



# Jain Sangh of New England

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## Upcoming Events

- ❖ **August 24 to August 31: Paryushan Mahaparva with Shri Bhadrabahuji**
  - **August 27, Saturday: Ashta Prakari Puja** by Pathshala kids
  - **August 28, Sunday: Swapna Darshan & Janma Vanchan**
  - **August 31, Wednesday: Barsa Sutra Vanchan & Samvatsari Pratikraman**
  - **September 1, Thursday: Shree Sangh Samuh Parana**
- ❖ **September 03, Saturday: Sattar [17] Bhedi Pooja and Tapasvi Bahuman [Shri BhadraBahuji]**
- ❖ **September 5 to 7: Swadhyay with Resp. Tarlaben**
- ❖ **October 2 to October 9: Ayambil Oli**
- ❖ **October 23, Sunday: Mahavir Swami Panch Kalyanak puja, Swamivatsalya Lunch**
- ❖ **October 25, Tuesday: Diwali**
- ❖ **October 26, Wednesday: New Year Gabharo Opening & Sangh Greetings**
- ❖ **October 29, Saturday: Gyan Panchami**

## 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.

## JSNE President's Message

Dear JSNE Members,

Jai Jinendra.

Hope everyone is having good Shata and looking forward to more normal and Covid free Paryushana.

Respected Sri Bhadrabahuvi Jay Jain from Ahmedabad, India will be our guest speaker and VIDHI KARTA during the auspicious Paryushan Parv this year beginning from Wednesday, August 24th. JSNE Executive Committee is looking forward to having a great Paryushan celebration under his Sannidhya and guidance. I am sure EC can use your help in preparing for this event, so come forward to help us any which way you can. Please review the event details, plan to attend all of them and mark your RSVP on JSNE website at your earliest.

In spite of COVID, last two & half years during 2020, 2021 and 2022, we celebrated All JSNE events and have Derasar fully accessible, though we could not celebrate our Paryushan Mahparav and JSNE Pratishta Anniversary Celebrations the way JSNE used to celebrate with full Sangh participation in person at Derasar. With lots of creativity, personal sacrifice, dedication and hard work, the Executive Committee had arranged Virtual or Hybrid Events using Zoom technology.

- ❖ We celebrated JSNE 10th Anniversary during this Covid time over zoom. JSNE EC, Vidhi Team and 100+ participants/Coordinators/Choreographers have worked together to prepare a memorable Virtual Cultural Program last year.
- ❖ EC facilitated Live Darshan of our Ghabharo Pratimajis, so each Paryushan day Sangh Member can do Darshan safely without worrying about Covid.
- ❖ Over zoom we displayed beautiful Live Aangi during Virtual Aarti/Divo on multiple events.
- ❖ As our scholar Dr Paurikbhai Shah could not be in person last year, we had Daily online lectures in the morning and evening.
- ❖ Under guidance and creative ideas from our scholar Dr Paurikbhai Shah, for Tapasvi Bahuman, we had a special Sanjhi program coordinated with Sangh Puja Mandal and Youth Bhakti Group.
- ❖ JSNE provided Jain Food to our Boston Area College Students like every year. Each day 80-100 students could do Chauvihar at NorthEastern University with Jain Food, which made possible with donation from Sangh members.
- ❖ We also become fortunate to have Youth Bhakti Group from the College Students group. They did fantastic job during JSNE Virtual Bhavna events.

This year, For JSNE 11th Pratishta Anniversary, as Covid situation evolved, EC & Borad of Trustees had to take a last moment decision to limit the Sangh participation and cancel the Swamivatsalya Lunch-Dinner. We apologize for the inconvenience that may have caused to Sangh Members. EC had to Re-Plan the whole event in just 2-3 days short time to make anniversary celebrations still going with as much Sangh participation as possible. I appreciate the EC team for doing a fantastic job to make the event successful. We appreciate Sangh Members' complete cooperation and support through the difficult time of Covid.

