We will be celebrating his 100th death anniversary.

Thirdly, we will be celebrating the 100th death anniversary of Shri Virchand Raghavji Gandhi. He expired on the 7th of August, 1901. He attended the world parliament of religion in 1893 in Chicago. V.R. Gandhi was instrumental in introducing Jainism to the Western world more than a hundred years ago.

JAINA fully intends to celebrate all these three events. Anyone interested in any of these three events should write to:

JAINA Headquarters
PO Box 700
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Acharya Hasti Smirti Award

Four eminent scholars of Jainology were honored and presented the prestigious Acharya Hasti Smirti Award for the years 1994 and 1997 by the Samyag Jnana Pracharak Mandal of Jaipur India. The recipients are: Professor Sagarmal Jain of Benares; Bhagchandra Jain, Bhasker, of Nagpur; Pandit Dalsukhbhai Malvania of Ahmedabad; Professor Prem Suman Jain of Udaypur.

The award was presented in recognition of their contributions in the field of study of Jainism, study of Prakrit, and for promotion of research in Jainism. The consists of a beautiful plaque, a shawl and a check for Rs. 21,000 to each recipient.

Canada

Mahendra Mehta, Regional Editor

Toronto, Ontario

The Jains of Toronto celebrated the Paryushan Parva or 8 days atonement, fasting and seeking each other's forgiveness with last day of fasting on Saturday 6th of September. The Jain Centre was packed to capacity with over 600 people witnessing the celebration and formal honouring of 12 adults and youths who had fasted between 6 to 9 days. When young Sangeeta Mehta (24) and Akash Kothari (23) and Sunil Kothari (17) were asked how they managed to fast for 8 days, they replied the first day was tough but after that it was relatively easy. Bruce Costain who has earned a Ph.D. in Jain Studies from U of T said he has fasted for 8 days before and it was not difficult for him to do it again. On Sunday September 8th morning, all the 'Tapasvis' were again honored with variety of foods prepared by the families of Tapasvis and other Jain ladies. After thanksgiving prayers and blessings from visiting Samniji's or Jain nuns, the guests were entertained to a sumptuous breakfast.

DADAWADI TIRTHYATRA or CHAITYA PARIPARTI. This is another post-Paryushan tradition revived in Toronto by a clutch of enthusiasts who have been working at it for last 11 or more years. This year's yatra was a five-tirth trip of 54 lively members of Toronto Jain Sangh who gathered in the early hours of Saturday, Oct. 11 at the Jain Centre. The first puja and arti were performed and after a brief welcome and getting to know each other, the group proceeded to Buffalo, the second tirth on the itinere. At the Buffalo Devalaya, we were warmly welcomed by the Buffalo Jain Sangh which included the past and present Presidents of JAINA. We all participated in the puja, arti, stavan singing and very sumptuous lunch.

Our third destination was Boston Jain temple. The long bus ride gave an unique opportunity for people to show relaxed side

of their personalities. The atmosphere was livened up by a game for each to take up the microphone and give a presentation on any subject.

We reached Boston at 10pm and were met by the welcoming party at the steps of the Jain Centre. After a short puja, we were assigned to private homes and experienced warm and friendly welcome from Boston Jains. Next morning, there was a busy program of puja, stavan singing from a talented New York group, speeches, exchange of gifts and delicious lunch.

In the afternoon, we proceeded to Albany, our fourth tirth. Our hosts showed tremendous gratitude for choosing their town as our tirth and spared no effort to make us welcome and comfortable. We were put up in a local motel for the night and next morning after breakfast, we headed for Syracuse, our fifth and final tirth. The eleven-family Jain Sangh of Syracuse may have been small in number but the welcome was elaborate and warm. A local community hall was set up for puja, singing and lunch. We had a special treat of singing new stavans written by two of the local Sangh members. We were thoroughly awed by their hospitality and it was time to say goodbye. Each of us were given a packed dinner and then we proceeded towards Toronto. This was a thoroughly enjoyable outing for all of us. Not only it represents revival of our old tradition, but it reinforces a feeling of community in thinly spread out fellow Jains in North America.

The success story of 9th Biennial JAINA Convention in summer of 1997 reverberates not only in North America but also in India, Europe and Africa. The Convention Organizing Committee (COC) met in Toronto Jain Centre last month to study the accounts and to everyone's delight, the secretary of Finance confirmed that we had achieved a surplus of over \$150,000. The COC congratulated themselves on achiev-

ing many 'firsts'. This is the first JAINA Convention in last 18 years since JAINA's inception that will show surplus when the audited accounts are published. This is the first JAINA Convention where the COC has publicly agreed to share the surplus with JAINA to the tune of 25%. We hope that this will become a future trend and help JAINA towards a secure financial footing. This Convention has also instilled tremendous confidence and a sense of unity among Toronto Jain Sangh.

Mr. Bakul Soneji from Irwine, California, an expert proponent of Maharshi Patanjali's Yog-Shastra, has found a willing audience among Jains who already follow many aspects of Yog in their daily life when they do Samayak, Dhyan, Asnas etc. The Yog presentations at Jain Centre are attended by mixed audiences of Jains and others.

On November 9, 1997, the Jain Society of Toronto organized Diwali Celebrations at Martingrove Collegiate and was attended by over 1000+ members and their guests. The program of entertainment organised by young Jains showed not only their professionalism but a beautiful demonstration of their talents in presenting short dramas, (eg. Gandhar Gautam's entreaties to Bhagwan Mahavir before achieving Keval Gnan), in garba and dances with colourful costumes and appropriate music, in singing stavans and songs accompanied by harmonium and tabla, again played by young Jains. People mingled before and after the dinner wishing everyone a happy new year. It was an enjoyable occasion.

The Young Jains of Toronto have their own voice. The success of the 1997 JAINA Convention has inspired the Jain youths of Toronto to form Young Jains of Toronto (YJT), an organization to promote active participation of youths in the religious, social and cultural activities in Toronto. The membership at present stands at

30 and there is a potential of 200 members. The youths have already completed two events, an annual picnic and a Toronto Raptors basketball game at the Skydome. They are now planning a slate of Christmas programs which include a religious seminar with Dr. Bruce Costain (Balbhadraji). A special committee is struck to encourage all youths to attend Pathshala classes held at Jain Centre and in East Toronto.

Midwest

Manubhai Doshi, Regional Editor

Chicago, Illinois

Usual Activities. Snatra Puja and Digambar Puja are performed every Sunday. Sthanakwasi friends get together on the first Sunday of every month for chanting of Navkarmantra etc. Raj-Bhakti is performed on the third Sunday in Jnanamandir. Panchakalyanak and other pujas are performed sometimes. Arati and Mangal Dip are done every evening in the temple and Jnanamandir. Religious classes are held on the 3rd Sunday of every month from 11.00 A.M. to 12.00 noon.

Paryushan and Das Laxana Parva. Paryushan Parva was celebrated from 30th August to 6th September. Kiranbhai Parekh gave discourses and Natwarbhai Soni recited devotional songs at Bhavana. Mahavir Janmavanchan was organized on 31st August when about 1500 people were present. Samvatsari Pratikraman was performed in English as well as Gujarati on 6th September. Samuh Parana, the collective termination, was organized on the 7th. The Parva witnessed the observance of austerities on a large scale. 41 persons inclusive of teenagers observed Atthai (Eight days' fast) and 3 persons observed longer fasts. 82 people

Edmonton, Alberta

The Alberta Jain Society together with the Alberta Gujarati Association celebrated Navratri and Diwali this fall. The Alberta Gujarati Association is hosting the 3rd Biennial Gujarati Folk Dance Festival of Western Canada/U.S.A. from August 1-3, 1998 in Edmonton, Alberta.

The Nirvana Day was celebrated at the temple on Sunday, Nov. 2nd, 1997 and the

main puja was attended by 150 people. On Dec 28, 1997, a mass puja will take place at the temple in Edmonton to celebrate the Parsvanath Jayanti.

The Jain Society of Alberta has been invited to speak to their audience on Jainism by following organizations:

Bahai Faith, Royal Alexandria Hospital and North American Interfaith Network.

observed fasts ranging from three to seven days. All of them were honored by the Society for their performance. Das Laxana Parva was celebrated from 7th to 16th September in the presence of Dr. Ajitkumar Jain. Daily Puja and other religious rituals were observed during that period. The Samvatsari Pratikraman was performed on the last day.

Prof. Joe Grabill of Illinois State University, normally visited the temple along with his students on September 23rd and the Theosophical Group of Wheaton visited on 6th October under the leadership of Joan McDougal. Those groups were guided by Manubhai Doshi who also gave necessary information about Jainism and its historical background.

Discourses Etc. Discourses of Dhirajlal Pandit were held at the JainCenter from 8th to 14th October. The birthday of Laghurajswami was celebrated on October 26.

Diwali Celebration. Diwali celebration was organized on November 2. The program started with the Puja which was followed by a discourse of Sudhaben Sheth. There was a Bhavana program of a musical

group after Sadharmivatsalya. That program continued till midnight and was attended by more than 1000 people.

Collection of Usable Clothes. A drive was conducted for collecting usable clothes for distribution to the needy people and 160 parcels were transported to Baltimore for shipment to India.

Detroit, Michigan

The Center conducts weekly Swadhyay for adults and the educational classes are held every month. The construction of the temple is almost complete and the installation ceremony has been tentatively planned during the independence week next year.

St. Louis, Missouri

Paryushan Parva was celebrated from August 30th to September 6th. Prof. Pratap Tolia was invited on that occasion to give discourses etc. Different Supans were earmarked for adults and youths and bids for them were invited ahead of the time of celebration. This helps in cutting down the time usually spent for Gheeboli. The Center is actively associated with the Hindu Temple project of St. Louis.

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on Wednesdays which were hosted at the homes of various members, and taught yoga, meditation and religious classes on Saturdays and Sundays. We celebrated Anant

Chaudharsh and the ghee boli for the sapnas, raised nearly \$6,000.00 for the center. Diwali was celebrated on November 2 and the children presented several items on the topic of Lord Mahavir's Nirvana and his tapasaya

in the forest. Various members participated in preparing the dinner. Additional religious functions are being planned. For more information, please contact Jagdish Shah at 916/685-4716 or Naresh Jain at 916/488-2601.

