

# JAIN CENTER OF NEW JERSEY



## Sangh Patrika

JCNJ NEWSLETTER - SUMMER 2008

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### JCNJ Chairman's Message

Jai Jinendra and Pranam,

I have good news to share with you. Detail design of Phase-1 and phase-2 shell of the Franklin Township Derasar Project is completed. Thanks to Hamirbhai Vadi and members of the design committee for working hard during the whole design process. Process has begun to submit the design to the township engineers for review. If every thing goes right it may take at least six to eight weeks to get the construction permit. In the meantime we are inviting bids from at least three to four contractors. We will evaluate the bids and award the contract for the construction. We are making every effort to start construction in early November. Should we miss the November date, we have to wait till the winter is over.

Anjanshalaka of five pratimajis of the main derasar will be performed from December 4<sup>th</sup> - December 7<sup>th</sup> 2008, at Kulpakji tirth near Hyderabad, India. Our spiritual Guruji Acharya Shree Rajyashsuriji will be performing the Anjanshalaka ceremony. If you are interested to attend part or all four days ceremony, please let us know by September 3<sup>rd</sup>, so that we can plan for the accommodation in Kulpakji. Rajendrabhai Dalal has kindly accepted to keep our Pratimajis in Hyderabad temple for daily pooja for as long as necessary.

#### **An appeal to Digamber families:**

**You still have an opportunity to take labh of Pratima Bharai of three pratimajis to be installed in the Digamber derasar. If Digamber families wish to take the responsibilities to do daily Pakshal on three pratimajis then Panch Kalyanak (Anjanshalaka) can be done along with five Swetamber pratimajis. Please send your response by email to Jain center. If we do not receive confirmation from a few families in favor of Anjanshalaka by the end of September then the three pratimajis will remain as Darshaniya and Pratistha vidhi can be performed by Digamber families as per Digamber tradition.**

#### **Jirnoddhar update:**

Utthapan Vidhi of three bhagwans of Caldwell derasar will be done on Wednesday September 24<sup>th</sup> 2008. Details of Utthapan will be announced during Paryushana and on our website. Pratimajis will be placed in the home of Dr Prakash and Priti Doshi's residence in East Hanover. We thank Prakashbhai for providing us two beautiful rooms for darshan. There will be separate entrance so that any one can go for darshan. Demolition will start in October 2008. Detail program will be announced during Paryushan.

On behalf of Jain center, I thank all families who participated in Ghee boli and those who received labh of Pratima Bharai. If you have any constructive suggestions, please do not hesitate to call any member of the executive committee or board of trustees. In the near future we are planning to launch "Interest free loan" and "Fund raising program". We need volunteers from each county. Please help us to help our community to successfully complete this project.

If knowingly or unknowingly we hurt your feeling, we ask for forgiveness. Please accept our sincere "Micchami Dukkadam"

Chandrakant Mehta  
Chairman

## President's Message

Jai Jinendra,

Hope everyone is enjoying the summer. This summer has been very busy for our Derasar as well. So far our Sangh Members had an excellent opportunity to learn Jain philosophy/Jain Religion by attending many "Swadhayas" and "Shibirs" by visiting religious scholars like Pravinbhai Sanghavi, Ashwini Prajnaji, Vasantbhai Doshi, Dhirubhai Pandit, Falguniben Zaveri, Sameerbhai Shah and Tarlaben Doshi.

I am excited to share with you that Bhaktamer Poojan on Saturday July 12<sup>th</sup>, was a very successful event. Nearly 61 families participated and did Poojan on Yantra (6x8) and 22 families did Poojan on main yantra (14x20). Nearly 425+ Sangh Members took out time from their busy schedule and attended Poojan. Pujya Narendrabhai Nandu explained the meaning of every GATHA of Bhaktamer Strotra in detail. Due to an overwhelming response from our Sangh Members we had an excellent Ghee Boli and final Aadesh of (1) Saraswatidevi, (2) Chakeshwaridevi, (3) Parshva Yaksha, (4) Pundrik Swami and (5) Suderma Swami. Ghee Boli for Digamber Bhagvan is still in progress Final Aadesh will be given in future.

