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Upcoming Events

- ❖ **August 19 to August 22:** Swadhyay with **Shri Champakbhai Pandit**
- ❖ **August 26 to September 02:** Paryushan Mahaparva
 - **Shri Chandrakantbhai Mehta** From New Jersey
 - **August 31, Saturday:** Swapna Darshan & Janma Vanchan
 - **September 1, Sunday:** Laghu Siddhachakra Pujan & 8 Prakari Puja by kids
 - **September 2, Monday:** Barsa Sutra Vanchan & Samvatsari Pratikraman
 - **September 3, Tuesday:** Shree Sangh Samuh Parana
- ❖ **September 07, Saturday:** Sattar [17] Bhedi Pooja and Tapasvi Bahuman [Shri BhadraBahuji]
- ❖ **October 5 to October 13:** Ayambil Oli
- ❖ **October 26 to October 29:** Swadhyay with **Resp. Tarlaben**
- ❖ **October 28, Monday:** **Diwali** - Mahavir Swami Panch Kalyanak puja + Diwali Night Jaap
- ❖ **October 29, Tuesday:** **New Year** Gabharo Opening & Sangh Greetings

Other regular rituals:

- ❖ **Daily “Ashta Prakari Pooja” performed by volunteers in rotation**
- ❖ **Daily Aarti and Mangal Divo:** Performed every day in the evening at JSNE temple by different volunteers. If you wish to participate, please inform the assigned volunteer(s) and confirm the time. Visit <http://jsne.org/aartidivoschedule.aspx> to check **current list of volunteers.**

Detailed schedule of activities during Paryushan Parva 2019

Date	Time	Event
08/26,27,28 Monday Tuesday, Wednesday Shravan Vad Agiyaras, Baras, & Teras Paryushan Day 1, 2, 3	9:15AM -10:45AM	Ashtprakari Pooja – Prakshal starts at 9:15 AM sharp
	11:00AM - 12:00PM	Pravachan
	12:00PM – 1:00PM	Ekasana - Please RSVP – ONLY Ekasana; NO regular Lunch
	6:30PM – 8:00PM	Evening pratikraman
	8:00PM - 9:00PM	Pravachan and/or Bhavna followed by Aarti Mangaldivo
08/29, Thursday Shravan Vad Chaudas Day-4	9:15AM -10:45AM	Ashtprakari Pooja – Prakshal starts at 9:15 AM sharp
	11:00AM - 12:00PM	Pravachan
	12:00PM – 1:00PM	Ekasana - Please RSVP – ONLY Ekasana; NO regular Lunch
	5:45PM - 8:00PM	Evening Pakkhi Pratikraman
	8:00PM - 9:00PM	Pravachan and/or Bhavna followed by Aarti Mangaldivo
08/30 Friday Shravan Vad Amas Day-5	9:15AM -10:45AM	Ashtprakari Pooja – Prakshal starts at 9:15 AM sharp
	11:00AM - 12:00PM	Pravachan
	12:00PM – 1:00PM	Ekasana - Please RSVP ONLY Ekasana; NO regular Lunch
	6:30PM – 8:00PM	Evening pratikraman
	8:00PM - 9:00PM	Pravachan and/or Bhavna followed by Aarti Mangaldivo
08/31, Saturday Swapna Darshan and Janma Vanchan Bhadarva Sud Ekam Day-6	8:30AM -11:30AM	Ashtprakari Pooja & Snatra – Prakshal starts at 8:30 AM sharp
	11:30AM - 1:30PM	Lunch and Ekasana. - Please RSVP *Last dish will be served at 1:00PM*
	1:30PM - 5:15PM	Boli, Swpna Darshan, Janma Vanchan
	5:00PM - 5:30PM	Aarti – Mangaldivo
	5:30PM – 6:30PM	Light supper will be served after the Swapna Darshan- Please RSVP (No food will be served/allowed to eat after the sunset)
	7:00PM - 8:00PM	Evening Pratikraman
	8:00PM -9:00PM	Pravachan and/or Bhavna
09/01, Sunday Bhadarva Sud Beej Day-7	8:45AM - 10:30AM	Ashtprakari Pooja – Prakshal starts at 8:45 AM sharp
	10:30AM - 12:30PM	“ Laghu Siddhachakra Pujan ” with in-depth explanation
	12:45PM - 2:00PM	Lunch and Ekasana. - Please RSVP
	6:30PM - 8:00PM	Evening Pratikraman
	8:00PM - 9:00PM	Pravachan and/or Bhavana followed by Aarti Mangaldivo
09/02, Monday Bhadarva Sud Choth Samvatsari Maha Parva	5:15AM – 6:30AM	Morning Pratikraman & Paushadh Levanu
	9:00AM -10:30AM	Ashtprakari Pooja – Prakshal starts at 9:00 AM sharp
	10:30AM - 12:30PM	Barsa Sutra Vanchan & Dhaliya
	12:30PM – 1:30PM	Ekasana - Please RSVP – ONLY Ekasana; NO regular Lunch
	1:30PM – 3:30PM	Early Samvatsari Pratikraman for Ladies
	4:15PM	Samvatsari Pratikraman, Start with sutra boli (Separate boli for Men’s and Women’s pratikraman)
7:30PM	Aarti - Mangaldivo	
09/03; Tuesday Parna	7:15AM	Samuh Darshan and Chaityavandan; followed by Parna