Northeast

Vinay Vakani, Regional Editor

Essex Fells, New Jersey

Jain center of New Jersey had a very busy summer. Many visiting scholars-Kiranbhai Parekh, Dhirajbhai Pandit, Sunandaben Vohra, and Tarlaben Doshi - gave discourses and conducted religious educational workshops for seven weeks.

Paryushan Parva was celebrated with great enthusiasm with the guidance of Muni Jinchandraji (Bandhu Triputi). In addition to his eloquent lectures, the JCNJ members benefited from his workshops that explained meaning of different mantras and methods of reciting them. There were 46 Tapasya of Atthais or more. Arvind Bhandari gave talks (in English) on Jainism to the local youth members during the Paryushana days. Over 50 members participated in Chaitya Paripati to Upstate New York. More than 100 members took advantage of two Ayambils sponsored at the temple.

New Year (year 2054) started with Manglik at the temple, followed by Snatra Puja and a Bhavna (singing of hymns) in the evening. The special days of Gyan Panchami, Dev Diwali and Chaumasi Chaudus were celebrated with Puja and lectures explaining the significance of these auspicious days. Pathshala classes providing religious education as well as teaching Gujarati language started under the leadership of Bipin Shah. Jain Center of New Jersey is pursuing the goal of acquiring a site for larger temple facility in Edison area of New Jersey.

For information about temple hours and other activities call 973/226-2539 or 732/329-3236.

Pennsauken, New Jersey

Jain Sangh of Pennsauken has been

vibrant and humming with many activities during this year. Two seminars, of one day each, conducted by Rajnibhai Shah and Chandrakant Mehta provided in depth information about Samayik, fourteen Gunasthans, Sakal Tirth (all Jain Chaityas in cosmos), Mohaniy Karma Nivaran and Sattarbhedhi Puja. Two Swadhyay (self-study) sessions are held each month, one of which includes Pratikraman.

During Paryushan Parva, there was daily Aangi and Bhavna. About 450 area Jains attended the Swapna Darshan and Mahavir Janma Vanchan ceremony. There were ten Atthai this year. Jain Sangh of Pennsauken was fortunate to have Ameet Shah, Shehul Daftari and Jashwant Shah of Vir Sainik group to join the celebrations. For additional information about the activities of JSP, call 609/228-0545.

Southeast

Surendra Shah, Regional Editor

Atlanta, Georgia

Jain Society of Greater Atlanta held weekend picnic cum Sibir was held on 19th September 1997. The events were well attended. Swamivatsalya breakfast and lunch were also served. Shmanijis Subhamji and Vibhaji from Orlando made Sibir very interesting by teaching meditation techniques and giving sermons.

A cultural program and a dinner was served to celebrate the new year. A musical was performed depicting the story of Javadja Sheth and his dream of Jirnodhar of Shatrunjaya Tirth. Sampurnaben Shah was effectively able to convey the spirit of the story with her talent and hard work.

Shamans Shrut Pragnaji and Ashwin Pragnaji visited Atlanta. Their sermons were well attended even though they were held

during the weekdays. Kiranbhai Parekh From Bombay also visited and explained the meaning and Bhav of Navkar Mantra. His lectures are very practical and very effective.

Clarksville, Tennessee

At the Jain Society of Middle Tennessee, New Year was celebrated with snatra puja. Neelaben and Naliniben Maru of Owensboro, KY successfully completed varsitapa. Also Dharmi Shah of Bowling Green, KY did atthai.

Miami, Florida

At the Jain Society of South Florida, the activities for the construction of Jain Temple are continuing.

Southwest

Jadavji Kenia, Regional Editor

Dallas, Texas

Jain Society's activities during last few months have been bi weekly Swadhyay sessions in Gujarati and Hindi alternatively. Pujas and adult discussion during monthly meetings, children's classes, lectures by Jain scholars/dignitaries, and Tapasya during Paryushan/Das Laxana. Among the dignitaries we had Bhattarak Shri CharuKirthiji in August who covered many of the Solah (16) Bhavnas. We are expecting Shaman Shrut Pragnaji and Ashwin Pragnaji in November for the first time. We are looking forward to learning from these scholars to enhance our knowledge of Swadhyay and Samyak Gyan.

Paryushan and Das Laxana Parva celebration started on August 30th at the Jain Center in Richardson, Texas with daily Pratikraman. Swapna ceremony meeting was held on Sunday, August 31, 1997 in

which the Jain Youth Group and other children participated as usual. Through annual Ghee Boli during the ceremony approx. \$16K was raised. Samvatsari Pratikraman were conducted in English as well (for the benefit of our youth) on August 17th. During Das Laxana there were pujas in the mornings and Swadhyay sessions in the evening. A special Das Laxana Puja was held on Monday, the Anant Chaturdasi day, in the morning.

Swamivatsalya lunch was held on Sunday, September 21, 1997. This year it was very special as about 70 members from Houston joined us as a part of their "Chaitya Paripati" visit to Dallas. We are actively trying to acquire land for future expansion of the Jain Center.

Among the Tapasvis this year Damjibhai Shah did 9 Upvas. Others who did Atthai included Ashok Daftary, Gautam and Shweta Daftary, Kirit and Pramila Daftary (of Waco, Texas), Bina Shah, Ila N. Shah, Kalpana Shah, Nalini Shah, Sonali Shah, Usha Shah and Minita Vora. Usha Daftary did 6 upvas. Many others did fewer Upvas and Ektanas/Aayambils, etc. Our congratulations to all the Tapasvis and Michchhami Dukkadam to all local members as well as Jain Digest readers throughout the world.

Diwali meeting was held on November 2, 1997. Mahavir Jin Puja was followed by Jain songs from young children and a "Teerthankar Tour" - a slide presentation of various Tirth's in India, by the Jain Youth Group. Pradeep Shah, president of JSNT, presented details on possible land acquisition which was followed by Aarti and delicious lunch. Dallas area contact is president of JSNT Pradeep Shah at (972) 867-6255.

Houston, Texas

Jain Society of Houston celebrated Paryushan and Das Laxana Parva with great devotion and Tapascharyas. A special mention of Tapa was a Chauvihar (Nirjala - without water) Atthai by Mr. Kishor Shah.

We were fortunate to have Bhattarak CharuKirthiji for fifteen days. He gave daily discourses and performed Das Laxana Puja. A Pratikraman was also conducted in English for young Jains. We had Chaitya Paripati trip to Dallas. Seventy-one people participated in the Yatra. Muni Rupchandji Maharaj visited during the September 28 weekend for five days and gave daily discourses. During his presence the Sangh had yearly Swamivatsalya. Used clothes drive was conducted by our youth group on October 17th.

Shaman Shrut Pragnaji and Ashwini Pragnaji conducted Preksha Dhyana classes during October 14 through 28. Forty-five people attended the classes. On Mahavir Nirvan day (Oct. 30) we had Jaap. On the New Year day we had Panchkalyanak Puja. Members of Interfaith ministry visited our center on November 8th. Contact: Prabodh Mehta 281/820-9325.

Phoenix, Arizona

This year the Phoenix Jain community celebrated the Paryushan Parva and Das Laxana Parva without any scholars or visitors from outside Phoenix area. We met everyday at Swadharmi Dr. Kiritbhai's place for Pratikraman and Swadhyay. The spirit of Tapasya as well as the religious activities was unusually high as many Mumukshus including young adults and children participated this year. Our annual Paryushan Mahavir Jayanti and the fund-raising program was successfully carried out by the young adults. They took keen interest in explaining the Trishaladevi's fourteen Swapnas. On Samvatsari day we had two Pratikramans, one for the adults and the other for young adults in English. Young adults performed their Pratikraman without any supervision or guidance from the adults this year. This was a great milestone for our Jain community. This Parva was concluded by a Swamivatsalya program honoring the Tapasvis. We were fortunate to have Pandit Shree Dhirajlal Mehta and

Mrs. Mehta with us for five days in October. Panditji gave discourses on Pujya Anandghanaji's poems written for twenty four Teerthankar. He also held several open forums for the questions and answers. We are looking forward to Mumukshu Shree Subhashbhai Sheth to visit us in the month of November. This is his second Adhyatmik visit with us.

The significant Tapasya during this Paryushan Parva was as follows:

Adults: Dr. Kiritbhai Gosalia 10 Upvas, Ajitbhai Shah 8 Upvas, Prem Gandhi 8 Upvas with Khshir Samudra, Kusum Savla one month Ektana, Varsha Shah 8 Ambel/ektana.

Young Adults: Maulik Bavishi (16 Yrs) 8 Upvas, Jainy Savla one month ektana, Asmi Kapadia 8 Ektana, Mansi Shah & Jinesh Savla 8 betanas. Several other people did various kinds of Tapasya during the Paryushan Parva.

Phoenix area contact is Harshad Desai at 602/582-8437.

Tulsa, Oklahoma

"Michchhami Dukkadam and Happy New Year". This was one of the best Paryushan Parva we, Tulsa Jain community, had since we formed Sangh in 1990. Shamanji Shurt Pragnaji and Aswini Pragnaji blessed us with discourses, their knowledge, yoga and other activities. Our participation in all activities was excellent. We celebrated Mahavir Jayanti and Gheeboli for fourteen dreams of Mother Trishala. Families from Oklahoma City joined us and we raised a fair amount of money to build a new Derasar. It was followed by delicious Jain dinner. We had lots of Tapasya from 1 Upvas to 6 Upvas and eight days of Ektana. Some did it for the first time. Some children surprised us. Samvatsari Pratikraman was performed by Shamanji. We had 100% attendance and every body did with their heart. Shamanji stayed for 10

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West

C. Parekh, Regional Editor

Los Angeles, California

Paryushan and Daslakshana Mahaparva were celebrated from August 30 to September 15 under the guidance and direction of Shri Sunandaben Vohra and Shri Jagdishchandra Joshi respectively. The first day began with Kalpasutra vachan followed by rangoli workshop by Reshma Shah, children's cultural program, general body meeting, Swami Vatsalya, and ended with a stavan program by Hansaben Nagda. Everyday program included Kalpasutra vachan in the morning, and Pratikraman and lecture by Sunandaben in the evening. Nearly 2,000 people attended the auspicious occasion of Mahavir Jayanti celebrations. Samuh samayak, samuh aarti, evening bhavna bhakti programs, chhatra installation, and others activities helped to raise great enthusiasm and religious fervor. The Tapasya achievements of a record number of tapasvis were recognized on the Parna day. The program began with a stavan program presented by Kalyanji Anandji, followed by Kshamapna Vachan, tapasavi bahuman, and samuh parna, and concluded with a bhavna bhakti program by Pareshbhai. The tapasvis included Ashok Savla who observed Siddhi Tap, a total of 36 upvas in increments of 1 to 8, Virendra Shah and Shobhaben Shah who observed 16 upvas, Savitaben Shah who observed Varshi Tap, and 40 adults and 5 youths who observed athai (8 upvas). In addition, tapasayas of nearly 34 children, ranging from Ekatana to 3 upvas, were also recognized. A community directory of the Jain Center of Southern California was published and distributed during the Paryushan parva.