Paryushan Parva is around the corner. Due to medical reason Dr. Kumarpalbhai desai will not be in a position to be our speaker during paryushan parva. However; we are fortunate that Pujya Diptiben Shah from Mumbai has accepted our Sangh's request to be the speaker of Paryushan Parva. It is time to prepare ourselves for KSHAMAPNA from the bottom of our heart to all living beings whom we have hurt knowingly or unknowingly by doing Samvatsari Pratikrman.

On behalf of the Executive Committee and Board of Trustees we are very much thankful to you all for your kind and unconditional support. If you would like to volunteer or provide us with your valuable suggestion, please come forward. We welcome your suggestions and/or feedback you may have.

Last but not the least, on behalf of the Jain Center Board of Trustee and Executive Committee members, I sincerely convey my Micchhami Dukkadam!

Regards,  
Kirit Mehta  
(President)

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## PARYUSHANA PARVA - 2008

### AUGUST 27th TO SEPTEMBER 3rd



### Introduction of Puja Diptiben Shah

JCNJ is deeply honored and delighted to welcome religious scholar Diptiben to celebrate Paryushan Parva of 2008. She is religious scholar from Mumbai, India. Raised in a very religious family, the principles, values and rich heritage of Jain religion are ingrained into her life.

She has studied various languages like Sanskrit, Samas Subhodhika, and Prakrit. She also has intensive knowledge of Jain scriptures such as four Prakrans, three Bhasyas, five Karma Granth, Tatvarth Sutra, Panch Sangrah, and Kshetra Samas under the guidance of her Vidya Guru Pandit Shri Punamchand K Shah.

Her deep and sincere commitment to Jainism is reflected in her daily life. She acutely practices the religion by carrying out daily activities (Avashayak) which include but not limited to Pratikramans, Astha Prakari Pooja, Samayik, and Swadhyay. Her guru was Gacchadhipati Acharya Shri Vijay Hembhushansurishwarji. She did Vaiyavaccha of her Guru that is deep and inexpressible!!

For past nine years, she has conducted religious services and ceremonies during "Paryushana" in various sangh in North America. She has devoted significant time and commitment, encouraging people to commit to their faith and live according to its teaching. She has been conducting several religious camps for Shravikas in Mumbai, Surat, Ahmedabad, and other places. We are very fortunate to have her as a speaker for 2008 Paryushan Purva.

### Programs at CALDWELL DERASAR in the morning

**Diptiben Shah will deliver lectures on the following topics from 9.00 AM to 10:00 AM and Snatra Puja from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM. Prabhavana will be offered following Snatra Puja.**

Day	Date	Topic
Wednesday	08/27/2008	Shree Navkar Mantra - Your Friend, Guide & Philosopher
Thursday	08/28/2008	Dev Tattva : 1. Nam 2. Sthapna
Friday	08/29/2008	Dev Tattva ( contd.) 3. Dravya - Chyavan Kalyanak Janma Kalyanak Diksha Kalyanak
Saturday	08/30/2008	Dev Tattva ( contd. ) Kevalgyan Kalyanak, Nirvan Kalyanak
Sunday	08/31/2008	None
<b>(Mahavir Janma Celebration)</b>		
Monday	09/01/2008	Guru Tattva - Re : 1. Suguru Vandan 2. Vyakhyan 3. Supatradaan 4. Vaiyyavaccha
Tuesday	09/02/2008	Dharma Tattva - Vinay (Cordial behaviour at home & outside) Jayna
Wednesday (Samvatsari)	09/03/2008	Barsa Sutra Chitra Darshan (power point presentation) Confession time

**Please be informed that Pakshal will be performed at 7:15 AM during Paryushan days.**

### Bhavana at Caldwell Derasar during Paryushan Parva:

Bhavana will be conducted at the Caldwell Derasar during Paryushan Parva everyday from 8.00pm to 9.30pm except Sunday, August 31.

**The Snatra Puja will start from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Prabhavana will be offered following the snatra puja. The following shows the names of the Snatra Puja & Aangi Sponsors.**

DAY	DATE	SNATRA POOJA	SPONSOR(S)
Wednesday	08/27/2008	Mahendra & Anila Mehta Kishor & Mrudula Vora	<b>Aangi</b> Bharat Shah
Thursday	08/28/2008	Open	Open
Friday	08/29/2008	Open	Open
Saturday	08/30/2008	Dr. Jatin & Meena Shah	Open
Sunday (Mahavir Janma Celebration)	08/31/2008	Gudhka Laxmichand & Sushila Sunil, Shilpa & Ravi (Grand Sponsor)	Gudhka Laxmichand & Sushila, Sunil, Shilpa & Ravi (Grand Sponsor)
Monday	09/01/2008	Kishore & Dr. Mayurika Doshi Dr. Lata Shah	Open
Tuesday	09/02/2008	Open	Open
Wednesday (Samvatsari)	09/03/2008	Hema Shah Arvind Bhandari	Hema Shah, Amit Shah, Atit Shah

