



TEMPLE TIMES

a monthly publication of the Hindu Jain Temple

सर्वे भवन्तु सुखिनः, सर्वे सन्तु निरामयाः ।
May all be happy, may all enjoy good health.

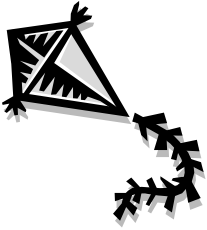
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New Year's Eve will be celebrated with Bhajans at the Hindu Jain Temple on Thursday, December 31, 2009, starting at 9 pm. Please call Parminder Sharma (724-325-1121) for more information.

New Year's Havan will be held at the Hindu Jain Temple on Friday, January 1, 2010, starting at 11.30 am, followed by Maha Prasad. Please join us for this popular event.

Makar Sankranti is a very auspicious day, marking the beginning of the northerly movement of the sun, otherwise known as *Uttarayana*. Henceforth, daylight increases as days become longer and cold winter nights begin to wane. This day is considered of great importance for charity, worship and religious ceremonies. Kite flying is a special activity for this occasion, and foods and feasts, consisting of delicacies considered to provide protection against the cold weather, mark the day. This festival is celebrated as **Lohri** in the northern states of Punjab, Haryana and Himanchal Pradesh, with camp-fires, singing and dancing. Known as **Pongal** in the southern states, Makar Sankranti is celebrated as a harvest festival in this part of India. Cows and bulls are decorated with colors and flower-garlands, and taken out in procession around the villages. The first rice of the new harvest is cooked in varied forms and ritually offered to the Sun God. This year, Makar Sankranti falls on Sunday, January 13, 2010.



Vasant Panchami heralds the arrival of warm, temperate days, and the departure of chilly winter. It is celebrated with **Saraswati Pooja**, worshipping of the Goddess of learning, wisdom, fine arts and refinement. Traditionally, folks wear yellow colored robes and consume yellow rice on this day, taking a cue from the yellow colored fields of mustard. This year Vasant Panchami and Saraswati Pooja fall on Wednesday, January 20, 2010.

Hindu Jain Temple 2010 Youth Camp will be held at the Camp Lambec Campsite near Erie, PA from **August 8 - August 14, 2010**. For Counselor Application Forms, please call the temple office (724-325-2054). Form will also be posted on the temple web-site (www.hindujaintemple.org). Counselor Application deadline is January 31, 2010.

2010 Membership: It is time to renew your annual membership in the temple. The Trusteeship is \$600 and membership is \$100. A category of **Lifetime Membership** is also available. Lifetime Membership is \$2,000 and Lifetime Trusteeship is \$12,000. A form can be obtained at the temple for new members and is also included with this issue of the Temple Times.

Humanitarian Committee of the Hindu Jain Temple will launch a Blanket Drive from January 1 through 31, 2010, to donate 108 blankets to the homeless. Please donate for this worthy cause as your New Year resolution. Write a check in favor of Hindu Jain Temple; include Humanitarian Committee-Blanket Drive in the note. Please call Sumedha Nagpal (412-914-2041) or Haribhai Patel (724-327-7485) for more information.

From the desk of the President

We wish you all a very happy, healthy and prosperous New Year. As usual New Year's Havan has been organized with great enthusiasm. My sincere thanks to the volunteers for helping out with the celebration. It gives me great pleasure to express my appreciation to each one of you for your cooperation and support throughout the year. Furthermore, it will be a great gesture if you begin the New Year by writing the very first check in the name of our temple. I request everyone to renew their Membership and Trusteeship. If you are not a member yet, I appeal to you to become a member which will give us immense pleasure and encouragement. I express my deep admiration and gratitude to the outgoing Chairman Ashok Sahai ji for his valuable contribution, dedication and commitment. We extend a warm welcome to our new Chairman Kishor Mehta ji. I end on a happy note with my earnest prayer for peace and success for all.

Electronic Version of Temple Times: Temple Times is available at the temple website with an archive of last 12 issues. The electronic version of Temple Times saves both money and environment, while, at the same time, providing a faster and more current access. The following sign-up procedure has been established for those recipients of Temple Times, who would like to receive ONLY the electronic version of the newsletter; the paper version will continue to be mailed to others.