Pathshala classes began on September 28. With this year's record enrollment of over 230 children and a staff of 30 teachers and volunteers, the Jain Center has one of the largest pathshala programs in America. The participants also are able to attend

language classes in Gujarati and Hindi. A new "Mummy and Me" class, offered for the first time, will provide 5 to 7 years' old children a head start in learning the glory of Jainism. A Jain Center Youth Council winter camp will be organized at Lake Arrowhead during the Christmas holidays.

Ahimsa Day was celebrated on October 5. Mr. Alex Pacheco, President and Cofounder of People for Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) was the key speaker. Other programs included a compassionate fashion show, skits presented by children, display on animal experiments, distribution of literature and product samples, and information about other animal welfare groups. Diwali celebration on October 25 was coordinated by the Jain Senior Association and included rangoli competition, mehendi demonstration, fancy dress competition, and a party. A "108 Parshvanath Puja" event on October 26 provided an opportunity for 108 individuals and/or couples to do Abhishek. Vastu muhurat of the newly acquired Post Office Building took place on October 28. The acquisition of this building made it possible for us to vastly expand our Pathshala program. Gyan Pancham and Kartiki punam will be celebrated in November. A number of ongoing activities including Pathshala, Swadhayay, bhavna bhakti are organized on a regular basis. Internet website at www.jaincenter.org has details about such activities. For more information, please contact Virendra Shah at 310/326-5685.

San Francisco, California

Jain Center of Northern California completed the celebration of 18 days of Paryushan Parva under the guidance and direction of Shri Kumar Jayakeerteeji and Daslakshana Parva under the guidance and direction of Ashwin Pragnaji. Community participation was really great Shri Bhattarak

Devendrakirtiji informed us in the middle of September of his inability to come during the Paryushan Purve due to sudden change in his program. As in the previous years, our community observed high levels of tapascharya. Manhar Shah and Chanchalben Gogri observed Varsitap. Adult tapasvis include Saroj Dagli, Sandhya Jain, Navin Dedhia, Kirtida Bavishi, Himat Dagli, Shaila Shah, Dr. Megh Jain, Shakuntala Jain and Bhavna Shah. Young adult tapasvis include Heena Shah, Kalyani Bhayani, Mihir Shah, Neha Shah, Viral Parekh and Himanshu Shethi. The achievements of these tapasvis were recognized on September 20. The Jain Center of Northern California achieved another notable and joyous milestone when the City of Milpitas Planning Commission approved the plans for Jain Bhawan to be constructed at 774 South Main Street, Milpitas. A major joint celebration of Mahavir Nirvana Program and Bhumi Pujan is scheduled at the site on November 15 (report on Page 6). The monthly bhavana is organized on the 2nd Friday of the month. Preksha Dhyana classes are offered at the Fremont Senior Citizen Hall during November and December. Pathshala for children is scheduled on 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month in both Fremont and San Jose. Internet website at www.jcnc.org has details of these activities. For more information, please contact Jashvant Shah at 510/475-7882.

Sacramento, California

It is a great honor and privilege that Samaniji Sanmati Pragnaji and Samaniji Prassan Pragnaji stayed with us for almost one year, and the Jain Center of Greater Sacramento is thankful to Acharyaji for making an arrangement for the Samanijis to stay for such an extended period. During their stay, the Samanijis delivered lectures

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North American Jain Family Assistance

JAINA has established the above named committee to help needy Jain families in North America and gave us a good opportunity to be volunteers to the suffering, sick and needy. The Executive Committee of JAINA has given Ila Mehta the responsibility to chair this committee.

The objective for this committee is to help Jain families in time of need. The help will be extended for a period of one year. A maximum and minimum of combined help will reciprocate the available fund resources and families in need. This committee could be requested to help for education and health purposes. Also help can be requested in the time of unexpected financial crisis.

For anyone willing to help or receive help, please contact any members of the above committee. N. A. Jain Family Assistance Committee would like to add very humbly that we sincerely need your help to generate funds for this worthy, noble cause. Please make your check payable to JAINA for 'Jain Family Assistance Program' and mail it to:

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JAINA Charitable Trust

JAINA Charitable Trustees met at Siddhachalam on October 6, 1997. Dr. Mahendra Pandya chaired the meeting. The Trust approved \$5000.00 grant in response to request from Tulsa Jain Sangh in order to start construction of their nonsectarian temple. Trustees also decided to send a wonderful book on Jain art 'Peaceful Liberators' to all the Trustees. The Trust now has 77 Trustees.

Ahimsa Committee

JAINA has completed six years of Ahimsa Day celebrations, which happens on the first Sunday of October each year. The objective of the celebration is to reemphasize the importance of nonviolence principle of Jainism to Jains and non-Jains. In many centres, this day is celebrated like Nirvana Day and Mahavir Jayanti Day.

Jain Center of Cincinnati-Dayton invited the President of a local Vegetarian Society who spoke to our members on nonviolence and vegetarianism. About 100 persons attended the program on October 5, 1997. To promote nonviolence, the Center will be offering a one hour credit course for the second time on *Nonviolence and Jainism* at the University of Dayton in January 1998. We request the Regional Vice-Presidents to encourage local Jain Centres to plan this day next year. Numerous Jain Centres celebrated Ahimsa Day such as St. Louis, Memphis, Washington D.C., Pittsburgh & Boston. Regional Jain Centre celebrated this day, also called Kshamapana day at Siddhachalam. For more information contact Surendra Singhvi, Committee Chairman, 937/885-7414.

Senior Citizens Services Committee

JAINA will be involved in organizing activities and support services for Jain Seniors who have been living and working in the United States and Canada for the last two or three decades. Since their children are grown up and are away pursuing their own business and professional careers, this group is now entering into a new phase of their life. An empty nest syndrome may be setting in many cases, needing emotional support from religion and the community. To plan the religious and social activities and offer support services to Jain Seniors. JAINA has formed a committee that will address this emerging need in our community.

Under the banner and umbrella of JAINA, we will encourage seniors to participate in religious activities specifically organized for them by the nearby Jain Centers as well as JAINA. This will include seminars and intellectual discussion sessions on Jainism, Pujas, trips to visit different Jain Centers, overseas pilgrimages, etc.

The social activities will include community housing, presentations about maintaining good health, seminars on financial and retirement planning, lectures on obtaining benefits such as social security and pensions, legal assistance on issues such as wills and immigration, travel in groups for sight-seeing, cruises, etc. We hope to create a directory of Jain professionals engaged in health and medicine, legal, finance, recreation and other fields who will be willing to help in providing voluntary consultation and other services to this group throughout North America.

Additional details will be forthcoming in the future issues of JAIN DIGEST. For Information contact Vinay Vakani, Chairman, at 201/967-9344.

World Community Service

Currently JAINA World Community Service is doing the social and humanitarian activities in the following areas:

1. Sending used clothes to India.
2. Sending financial help when there is a natural disaster.
3. Sending used and new medical equipment to needy clinics in India.
4. Procuring and sending Soybeans as a high protein for some Specific charitable trust in India.
5. Create an escrow account for a reserve fund for use in disasters immediately and raise funds for disaster and replenish it from time to time.

We are in a position to collect five to six 20 feet containers of used clothes to India. Our main problem is the cost of shipping them to India. Today we have met one target for 200 Patron Members. Now our other target is to raise a reserve fund of at least

\$100,000 for World Community Service. We plan to raise this fund from all individuals who believe in this humanitarian work. I request you to contribute generously and help us to raise funds from your friends. A small amount from all the friends will be more than enough to meet this goal.

We send help to India and any other part of the world where the help is needed, upon committee approval. Every year we plan to generate \$100,000 to cover our cost. We plan to help and work with Virayatan in Bihar and Diwaliben Trust in Bombay and some other similar organizations which are doing humane and social work in most efficient way.

Feel free to ask any questions, or your constructive suggestions to any one of the following: Bachubhai S. Ajmera Ph: 301/431-2525. Prakash M. Mehta, Bhadrash R. Dhila.

Last year JAINA received a Certificate of Registration from the U.S. Agency for the International Development, USAID. We have to bestow special congratulations and thanks to Dr. Dhiraj H. Shah for his untiring efforts to achieve this recognition. There are only two organizations which are certified by this agency: Share & Care and JAINA. We appreciate the efforts of Dhirajbhai and Prakash Mehta who have worked for so long to receive this status. Now it is our responsibility to use this facility.

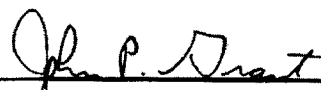
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Federation of JAINA Presents:

Essay Competition 1998

An opportunity to display your love and knowledge of Jain Religion.

JAINA, as a part of its ongoing commitment to the progressive development of Jainism in North America, is once again sponsoring an essay competition. In keeping with JAINA's vision of helping youth to learn Jainism and acknowledging youth effort, an essay competition leads to reading, research and practicing Jainism. In addition, it will bring new ideas to surface from the following essay topic for 1998:

"Maintaining and Representing Our Religious and Cultural Identity as Jains in North America"

Guidelines. Include and expand on the following:

- Why does Jainism fascinate me?
- What am I doing to practice and represent Jainism today?
- How would I expand practice and promote Jainism in future?
- What obstacles I see and how I plan to overcome them? Be specific and detailed about the plan.
- Refer to and include specific Jain teachings and principles that are part of your thinking.

Submission Groups:

- Ages up to 10 years:** Submission length at least 2 pages, typed, double spaced.
Ages 11 to 14 years: Submission length at least 4 pages, typed, double spaced.
Ages 15 to 18 years: Submission length at least 6 pages, typed, double spaced.
Ages 19 and above: Submission length at least 8 pages, typed, double spaced.