## Evening Programs in EDISON

**Puja Diptiben Shah will deliver lecture on following topics**

Day	Date	Time	Place	Topic
Wednesday	08/27/2008	8:00 PM - 9:30 PM	J.P.Stevens	Shravak na 5 Kartavya
Thursday	08/28/2008	8:00 PM - 9:30 PM	J.P.Stevens	Shravak na 5 Kartavya (Contd)
Friday	08/29/2008	8:00 PM - 9:30 PM	J.P.Stevens	Kalpasutra: Story of the author 10 Kalp ( Aachaar ) 10 Acchera ( extra-ordinary events )
Saturday	08/30/2008	8:00 PM - 9:30 PM	J.P.Stevens	27 lives of Veer Prabhu
Sunday	08/31/2008	2:00 PM - 7:00 PM	J.P.Stevens	Explanation of the 14 dreams (Swapna Darshan & Mahavir Janma Celebration)
Monday	09/01/2008	8:00 PM - 9:30 PM	J.P.Stevens	Story of Shree Parshwanath, Shree Neminath, Shree Adinath
Tuesday	09/02/2008	8:00 PM - 9:30 PM	J.P.Stevens	Prabhu Veer's Heirarchy ( Pattavali )
Wednesday (Samvatsari)	09/03/2008	5:00 PM - 8:00 PM	<b>John Adams H.S</b>	<b>Samvatsari Pratikraman</b>

## 2008 PARYUSHANA MAHAPARVA PROGRAM SPONSORSHIP

JCNJ invites individual and groups to sponsor Paryushana days and Parna day.

JCNJ also requests families to donate towards the cost of hall rental.

To donate, please contact Anil Shah at 732-651-8734. To sponsor a Pooja, please contact Usha Gandhi at 201-792-1153.

ALL SPONSORS MUST STAY UNTIL THE END OF THE PROGRAM.

**Laxmichand & Sushilaben, Sunil, Shilpa & Ravi Gudhka family is the Grand Sponsor of Mahavir Janma Celebration Day on Sunday August 31, 2008**

\$401 for Snatra Pooja per family on WeekDays  
\$551 for Snatra Pooja per family on weekends

\$151 for Aangi per family per day  
\$401 for Prabhavana (after Snatra Pooja) per day

## Sthanakvasi Samvatsari Pratikraman

**September 3, Wednesday 2008 at 5.00 PM at Roseland WFW Hall Post 2619 in Roseland.  
52 Eisenhower Parkway North, Roseland, NJ**

Please bring "Mopatti" and "Pathena". Also bring the checkbook and/or cash to donate generously for Jivadaya fund, & New Derasar Project. Keeping with the tradition, once again those who wish to distribute "Prabhawana", please bring a minimum of 200 pieces. We would like young people to come forward and help us manage speakers (sound system), parking and any other expected issues.

### Direction to VFW Post 2619 Hall in Roseland:

**Route 280 East or West:** Take exit 4A Eisenhower Parkway South. Just follow the ramp and go to second traffic light (keep car on the left//Second Traffic Light has left turn sign) and make U-turn and pass the Mobile and Exxon Gas station on the right. Next to the Exxon Gas Station is VFW Post 2619 Hall. (Landmark by the second traffic light is Mini-Mall-Quick Check, Ace etc).

**Route 46 & Route 80:** Take the exit for Passaic Ave, Fairfield. Continue about 5(five) miles on Passaic Ave and at the "T" intersection, turn right on Eagle Rock Avenue. Turn right at the first traffic light on to Eisenhower Parkway North. Hall is next to Exxon Gas Station within 200 feet on the right.

### Any Questions: Please call:

Ashok Shah 973-785-8762

Subhash Mehta 973-403-8804

Rajesh Vora 201-784-8596

Jainesh Shah: 973-246-8092

Samir Sanghavi 973-731-4460

### Stationary Distribution

Stationary distribution for the school-aged children will be performed on Monday September 1<sup>st</sup> at J P Stevens High School in Edison from 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM. Those who want to distribute, please bring about 450 items.

