



JAIN CENTER OF NEW JERSEY

A Non-Profit Organization

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October 8th 2008

Voters of JCNJ

The Election committee has received nominations for the Board of Trustees (BOT) as well as the Executive Committee (EC). After carefully reviewing nomination against the requirements, we have approved the nominees for election 2008. Thirteen (13) members for EC and four (4) members for BOT are standing for election.

The election for BOT will be held on November 9th 2008 at the Caldwell College Students Center. Directions for Student Center are enclosed. We have also updated the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for your convenience. Read and Review those very carefully. It will answer many of your questions.

We hope that you will use your discretionary voting right to select the candidates who will take the JCNJ to a higher level. If you are unable to vote in person, please send your vote as follows:

- a) Mail-in-Ballot postmarked by November 5th 2008 to Jagdish Tamboli 924 Craneford Ave. Westfield NJ 07090.
- b) Register your e-mail address by October 24th 2008 to Jcnj_election2008@yahoo.com
- c) Only those who have registered will be sent an e-mail Ballot. Mark your vote on the ballot paper and reply back to the e-mail by November 5th 2008.

Notes: 1) Please refer to FAQs for further explanation.
2) If in doubt, contact any one of the following members.

We invite suggestions to improve the election process. Contact any of the following election committee members for additional information.

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Jayanti Galaiya Co-Chair-person	galaiya198@comcast.net	908-887-2905
Arvind Bhandari	arvindb04@yahoo.com	201-993-4688
Kanan Patrawalla	patrawalla@yahoo.com	973-668-2624
Devang Shah	devang732@yahoo.com	732-616-4357
Maulin Sheth	maulisheth@yahoo.com	732-421-7621
Jagdish Tamboli	jmtamboli22@yahoo.com	908-251-4027

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs):

- 1 Q When & where is the voting place?**

A. November 9th 2008 between 12 – 3 pm at Caldwell College Student Center, Caldwell. Directions are given in this newsletter.
 - 2 Q How many options do we have to vote?**

A. You have three options: **a) Vote by mail-in-Ballot.**
 b) Vote by e-mail.
 c) Personally vote at the polling place on voting day.
 - 3 Q What is the procedure for voting by e-mail?**

A. This is a new, so read carefully. If you have questions, please get clarification from any of election committee member via e-mail or telephone. It's a two step process.

 - 1. First, you have to register your e-mail by sending it to**
jcnpj_2008election@yahoo.com (Note: It's jcnpj underscore 2008election@yahoo.com)

Only those who register by October 24th 2008 will be sent an e-mail Ballot on November 4th, 2008.
 - 2. Second, mark the e-Ballot & reply back by 5:00 p.m. November 5th 2008.**
 - 4 Q If I signed the ballot paper then my identity and voting pattern is exposed. I won't sign.**

A. A ballot paper without signature will not be counted. You have the option to vote personally on 17th December at the polling place. You don't have to sign Ballot Paper when voting at polling place. It is the responsibility of the election committee to keep your voting pattern confidential. Your voting pattern will not be revealed to any candidates or their representative.
 - 5 Q How do I know that I'm a member of Jain Center of New Jersey (JCNJ)?**

A. We have been provided a members list by President of the Center. If your name is not on the list, you can't vote.
 - 6 Q Why is the membership list, Constitution, By-laws etc... not posted on our website?**

A. Direct your inquiry to the President of JCNJ.
 - 7 Q How many votes do Family members have?**

A. Anybody who has paid JCNJ membership dues has one vote, i.e. if adult children, parent, uncle, aunt, brothers, sisters, in-laws, etc...are part of one's family and has paid membership dues, and then each has one vote. As a life member of JCNJ you have paid dues for you and your spouse, then you and your spouse each has one vote.
 - 8 Q Can honorary members or honorary trustees vote?**

A. Only if they have paid JCNJ membership dues.
 - 9 Q Can I send my vote by e-mail?**

A. Yes, Refer to question 3.
 - 10 Q If I have sent my vote by post or e-mail & also come to polling place to vote, is it allowed?**

A. No. You will not be allowed to vote personally.
 - 11 Q Can a member of the election committee vote?**

A. Yes. They are members of JCNJ & have the same rights as any other member.
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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs):

12 Q Can I get assistance in the polling place?

- A.** Yes, if you need help with voting, you can ask the election volunteers at the polling place for assistance in reading or marking your ballot. You may also bring someone with to help you. If you are unable to go to the polling place due to an illness or disability, you can vote by mail.

