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a monthly publication of the Hindu Jain Temple

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May all be happy, may all enjoy good health.

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Ram Navami

celebrates the birth of Lord Ram, incarnation of Lord Vishnu, to Ayodhya's king Dasharatha and his queen Kaushalya. Also, on this day, the celebrated poet Tulsi Das is considered to have commenced composing his epic poem Ram Charit Manas. Devotees keep fast and take a dip in the holy river Saryu on this day. The scripture of Ram Charit Manas is recited without interruption in 24 hours, followed by pooja. This is a day to remember, and emulate, the Hindu ideal behavior of Lord Ram, and others who were associated with him. **Hanuman Jayanti** also falls during this month, celebrating the birth of Hanuaman to Pavan or Vayu (wind) and his wife Anjani. Hanuman, the greatest devotee of Lord Ram, is affectionately worshipped on this day. This year, Ramnavami falls on March 24, 2010, and Hanuman Jayanti on March 29, 2010.

Ram Navami Pooja will be held at 12 noon on Wednesday, March 24, 2010. The **Akhand Ramayan Paath** will begin with a Pooja at 9 am on Saturday, March 27, 2010, and end the next day, finishing with Bhajan and Aarti at 12 noon, followed by Mahaprasad. Please call Parminder Sharma (724-325-1121), Sunita Nigam (412-366-8406) or Shashi Gupta (724-836-2611) for scheduling your favorite time to recite Ramayan, including during Saturday night.

HJT Youth Group Activities Calendar: 1) **Bhajan Sandhya** by youth group singers on Friday, March 5, 2010. 2) **Youth Conference** on Saturday, April 10, 2010. Please encourage youth to take part. For information, please contact Himalaya Mehta (412-889-2800; hmehta1993@gmail.com) or Avisha Shah (412-735-9544; avisha93@gmail.com).

TAPI Scholarships for 2010: The Tristate Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (TAPI) will offer three scholarships to high school students at its Annual Meeting on April 18, 2010. For additional information, eligibility, and application forms, please visit www.TAPI.US, or contact Subash Ahuja, Chairman, Scholarship Committee (412-963-6338; ahujas@pol.net). Deadline for applications is March 31, 2010.

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Please note, for our readers who are **not members of the Hindu Jain Temple**, only the electronic version of Temple Times will be available starting with the **June 2010 issue**.

From the desk of the President

My WARM wishes to all of you. I hope the warmth of my wishes melts the blanket of snow that surrounds us. As poet Shelly said "if winter comes, can spring be far behind?". Even though the winter was rough, we had a significant number of devotees who braved the winter road conditions and participated in the Shiv Ratri celebration. Thank you to all of you for making the celebration meaningful by your devotion and participation. Some of the future events that the temple is going to celebrate are the festival of Holi on Feb. 28; I feel delighted to mention it as the thought of Holi itself reminds me of the vibrant colors which wipe off the winter blues. Following Holi will be the celebration of Ram Navami; please mark your calendar for another major event of Akhand Ramayan Paath on March 27 through 28; do come and take part in chanting and make this event a success as always. Special thanks to the Humanitarian Committee, Sumedha Nagpal

and Haribhai Patel, for their effort in collecting funds and distributing blanket to the Women Shelter and the Jubilee Kitchen on Saturday, February 20. Thanks to all donors for their valuable contributions.

We are doing the repair work at community hall and we are in need of funds. Please help us with your generous donations.

Mark your calendar.....

Ekal Vidyalaya Foundation announces 'Sangeet ki Ek Sham Ekal Vidyalaya ke Naam' on Friday, May 7, 2010, 7 pm – 11 pm at the SV Temple Auditorium, Pittsburgh. "Ekal Vidyalaya" is a project addressing the need of primary education in the tribal villages of India. Contacts are Harilal Patel (412-609-9915), Virender Soi (724-327-7276), or email at mehtassm@gmail.com.

Hindu Jain Temple 2010 Youth Camp will be held at the Camp Lambec Campsite near Erie, PA from **August 8 - August 14, 2010**.

Temple Sthapana Program will be held Sunday, May 2, 2010, and **Children Sthapana Program** will be held on the following Saturday, May 8, 2010. Please look for additional details in future issues of Temple Times.

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.

NithyaDhyaan: Learn a powerful meditation. Experience increased energy, productivity, creativity and peace of mind. All are welcome to this class to be held every Saturday 9 am to 11am in main temple basement. For information and registration, please contact Karuna (412-731-2646; karunananda.ghate@gmail.com)

Our first Hindu Jain Temple Youth Group Event!



Join us for 'Bhajans by Youth' Night

Hindu Jain Temple
Friday March 5, 2010 at 7:00 PM
 Bhajans will be followed by Aarti and snacks.

If you would be interested in singing a Bhajan for the show, please contact:

Please contact Himalaya Mehta (hhmehta1993@gmail.com, 412-251-9133) or Avisha Shah (avisha93@gmail.com)

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.

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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.

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

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3)	_____	_____	_____

FOR 2010

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● Hindu Jain Temple Activities.....March 2010 ●

Holi

Feb. 28

Ram Navami

Mar.24/27

Mahavir Janmakalyanak

Mar. 28

Satyanarayan Vrat

Mar. 29

Hanuman Jayanti

Mar. 29

Religious Activity	Date
Satyanarayan Vrat	Apr. 27
Temple Sthapana Program	May 2
Children Sthapana Program	May 8
Akshaya Tritiya/18 Abhishek Sthapana	May 16
Satyanarayan Vrat	May 27

Important Monthly Date			
Poornima	Feb. 28	Ekadashi	Mar. 10
Pradosh	Mar. 12	Amavasya	Mar. 15
Ekadashi	Mar. 26	Pradosh	Mar. 27
Poornima	Mar. 29	Ekadashi	Apr. 9
Pradosh	Apr. 11	Amavasya	Apr. 14

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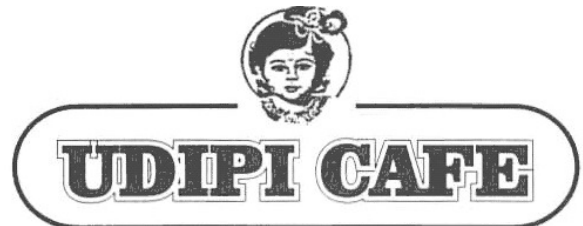


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