We are fortunate to have many scholars visit us and provide us more Jainism knowledge via their Swadhyay. This year we have Sri Samirbhai Pandit, Panditiji Sri Champakbhai Mehta and Smt Tarlaben Doshi as our visiting scholars. We had a kids' session planned with Champakbhai during his recent visit in addition to Adult Swadhyay, it was great to see kids' huge participation in this event. Thanks for your great support and contributions to JSNE. I look forward to your continued support and active participation in the upcoming Paryushan Parv and other events.

Be safe and be healthy.

Pranam,

Ushir Shah

**Detailed schedule of activities during Paryushan Parva 2022**

<b>Tithi</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
<b>Wednesday &amp; Thursday August 24 &amp; 25th   Paryushan Day 1, 2</b>		
<b>Shravan Vad Baras &amp; Teras</b>	<b>9:00 AM -10:45AM</b>	Ashtprakari Pooja – Prakshal starts at <b>9:00 AM</b> sharp
	<b>11:00AM - 12:00PM</b>	Pravachan
	<b>12:00PM – 1:00PM</b>	Ekasana - <b>Please RSVP – Regular lunch will not be served on this day.</b>
	<b>6:30PM – 8:00PM</b>	Evening Pratikraman <b>Men Pratikaman at Java Academy, Ladies Pratikaman at Derasar</b>
	<b>8:00PM - 9:00PM</b>	Pravachan followed by Aarti Mangaldivo
<b>Friday August 26th   Paryushan Day 3</b>		
<b>Shravan Vad Chaudas</b>	<b>9:00 AM -10:45AM</b>	Ashtprakari Pooja – Prakshal starts at <b>9:00 AM</b> sharp
	<b>11:00AM - 12:00PM</b>	Pravachan
	<b>12:00PM – 1:00PM</b>	Ekasana - <b>Please RSVP – Regular lunch will not be served on this day.</b>
	<b>5:45PM – 8:00PM</b>	Evening <b>Pakkhi</b> Pratikraman <b>Men Pratikaman at Java Academy, Ladies Pratikaman at Derasar</b>
	<b>8:00PM - 9:00PM</b>	Pravachan followed by Aarti Mangaldivo
<b>Saturday, August 27   Paryushan Day 4</b>		
<b>Shravan Vad Amaas</b>	<b>8:45 AM -10:45AM</b>	Ashtprakari Pooja with Pathshala kids – Prakshal starts at <b>8:45 AM</b> sharp
	<b>11:00AM - 12:00PM</b>	Pravachan
	<b>12:00PM – 1:00PM</b>	Swamivatsalya Lunch & Ekasana - <b>Please RSVP</b>
	<b>6:30PM - 8:00PM</b>	Evening Pratikraman <b>Men Pratikaman at Java Academy, Ladies Pratikaman at Derasar</b>
	<b>8:00PM - 9:00PM</b>	Bhavna by JSNE Youth Bhakti Group followed by Aarti Mangaldivo
<b>Sunday, August 28   Paryushan Day 5</b>		
<b>Swapna Darshan and</b>	<b>8:45AM -11:30AM</b>	Ashtprakari Pooja & Snatra – Prakshal starts at <b>8:45 AM</b> sharp
	<b>11:30AM - 1:30PM</b>	Swamivatsalya Lunch and Ekasana - <b>Please RSVP</b> <b>*Last dish will be served at 1:00PM*</b>
	<b>1:30PM - 5:15PM</b>	Boli, Swpna Darshan, Janma Vanchan