13 Q What documents are necessary to establish my identity at the polling place?

- A.** Any one of following documents is acceptable.
- 1. A driver's license**
 - 2. Any form of identification containing your photograph that establishes your identity. (Passport, Green Card, Work Place ID etc...)**
 - 3. A copy of current utility Bill, Bank Statement, paycheck stub, or other Government document that shows your name and address.**

14 Q What is the term of Board of Trustees (BOT) and Executive Committee (EC) members?

- A.** The term of all 15 member executive committee is for two years e.g. the term of the new EC will be from Jan 1st 2009-December 31st 2010. The term of trustees is for four years. It is staggered every two years, e.g. the term of three new Trustees will be from Jan 1st 2009-Dec 31st 2012.

15 Q What happens if I vote for more than three BOT?

- A.** Your entire Ballot will be invalid, i.e. your vote will not be counted.

16 Q What happens if I vote less?

- A.** Election committee doesn't encourage this. But it's your prerogative. Your voting will be credited to only whom you have voted.

17 Q When will the counting be done?

- A.** At the polling place from 4pm till it is over.

18 Q Who is allowed during counting?

- A.** Election volunteers and one representative per candidate. Representatives are allowed only as observers. They can't interfere with the counting process, otherwise they will be debarred.

19 Q Who conducts an election?

- A.** The administration (BOT and EC with consultation of each other) of JCNJ appoint a five member Election committee. This is mandated by by-laws. Election Committee conducts an election.

20 Q Why conduct an election?

- A.** JCNJ constitution mandates the election. The authority of administration (EC and BOT) derives solely from the consent of the members of the JCNJ. The principle mechanism for translating that consent into authority is the holding of election.

21 Q Can administration (EC and BOT) of JCNJ override the decision of election committee?

- A.** No

22 Q Can administration (EC and BOT) dissolve the Election Committee?

- A.** Yes. They have power to create as well as dissolve.

23 Q What is referendum? Is there any referendum on the ballot?

- A.** A referendum is democratic tool related to elections in which the members of JCNJ votes for or against a specific proposal, by-law or policy, rather than for a general policy or a particular candidate. Referendum may be added an election ballot or held separately and may be either binding or consultative, usually depending on the constitution. We don't have any referendum on this year's ballot paper.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs):

24 Q What are Ballot papers for?

- A. Ballot papers are the basic building blocks of elections. They are used to translate the intentions of voters into something that can be counted to give an election result.

25 Q What is the goal of Election Committee?

- A. To conduct JCNJ election 2008 that is fair and free.

26. Q My parents are visiting India. They are life members of JCNJ. Can they Vote?

- A. Yes, if they can send the original mail-in Ballot in the time specified. If they have registered for e-mail voting, they will get an e-mail Ballot.

27. Q The by-laws clearly state “The mail-in Ballot election shall be conducted” then why are this election conducted by personal voting?

- A. This by-law is only applicable to the election of BOT only. We have enclosed the mail-in Ballot. All members of Election Committee agree that the current By-laws don't prohibit obtaining Ballots by additional method and the intent of election is to give members of JCNJ more opportunity for participation.

Please send comments or suggestions to: dchheda@optonline.net

Instructions for Voting

1. Mailing Ballot Paper will be disqualified in the following condition:

- a. If the applicable voter has not signed the Ballot Paper.
- b. If original official Ballot paper is not returned.
- c. If more than three nominees for BOT are chosen.
- d. If name and/or address at the back of the ballot paper is not visible or tempered.
- e. If we don't receive by 5pm 5th November 2008

2. In person Ballot Paper will be disqualified in the following condition:

- a. If more than three BOT has been marked.

3. e-mail Ballot Paper will be disqualified in the following condition:

- a. If you have not registered for e-mail privilege by 10/24/2008.
- b. If you don't respond to e-mail address provided with ballot paper.
- c. If more than three nominees for BOT are chosen.
- d. If you don't reply e-mail ballot by 11/5/2008

4. You are not allowed to vote under the following conditions:

- a. If you are not a member of JCNJ.
- b. If you have no proper identification.
- c. If you come before 12 noon or after 3pm on 9th November, 2008
- d. If we have received your Ballot paper by mail

Note: In any dispute, decision of election committee is final.

Candidates Profile (Trustee)



Name: Chandrakant B Mehta Spouse: Pravina Town: Parsippany

Contribution:

- Executive Committee member in the past.
- Trustee since 2004.
- Chairman of the board for the years 2006-2008.
- Currently JAINA Director.
- Paryushana – Swadhyay – Shibir Speaker at National and International level.
- My leadership reestablished confidence in our members with regards to the Franklin Township Derasar Project.