Recent activities at JSNE -

- **8th Pratishtha anniversary program:** Sangh members celebrated 8th anniversary of pratishtha with great enthusiasm and “Bhav”. The highlight of this year’s celebration was “Shri Siddhachakra Maha Pujan” with Shri Nirav Sanghvi [Kadiwala] who made this event very musical and bhaktimay.
- **May 9th to 12th:** Swathyay & shibir with Shri Champakbhai Pandit.
- **June 13th to 16th:** Swathyay & shibir with Shri Samirbhai Pandit.
- **Chaumasi Chaudas & Pakkhi Pratikraman:** About 10 Sangh members performed traditional “Dev Vandan”. 25+ ladies and 16 men [separately] performed Chaumasi Pratikraman on the Chaumasi Chaudas on July 15th. Two pathshala kids of the age about 11-12 years [Dhruv Shah & Shrey Shah]; led chaumasi pratikraman for men! Khub khub anumodana!!

Important appeal to our members:

1] Please **RSVP for any and all Ekasana / Swamivatsalya** events you are planning to attend. This is extremely important for us to avoid food waste and manage food preparation/ serving. We will strictly follow RSVP system and folks did not RSVP will be served **ONLY** after all RSVPed attendees are served.

RSVP links are posted on the main page of the JSNE website under RSVP Events tab.

2] All food serving including Ekasana is **ONLY** for “in-person” at Derasar; **NO TAKE OUT** at all.

3] **Do not leave anything [any utensil, any religious material; anything] at Derasar;** if you have any suggestions/questions, talk to EC member.

4] Remember to take back all your personal belonging; this Derasar is **“Take In – Take Out”** facility.

Please follow all parking guidelines provided below during Paryushana Events:

Please **Do NOT Park** on our neighbor BD Carpet building parking lots in the Front, Side and Back of the building as marked in RED in the map. They will tow your vehicle. We may use JSNE back parking lot for Tents for Food service, so **DO NOT Park** in the back of the Derasar.

For more detail please visit JSNE website: <http://jsne.org/parking-guidelines/>

How Can You Take “Labh”

You can easily pay for your pledges / make donations electronically through our website.

Swamivatsalya / Prabhavana Sponsorship:

- ❖ **Ekasana** at the Derasar for all eight days, nakro to sponsor ekasana on Paryushan days is \$351.
- ❖ **Saturday, August 31: Swapna Darshan & Mahavir Janma Vanchan – Swamivatsalya Lunch** for Approx. 350-400 people = \$4001 [Two, three or four families can join hands together] – Note: No Fringe Benefits.