#### Tapasvi's Parna

Tapasvi's Parna will be held on Thursday, September 4 at Caldwell Derasar  
from 7.30am to 10.00am at the Caldwell Derasar

#### Tapasvi's Bahuman

Tapasvi's Bahuman will be held on Sunday, September 7, at 1.00 pm to 3.00pm  
at the Caldwell Derasar Caldwell

### PATHSHALA CLASSES

**Pathshala classes teach Jain principles, sutras, and philosophy to our children. At Some locations, classes for Gujarati Language are also held.**

#### At Caldwell College :

Pathshala is held at Caldwell College's Student Center. **For more information and registration, please contact Bipin Shah (973) 584 - 6770 • Dinesh M. Chheda (201) 368 – 0954 or Jayanti Galaiya (908) - 684- 3443**

#### At Edison:

Pathshala classes are held at Temple Emanu-EL, 100 James Street, Edison. **For more information and registration, please contact Anil Shah (732) 651–8734 • Kirit Shah (908) 753-0319 • Meena Shah (732) 499-7586**

#### At Jersey City :

**For more information, please contact: Priti Shah (201) 653-6471 • Shimoni Shah (201) 991-3161**

#### At South Brunswick :

**For more information, please contact: Kalpana V. Shah (732) 329-3236 • Jyoti Shah (732) 355-9691**

## JCNJ EVENTS CALENDAR FOR AUGUST 2008 to OCTOBER 2008

### Sponsors - Derasar Opening 2008

#### SATURDAY

<b>Aug</b>	02 Shrimad Rajchandra Bhakti 09 OPEN FOR SPONSORSHIP 16 Shrimad Rajchandra Bhakti 23 OPEN FOR SPONSORSHIP 30 OPEN FOR SPONSORSHIP
<b>Sep</b>	06 Shrimad Rajchandra Bhakti 13 OPEN FOR SPONSORSHIP 20 Shrimad Rajchandra Bhakti 27 OPEN FOR SPONSORSHIP
<b>Oct</b>	04 Shrimad Rajchandra Bhakti 11 OPEN FOR SPONSORSHIP 18 Shrimad Rajchandra Bhakti 25 OPEN FOR SPONSORSHIP

#### SUNDAY

<b>Aug</b>	03 Sandeep & Kashmira Shah 10 Kumarpal & Mukesh Shah 17 Vinay & Vimla Vakani 24 Nitin & Shilpa Shah 31 OPEN FOR SPONSORSHIP
<b>Sep</b>	07 Ranjan S. Koradia 14 OPEN FOR SPONSORSHIP 21 OPEN FOR SPONSORSHIP 28 OPEN FOR SPONSORSHIP
<b>Oct</b>	05 OPEN FOR SPONSORSHIP 12 OPEN FOR SPONSORSHIP 19 OPEN FOR SPONSORSHIP 26 OPEN FOR SPONSORSHIP

#### Derasar Open:

**Sunday 3:00pm to 6:00pm From 9th March to 1st November 2008 Saturday 4:00pm to 7:00pm • Sunday 4:00pm to 7:00pm**

### Monthly Pooja from August 2008 to October 2008

Day	Date	Time	Sponsors
Sunday	August 03	11:30 am to 1:30 pm	Chintan & Vaishakhi Shah & Pratibha & Surendra Shah
Sunday	October 05	11:30 am to 1:30 pm	Open

**To sponsor Monthly Pooja at Derasar, please contact Usha Gandhi at 201-792-1153 or Dinesh Chheda at 201-368-0954 or Kirit Mehta at 973-223-0442. Monthly Pooja is followed by Sadharmik Vatsalya.**

### Samuh Samayik from August 2008 to October 2008

Day	Date	Time	Sponsors
Sunday	August 10	8:30 am to 10:00 am	Sumitra Patel, Ranjan Shah, Minaxi Jhaveri, Vimla Shah, Alka Shah, Aruna Shah, Ila Shah
Sunday	September 21	8:30 am to 10:00 am	Amita Doshi, Bina Shah, Deval Shah, Meena Shah, Bhavna Vadhar, Rita Shah
Sunday	October 19	8:30 am to 10:00 am	Karani Family, Vora Family, Tamboli Family

Note: Special Swadhyaya on "Cricket & Jainism" for the 100<sup>th</sup> Samayik in October.