Evaluation Criteria:

- Richness of content
- Quality of language
- Understanding of the subject matter
- Clearness of presentation
- How detailed is your personal practice and plan

Judges:

Dr. Balbhadra Bruce Costain. Dr. Balbhadra has a Doctorate degree in Jainism and is practicing Jainism for many years. For the last fourteen years he has been an instrumental force in guiding Jain youths. Dr. Balbhadra has also received JAINA Ratna Award this past July.

Dr. Chandrakant Parekh. Mr. Parekh has been a judge of many past essay contests. He is a regional editor of Jain Digest from the west coast.

Dr. Dilip Shah. Dr. Shah is a regional vice president of Jaina from midwest. He is also one of the editors of Jain Darshan which is published in Chicago.

Submission Instructions:

Send your essay on a diskette (Word for Windows format, or ASCII text format) with a printed copy, postmarked no later than April 1, 1998. Include your name, address, age and phone number. Send to:

Harendra Shah
30 Ondina Drive
Fremont, CA 94539

Process after submission:

Mr. Harendra Shah will code essays to conceal the identity of participants from the judges and send copies of essays to the judges by May 15. The judges will render their decision by July 1, 1998.

Prizes:

In addition to receiving Jain educational books, the winners will be awarded the following prizes:

Age Group	1 st Prize	2 nd Prize	3 rd Prize
up to 10 yrs	\$51	\$31	\$21
11 to 14 yrs	\$151	\$101	\$51
15 to 18 yrs	\$251	\$151	\$101
19 and above	\$351	\$201	\$151

The winning essays will be published in a future issue of JAIN DIGEST.

Jain Centers, Pathshalas, and Youth groups will be awarded a comprehensive set of books for sending the most entries from their area. For further information about the essay competition, please call JAINA Essay Committee members:

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YOUNG Minds

YOUNG JAINS OF AMERICA

YJA '98 Convention Site Selected

The 1998 YJA Convention will be held at the beautiful Del Lago Resort and Conference Center. The largest lakeside resort in the Southwest, Del Lago has over 60,000 square feet of conveniently organized meeting space for YJA's exclusive use. The convention facility is a free-standing building just a 30 second walk from the Hotel Tower where the guests will sleep. The abundant space includes 25 meeting rooms and fits all needs such that no conference room will need to be altered (turned-over) once the convention begins. Besides having several auditorium size ballrooms, the resort has extensive audio/visual facilities with a 2500 sq. ft. amphitheatre as well as full CD-ROM, videoconferencing, and teleconferencing capabilities for hotel rooms and conference centers.

Dining for the YJA Convention will be in Lago Vista, the larger of two restaurants in the Conference Center. The restaurant is elegantly furnished, seating 900 comfortably, and will be reserved for YJA guests only. Staff at Del Lago Resort and Conference Center are extremely accommodating and will not only accept recipes from us, but also lessons on how to prepare the food. Other eating establishments, such as pizza delivery services and the gift shop (which offers sodas, juices, and snacks) are available 24-hours a day within the hotel premises. Of course, room service will be available 24 hours a day and hospitality rooms in the first floor of the Hotel Tower will offer snacks throughout the convention.

The Del Lago Resort provides a variety of recreational activities

as well, with access to several sport facilities, such as tennis, volleyball, and basketball courts. There's also a health club, outdoor pool, weight machines, and other exercise equipment for those who feel a need to get in shape!

Del Lago has the resources to offer utmost care in terms of adequate security for the convention. Its' secluded location minimizes security risks, and a hotel security staff and manager are on duty 24 hours. For guests, electronic room locks and safety deposit

boxes will be provided. Entrances and exits will be manned by registration volunteers continuously throughout the convention and the sole entrance/exit to the Hotel Tower has a security desk complete with a video camera where volunteers will be staffed throughout the conference for our peace of mind.

This resort has everything this convention needs to be a successful one. We are confident everyone will be well provided for and will enjoy their stay. Whether listening to speakers in one of the many ballrooms, or taking part in some friendly sports, the Resort's professional atmosphere will satisfy all needs in having a great YJA convention in 1998.

CONVENTION INFO

Location: Del Lago Resort and Conference Center
Houston, TX, USA

Date: July 4, 1998

More details, and registration forms, will be included in the next issue of JAIN DIGEST.

Plug into the YJA Website

No publication is complete these days without a mention of an official website. Well, why should YJA be any different? Many of you have already seen the YJA official website. This year, it will also contain the latest information on the convention. Although the site will continually be upgraded and improved, we plan to include the following:

- Programming plans as they are made. A list of confirmed speakers and scheduled sessions.
- Complete Registration information, including a downloadable form that can be mailed in.
- Forms for registrants to choose which sessions they want to

- Information on submitting articles for publication in the convention souvenir guide.
- Fundraising updates and a donation form.
- Contact list for YJA officers and HYJACC committee chairs.
- Updates on YJA and HYJACC planning progress.
- The complete bid submitted by Houston for hosting the convention.

Website: www.yale.edu/yja/

YJA email: yja-excom-list@pantheon.yale.edu

Houston Convention Committee email: hyjacc@juno.com

Houston Convention Committee Begins Planning

The Houston YJA Convention Committee (or HYJACC for short) has been busy with early preparations for next year's event. HYJACC consists of Houston Jain youth who will work throughout the upcoming year with YJA in organizing every aspect of the convention. The committee consists of a Chairperson, 9 committee chairs, and about 30 sub-committee members. Sure 40 people sounds like a lot, but every single one has either already began their jobs or have planned a full slate of responsibilities for the coming months. Following is a quick list of the major committees and each one's main tasks.

- ▶ The **Activities** committee is planning the detailed programming schedule of events for the 3 days of the convention, including the convention theme. They will coordinate the attendance of our distinguished guest speakers.
- ▶ The **Registration** committee is developing a registration form to be mailed out to all Jain household addresses on file with JAINA. They will receive completed forms and send out confirmation packets to all registrants.
- ▶ The **Souvenir** committee will publish a souvenir guide to be given to all participants. This will include a schedule for the convention, essays and notes covering the convention sessions and other related topics. The guide will contain ads and notices from supporting individuals and businesses.
- ▶ The **Fundraising** committee is actively raising donations to help subsidize the cost of the convention. They are targeting Jain households and 'Jain-compatible' corporate donors. The committee welcomes all donations from Jain families nationwide. Also, they welcome contacts from generous corporations that may wish to sponsor this event. Please contact YJA or HYJACC if you would like to support this youth undertaking.
- ▶ The **Finance** committee will handle all money transactions, making sure we stay on budget.
- ▶ The **Records** committee will document the entire planning process and convention activities for recordkeeping. They have already archived the bidding process used by Houston to win the convention to help other cities plan future conventions.
- ▶ The **Transportation** committee will get all the youth from our airports to the convention site...free of charge. They are also working with major airlines to get a convention discount for participants.
- ▶ The **Site** committee has negotiated the rates with the hotel and conference center. They will make sure the site is ready and organized to facilitate our convention meeting needs.
- ▶ The **Public Relations** committee will help keep everyone up to date with planning updates and registration information by using national magazines, mailouts, and even a website. They will try to stir up news coverage of the actual convention in local and national media.

Website Update—www.yale.edu/yja/

"Whats new with the website?" is a typical question you might ask a board member. A lot of changes have been made but they won't be visible to the end user for some time. These changes differ from the way the web page started out.

At first the website was handled entirely by one or two people. The first few webmasters took on this enormous task and created a solid foundation for future enhancements. Their early organization of information on the webpage was crucial to the future enhancements that are planned.

Before the end of the school year YJA plans to obtain our own website without any space restriction. This will enable us to place more information about YJA, our local chapters and affiliates, and information about Jainism in this country.

Last issue we mentioned some of these enhancements: chat rooms, newsgroups etc. Other planned improvements: placement of all Jain newsletters (i.e. newsletters from YJA, JAINA, and local centers), an online Jain dictionary (which will hopefully provide an easily accessible standard of translated Jain words into English), an online education center (hopefully providing a de facto standard for education).

The web team currently consists of: Bimal Shah, Durham, NC; Anshu Bhandari, Miami, FL; Roshni Diamani, Montreal, ONT; Rahul Jain, Bridgewater, NJ; Dharmesh M. Mehta, Cambridge, MA; Manish Patel, Oakdale, IL; Parag Salvi, Houston, TX; Alpesh Shah, Detroit, MI; Binisa Shah, Farmington, MI; Manish Shah, Kearny, NJ; Veeral Shah, Boston, MA; Hetalkumar Vora, North Wollongong, Australia; Darko Zganjer, Daytona Beach, FL. Our Advisors are Prem Jain, San Francisco, CA and Pravin Shah, Raleigh, NC.

Though this team consists of a dozen youth there is room for anyone interested. To be involved, the time commitment is as much as you wish to put it, and the skill level can range from newly interested to professional designer. We are looking for any part of help from the webpage—graphics, typesetting (converting newsletters to HTML), scanning of pictures from past conventions, etc. We are also looking to have a partnership with each Jain Center to provide as much information as possible about each center online and accessible to those connected to the net.

If you are interested please contact Raju Shah at shah@zoo.cs.yale.edu or 203/777-4313.



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November 23, 1997

Jains of North America and the World,

Jai Jinendra!

In my last letter to you I mentioned some of the projects that we wish to pursue. We can not make these a success unless we have your support. To further show our commitment to these projects we would like to not only have a local youth to help us with our endeavor but also a local adult to help coordinate with the local youth. On of our events that we will need tremendous support is our convention.

Next July 4th, the Third Biannual YJA convention will be held in Houston, TX and to make this a success we need your physical and financial support. We are hoping that every city sending a delegation to convention, will participate in the convention by preparing a discussion group item, seminar presentation, or display. To make this convention easily accessible to all participants we need your financial help. If you are interested in donating please contact Jill Shah at (918) 251-3597, who has a full list of donator benefits.