- ❖ *Saturday, August 31: Swapna Darshan & Mahavir Janma Vanchan –Swamivatsalya **Supper** in the evening for approx. 250 people = \$1501 [Two, three or four families can join hands together] – Note: No Fringe Benefits.*
- ❖ *Sunday, September 01: Swamivatsalya after Pujan for Approx. 300 people = \$3501 [Two, three or four families can join hands together] – Note: No Fringe Benefits.*
- ❖ *Tuesday, September 03 : Parana – volunteers to prepare one/two items for 50 – 60 people*
- ❖ *Saturday, September 07: Lunch for 250 people after Sattar Bhedi Pooja = \$3001 [Two, three or four families can join hands together] – Note: No Fringe Benefits.*
- ❖ ***Swapna Darshan Ceremony day Prabhavana “Ladoo”or similar:** The sponsorship for this is \$551. EC will take care of order/delivery of this.*
- ❖ ***Samvatsari Pratikraman day Prabhavana:** The sponsorship for this is \$501. About 175+ men and 200+ women take part for Samvatsari Pratikraman. EC will take care of order/delivery of this.*

JSNE Pathshala – August 2019

Pranam,

Welcome Back! We are excited to begin our sixteenth year of JSNE Pathshala! We are glad to have you as part of our family and hope you are looking forward to the 2019-2020 year. After a much-deserved summer break, we look forward to a very positive and productive year with a vibrant start in our facility at almost full capacity!

During the 2019-20 school year, with the help of our dedicated team, we will continue to build upon and refine our proven foundation of good work, honored traditions, and continued *excellence in learning Jainism*.

We extend a special, yearlong invitation to our families to join us at Pathshala activities and events whenever possible. We value your involvement and support in your child's education! Your active participation is a key to the success of our Pathshala.

Congratulations and special thanks to all Pathshala students/families, teachers, and JSNE Executive Committee for this spiritual journey. During the past year; we once again successfully accomplished many tasks on hand while we continued to add new dimensions to make Pathshala a better place for students, parents and teachers. Most importantly, support from the parents, community, hard work of staff and the spirit of our students made this happen.

Pathshala activities – In addition to learning Jain Philosophy, rituals, sutras and stutis, Pathshala students enthusiastically participated in the following activities this past year –

➤ **Pathshala Extension - Supplemental Sutra Learning for young and adults:** At the beginning of the 2018-19 Pathshala year, we had taken an initiative to offer additional resources committed to teach Sutras to young and adult students. This was inspired by outstanding accomplishments of our two very young students; Shrey Shah (Level 2) and Dhruv Shah (Level 3) who recited high-level Sutras during Paryusana Pratikramans and other occasions, although they mostly learned through other resources. After conducting a quick online survey and working on resources, we decided to start offering Extension session hour before the start of each regular Pathshala session with light lunch prepared by participant volunteers.

We sincerely appreciate efforts led by Vijay Shah and Amit Shah developing the framework and coordinating the logistics of these Pathshala Extension sessions. The team developed milestones to measure and reward students' progress and recognized students' achievements each quarter during assembly. Considering the early stages of this new initiative, the team's hard work is apparent in the following results:

Milestone 1 – Guru Vandan **14 students**

Milestone 2 – Samayik **3 students**

We highly recommend your / child's participation starting upcoming year. Contact Vijay Shah - vijay.shah@mail.com or Amit Shah - shahamitp@yahoo.com so they can add you to the Pathshala Extension WhatsApp group.

Pathshala Extension related docs:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1ZB8GMHpM6bdb03w86tUOPC1V9z9H0hiZ>

Extension Schedule/ Volunteer Sign-up:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1wy14SwolcVH4vDnnMrqJV5IPnRgJL96wJSAQlaoryl4/edit?usp=sharing>

It is important to know that Sutra teaching continues to be an integral part of the regular curriculum in Pathshala sessions with adequate teaching resources available. All Pathshala registered students are encouraged to be tested for their

designated milestones.