<b>Janma Vanchan</b>	5:00PM - 5:30PM	Aarti – Mangaldivo
	5:30PM – 6:30PM	Light supper will be served after the Swapna Darshan- <b>Please RSVP (No food will be served/allowed to eat after the sunset)</b>
	7:00PM - 8:00PM	Evening Pratikraman <b>Men Pratikraman at Java Academy, Ladies Pratikraman at Derasar</b>
	8:00PM -9:00PM	Pravachan
<b>Monday, Tuesday, August 29, 30   Paryushan Day 6, 7</b>		
<b>Bhadarva Sud Beej &amp; treej</b>	9:00AM -10:45AM	Ashtprakari Pooja – Prakshal starts at <b>9:00 AM</b> sharp
	11:00AM - 12:00PM	Pravachan
	12:00PM – 1:00PM	Ekasana - <b>Please RSVP – Regular lunch will not be served on this day.</b>
	6:30PM – 8:00PM	Evening Pratikraman <b>Men Pratikraman at Java Academy, Ladies Pratikraman at Derasar</b>
	8:00PM - 9:00PM	Pravachan followed by Aarti Mangaldivo
<b>Wednesday, August 31   Paryushan Day 8</b>		
<b>Bhadarva Sud Choth</b>	8:45AM -10:30AM	Ashtprakari Pooja – Prakshal starts at <b>8:45 AM</b> sharp
	10:30AM - 12:30PM	Barsa Sutra Vanchan & Dhaliya
	12:30PM – 1:30PM	Ekasana - <b>Please RSVP – Regular lunch will not be served on this day.</b>
<b>Samvatsari Maha Parva</b>	1:30PM – 3:30PM	<b>Early Samvatsari Pratikraman for Ladies (At Derasar)</b>
	4:15 PM	Samvatsari Pratikraman, Start with sutra boli (Separate boli for Men’s and Women’s pratikraman) <b>Men Pratikraman at Java Academy, Ladies Pratikraman at Derasar, Sthanakvasi Pratikraman at Java Academy</b>
	7:30 PM	Aarti - Mangaldivo
<b>Thursday, September 1</b>		
<b>Parna</b>	<b>7:15AM</b>	Samuh Darshan and Chaityavandan; followed by Parna – Please RSVP

## How Can You Take “Labh”

Introduced last year: As many of you experienced; 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 27: Swamivatsalya after pooja for Approx. 300 people = \$5001 [Two, three or four families can join hands together – Note: No Fringe Benefits.
- ❖ Sunday, August 28: Swapna Darshan & Mahavir Janma Vanchan – Swamivatsalya **Lunch** for Approx. 350-400 people = \$6001 [Two, three or four families can join hands together] – Note: No Fringe Benefits.
- ❖ Sunday, August 28: Swapna Darshan & Mahavir Janma Vanchan –Swamivatsalya **Supper** in the evening for approx. 250 people = \$2501 [Two, three or four families can join hands together] – Note: No Fringe Benefits.
- ❖ Thursday, September 01 : Parna – volunteers to prepare one/two items for 50 – 60 people
- ❖ Saturday, September 03: Lunch for 250 people after Sattar Bhedi Pooja = \$4001 [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.

### Important appeal to our members:

- ❖ Please RSVP for any and all Ekasana / Swamivatsalya that you will attend, food serving will strictly follow RSVP system. Attendees, who did not RSVP, will be served ONLY after all RSVPed attendees are served.
- ❖ All food serving including Ekasana is ONLY for “in-person” at Derasar; NO TAKE OUT will be honored in any circumstances.
- ❖ It has been observed that may people leave lot of stuff [used or unused utensils, used or unused religious material etc.] at Derasar without prior approval from EC; please DO NOT do that; if you have any suggestions/questions, talk to EC member.
- ❖ DO NOT leave any personal belonging at Derasar

**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/>

**Annual Maintenance Fund: (Separate Tip or Fund from Sadharan or General Fund)**

As all of you are already aware, and many of you committed to for many years towards JSNE sustaining member donation of \$350 on an annual basis which has been a big help in taking care of our expenses related to maintenance of our Facilities e.g. electricity bill, heating bill, Facilities cleaning, snow removal, any & all repairs etc. Since we have our different memberships well defined now, per EC; we are going to rename this fund to "Annual Maintenance Fund" with the same amount of \$350/- per year. The name better fits the purpose of this fund.

We hope the members who were contributing \$350 on an annual basis towards sustaining a/c will continue to contribute towards the newly named fund. We also would like to encourage more and more members to join the "Annual Maintenance Fund".

This is **less than \$1 a day commitment for your Own Facilities.**

**You can pay \$350 at once or sign up for automatic monthly installment of \$30/month; on our website.** JSNE volunteers will personally contact you during Paryusan Parv for your commitment. Please make a commitment to keep up and maintain the facilities in the best condition.