To make ourselves accessible to your valuable input we have all set aside one hour everyday where we will be accessible by phone (these are by no means :

Our offices hours are:

	Zone	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
Raju	EST	8 - 9 pm	8 - 9 pm	8 - 9 pm	8 - 9 pm	8 - 9 pm	8 - 9 pm
Gaurav	EST	8 - 9 pm	8 - 9 pm	8 - 9 pm	8 - 9 pm	8 - 9 pm	8 - 9 pm
Anish	EST	11 pm - 12	11 pm - 12	11 pm - 12	11 pm - 12	11 pm - 12	11 pm - 12
Purav	CST						
Paulomi	EST	9 - 10 pm	9 - 10 pm	9 - 10 pm	9 - 10 pm	9 - 10 pm	2 - 3 pm
Jill	CST	7 - 8 pm	7 - 8 pm	8 - 9 pm	7 - 8 pm	7 - 8 pm	7 - 8 pm
Dina	EST	9 - 10 pm	9 - 10 pm	9 - 10 pm	9 - 10 pm	6 - 7 pm	6 - 7 pm
Ameet	EST	9 - 10 pm	9 - 10 pm	9 - 10 pm	9 - 10 pm	11 pm - 12	2 - 3 pm
Sheetal	PST						

If you know of someone who could be a valuable asset to our mission: to propagate Jainism in the Americas and to provide a strong network connecting us on this continent, then do not hesitate to suggest to them to join our board. We are looking for dedicated youth from 18 to 29 who can be a part of this dynamic group.

This insert is geared toward seeking your help, a JAINA Digest reader concerned with the security of Jainism in North America in the Future. As always, feel free to contact us.

Jai Jinendra,

Raju Shah

YJA Chair 1997-1998

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YOUNG MINDS (continued)

YJA MEMBERSHIP FORM

GENERAL INFORMATION

TODAY'S DATE: _____

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ M.I. _____

Permanent Address: _____

Home Telephone Number: () _____ Email Address: _____

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YY): ____/____/____ Jain Center Affiliation: _____

Parents' Names: Father _____ Mother _____

EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

High School Information

☐ Check if currently a high school student

School Name: _____

Class of: _____

College Information

☐ Check if currently a college student

University/College Name: _____

Class of: _____

Graduate School Name: _____

Class of: _____

Most Recent (or current) Degree/Major: _____

YOUNG PROFESSIONAL INFORMATION

Profession (list primary field(s)): _____

Employer/Company: _____ Position/Job Title: _____

Business Address: _____

Business Telephone: () _____ Fax: () _____

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Why do you want to join YJA?

I do not want...

- ☐ any of this information published by YJA in a positive manner
- ☐ home phone number published
- ☐ college phone number published
- ☐ business phone number(s) published

If you would like to join YJA or update your existing membership information, please fill out this form and mail it to either of the following addresses:

Within the U.S.:

Young Jains of America
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PO Box 202039
New Haven CT 06520

Outside the U.S.:

Young Jains of America
%o Paulomi Gudka
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You can also find this form online at:
<http://www.yale.edu/yja/>

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Why you need a physical examination

by Dr. Dilip Shah, Chicago, Illinois

The annual 'head to toe' checkup has been relegated to the history books. In recent years, targeted 'periodic health examination' tailored to the individual's age, family history, and risk factors have become popular. Every physician has learned the value of detailed history – taking in disease prevention and diagnosis. Timely screening and counseling can prevent stroke, heart disease, and cancer.

Periodic checkups include:

- Thorough history taking.
- Counseling for a low saturated fat diet, regular exercise, calcium supplements hormone supplements for women, and cessation of smoking.
- Regular eye examinations and checkups for glaucoma.
- A review of all currently prescribed medications and a discussion of their interactions.
- Screening tests as outlined below.

Screening Tests

The various health groups such as the U.S. Preventive Service Task Force, American College of Physicians (ACP) and American Cancer Society make somewhat differing recommendations. The following tests, however, are considered appropriate for adults in good health.

Blood Pressure (BP): BP should be checked during every visit to the doctor, or at least once a year. No definite statistics of its prevalence in Indians are available. Even mild elevation can lead to heart attacks, stroke and kidney disease. Nine out of ten cases have no known cause (idiopathic) for high blood pressure. Dietary salt restrictions, weight reductions, and moderate exercises, are the first steps before drug therapy is prescribed.

Cholesterol, Triglycerides and Blood Sugar: This screening is advised after the age of 35 for men and 45 for women. With a strong family history of premature heart disease, this screening should be done earlier. Cholesterol breakdown test (LIPID Profile) for good (HDL) and bad (LDL) cholesterol is necessary before dietary or drug therapy is prescribed.

Colon and Rectal Cancer: A panel appointed by an agency for health care policy concluded that deaths from bowel cancer can be reduced by one-third by a screening test. Men and women of 50 and older can choose among various tests: an annual stool test for occult blood, sigmoidoscopy every five years, barium enema every five to ten years, or colonoscopy every ten years. Those with previous colon polyps or cancer in the family should have this test more frequently.

Clinical Breast Examination: An annual breast examination by a physician for women over 50.

Mammography: Major medical groups agree that over the age of 50, women should have a mammogram every one to two years to detect breast cancer.

Prostrate Cancer: An annual digital rectal examination for all men over the age of 40 and a blood PSA (Prostate Specific Antigen) screening test after the age of 50. The good news is that more than 65% of men with high PSA levels do not have prostate cancer. The occurrence of this type of cancer within a father or brother is a reason for an early screening test.

Pap Smear (PAP) for Cervical Cancer: Women should consider this simple test every one to three years after the age of 18 until the age of 65.

Immunizations: People 65 years or older should have a pneumonia vaccine (usually given once) and an annual influenza vaccine every fall.

In summary, this is a guideline for the group in general. However, individual needs and frequency of testing can be different due to personal and family history and the physician's practice pattern.

REGIONAL NEWS *(continued)*

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days which influenced our thinking about religion, Karma, Pap and Punya and many spiritual issues. Our Jain Pathshala is doing well and the children are learning even more than adults.

New year was celebrated with Snatra Puja, followed by fiesta lunch. We have received \$5000 donation from JAINA Charitable Trust towards building of new Derasar and Jain center in Tulsa. We are moving forward to realize our dream and we

will be mailing out to all Jain centers our detailed plan for our Derasar and Jain center to raise funds. We count on your support. Our election will be in December for new officers for year 1998. Please contact Kanti Shah 918/369-3163.

Why Go to Temple?

by Ramesh Shah, Cleveland, Ohio

(Based upon Teddy Roosevelt's reasons for going to church in Ladies' Home Journal in 1917)

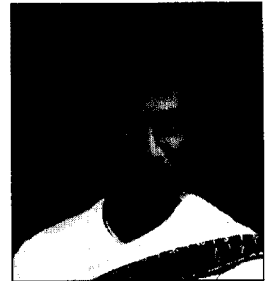
1. In this actual world a templeless community, a community where men women have abandoned and scoffed at or ignored their religious needs, is a community on the rapid downgrade. It is perfectly true that occasional individuals or families may have nothing to do with temple or with religious practices and observances and yet maintain the highest standard of spirituality and of ethical obligation. But this does not affect the case in the world as it now is, any more than that exceptional men and women under exceptional conditions have disregarded the marriage tie without moral harm to themselves, interferes with the larger fact that such disregard, if at all common, means the complete moral disintegration of the body politic.
2. Temple work and temple attendance mean the cultivation of the habit of feeling some responsibility for others and the sense of braced moral strength which prevents a relaxation of one's own moral fiber.
3. There are enough holidays for most of us that can quite properly be devoted to pure holidays.
4. Making Sundays differ from other holidays-among other ways-in fact that there are fifty-two of them every year. At least on Sunday, go to the temple.
5. Yes, I know all the excuses. I know that one can worship the God/Creator and dedicate oneself to good living in a grove of trees, or by a running brook, or in one's own house, just as well as in a temple. But I also know as a matter of cold fact the average person does not thus worship or thus dedicate himself. If he/she stays away from the temple, he/she does not spend his/her time in good works or in lofty meditation. He/she looks over the colored supplement of the newspaper, watch sports on TV or goof around.
6. He/she is very fortunate that he/she will hear a "vyakhyan/parvachan" by a good man who is engaged all the week long in a series of wearing and humdrum and important tasks for making hard lives a little easier, a little happier, a little uplifting.
7. He/she will listen to and take part in reading some beautiful passages from the "Agamas/Gita". And if he/she is not familiar with the "Agamas/Gita", he/she has suffered a loss.
8. He/she will probably take part in singing some good "stavans/prayers/bhajans".
9. He/she will meet and nod to, or speak to, good, quiet neighbors. He/she will come away feeling a little more charitable towards the entire world, even toward those excessively foolish young men/women who regard temple going as rather a soft performance.
10. I advocate a man's joining in temple works for the sake of showing his/her faith by his/her works.
11. The person who does not in some way, active or now, connect himself/herself with some active, working temple, misses many opportunities for helping his/her neighbor and therefore, incidentally for helping himself/herself.

Shri V. R. Gandhi Scholarship Fund Established

The Late Shri Virchand Raghavaji Gandhi, the renowned Barrister-at-Law, a great exponent of Indian culture, a humanitarian, a patriot, and a Jain scholar represented Jainsim in the Parliament of Religions held in Chicago in 1893. He spread Lord Mahavir's message of non-violence and universal love across the world vigorously. He would have accomplished much more but for his untimely demise at an early age of 37.

In order to commemorate this historical event and to honor this great Jain leader and philosopher, JAINA, through the efforts of Shri Pravin C. Shah of New York, has agreed to institute a scholarship fund entitled *Shri Virchand Raghavaji Gandhi Scholarship Fund*. Money received in this fund will be used for the purpose of promoting and encouraging studies in Jainism in India through a reputable institute.

Your generous, tax-deductible contribution to this worthy cause will be greatly appreciated. Please make your check payable to JAINA, or to S.S. Jain Foundation in Canada. Indicate in the memo *VRG Scholarship Fund* and mail to:



For more information, please call any of the following members of Shri V.R. Gandhi Memorial Committee:

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JAIN DIGEST LIFE MEMBERS UPDATE

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Satya Mukti Raj Marg (Royal Path of True Liberation). Premchand Kothari prepared in 1966 an educative book in Gujarati giving in detail step-by-step method of study of Shrimad Rajchandra's the Royal Path of True Liberation. Please send US\$5 for US shipping address and CDN\$5 for Canadian shipping address. Please send your request to:

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JAINA is in the process of updating data of Jain & Hindu/Jain Temples in North America. A letter incorporating a form of details required from each Jain Society is in the mail. Your cooperation in completing this form as soon as possible will be appreciated. Jasvant Mehta of Jain Society of Alberta is co-ordinating this Jain Project. Call him at 403/435-9070, fax: 403/497-5520 or send an email message: mehtaj@admin.grncc.ab.ca.

Bhaktamar Stotra is available on video.