Send an email to mehrotrapk@hotmail.com with the following information and message:

I want to save both money and environment; please send me ONLY the electronic version of Temple Times.

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Gem of the month.....Selfless action

कर्मण्येवाधिकारस्ते मा फलेषु कदाचन । मा कर्मफलहेतुर्भूर्मा ते सङ्गोऽस्त्वकर्मणि ॥

(Lord Krishna said,) "To action alone you have a right and never at all to its fruits; let not the fruits of action by your motive; neither let there be in you any attachment to inaction" (Gita, Ch. 2, Verse 47)

Our Regular Activities

Activity	When	Activity	When
Temple hours-summer	9.00 am to 9.00 pm	Temple hours-winter	9.00 am to 8.00 pm
Daily Aarti-summer	10.00 am and 8.00 pm	Daily Aarti-winter	10.00 am and 7.00 pm
Vidya Mandir	Every Sunday, September through May, 10 am to 2 pm	Havan	First Sunday of the month, 11.00 am
Jain Bhavana	Third Sunday of the month, 3 pm to 6 pm	Hanuman Chalisa & Sunderkand	Every Tuesday; 7 pm to 8 pm.
Vishnu Sahasranama	Every Ekadashi at 6.30 pm	Shiv Abhisheka	Every Monday at 10.30 am
Poornamasi Katha	Every Poornima at 6.30 pm	Monthly Bhajan	Second Friday, 7.30 pm

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TRUSTEESHIP AND MEMBERSHIP
MEMBERSHIP RULES AND PRIVILEGES

Rules

1. Any person who is 18 years of age or older can become a member of the Hindu Jain Temple.
2. There are two categories of memberships: Trustee and members. Lifetime memberships are also available. Dues for each category are listed below.
3. The annual membership fee is due on January 1st of each year.
4. To be considered a member of good standing and exercise the privileges of membership and the right to vote, a written application must be submitted and dues must be paid by March 31st.
5. Upon payment of dues after March 31st, the member will be restored to the membership

list after 30 days from the date of such payment.

6. The member and spouse are considered a single Membership but certified to vote individually.

Please act now and help the temple.

Privileges:

Right to hold office, right to vote at all General Body Meetings, children Vidya Mandir, discount on Youth Camp and other fees for classes, discount on renting the community hall, priority over non-members in renting & scheduling events at the temple.

We would appreciate if you complete the Membership application and mail it to the Temple office with your check for the exact amount or more.

Please call the Temple office at 724-325-2073 for more information.

MEMBERSHIP/TRUSTEE APPLICATION

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	PROFESSION
Mr. _____	_____	_____
Mrs./Ms. _____	_____	_____

ADDRESS _____	CITY _____
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STATE _____	ZIP _____	PHONE _____	EMAIL _____
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CHILDREN	NAME	SEX	DATE OF BIRTH
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2)	_____	_____	_____
3)	_____	_____	_____

1) _____	_____	_____
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2) _____	_____	_____
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3) _____	_____	_____
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FOR 2010

MEMBERSHIP: \$100.00

TRUSTEESHIP: \$600.00

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP: \$2,000

LIFETIME TRUSTEESHIP: \$12,000

SIGNATURE _____

Please make check payable to Hindu Jain Temple

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Hindu Jain Temple Activities.....January 2010

New Year Eve Bhajans

Dec. 31

New Year Havan

Jan. 1

Lohri

Jan. 12

Makar Sankranti

Jan. 13

Vasant Panchami

Jan. 20

Satyanarayan Vrat

Jan. 29

Religious Activity	Date
Maha Shivaratri	Feb. 11
Satyanarayan Vrat	Feb. 27
Holi	Feb. 2
Vikram Samvat 2066 begins	Mar. 16
Ram Navami	Mar. 24
Satyanarayan Vrat, Hanuman Jayanti	Mar. 29

Important Monthly Date			
Ekadashi	Dec. 27	Pradosh	Dec. 29
Poornima	Dec. 31	Ekadashi	Jan. 10
Pradosh	Jan. 12	Amavasya	Jan. 14
Ekadashi	Jan. 26	Pradosh	Jan. 27
Poornima	Jan. 29	Ekadashi	
Pradosh	Feb. 10	Amavasya	

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