## JSNE Pathshala – August 2022

Pranam,

Welcome Back! We are excited to begin our 19th year of JSNE Pathshala! We are glad to have you as part of our family and hope you are looking forward to the 2022-2023 year. We had our formal newsletter update back in 2019 – Pre Covid year! As we all have experienced, much has changed in past 2-3 years but our JSNE Pathshala Staff and community continued to thrive and kept focus on teachings using various tools. Once again, we look forward to a very positive and productive year with a vibrant start in our facility at almost full capacity!

During the 2022-2023 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 years; 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. During Covid years our Sutra Teaching leadership team came up with creative ideas and we have achieved remarkable progress with total of 53 students reaching milestones(s).

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 **53 students**

Milestone 2 – Samayik **18 students**

Milestone 3 – Chaityavandan **10 Students**

We highly recommend your / child's participation starting upcoming year. Contact Vijay Shah - [vijay.shah@mail.com](mailto:vijay.shah@mail.com) or Amit Shah - [shahamitp@yahoo.com](mailto: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/1wy14SwolcVH4vDnnMrqJV5lPnRgjL96wJSAQlaoryI4/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.

➤ **Highlights of events:**

In and outside of the class, learning continues...many examples of unique projects, activities, participations...



**Jain Sangh of New England**





As in the past we continued with Graduation ceremonies, Awards for Paryusan point sheet and achievements, Ashthaprakari Puja, Teacher's appreciation, and more in spite of Covid related challenges.

- During auspicious 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of JSNE Derasar, Pathshala students presented a very captivating cultural program On-line. We had a special trophy awarded to all the students attended Pathshala as a special memory of 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

#### **Pathshala Statistics for year 2021-2022 – 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 – 30 +**

**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) - \$ 101
- ❖ One Pathshala Session (all classes) - \$ 301

#### **Upcoming Pathshala Activities –**

- **1<sup>st</sup> session** - **The first Pathshala session is on September 11<sup>h</sup> 2022.** 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/212016351336141>**
- **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 August 2022.
- **Paryushana** –Parva begins on, **August 24 (Wednesday) and ends on August 31 (Wednesday).** The Parva Point sheet is available on JSNE web page under the Pathshala section. Student/parent is requested to follow the instructions carefully as we will continue to use on-line submission platform ONLY.

- **Ashta Prakari Pooja – On Saturday-August 27, 2022**, 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.

**Pathshala Level and Teachers:-**

We sincerely appreciate and recognize dedication of all Pathshala teachers.

**Pathshala Schedule – Following is the schedule for the upcoming year 2022-2023**

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Level	School Grade	Teacher Name	Email	Contact Number
Rookies	Pre-K and KG	Swati Mehta	<a href="mailto:swati.totawat@gmail.com">swati.totawat@gmail.com</a>	662-312-6673
		Minal Vora	<a href="mailto:voraminal@yahoo.com">voraminal@yahoo.com</a>	408-425-1069
			-	
Level 1	1 and 2	Namrata Shah	<a href="mailto:nam.v.shah@gmail.com">nam.v.shah@gmail.com</a>	412-251-1209
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Level 2	3 and 4	Nilam Maru	<a href="mailto:nilammaru@gmail.com">nilammaru@gmail.com</a>	203-981-3878
		Chhayal Gandhi	<a href="mailto:jinvaan@gmail.com">jinvaan@gmail.com</a>	
			-	
Level 3	5 and 6	Mitul Dalal	<a href="mailto:mitulbdalal@hotmail.com">mitulbdalal@hotmail.com</a>	401-742-6941
		Pauravi Teabo	<a href="mailto:pdteabo@comcast.net">pdteabo@comcast.net</a>	978.761.7103
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Level 4	7 and 8	Ajay Vora	<a href="mailto:avora196@gmail.com">avora196@gmail.com</a>	508-543-0626
		Vijay Shah	<a href="mailto:vijay.shah@mail.com">vijay.shah@mail.com</a>	412-320-1426
Level 5	9, 10, 11 and 12	Nimisha Asthagiri	<a href="mailto:nasthagiri@gmail.com">nasthagiri@gmail.com</a>	626-993-7007
Swathyay	Adult	Pulkit Shah	<a href="mailto:shahpulkit@gmail.com">shahpulkit@gmail.com</a>	781-492-0513

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