**Samuh Samayik is performed at Caldwell Derasar from 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM. It includes Bhaktamar recital and Samayik. Need five sponsors for every Samuh Samayik. All are cordially invited. Samuh Samayik is followed by "Naukarshi". For Samayiks, please call Chandrakant Mehta at 973-316-5959 or Sanat Jhaveri at 973-228-4355 or Shaila Kamdar 732-499-7774**

## Swadhyay Shibirs

Date	Day	Time	Speaker	Topic	Place	Sponsor
Aug 11 to Aug 16	Mon to Fri	8:15PM to 9:45PM Saturday Timing will be announces Later	Tarlaben Doshi		Caldwell Derasar	
Aug. 23	Sat.	12:00 PM to 5:30 PM	Dr Rajnibhai Shah	Samyag Charitra	First Aid Squad # 2 Hall, Edison	Open
Aug. 24	Sun.	10:00 to 12:00 PM	Diptiben Shah	Pre-Paryushan	Caldwell Derasar	Open
Sept. 27	Sat.	11:00 AM to 3:30 PM	Shri Chandrakantbhai Mehta	Siddhachakra Poojan (Bring Yantra, Thali & Patlo)	Caldwell Derasar	Meena Shah Meeta Jani Mayurika Doshi Asha Vadi Nimita Shah Ila Shah

For more information on Swadhyay Shibirs, please call Sanat Jhaveri at 973-228-4355 or Shaila Kamdar 732-499-7774

## Upcoming Camp for Children – Now in its 4<sup>th</sup> Year !!!!

Every year since 2004, Diptiben Shah of Mumbai, India has been conducting Shibir for our Children and again this year has graciously agreed to do a children's camp (10 years and above) on Saturday, September 6 and Sunday, September 7, 2008. Diptiben Shah is from Mumbai and has conducted various classes in India as well as various locations outside India including NJ, Detroit, and Philadelphia.

She is very knowledgeable about Jainism and utilizes state of the art technology in her discourses (In English) and shibirs and her simplistic style of teaching combined with games and question-answer sessions, tests and feedback are highly appreciated by Kids and Adults. We had a very warm & encouraging feedback regarding her past shibirs.

The venue and topics for this year's shibir will be decided shortly. Please contact Sunil Vakharia or Nita Vakharia at sunilvakharia@hotmail.com or 732-254-6744 for registration and more information.

### NAKRO:

Bhakti/Swadhyay Shibir - \$101 if sponsored by one family and \$151 if sponsored by two or more family  
 Samuh Samayik - \$101 if sponsored by one family and \$151 if sponsored by two or more family  
 Monthly Pooja - \$101 if sponsored by one family and \$151 if sponsored by two or more family

To sponsor any program, please call Usha Gandhi at 201-792-1153 or Dinesh Chheda at 201-368-0954 or Kirit Mehta at 973-223-0442

## New Year Panchaang/Calendar

Jain Center of New Jersey would be distributing a Panchang /Calendar (2008 – 2009 year) to our members on **New Year's day, Saturday October 29th 2008**. This calendar shows all tithies, kalyanak, monthly pooja and samayik schedules. It also has information for Jain Center's New Derasar Project in Franklin Township and write-up of some of our "Tirthdhams". If you would like to be a grand sponsor or would like to sponsor a page, please call Nilesh Jhaveri at 908-359-0987.

## FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP DERASAR PROJECT – Ghee Boli Update As of July 2008

### ◆ PRATIMA BHARAI GHEE BOLI ◆ FINAL AADESH ◆ APRIL, 2008 ◆

Munisuvratswami Bhagwaan	Dr. Jatin & Meena Shah	\$175,111.00
Mahavirswami Bhagwaan	Kiran & Darshana Dalal & Rajesh & Mina Shah	\$155,111.00
Simandharswami Bhagwaan	Subodh & Jyoti Shah & Dr. Chandrakant & Lina Shah	\$185,111.00
Shankheshwar Parshvanath Bhagwaan	Narshi Kara Bid & Jethalal Amritlal Doshi	\$411,111.00
Vasupujyaswami Bhagwaan	Jethalal Amritlal Doshi & Dr. Shirish & Kanan Patrawala	\$151,111.00