Vision:

- Finish Franklin Township derasar project speedily and efficiently without compromising the quality and beauty.
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Name: Guntant Shah Spouse: Sulochana Town: North Brunswick

Contribution:

- EC member: JCNJ (1982-04), Served as Treasurer, Assistant Secretary, many subcommittees.
- As R.E. Agent, I helped find a new Dehrasar Site for JCNJ. Served as a member of Franklin Park Dehrasar/Hall Construction Committee and Coordinated Fund Raising activities.
- JAINA, V.P. Northeast (2005-07), Chairman, Jain Milan: Introduced and organized Jain Matrimonial Convention under JAINA to help Jain youths in USA to find Jain life partner.
- JAINA Director (2003-07) representing Jain Center of NJ, Help bring JAINA 2007 Convention to Edison, NJ. JAINA Senior Housing Committee Chairman; Member of JAINA Public Affairs Committee.
- Arranged High School and College Facilities for Paryushana for at least 10 years and helped manage Swamivatsalya.
- Organized Chaitra Paripathis and arranged transportation to various Temples for number of years.
- Started Jain Bhavana Group, Pathshala and Gujarati Language classes at my house (1980-90).

Vision:

- Help JCNJ to build its new temple. Get more youth involvement with JCNJ and JAINA.
- Arrange JAIN MILAN Convention through JAINA to help Jain youth find life partner.
- Working with JAINA to bring Rutgers Jain students to participate in our Dehrasar Programs.

Candidates Profile (Trustee)



Name: Kirit Shah

Spouse: Renuka

Town: Edison

Contribution: I was President for JCNJ-2007. It was a golden year for JCNJ.

- We raised about 1.1 Million for Franklin Township Project.
- Also all Dehrasar Activities went very well.
- Celebrated Mahavir Jayanti with great success
- Organized and hosted Jaina Convention 2007, Edison NJ
- Expedited the process for Franklin Township project
- Organized Shanti Snatra Pujan with Shri Rajendrabhai Dalal
- Celebrated Diwali and New Year with great enthusiasm
- Developed a design and got approval for Jirnoddhar project for Caldwell Dehrasar
- Introduced electronic membership and fundraising database

Vision:

- New Look to Caldwell Dherasar Jirnoddhar.
- Giving more facilities to our members.
- Having Pratistha Mahotsav for Caldwell Dehrasar
- Work as a team for Franklin Township Project
- Take initiative for preparation of Pratistha for Franklin Township temple
- Coordinate and lead the project with the support of all Jain communities together



Name: Hamir Vadi

Spouse: Nina

Town: Mountainside

Contribution:

- Active life member of JCNJ for more than 15 years
- Involve in all stages of Jain center planning and design from the existing Essex Fell temple to Franklin Township Project (FTP), since 1981.
- I am lead designer for Franklin Township Project from site plan to final three dimensions Model.
- Actively involve in Design committee for FTP to coordinate between different consultants including Architect, Structure and MEP Engineers.
- Actively involve in Construction committee for FTP to find right contractor.
- Actively involve in Siddhachalam planning and design including existing Temple, New Dinning Hall and renovation of cabins.
- Received award of recognition in appreciation of dedicated services since 1981 from Jain center of New Jersey in 2005

Vision:

- My dream as an architect is to complete Franklin Township Project including Phase one and Shell for the building in less than two years in most economical way.
- Promote Jain principal of Ahinsa / non-violence, Ecology and Health in and around Jain center's activities.
- Create an interesting program at new Temple including daily Bhavana so center become vibrant and humming place.
- Create adult Pathshala to understand the meaning of sutras.
- Help fundraising committee for FTP. Coordinate with Siddhachalam program and arranged joint program.

Direction for Caldwell Student Center

From the New Jersey Turnpike (Exit 15W) or the Garden State Parkway (Exit 145):

Take Route I-280 West to Exit 5B (527 North Caldwell). At the end of Livingston Avenue, turn right onto Eagle Rock Avenue and take the first left onto Roseland Avenue. At the end of Roseland Avenue, turn right onto Bloomfield Avenue and turn right into the campus entrance.

From Route I-80 Westbound (from New York):

Take Exit 52, following signs for the Caldwells onto Passaic Avenue. Go 3.4 miles and turn left onto Bloomfield Avenue. Go approximately two miles and turn right into the campus entrance.

From Route I-287:

Take Exit 41 to Route I-80 Eastbound, and follow directions below.

From Route I-80 Eastbound (from Pennsylvania):

Take Exit 47B onto Route 46 East. After the second traffic light (Hook Mt./Chapin Road), stay right and follow the signs for a "Caldwells – Newark" onto Bloomfield Avenue. Take Bloomfield Avenue through West Caldwell (four traffic lights) and Caldwell (six traffic lights). The campus entrance will be on the right.