- **Recycle / Zero Waste Initiative** – Over the years we attempted to reduce waste and use steel plates instead of foam/ plastic. This year, Pranali Ashara, for her Level 5 Capstone project, led an initiative with support from JSNE Building Committee to introduce compostable supplies and target zero waste. Here is Pranali’s report.....

"Since January 2019, during Pathshala food service, Pranali Ashara and various other student and adult helpers have been instructing their fellow Jains on where to place their waste. Plates, spoons, forks, and cups can be recycled; napkins and food waste can be composted. This has enabled JSNE Pathshala to take one more step toward sustainability and toward Zero Waste. Trash has reduced down from 2 large 65-gallon trash bins to one 13-gallon trash bag! **44+ lbs. of compost, 200 utensils, 600 cups, and 850 plates have been saved from going to the landfills.** This program would not have been possible without the support of student and parent volunteers, especially the EC and Ketan Mehta. Thank you!

For the Zero Waste Initiative to continue into next year, we need volunteers to help out during food service at Pathshalas. To volunteer, contact Pranali Ashara at p.ashara6369@gmail.com."

- **Level 5** – Level 5 teacher, Nimisha Asthagiri revitalized L5 teaching to make Jainism more relevant to daily life. During the 12 sessions of the year, the class covered each of the 12 vows of Shravak with relevant and invited special guest speakers from the JSNE community sharing their different yet practical perspectives. The class also held Weekly Jain Fitness Challenges, weekly vows derived from concepts learned in class, to experience Jain philosophy in a deeply –practical manner. Each student has also embarked on a personally inspiring Capstone project, a project-based learning opportunity to grow both spiritually and experientially, while giving back to the Jain community.

On Mother’s Day Pathshala session, L5 students lead student body to bow down to appreciate all mothers.

- **Test** - On June 9th Pathshala, students took written and oral exams on what they learned during the year.
- **Graduation Ceremony** – We were graced by the presence of Panditji Champakbhai Mehta to recognize and honor following graduating students with a Certificate and a small Memento.

1	Aayush Mehta	2	Aneeha Dalal	3	Anuj Shah
4	Ishaan Shah	5	Meet Kothari		

At the ceremony, the graduating students shared their reflections on attending Pathshala, why it is important to, and what they learned over the years that they will treasure for years to come. We wish them all the best.

- **End-of-year outing** – On the last day of Pathshala, students along with parents/teachers, enjoyed Jain pizzas from Veggie Crust and then went to Xtremecraze and Adrenalane zone in Woburn, MA. Approximately **70** students participated and had lot of fun.

Pathshala Statistics for year 2018-2019 – Following are some statistics from the last year –

- **Total Number of Registered students – 128**
- **Total Number of families directly engaged in Pathshala – 85+**
- **Adult Swadhayay participants – 45 +**

Pathshala Food and Class Sponsors – Thanks to all the sponsors, who signed up to bring snacks for pathshala and donated generously to sponsor pathshala classes. We really appreciate your support and count on your continued enthusiasm during the upcoming year, as this is what really keeps all of us growing strong every year. Your donation goes towards Gyan Bhandar and is utilized to support Pathshala activities, dignitary visits, and similar expenses. With more sessions (14) in the upcoming year and a growing participation, please support us by sponsoring food and class/ session.

The suggested donation amount to sponsor a pathshala session is –

- ❖ One class (Rookies to Swadhyay) - \$ 51
- ❖ One Pathshala Session (all classes) - \$ 251

