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May all be happy, may all enjoy good health.

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Temple's 26th Sthapana Anniversary

'Sankat Haran' Jap Yagya
1008 Samuhik Hanuman Chalisa Paath

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and the Executive Committee of the Hindu Jain Temple, you are cordially invited to participate in the **26th Sthapana Anniversary of the Temple**. The unique '**Sankat Haran' Jap Yagya, 1008 Samuhik Hanuman Chalisa Paath** will be held Sunday, May 2, 2010 at the Hindu Jain Temple from 9 am to 12 noon, followed by Prasad. Please register in advance; the temple will provide complete Pooja Kit. Suggested donations are \$51, \$101, \$251, \$501 and \$1,001. For registration and further details, please call Shubha Mullick (412-389-3811), Parminder Sharma (724-325-1121), Chetan Patel (412-908-1711), Sunita Nigam (412-366-8406), Shashi Gupta (724-836-2611) or the Office Secretary (724-325-2054). The **Annual Children Sthapana Day Celebration** will be held on Saturday, May 8, 2010 at the Marshall Middle School from 2 to 5 pm. Please call your Sunday School for more information in this issue of the Temple Times.

From the desk of the President

Hello and happy Baisakhi to all of you. I am glad to inform you that the Ram Navami celebration was a huge success; we had a large number of devotees attending the event, making all the effort very worthwhile. As the weather gets better, all of us look forward to be outdoors and make travel plans; in doing so, please keep your dates marked for temple events too. Your presence gracing temple celebrations is very important. We are looking forward for the **26th Sthaapna Celebrations on May 2, 2010, Children Sthapana Program on May 8, 2010, and the Graduation Havan on June 12, 2010**-this year the Havan will be celebrated at the Hindu Jain Temple. . It is indeed a pleasure to see our youngsters grow up and get ready to take the next challenge in life. As always, Temple activities and celebrations

cannot happen without your attendance and your generous donation. So please do come and be a part of the activities and please open your wallet to the best of your ability. Thank you,

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.

Mark your calendar.....

General Body Meeting of the Hindu Jain Temple will be held on Sunday, June 13, 2010 at 2 pm at the upper level of the Bhakti Mandir. The Board of Trustees and the Office Bearers of the Executive Committee will present their reports. The Election Officer will conduct the Executive Committee election for the year 2010-11. A written notification must be received by the Secretary of the Executive Committee at least 30 days prior to the General Body Meeting for raising any other matter. All members are requested to attend the meeting and participate in the election.

The Nomination Committee for Executive Committee Election for 2010-11 has been formed by the Chairman, Board of Trustees. Please refer to the Hindu -Jain Temple By-Laws for election guidelines. The committee invites nominations for the Executive Committee election using the following form:

Nomination Form for Executive Committee Election for 2010-2011

Name of Candidate: _____ Position: _____

Proposed By: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Seconded By: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Accepted By Nominee (Signature) _____ Date: _____

Submit to: Hindu Jain Temple, Chair, Nomination Committee, 615 Illini Drive, Monroeville, PA 15146

Last date for nomination submission: April 30. Last date for nomination withdrawal: May 15.

Please note that all signatures should belong to members in good standing.

Electronic Version of Temple Times: Please sign-up for the electronic only version of Temple Times by emailing your Last Name, First Name, Phone number and email address to mehrotrapk@hotmail.com. This is one way you can help the temple, conserve the resources, and get better and faster access.

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**.

Pandit Ajay Chakravarty will give a concert in classical Hindustani music and Bhajans on June 27, 2010; please plan to attend this enchanting event.

Shri Shivender Nagarji will hold an all day discourse on **Bhaj Govindam** on Saturday, August 7, 2010, from 9 am to 5 pm in the community hall of the Hindu Jain temple. Lunch and tea will be provided. There is no registration for the event. Please contact Shashi Marwah (412-367-1835, 412-720-8048, marwahshashi@hotmail.com) or Ashok Marwah (412-400-7923) for further details.

Shri Shivender Nagarji's discourse on **Bhagwad Gita, Chapter 10** will be held from August 15 through August 18, 2010, from 7 pm to 8.30 pm in the lecture hall of the main temple. Please contact Shashi Marwah (412-367-1835, 412-720-8048, marwahshashi@hotmail.com) or Ashok Marwah (412-400-7923) for further details.

2010 Membership: Please 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

For our young readers.....

Shreya Gulati, 9 yrs, was selected as a PA state winner for dance choreography by PAPTA for the year 2009-2010. She and her family were invited for a breakfast with Gov. Rendell for the award ceremony in Harrisburg. Congratulations, Shreya.

Graduation Pooja: Annual joint Hindu-Jain Temple and Sri Venkateshwara Temple graduation Pooja will be held on Saturday, June 12, 2010, at 10 am. This year, Pooja will be held at the Hindu Jain Temple, and will be followed by a mahaprasad. All high school graduating seniors are urged to register their names with the Temple secretary by calling 724-325-2054. Please provide your name, school's name, parents' names and whether or not you will be attending the Pooja. For further information, please contact. Shailesh Vora (412-856-9781) or Ranjan Bhandari (412-788-6661).

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

Gem of the month..... Significance of Yagna.

The meanings of yagna are vast and varied, enough to fill a book by themselves. The most common usage, though, is the yagna ceremony, involving a large fire. It can also be used to mean seva or sacrifice. This is one of the most important rituals in Indian cultures. It is used on most important occasions, ranging from weddings to the openings of new businesses to graduations to prayers for someone's health.

Yagna is, in essence, a purifying ritual. Fire purifies everything that comes into contact with it. As we perform yagna, we pray that we, too, may be made pure. But who is the divine purifier, the true purifier, the fire of all fires? God. So, these offerings are not being made simply to fire, rather they are being made to the Real Fire, the Almighty. As we place the ahuti (offerings) into the flames, we symbolically offer all our 'impurities'- and we pray to God to make us as pure as the ghee we are pouring into the flames.

We sit around the yagna to remind us to keep God and purity in the center of our lives. Too often, we want to be the center of everything, which is the root of our unhappiness. So, in a yagna, we sit around the fire and place our offerings inwards. This reminds us that in life we should be on the outside, with God in the center, and we should just offer ourselves at His holy feet, praying for Him to purify us.

In yagna, the slokas end with 'idam namamah', which means 'not for me, but for you'. It means that whatever I offer is not for me, but, God, it is for you. This is the root of yagna, of Hinduism and the root of happiness in life.

Lastly, just as the flames of a fire only rise higher and higher, so we pray that God may carry our lives only upwards, closer and closer to His divine abode.

Abstracted from 'Grace in the Home, Wisdom for all Ages', by His Holiness Pujya Swami Chidanand Saraswati (Muniji)

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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Hindu Jain Temple Activities.....May 2010

Temple Sthapana Program

May 2

Children Sthapana Program

May 8

Satyanarayan Vrat

May. 27

General Body Meeting

Jun. 13

Graduation Pooja

Jun. 12

Religious Activity	Date
Ganga Dashahara	June 21
Satyanarayan Vrat	June 25
Guru Purnima, Satyanarayan Vrat	Jul 25
Temple Camp starts	Aug 8
Temple Camp ends	Aug 14

Important Monthly Date			
Poornima	Apr. 28	Ekadashi	May 9
Pradosh	May 11	Amavasya	May 13
Ekadashi	May 23	Pradosh	May 25
Poornima	May 28	Ekadashi	Jun 8
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