### ◆ DEV-DEVI GHEE BOLI ◆ FINAL AADESH ◆ July, 2008 ◆

Gautamswami	Arvind & Nayana Bhandari & Rajni & Madhu Kamdar	\$61,001.00
Manibhadra Vir Dev	Parimal & Shital Shah & S.P. Consulting Group	\$61,001.00
Laxmi Devi	Dr. Dilip & Smita Shah & Ashok & Rekha Shah	\$51,001.00
Ghantakarnavir Dev	Dr. Jatin & Meena Shah	\$86,001.00
Padmavati Devi	Dr. Mayurika & Kishor Doshi	\$71,001.00
Parshva Yaksha Dev	Hemang & Mukti Shah	\$16,116.00
Pundrikswami	Vinay & Gira Shah	
Sudharmaswami	Suresh & Ravindra(Freehold)	\$24,124.00
	Hamir & Nina Vadi	\$36,136.00
Chakreshwari Devi	Niranjan & Ashah Vadi	
	Parul & Bhavesh Shah	\$45,045.00
Saraswati Devi	Minesh & Shefali Shah	
	Dr. Mita & Ashok Shah	\$45,545.00
	Ranjana & Mahesh Shah	

### ◆ PLEDGE FOR FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP TEMPLE PROJECT ◆ July 2008 ◆

Sthanakvasi Upaashraya	Dr. Mona Doshi	\$251,001.00
Digambar Derasar	Anonymous	\$251,001.00
Pathshala Class-1	Anonymous	\$101,001.00

### ◆ DIGAMBAR MURTI BHARAI GHEE BOLI ◆ FINAL AADESH PENDING ◆

Aadeshwar Bhagwaan	Dr. Arvind Shah & Mayank Shah	\$40,001.00
Parshvanath Bhagwaan	Dr. Jatin & Meena Shah & Dr. Mayurika & Kishor Doshi	\$45,001.00
Mahavirswami Bhagwaan	Nitin & Shilpa Shah	\$40,001.00

## ELECTION 2008

### Jain Center of New Jersey

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(973) 226 - 2539

On behalf of Jain Center of New Jersey (JCNJ), hereinafter refer to as the Center, the election committee invites self-nomination for **three (3) members** to serve as a member of Board of Trustees, who are retiring at the end of this year (2008) and also for **fifteen (15) members** to serve as a member of executive committee to replace those members whose term is expiring at the end of this year (2008). The same self nomination form can be used for either committee membership.

The eligibility requirements, term and responsibilities of executive committee and board of trustees is attached.

The signed nomination form along with a **passport size photograph** must be either mailed with a post mark no later than September 26<sup>th</sup> 2008 to **Kanan Patrawalla 21 Wynwood Rd. Chatham NJ 07928** or emailed by 26<sup>th</sup> September 2008 to **Patrawalla@yahoo.com** The responsibility of getting a confirmation that the nomination has been received rests on the nominee.

#### Election Committee 2008

Arvind Bhandari  
Dinesh Chheda  
Jayanti Galaiya  
Kanan Patrawalla  
Jagdish Tamboli  
Member from YG JA  
Member from YGJA

**Note: 1. In case of election, the write-up & photograph will be mailed to all the voters.  
2. The nomination form & other election information will also be available on the JCNJ's website, or by calling or e-mailing any of the election committee member.**

#### Eligibility Requirements for Trustees:

- A person must be an active life member of the Center for the preceding three years.
- A person must have served for a minimum of one term (after 1990) in the Executive Committee for a minimum of one term, or a person must have participated significantly towards the activities of the Center.
- A person must be practicing Jain religion to the best of his/her ability. He/she will never eat meat (including seafood, chicken, fish, or eggs) and respectfully refrain from consuming alcoholic beverages and smoking.
- Be only one person from a Family membership. Please note that **no** other person from the same family membership, including the nominee, **once elected to be a Trustee**, shall be permitted to serve as an Executive Committee member during the same term.

EC and BOT members have concluded that "Significant participation towards the activities of the Center" means frequent and sustained contribution of time, talent and efforts in running the Center and its activities

#### Term of Board of Trustees:

- The term of elected trustees is four (4) years. In case of tie, election committee at its discretion will devise any process which is fair and impartial. Retiring trustees or current executive committee members are eligible for re-election.