Upcoming Pathshala Activities –

- **1st session** - **The first Pathshala session is on September 8th 2019.** We welcome all the returning and new students and thank them to be part of this very important part of JSNE. **Please fill out on-line Registration Form. One per family ASAP. Registration form is available under Pathshala section in JSNE web page.**
<https://form.jotform.com/91296553850161>
- **All kids are placed in the pathshala level based on their school grade.**
- **Pathshala time/hours** – Starting this year, we plan to have a total of 14 sessions a year. **The time is from 1:30 to 3:45 pm.** The Extension session time is from **12:30 to 1:30 pm – just before the regular session.** Please see 'Pathshala schedule' below for this year's dates. Considering the students/parents enthusiasm and quest for learning, we may have additional ad-hoc pathshala sessions (in addition to 14 planned) for Shibir type Q/A, Lab Sessions, Special ritual/sutra, Art/Musical projects, etc. Stay tuned for more information in upcoming months.
- **Minimum age requirement to attend Pathshala** – To attend Pathshala, student needs to be 4 years old and/or in Pre-K to as of September 2019.
- **Paryushana** – Parva begins on, **August 26 (Monday) and ends on September 2 (Labor Day- Monday).** The Parva Point sheet is available on JSNE web page under Pathshala section. **Samvatsari is on Labor Day holiday so most of you can come for Pratikraman!** Student/parent is requested to take the print out of this sheet before the Paryushana starts and log all the activities daily. Please fill out one sheet per student (including new students starting Sept. 2019) and **bring the completed sheet on the 1st Pathshala day –September 8th.**
- **Ashta Prakari Pooja** – **On Sunday-Sept. 01, 2019,** there will be Ashta Prakari pooja performed at temple for all (although all the kids will be given special preference for the pooja). The expectation is that kids will join this pooja with the pooja samagri (Fruit, Akshat, Naivedya, etc.) they have brought.
- **Award Ceremony** – **During the October 2019 pathshala,** students will be recognized and awarded for the Parva activity and for a job well done for 2018-2019. This will be based on the year-end award points students accumulate from attendance, homework, and test results.

Pathshala Schedule – Following is the schedule for the upcoming year 2019-2020.

September 08,2019	November 10, 2019	January 05, 2020	March 08, 2020	May 17, 2020
September 22, 2019	November 24, 2019	January 26, 2020	March 29, 2020	June 14, 2020
October 20, 2019	December 15, 2019	February 09, 2020	April 12, 2020	

Pathshala Level and Teachers:-

We sincerely appreciate and recognize dedication of all Pathshala teachers.

Hemant Shah, our outgoing Pathshala Director was recognized by JSNE EC, BOT and Pathshala community during March assembly for his outstanding leadership, vision, and guidance for the past **15 years!**. Under his leadership JSNE Pathshala celebrated major milestones. Fortunately, he is continuing his services to teach Level 4 and provide guidance as needed.

Our sincere thanks and appreciation to Arpita Gosalia for 8 years of dedication teaching at JSNE Pathshala.

Level	School Grade	Teacher
Rookies	Pre-K and KG	Swati Mehta, Minal Vora, Grisma Gandhi
Level 1	1 and 2	Jainy Shah, Namrata Shah
Level 2	3 and 4	Mitul Dalal, Nilam Maru
Level 3	5 and 6	Dhruti Ashara, Himanshu Palkhiwala
Level 4	7 and 8	Hemant Shah
Level 5	9, 10, 11 and 12	Nimisha Asthagiri
Swadhyay	Adults	Pulkit Shah
Substitute teachers		Ajay Vora, Amit Shah
Sutra and Ritual Help		Vijay Shah
Pathshala Director		Ajay Vora

Please know that we highly value pathshala communication. We encourage you to contact us if/when the need arises, and to *stay in the know* about your child's studies, assignments, assessments and pathshala activities, as well as other events and happenings.

As we begin a new pathshala year, we invite you to visit the Pathshala page <http://jsne.org/pathshala/> for the latest information, news and announcements, like **Registration form, Paryushana Point Sheet, Curriculum, homework, Pathshala Levels and Teachers, Attendance/Home Work and Food Policy, past event pictures and other resources**. Parents who have questions or concerns during the year are encouraged to contact their child's teacher.

We would also encourage parents/ adults to take advantage of Swadhyay sessions by Pulkit Shah. Our Sangh/ Pathshala is blessed to have this opportunity for adults to further their knowledge and we are happy to see increased participation.

The Pathshala Team extends best wishes to you for a productive pathshala year filled with many opportunities. Working together, we will inspire success and a lifetime of learning Jainism.

Regards,

JSNE Pathshala Team

