



President's Desk

Jai Jinendra and a Happy New Year to everyone! I am hoping that your new year began with new happiness, new goals, new achievements and a lot of new aspirations in your life! It's hard to believe that a month has almost passed by! We had our first EC meeting on January 6th! I am already proud and amazed with this new team! Please make sure to take a look at your new Executive Committee here on the front page! Feel free to congratulate them and reach out to them with any questions or concerns!

As you can see, our first e-newsletter has been quite successful! You will find interesting facts and information about Jainism, news from Pathshala, a spotlight article, community news, upcoming events and much more! This way we will have more information for you about our temple in one place! You will still continue to see emails at times. However, we ARE moving away from frequent emails to using our JCOCO APP! So please make sure you download the App and become a member. Also, don't forget to turn on notification for the app on your phone to get important information!

Now sit back, relax and enjoy our first e-newsletter!!
Warm Regards,
Mona Mehta

Did you know?

Snatra Puja has been created by Pandit Shri Veer Vijayji Maharaj in a very poetic style. It illustrates the celebration of two (out of five) of the most auspicious events (Kalyanaks) occurring in last life of Tirthankar Bhagwan. Two Kalyanaks narrated in this Puja are Chyavan (conception) and Janma (birth) of Tirthankar. After this life, the soul of Tirthankar reaches its climax and achieves liberation from life and death cycle (attains Moksha).

This Puja recital explains the effect of Bhagawan's birth on the whole universe, narrates how glorious the occasion was and how much joys were shared by all the living souls including all heavenly souls. Puja concludes with Ashta Prakari Puja and wishes Shanti (peace) for all living beings and rejoices the event by performing Aarti, Mangal Divo, Shanti Kalash and Chaitya Vandan.

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Temple Hours:

Monday to Friday: 7:00 AM to 8:00 AM

Saturday : 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM; Sunday : 10:00 AM to 1:30 PM



JCOCO kids
creating
cards



Donations made to Van Buren Shelter

Spotlight

On Dec 16th 2018, JCOCO kids got together with a mission on their hands! They sat around with games and toys — lots of them! Your next thought might take you to a room full of noise, chaos and scattered toys all around. But instead, what you would find is, kids sitting around, having fun, making some cards. Cards full of sweet messages!

"I hope you like this game" ... "this toy."

And so all those fun things weren't for their entertainment! They were simply for the children at the Van Buren Shelter! JCOCO kids bought toys, games and much more, out of their good hearts to donate these to kids in need! What a wonderful act of kindness portrayed by our kids and their parents. A total of 48 toys/games and 15 gift cards were delivered to the shelter that day!

Thanks to our teachers Prankul Jain and Kajal Shah for initiating this project! Thanks to all the teachers and volunteers who assisted the kids through this process. Special thanks to Bijal Jasani for her creativity in helping kids make the beautiful cards!

Kudos to all JCOCO kids who participated!

Pathshala Corner

Jai Jinendra from Powerful Learning Center (PLC) at JCOCO. We have been blessed with dedicated volunteers who spend their time and energy in transferring their knowledge to our young generation. As part of PLC we conduct three levels of Pathshala (age 4+) and two levels of Gujarati classes (age 4+). In the 2018-2019 fiscal year we have some new and some experienced teachers. We would like to take this opportunity to introduce and tell more about them in each newsletter along with any news related to classes. We have two teachers in our Pathshala level 2 class, Prankul Jain and Kajal Shah.

Prankul is originally from Uttar Pradesh, India. He comes from a very religious and devotional Jain family. He has been very much involved with Jain Saints before coming to USA. He has been great role model to our kids in terms of following Jainism in daily routine life. Besides being a great teacher, Prankul has served as a board member of Interfaith of Central Ohio and has been president of toastmaster club.

Kajal is originally from Ahmedabad, India. She has a tremendous amount of knowledge in Jainism and related Sutras. Kajal has been teaching at JCOCO since 2015. She has been working very hard to teach a variety of sutras to our kids. Her willingness to help kids in reciting sutras and answer questions regarding Jainism has made her a "go to person" for many. Besides being a great teacher Kajal is an accountant by profession.

We are very grateful to have such dedicated teachers in our team!

Community News



Is your birthday coming up soon? How about an anniversary or perhaps your son/daughter is graduating? Or any other celebration in your family.

You are more than welcome to host a snatra puja or a puja at the derasar. Here is an overview of the protocol to follow:

Firstly please check with EC about the day/date and time. EC needs at least 3-4 weeks advance notice. Once your date is approved, EC will send you Puja Guidelines. This includes planning and preparation details, along with information about Swamivatsalya if you are planning for the same.

Any Snatra/Puja at temple is open to the entire Sangh. If you require, an invitation will be sent out on your behalf to have a proper head count for food should you decide to sponsor this as well.

We hope more and more families take advantage of this wonderful opportunity and celebrate their life events with the entire Sangh!

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Special Thanks

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- Chhaya Gala
- Shirali Shah
- Kanchana Shah
- Tripti Jain
- Bhavin, Melinda, & Jigna Shah

Upcoming Events

Date	Hours at Temple	Event
Sunday, February 24, 2019	10:30 AM - 1:00 PM	Snatra Puja by Ami and Nirav Kapadia followed by Swamivatsalya
Sunday, March 17, 2019	11:00 AM - 1:30 PM	Shatrunjaya Bhav Yatra Event (Watch Video) followed by Swamivatsalya
Tuesday, March 19, 2019	-	Fagun Sud Teras - Actual 6 Gaav Yatra in Palitana
Wednesday, March 20, 2019	Evening Temple (TBD)	Chaumasi Chaudas Pratikaman
April 11, 2019 - April 19, 2019	TBD	Aymbil Oli
Sunday, April 21, 2019	10:00 AM - 1:30 PM	Snatra Puja (Mahavir Jayanti) followed by Swamivatsalya
April 22, 2019 - April 24, 2019	TBD	Shri Champakbhai Mehta Swadhyay