**Responsibilities of the Board of Trustees:**

- To manage and govern the affairs and assets of the Center.
- To develop long term policies, programs, and priorities in line with the objectives of the Center.
- To prepare rules and regulations regarding the use of facilities of the Center.
- To develop a plan & strategies for fund raising for all projects, general funds and work jointly with the Executive committee for Fund raising.
- Take over the functions of the Executive Committee in case of an emergency when the entire Executive Committee ceases to function
- To select the officers of the Board.
- Approve any donation from the Center in excess of \$10,000.00 (ten thousand dollars) to a Government registered non-profit Organization and in excess of \$20,000.00 (twenty thousand dollars) in one calendar year to the same Organization.
- Approve for disbursement of any expenses in excess of \$50,000.00 that has been authorized by General Body.
- Hold a minimum of four meetings in a year.
- Attend as many functions of the Center as possible.

**Eligibility Requirements for Executive Committee (EC) Member:**

- A person must be a life member of the Center for a minimum preceding three years at the time of nomination and remain a member in good standing during his/her term of office.
- A person must be practicing Jain religion to the best of his/her ability. He/she will never eat meat (including seafood, chicken, fish, or eggs) and respectfully refrain from consuming alcoholic beverages and smoking.
- Be only one person from a Family membership. No other person from the same family membership, including the nominee, **once elected to be an Executive Member is permitted to serve as a Trustee.**
- Perform his/her duties without any remuneration.
- **The current Executive Member must have attended 75% of the EC meetings during his/her term as an EC member**

**Term of Executive Committee Members:**

- The term of elected executive committee members is two years. In case of tie, election committee at its discretion will devise any process which is fair and impartial. Retiring board of trustees or current executive committee members are eligible for the re-election.

**Responsibilities of the Executive Committee Member:**

- Carry out day-to-day affairs of the Center.
- Make all legal transactions on behalf of the Center
- Be responsible for repairs, maintenance and necessary improvements of the Center's property.
- Appoint sub-committees for specific purposes, where necessary.
- Work jointly with Board of Trustees.
- Conduct a minimum of 10 (ten) meetings a year.
- Implement all the decisions made at the General Body Meeting.
- Co-chair a sub committee.
- Seek approval of the General Body of members for any Project costing in excess of \$100,000 (one hundred thousand dollars). Seek approval of the Board of Trustees for amounts between \$25,000 (twenty five thousand dollars) and \$100,000 (one hundred thousand dollars).
- A person must attend as many functions of the Center as possible.
- A person must attend 75% of all Executive meetings in a calendar year

**Jain Center of New Jersey**  
 233 Runnymede Road, Essex Fells, NJ 07021  
 (973) 226 - 2539  
**Individual Self-Nomination Form**

APPLICATION FOR

TRUSTEE

EXECUTIVE MEMBER

(Check for only one position)

To,  
The Election Committee  
Jain Center of New Jersey

1) I, Mr. /Ms \_\_\_\_\_ nominate myself to serve as a member of Board of Trustee/ Executive Committee and if elected agree to serve in this capacity to the best of my ability for the advancement of the Center.

2) My contribution (other than monetary) to the Center’s development is:

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3) My vision for the Center’s development is:

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**(In case of election, the information provided in item 2 & 3 will be sent to voters. Please provide enough information so voters may know you.)**

4) I have read and understood the eligibility and responsibilities requirements for the Board of Trustees/Executive Committee.

5) Life Member since \_\_\_\_\_ Number of years served in Executive Committee & or Board of Trustees: \_\_\_\_\_  
**(For clarification of your membership status, contact Treasurer)**

6) Name of family member, including myself, currently serving in the Executive Committee/Board of Trustee:

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7) Only one family member can submit nomination for either Board of Trustee or Executive Committee.

8) If elected to serve as a member of Board of Trustees/Executive Committee, my spouse and I agree to resign from, and will not seek to serve as an Executive Committee/Board of Trustees member concurrently.

**9) I further swear that the foregoing statements included in my nomination form are all in true and correct.**

Signature of the Nominee’s Spouse  
(If Applicable)

Signature of Nominee

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## To all members of JCNJ

### Outstanding Pledges Reminder

JCNJ requests all the members to send your outstanding pledges for any commitment you made for the Derasar events and/or activities. Please contact Anil Shah at (732) 651- 8734 for additional information.

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**Ideas or suggestions:**

For any comments or suggestions, please send e-mail to [newsletter@jaincenternj.org](mailto:newsletter@jaincenternj.org)

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