It is sung by Anuradha Podwal, with commentary by Harish Bhimani. The video will take you on a journey of the ancient Jain temples of India. If you would like to have this video, we request a donation in the amount of \$10 plus \$3 for shipping and handling (50¢ for each additional tape) to:

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Or you may phone 617/272-3666. At your request, the JCGB will include a free bird feeder with each order to teach your children Jiv Daya.

JAINISM AT ROSE PARADE

Jain Center of Southern California is exploring the possibility to have a float participate in the Tournament of Roses Parade in next couple of years in front of a worldwide audience to create awareness for Jainism and by celebrating more than 2,500 years of Mahavir Swami's birth. The float is expected to carry a Jainism theme. For further information please call:

Tejas Mehta 714-491-4000

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JAINA PATRON PROGRAM UPDATE

We are pleased to inform you that as of to-day, **235 individuals have become JAINA patrons** and have either **pledged or paid close to \$65,000**. Special thanks to Mr. Naveen Jain and Dr. Dhiraj Shah for donating \$5,001 each and becoming Grand Patrons. The success of this program puts us in a solid financial position, allowing us to concentrate on programs, beneficial to the entire community. It also shows the strength and tremendous potential of our community.

The success of this program has only been possible with the hard work put in by several visionary people from our community and the leadership provided by Dr. Dhiraj Shah. Without his strong dedication and drive, this program would not have achieved the success as fast as it did.

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If you have become a Patron but have not had a chance to send in your pledge, please do so now. We need your donation to run JAINA effectively. Please send it to:

Mr. Anop R. Vora
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Please bear in mind that JAINA has carried out this program without incurring any cost. Neither the Executive Committee members nor the volunteers who helped in this program have charged a single penny. Our hats off to these dedicated individuals.

We urge you all to come forward and become a JAINA Patron. Our goal is to enroll at least 300 people for this program to ensure added financial stability. Financially strong JAINA will be good for the whole community. Please join hands with us and make our dream come true. Thanks a million for your support.

JAINA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MATRIMONIALS *(continued)*

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F602: Gujarati parents seek responses from professional, cultured boys, for very beautiful / fair, slim, convent educated daughter, born May 73, 5'1", 100 lbs, BE (Comp Sc). Residing in Bombay and wish to settle in USA. Call 408/447-3863. Bombay Phone: 2183516. Jollymaker Apt 3, Flat 173, 119 Cuffe Parade, Bombay 400005.

F603: Gujarati parents invite correspondence for beautiful, charming, brilliant, highly accomplished, vegetarian, US born daughter, July 69, 5'7", 130 lbs, MD, 3rd year resident, from cultured, professionals, preferably MD. Call 508/947-1175.

F604: Gujarati parents invite responses for pretty, talented, vegetarian, cultured daughter, born Aug 72, 5'3", 110 lbs, MD, first year resident, from well educated professional boys. Call 908/754-4795.

F605: Gujarati parents invite proposals for pretty, fair, brilliant, cultured, vegetarian daughter, born Aug 74, 5'3", 155 lbs, BS Biology (98), from educated, cultured boys. Call 773/589-9856.

F606: Alliance invited for pretty, smart, intelligent, physician, vegetarian girl, born Dec 73, 5'1", 104 lbs, MBBS, practicing medicine, from well educated, cultured boys. Currently in India & wish to settle in USA. Call 408/296-7889.

F607: Professional Jain parents invite correspondence, for their extremely beautiful, very fair, highly accomplished, talented, attractive, vegetarian, US raised daughter, born May 72, 5'4". 110 lbs, BS, awaiting starting medical school, from handsome, professionals. Call 612/429-8679.

F608: Gujarati scientist uncle invite responses for pretty, intelligent, vegetarian niece, born Dec 67, 5'7", 125 lbs, BS(Com), LLB, own business, from cultured, educated boys. Residing in Bombay & willing to settle in USA. Visited USA in past. Call 215/361-1521.

AF121: Exceptionally beautiful, kashmiri light skinned, 24, 5'7", MS, intelligent, family oriented, virtuous daughter, talented in every way from a prestigious, wealthy Gujarati family, seeks very handsome, fair, tall, highly educated boy from a cultured family. Call 714/544-5005.

AF171: Gujarati Physician invite correspondence for his very beautiful, fair, talented, highly accomplished, US raised daughter, born Feb 72, 5'5", MD (98), from professional boys, preferably MD. Call 419/868-7476.

AF190: Gujarati parents invite proposals for their beautiful, slim, charming, talented, Bombay born / raised, vegetarian, US citizen daughter, born Nov 73, 5'0", BS (Comp Sc), well employed in Dallas TX, from cultured, professional boys. Call 316/683-2109.

AF202: Gujarati Physician uncle invite responses for pretty, talented, artistic, cultured, vegetarian niece, born June 67, 5'2", 115 lbs, BS (Com), Dip. Fine Art, Intern for Montessori Teacher training program, NY. Call 718/638-6328.

AF204: Gujarati parents invite responses with bio-data / photo from well educated Jain Gujarati vegetarian males under 30, for their slim, good looking, JD, practicing in NJ, US born, vegetarian daughter. Call 716/872-3677.

AF205: Proposals invited from Jain vegetarian professionals, for pretty, convent educated, medium complexioned niece, born Oct 72, 5'3", 105 lbs, teaching in Calcutta Montessori School, will settle in North America. Highly reputed, wealthy, Hindi speaking Jain parents. Call 613/726-1231.

Federation of Jain Associations in North America—Audited Financial Statement

Statement of Revenue Collected and Disbursements

For the Year Ended December 31, 1996

Revenue Collected

Donations	\$ 233,785	
Memberships	9,465	
Advertisements	3,800	
Interest and Dividends	6,472	
Gain on Sale of Security	1,211	
Other Misc Income	543	
TOTAL REVENUES COLLECTED		255,275

Disbursements

GRANTS AND ALLOCATIONS		
Satkarma Trust	\$ 200	
Sneh Sangam Medical and Education trust	3,000	
A. R. C. H.	7,000	
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Samanvyabhyan Gyan Kendra	8,000	
Shri Saurashtra Dasa Shrimali Jain Mandal	3,000	
Bahubali Brahmacharyashram	1,261	
Sewa Rural	2,425	
Shri Parshvanath Jain Chhatralaya	1,455	
Amritlal Virchand Jasani T.B. Hospital	2,136	
Veerayatan Trust	1,500	
TOTAL GRANTS AND ALLOCATIONS	39,977	
EXPENSES		
Bank Charges	\$ 428	
YJA Conventions and Meetings	128,081	
Depreciation	499	
Education Material	15,845	
Professional Fees	2,463	
Donations	676	
Office Expenses	427	
Postage	6,386	
Printing & Publications	20,258	
Promotional Events and Animal Rights	2,195	
YJA Speaker's Fees	5,164	
YJA Telephone	6,626	
YJA Trvel	10,746	
Total Expenses	199,794	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		239,771
Excess of Revenue over Disbursements		\$ 15,504

Balance Sheet

ASSETS:

CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash	\$ 106,269	
Temporary Cash Investments	51,128	
		157,397
FIXED ASSETS		
Equipment	3,493	
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	-1,821	
		1,672
TOTAL ASSETS		\$ 159,069

Liabilities and Fund Balance

Liabilities	0.00
Fund Balance	
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$ 159,069

JAINA Current Financial Statement—November 1997

JAINA Checking Account

Account Balance as of October 31, 1997

Various Sub-Committee Balances as of October 31, 1997

Education Committee	\$ 3,873.00
Jiv Daya Committee	362.00
World Community Service	1,401.00
Temple Guidelines	1,050.00
YJA	1,441.17
Virchand R. Gandhi Fund	583.00
JAINA General Fund	<u>29,210.02</u>
TOTAL	\$ 37,920.19

JAIN DIGEST Endowment Fund

Balance as of October 31, 1997

Jain Digest Endowment Fund Account \$ 56,782.81

JAINA Charitable Trust

Balance as of October 31, 1997 \$ 130,000.00

Federation of Jain Associations in North America Appeal

I want to stop the loss of Jain identity and culture by supporting JAINA and I want to be a proud Jain!

Please fill out this form and support JAINA. Mail to:

In U.S.A

JAINA Headquarters
PO Box 700
Getzville, NY 14068



In Canada

S.S. Jain Foundation
276 Carlaw Ave., Unit 200
Toronto, ONT M4M 3L1

☐ I want to be a Trustee of JAINA Charitable Trust and will donate \$500⁰⁰ every year.

☐ I want to be a JAINA Patron and will donate \$251⁰⁰ every year.

☐ I want to be a Life Member of JAIN DIGEST and will donate \$101⁰⁰.

☐ Any other amount: ☐ \$10 ☐ \$25 ☐ \$50

Please make checks payable to: *JAINA* in the U.S.A. or *S.S. Jain Foundation* in Canada.

Your donation is tax-deductible in both countries. Please advise us if you wish your donation to remain anonymous.
900 Jain families have already done so, would you not do so? If not for you, do it for your children and grandchildren.

24th Medical Camp at Bidada (Kutch) January 6 to 19, 1998

Shree Bidada Sarvodaya Trust has organized charitable medical camps for the past 23 years. It started with eye and dental camps in 1975 and later cardiac and E.N.T. were added. The hospital was established in 1985 and then other surgical specialties: Orthopedics, Urology, Gynecology all were added. In 23 years the Trust has treated more than one million people and operated on 30,000 patients.

JAINA participated in this humanitarian work in 1992, and collected donations from N. America. Since then Jain Center of S. California is carrying on this humanitarian work, collecting funds and medical equipment and sends it over to the Trust. Mr. Vijay Chedda, Navin Gangar and Dr. Manibhai Mehta of J. Center of S. California Co-ordinate presently for this project.

Dr. Manibhai Mehta, Jaina's Past President, Dr. Dhiraj Shah, President, Dr. Pravin Mehta, Dr. Shanti Kenia, Dr. C. Haria, and many other doctors and volunteers have been attending this camp since 1992 and giving their services at their own expense. At 23rd camp Virendra Shah and Sumati Shah, President, and Vice-President of Jain Center of S. California visited the camp and both were amazed at the work and management of the camp for 15 days.

Please help out in this humanitarian work. We are sure your life will be touched and blessed by the thousands of needy people you will be serving.

Enclosed is my tax-deductable contribution to help the sick and needy.

Please check one: ☐ \$50 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$250 ☐ Other \$ _____
☐ Sponsor one medical faculty in loving memory of a family member: \$2,500 to \$5,000

Please make check payable to: *Jain Center of Southern California*. Memo: Medical Camp.