Local:

From the west, follow Bloomfield Avenue as described above. From the east, take Bloomfield Avenue to the first traffic light west of the Verona-Caldwell town-line and turn left into the campus entrance.

By Bus:

Caldwell College is served by Decamp Bus #33 and New Jersey Transit Bus #29.



JAIN CENTER OF NEW JERSEY JCNJ GENERAL BODY MEETING

*Jain Center of New Jersey Annual General Body meeting will be held
at Room # 3101, Science Bldg, Caldwell College, Caldwell, N.J.07006*

from 2 PM to 4 PM on Sunday, November 16, 2008.

Agenda for the meeting as under:

**Chairman's Report • President's Report • Financial Statement
Auditor's Report • Franklin Township Project Updates • Election of 2 EC Members •
Question & Answers if any.**

If any member has any question please submit your question in writing to

*Rashmi Shah,(Secretary)
19 Linwood Drive, Monroe, NJ 08831 Secretary by November 3, 2008.*

We will not accept any questions after this date.



DIWALI CELEBRATION - 2008



10/26/08 Sunday (Dhan Teras)	10.00am to 12.30pm 7.30pm to 9.00pm 9.00pm	Deraser Open Deraser Open Aarti
10/27/08 Monday (Kali Chaudus)	10.00am to 12.30 pm 7.30pm to 9.00pm 9.00pm	Deraser Open Deraser Open Aarti
10/28/08 Tuesday (Diwali)	10.00am to 12.30pm 7.30pm to 9.00pm 9.00pm 7.00pm	Deraser Open Deraser Open Aarti AKHAND JAAP start
10/29/08 Wednesday (New Year)	6.30am to 7.00am 6.00am 8.00am to 9.15am 9.15am to 10.15am 10.30am to 12.30pm 12.30pm to 2.30pm 7.30pm to 9.00pm 9.00pm	Gautam Swami - Jaap Pakshal and Pooja MANGLIK Naukarshi Snatra Pooja Sadhermik Yatsalya Deraser Open Aarti

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11/03/08 Monday	11.30am	Gyaan Poojan
11/12/08 Wednesday	6.00pm onwards	Chaumasi Chaudus Pratikraman
11/13/08 Thursday	8.00pm	KHAMASANA

UTTHAPAN OF ALL THREE PRATIMAJI
will takes place on
Saturday 8th Nov. 2008.at Caldwell Deraser.
Program detail and timing will be informed later

Official Ballot for Jain Center of New Jersey 2008 Election

To Vote: Mark the ballot paper by placing an "X" in the square beside the candidate of your choice. Each paid member has one vote.

Vote for Trustees: Head of household and spouse (if applicable) may each select a maximum of three nominees.

Head Of the House	Nominee Name	Spouse Name	City	Spouse
<input type="checkbox"/>	Chandrakant Mehta	Pravina	Parsippany	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Gunvant Shah	Sulochana	N. Brunswick	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Kirit Shah	Renuka	Edison	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hamir Vadi	Nina	Mountain Side	<input type="checkbox"/>

By signing below I/we declare that I/we voted for the above marked nominees.

Head of the Household

Spouse

Name: _____

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Signature: _____

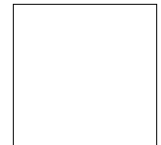
(PS: Without signature the ballot will be invalid.)

Candidates for EC 2008 (Term Jan 2009-Dec 2010)

Serial #	Row #	Member	Name	Spouse	City
1	36	L	Dinesh Chheda	Heena	Paramus
2	132	FLc	Usha Gandhi	Deepak	Hoboken
3	188	FL95	Madhu Kamdar	Rajni	Parsippany
4	259	L96	Kirit Mehta	Kaushika	Wayne
5	388	L93	Anil Shah	Hemlata	E Brunswick
6	543	L98	Himanshu Shah	Priti	Jersey City
7	582	L03	Ketan Shah	Neha	Nutley
8	618	L01	Manish Shah	Neepa	Edison
9	637	L99	Mukesh Shah	Saroj	Jersey City
10	737	L94	Rashmi Shah	Darshna	Monroe
11	787	L95	Subodh Shah	Jyoti	Totowa
12	840	L98	Yogesh Shah	Jyoti	Edison
13	852	L	Jayant Sheth	Kundan	Edison

If not delivered return to:

**JCNJ Election Ballot
Dinesh Chheda
14 Paris Place
Parsippany NJ 07054**



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