Name _____

Address _____ Apt _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Zip Code _____

Phone () _____ Fax () _____

Mail completed form to:
Dr. Manibhai Mehta
11403 Tortuga Street
Cypress, CA 90630
USA

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

California

Dr. Manibhai Mehta	714/898-3156
Popat Savla	818/782-6998
Virendra Shah	310/326-5685
Ramesh Shah	909/861-0736
Dr. Pravin Kapadia	213/255-3796
Navin Gangar	714/283-0323

Massachusetts

Dr. S. Kenia	413/562-7737
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New Jersey

Tansukh Maru	908/495-2304
Rajesh Chheda	609/768-4442

New York

Dr. Dhiraj Shah	716/773-1314
Peter Bheddah	212/533-8900
Dr. Leena &	
Dr. Nitin Doshi	718/762-7132

Ohio

Dr. C. Haria	216/722-7172
Dr. Vijay Jain	513/829-2123

Canada

Lax Nagda	416/731-9524
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Mumbai (Bombay)

Vijay Chheda	91-22/613-1865
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TULSA JAIN SANGH: Non-Sectarian Jain Center

The Jain community in Tulsa has a vision to give our children an opportunity to learn about culture, traditions, religion and many other valuable things. This vision could be realized better if we have our own temple and a center where all of us can get together on regular basis.

Also, Indian Community in Tulsa is in need of a community center. We have an opportunity to combine a religious place with a community center.

Tulsa Jain Sangh has purchased a land, over an acre, near 71st Street and Utica Avenue in south Tulsa. The cost of the land was \$44,000.00 and paid from the existing funds. Our plan is to build a Jain Temple (Derasar) with a community center.

Currently, the architect is working on drawings and zoning approval. We expect work to start in early spring of 1998 and complete the construction by the end of next year.

The support for the project is overwhelming. We have already raised or received pledges for 65% of the funding needed, however, we are still short by app. \$144,000.00.

Considering that Jain community in Tulsa is relatively small, we need the support from the entire Indian community in United States. We kindly request that you donate generously and help us to achieve this goal. All donations are tax deductible.

Trustees of Tulsa Jain Sangh approved following plan on November 19, 1995 to evaluate possibility of building a Jain Center in Tulsa or surrounding suburb. The trustees have approved following preliminary details and have formed a Fund Raising Committee to get the pledges.

Location:

S.E. Tulsa or nearby suburb.

Size of Land:

Minimum one acre.

Building Size:

Approximately 7,000 sq.ft. consisting of:

App. 1,000 sq.ft. of Derasar

App. 600 sq.ft. of class rooms (2 to 3 class rooms)

App. 700 sq.ft. of kitchen and storage areas

App. 500 sq.ft. of rest rooms with shower and corridor

Balance of app. 4,200 sq.ft. community center
(open area with stage)

Construction:

Attractive, but economical construction with following features:

Single story building with pitched roof.

Zoned central heat and air.

Well insulated for lower utility.

Minimum maintenance features.

Parking spots—based on funds raised.

Estimated Cost:

Purchased Land for \$44,000.00.

Paid from previous funds on hand.

Total cost:

Derasar and Jain Center & furnishing: App. \$ 300,000.00

Collected pledges and other cash on hand: \$ \$40,800.00

Total pledges for Derasar and Jain Center: \$ 156,000.00

Total uncollected pledges: \$ 115,502.00

Needed additional funding of App. \$ 143,698.00

Rules for Use of Facility:

Vegetarian food only.

No smoking, no alcohol, no drugs.

Center can be used for all Jain religious and other religious activities, party, marriages, etc.

Rents:

Committee will decide on rent to be charged for all activities other than Jain religious activities.

Plan:

Jain Sangh has purchased land and would like to start construction of the center in early spring of 1998 and complete the work by year end 1998.

For more information, please contact:

Haresh Ajmera 918/747-7677

Kishore Mehta 918/491-6392

Rasik Shah 918/627-8440

Kanti Shah 918/369-3163

Mukesh Shah 918/299-2873

PLEDGE FORM

Pledge: I/We would like to pledge \$ _____ and commit to pay on or before start of construction.

Signed _____

Names _____

Address _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Date _____

All donations are tax deductible. Please return your pledge form to:

Tulsa Jain Sangh Inc.
7811 East Admiral Place
Tulsa, OK 74115

MATRIMONIALS

MALE

M583: Jain parents invite proposals for their handsome, fair, intelligent, vegetarian, US raised son, born Jan 71, 5'11", 165 lbs, CPA, very well employed, from pretty, cultured, educated girls. Call 916/488-2601.

M592: Gujarati parents invite biodata / photo from educated vegetarian jain girls, for their handsome, US citizen son, born Dec 72, 5'2", 100 lbs, BS (Pharm), well employed. Call 718/476-1678.

M595: Gujarati parents invite responses for US born, vegetarian, very handsome, talented son, June 68, 5'10", 130 lbs, MD (98), from very prestigious US Uni, from cultured, well educated girls, preferably with similar background. Call 562/943-6696.

M596: Gujarati parents invite responses for handsome, brilliant, highly accomplished, vegetarian, US citizen son, born Nov 71, 5'7", 140 lbs, BS (Comp Eng), MBA, well employed with Fortune 500 Co., from cultured, educated girls. Call 305/595-3833.

M600: Gujarati parents invite proposals for handsome, vegetarian, talented, US citizen son, born April 72, 5'8", 150 lbs, Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD), well employed, from cultured, educated girls preferably from health care profession. Call 910/483-0431.

AM124: Exceptionally handsome, fair, genius, 6'1", 27, athletic, JD (Law) + MBA, in International business of entertainment law in Beverly Hills, from a prestigious, educated, cultured, very wealthy Gujarati family, seeks compatible girls. Call 714/544-5005.

AM178: Gujarati parents invite proposals for handsome, very fair, talented, vegetarian, US citizen son, born July 71, 5'11", 155 lbs, PhD (Chem Eng), well employed, from pretty, fair girls with family values. Call 847/966-5564 or Prof. Desai 714/996-9494.

AM179: 26 years old, founder / owner of multi-million dollars International electronics Co., very handsome, extremely light skinned, athletic, 6'1", MSEE, son of wealthy, cultured, Gujarati family, seeks compatible girls. Call 714/544-5005.

AM201: Jain family invite responses for intelligent, handsome boy, born May 70, 5'10", 170 lbs, MS (Comp Sc), well employed, from cultured, educated girls. Call 908/988-9533 or 916/649-0364.

AM203: Gujarati parents seek responses for handsome, personable, cultured, talented, vegetarian, US born son, Aug 71, 5'7", 145 lbs, MD, doing residency, from well educated, cultured girls. Call 805/987-8136.

AM206: Alliance invited for handsome, fair, smart, enterprising, vegetarian boy, born March 71, 5'8", 125 lbs, BS, Manager of reputed franchise, also own business, from cultured girls. Call 813/781-8036.

FEMALE

F258: Gujarati parents invite correspondence from professional boys, from cultured families, for their slim, very beautiful, fair, caring, US born daughter, Aug 71, 5'6", MBA, employed by Anderson. Call 716/473-9290.

F268: Gujarati parents invite responses from suitable, cultured, vegetarian Gujarati match for their very intelligent, US citizen daughter, born March 68, 4'5", 90 lbs, BA (Math), employed as a teacher. She is deaf. Call 215/673-3682.

F318: Gujarati parents from IL invite responses for pretty, vegetarian daughter, born Sept 71, 5'3", 102 lbs, BS, employed with Insurance Co., from cultured, educated boys. Call 630/627-2822.

F324: Gujarati Surgeon invite correspondence from highly educated professionals, for his daughter, born Nov 70, 5'2", slim, fair, very beautiful, talented, highly accomplished & well versed with Indian culture, MS (economy) from very prestigious school. Call 301/983-8597.

F359: Gujarati parents invite correspondence from professional boys, for their beautiful, slim, intelligent, US raised, vegetarian daughter, born Aug 70, 5'2", 110 lbs, BS (fashion), own very successful garment /design business. Call 203/393-2916.

F563: Jain parents invite proposals from well educated, vegetarian, marwari/ gujarati boys, for their exceptionally beautiful, very fair, slim, charming daughter, born May 76, 5'6", 115 lbs, BA, pursuing MBA. Residing in Bombay & willing to settle in USA. Bombay ph: 4122489 / 4133993. Fax: 2087412. 192 Pushpa kunj, Wadala Station Road, Bombay 400031.

F568: Gujarati parents invite responses with biodata / photo, from professionals, for beautiful, intelligent, brilliant, vegetarian, US raised daughter, born Nov 70, 5'2", 110 lbs, DDM, Dentist. Call 718/507-4570

F570: Gujarati parents invite responses for their beautiful, fair, talented, charming, vegetarian, US raised daughter, born Oct.70, 5'0", 105 lbs, MD, 1st year resident, from well educated, professional boys. Call 215/673-3682.

F585: Match for very beautiful, fair, intelligent, vegetarian, US citizen Hindi speaking Jain Girl, 32 yrs, 5'1", 120 lbs, well employed as Chemist. 4 months brief marriage, innocently divorced,

no issue. Call 916/488-2601.

F588: Jain family invite proposals for cultured, beautiful, slim, smart, homely, vegetarian, unfortunately widowed daughter at young age of 21, born April 76, 5'0", 110 lbs, currently doing further study, from suitable match. Caste no bar. 4205 Leatherwood Terrace, Burtonsville, MD 20866. Phone: 301/549-4728. Fax: 301/879-1706.

F590: Sister invite proposals for beautiful, vegetarian, talented, younger sister, born June 74, 5'4", 120 lbs, MS (Acct.), Dip.Comp., well employed with Fin. Institute. Residing in India & willing to settle in USA. Call 630/980-5581.

F591: Gujarati parents invite responses from cultured & educated boys for beautiful, intelligent, cultured, vegetarian, US raised daughter, born Nov 71, 5'3", Pharmacist, well employed. Call 717/541-8274.

F593: Gujarati parents invite proposals for pretty, fair, slim, vegetarian, US born daughter, May 73, 5'4", 95 lbs, BS (Chem & Biology), 3rd yr. PharmD student, from cultured, preferably professional boys. Call 847/394-5158.

F594: Alliance invited for very accomplished, pretty, fair, slim, vegetarian girl, born June 61, 5'4", 107 lbs, MS (Chem), professionally employed as Manager, from cultured, well educated boys. Call 773/764-2321 or 773/973-7818.

F597: Gujarati parents invite proposals for very beautiful, talented, vegetarian, slim, US born daughter, Dec 74, 5'5", 110 lbs, BS (EE), well employed with Intel Corp., from cultured, well educated boys. Call 206/772-1804.

F598: Gujarati parents invite responses for pretty, charming, fair, vegetarian, daughter, born April 77, 5'6", 134 lbs, AA (Fashion Design), from cultured, educated boys. Call 714/552-0564.

F599: Alliance invited by Jain parents for pretty, intelligent, vegetarian, US raised daughter, born Sept 71, 5'1", 110 lbs, AA (Comp Graphics), employed as Graphic Designer, from cultured, cultured boys. Call 714/995-5574.

F601: Alliance invited for pretty, smart, vegetarian, convent educated girl, born Feb 75, 5'4", 115 lbs, BS (Acct), from cultured, educated boys. Residence in India, willing to settle in USA. Call 703/790-5732.

Continued on page 24

Guideline to all perspective participants

Be positive, constructive, creative and friendly! No match is going to be “perfect.” Complement and support each other practicing respect, sharing, acquire knowledge and maintaining your uniqueness while keeping an open mind. These are the qualities that make for human perfection. Our world is shrinking and we are a global village and life is not always easy. However, we can carry our philosophy and our value system that is very worth while, with us. Accept the challenge and make your choice be a worth while one.

Placing an Ad and Registration with MIS

Anyone wishing to place an ad and register with the MIS—Marriage Information Service—must follow these instructions *carefully*:

① Fill out the attached Registration Form. The registrant must fill out this form. *Do not leave anything blank.*

② Mail the following items to:

Hasmukh M. Shah
8721 Scrimshaw Drive
New Port Richey, FL 34653-6623
(813/376-7290)

- the completed form
- a check in the amount of \$25 payable to **Hasmukh M. Shah**. Leave the “memo” or “for” line blank.
- a recent, full-length photo of yourself with your name printed on the back

Upon receipt of this information the MIS will draft an ad for you and it will appear in the *JAIN DIGEST*—but only once. Remember, *JAIN DIGEST* is a quarterly publication.

Placing an Ad Only

If you do not wish to register with the MIS and 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. Follow step ② above, but submit your own ad instead of a completed form and photo.

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

Responding to an Ad

All those wishing to respond to an ad must follow these step-by-step instructions. Place your bio-data and a recent photograph of yourself in a sealed, stamped envelope 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. 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 Hasumukh 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, MIS is not responsible for responses that do not conform to these instructions.

Please notify the MIS

Please notify the MIS when an engagement or marriage has been announced. This helps us to know if this community service is working to help maintain our traditions.

Please note that if a successful alliance has taken place, both parties will agree to donate what ever amount they wish to JAINA to help defray the cost of publication.

Important Considerations

It is important to remember that the MIS is a non-for-profit, voluntary community service. The MIS and JAINA assume no responsibility or liability for the accuracy or authenticity of the information furnished in the ads or any consequences resulting thereof. The entire responsibility rests with the candidates themselves.

All information furnished to the MIS is confidential. Only those who are sincerely interested in looking for a Jain life partner should send a Registration Form. While matching, photographs will not be passed on to the candidates by the MIS.

Parents/guardians should communicate with the candidate before placing ad and assist them in making a final decision.

Congratulations!

JAINA would like to congratulate all couples who have come together with the help of the services of the MIS. JAINA wishes to thank them for their generous donation.

The following candidates who have registered/listed with the Marriage Information Service are married/engaged, with the help of this service:

F098, 196, 188, 159, 152, 151, 139, 127, 299, 206, 387, 385, 366, 398, 397, 393, 316, 447, 483, 465, 462, 426, 555, AF74, AF90, AF106, AF110.

M199, 181, 284, 287, 286, 254, 389, 388, 364, 343, 344, 336, 304, 330, 321, 450, 452, 470, 446, 422, 405, AM79, AM89, AM104, AM107, AM114, AM120, AM135, AM169.

More and more Jains around the world are not only appreciating this much needed service, but are also taking advantage of it. Simultaneously, the flow of ads in *JAIN DIGEST* is gradually increasing.

MIS REGISTRATION FORM — PAGE 1

Send this completed form, a check in the amount of \$25 and a recent,
full-length photograph of yourself with your name printed on the back to:
Hasmukh M. Shah, 8721 Scrimshaw Drive,
New Port Richey, FL 34653-6623

Name (please print): _____
LAST FIRST MIDDLE

Address: _____
STREET CITY STATE ZIP

Phone: () _____ Fax: () _____ E-mail: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Height: _____ Weight: _____

Are you a vegetarian? YES NO Do you smoke? YES NO Do you drink? YES NO

Have you been married before? YES NO

If yes, indicate the name of your divorced spouse. _____

What is your Visa status in the USA/Canada? _____ When did you enter the USA/Canada? _____
MONTH/YEAR

What languages do you speak? _____ What is your religion? _____

What languages do you read? _____

What languages do you write? _____

Education: _____
DEGREE YEAR RECEIVED MAJOR NAME OF UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE

Work experience: _____
COMPANY'S NAME POSITION DURATION

Father's Name: _____ Occupation: _____

Mother's Name: _____ Occupation: _____

Brother(s) and/or Sister(s) _____
NAME(S) AGE(S) EDUCATION OCCUPATION

Do you have other relatives living in the North America? _____
NAME RELATIONSHIP OCCUPATION ADDRESS

Other relevant information (use additional paper if necessary): _____

Candidate's signature: _____ Date: _____

The MIS and JAINA assume no liability or responsibility for the accuracy or authenticity of the information herein, nor the consequences resulting thereof.

1. Two references who are members of the Jain Community or other Indian organizations.

A. Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Member of: _____

ORGANIZATION'S NAME

B. Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Member of: _____

ORGANIZATION'S NAME

2. Indicate your personal preference of these criteria for the match.

Age: Between the ages of _____ and _____ or open.

Height: Between the height of _____ and _____ or open.

Weight: Between the weight of _____ and _____ or open.

Education: Bachelor _____ Masters Degree _____ Other _____

Major: _____

Vegetarian: YES NO Work experience: YES NO

Residence: (state) _____ Visa Status: _____

Length of time in North America: _____ years.

Language: English yes no not important, Other (specify): _____

Color of skin: LIGHT WHEAT OPEN

3. Photograph

Attach a recent, full-length photograph of yourself with your name printed on the back. Please note: no photographs will be exchanged while matching is taking place.

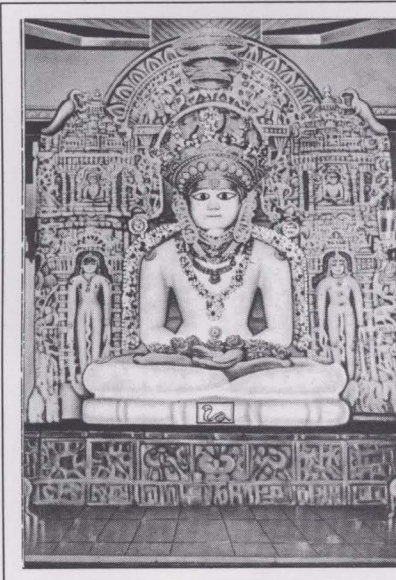
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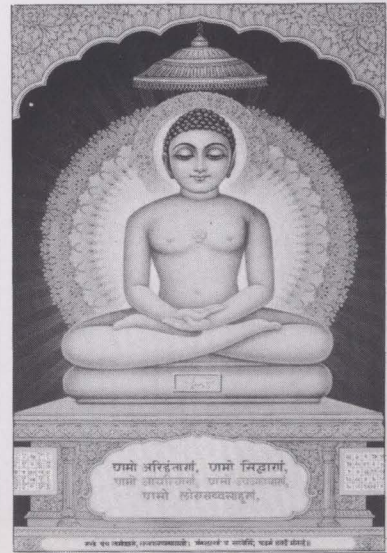
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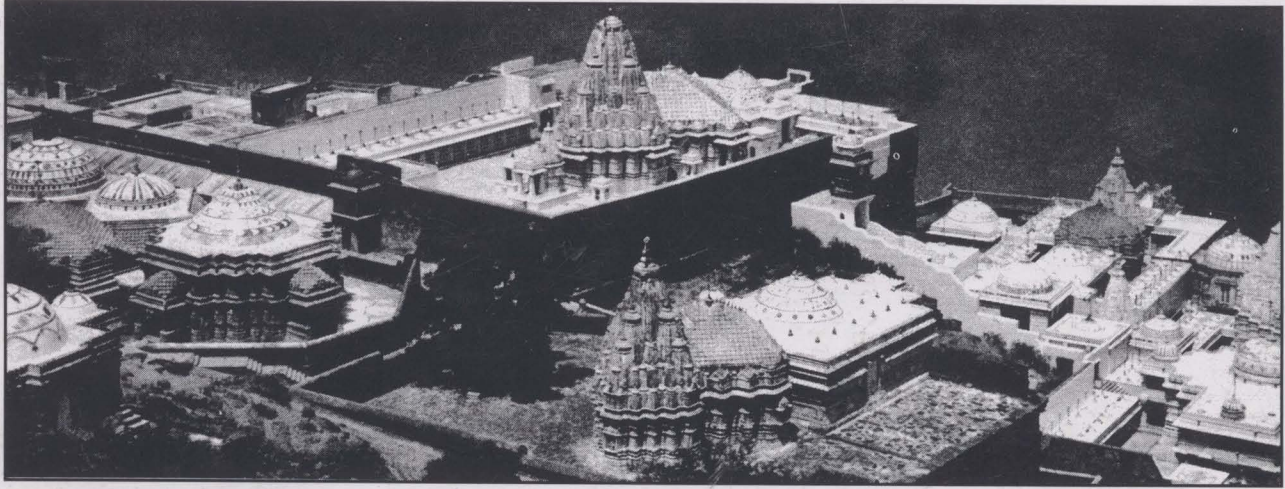


Jain temple format



Tirthankar Mahavir

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SOUTHFIELD, MICHIGAN 48075
USA**

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(810) 559-2076 (FAX)
1-800-545-7788

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34 HILL ROAD
BANDRA (W) BOMBAY 400050
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