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Mahavir Jayanti

Saturday

April 21, 2001

Puja from 2:30pm to 5:00pm

**Dinner Sponsored by
Chandrakant & Rasmica Shah
(5:00 to 7:00 pm)**

**Aarti at 7:00pm followed by
musical program**

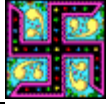


Mahavir Jayanti	Saturday, April 21
Mother's Day	Sunday, May 13
HARI School Graduation	Saturday, June 9
Krishna Janmashthmi	Saturday, August 11
Jain Paryushans	To be decided
Ganesh Chaturthi	Saturday, August 25
Navaratri Mahotsav	Wed-Thur Oct 17- Oct 25
Vijaya Dashmi	Saturday, October 27
Karva Chouth	To be decided
Diwali	Saturday, November 17
Christmas Dance	Tuesday Dec 25

To join the Mother's Day bus trip to Arshvidhya Gurukulam on May 13, 2001, please contact Hiten Amin at 732-0513

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Mahavir Jayanti



Lord Mahavir was the twenty-fourth and the last Tirthankara of the Jain religion. According to Jain philosophy, all Tirthankaras were born as human beings but they have attained a state of perfection or enlightenment through meditation and self realization. They are the Gods of Jains. Tirthankaras are also known as Arihants or Jinas.

Mahavir was born in 599 B.C. as a prince in Bihar, India. At the age of 30, he left his family and royal household, gave up his worldly possessions, including clothing and become a monk. He spent the next twelve years in deep silence and meditation to conquer his desires and feelings. He went without food for long periods. He carefully avoided harming or annoying other living beings including animals, birds, and plants. His ways of meditation, days of austerities, and mode of behavior furnish a beautiful example for monks and nuns in religious life. His spiritual pursuit lasted for twelve years. At the end he realized perfect perception, knowledge, power, and bliss. This realization is known as keval-jnana.

At the age of 72 (527 B.C.), Lord Mahavir died and his purified soul left the body and achieved complete liberation. He became a Siddha, a pure consciousness, a liberated soul, living for ever in a state of complete bliss. On the night of his salvation, people celebrated the Festival of Lights (Dipavali) in his honor.

At the heart of right conduct for Jains lie the five great vows:

Nonviolence (Ahimsa) - not to cause harm to any living beings

Truthfulness (Satya) - to speak the harmless truth only

Non-stealing (Asteya) - not to take anything not properly given

Chastity (Brahmacharya) - not to indulge in sensual pleasure

Non-possession/Non-attachment (Aparigraha) - complete detachment from people, places, and material things.

Jains hold these vows at the center of their lives. The monks and nuns follow these vows strictly and totally, while the common people try to follow the vows as far as their life styles will permit.

Special Announcements

Program: Vocal Conert by Washington's Prithvi Mohan
(14 years old)

Place: HARI Temple

Date: Sunday, April 22, 2001-03-25

Time: 3:00 to 5:00 pm

(Light refreshment after the concert)

Program: Saints from BAPS organization (Bochasanwasi Shree Akshar Purushottam Swaminarayan Sanstha)

Place: HARI Temple

Date: Saturday, May 5, 2001

Time: 5:00 pm

Purpose: To bless us for the donations given to the earthquake victims in India.

(Dinner will be served)

Important Request:

The executive committee is in process of gathering information for the HARI directory which is scheduled to be printed in June. If you would like your information published, please submit your name, address, zipcode, telephone number with area code, email address (optional), cell phone number (optional), and kids' names, ages (optional).

Please drop the address off in the donation box. Or feel free to contact one of the members of the Executive Committee or the Trustees.

Kids' Corner

by Sheelen Patel

FIRST WORD

Every night, from all its outlets, the giant UK retailer, Marks and Spencer, analyses the day's hundreds of thousands of customer transactions. With a network that analyses 15,000 customer transactions per minute, the giant retailer is able to decide the items it needs to order and prepare.

At the General Motors plant in USA that produces the Saturn cars, employees simultaneously monitor 120,000 points of data on the factory floor and can attend any problem or emergency immediately.

*Information about the market and element working in one's organization is a crucial element in today's work of commerce and growth. Bill gates in his book *Business @ the Speed of Thought* says that getting the right information to the right people at the right time is the 'lifeblood' of any business. He adds further that one should connect every part of structure – a digital nervous system. This, like the nervous system in humans, enables one's company to think about issues, make decisions and react to crises or problems.*

Lack of integration, unity or friendship in human relationships creates problems, losses and conflicts. Dropping a line on the e-mail has its benefits but it is rapidly eclipsing the joy and benefit of personal conversation. Our push-button world of gadgets has made us restless and impatient. Because machines respond and give results, we expect the same from people. But to work successfully with people we need human networking. Connecting ourselves with each other, through friendly conversation, unity, respect, service, prayer and devotion to God, can dissolve many pains and problems. We need to emphasize the need to reinforce our unity and service to society in order to usher peace in our family, society and nation. We need to engage ourselves in the bhajan, katha and darshan of God in order to experience inner happiness. Ultimately, networking ourselves with God, concerning ourselves with God and His principles will bring peace and lasting solutions to the root causes of our problems.

GAYATRI YAGNA

on Sunday, May 20, 2001 at 9:30 am

FOLLOWED BY MAHAPRASAD

GAYATRI MANTRA

**Aum Bhoor Bhuvah Swah
Tatsavitur Varenyam
Bhargo Devasya Dheemahi
Dhiyo Yo Nah Prachodoyat**

ALL WORLD GAYATRI PARIWAR OF USA, HAS THE GREAT PLEASURE TO INFORM EVERYONE THAT SPECIAL DISCIPLES OF HIS HOLINESS PUJYA GURUDEV "SHREE RAM ACHARYA SHARMA" AND "VANDANIYA MATA BHAGVATI DEVI SHARMA" FROM SHANTIKUNJ, HARIDWAR, INDIA, ARE COMING TO HARRISBURG TO PERFORM GAYATRI YAGNA AND PATRIOTIC - CULTURAL SONGS.

- ALL ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO PARTICIPATE.

Earthquake Relief Fund (after 2/28/2001)

Arora Ramesh & Rekha	\$1,000
Community Banks, N.A.	\$1,000
Desai Sunil & Seema	\$1,000
Etter Steven & Sharon	\$100
Fortune 500 System, Inc.	\$1,400
Frankowicz Richard & Virginia	\$25
Gujarathi Samaj of Greater Hbg	\$1,001
Jonestown Bank	\$100
Joshi Avinash & Sarojini	\$101
Kuczynski Joseph & Betty	\$150
Luthra Raman & Charu	\$50
Maingi Naresh S. (M.D.)	\$501
McIntyre William & Karen	\$100
Miller Ann M.	\$35

Packer Leslie A.	\$500
Parikh Parimal & Geeta	\$101
Patel Bhupendra & Dipila	\$51
Patel P.G. & S.P.	\$201
Patel Rameshbhai & Shardaben	\$51
Patel V.M. & U.V.	\$251
Sahasrabuddhe Vidy & Mangala	\$101
Shah Chandrakant & Rashmi	\$251
Shah Dilip & Bharati	\$501
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Shah Sandip & Vandana	\$101
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Make left at the STOP for Route 114 West.
Go about 1/3 mile and make left on Steigerwalt
Hollow Road. Go about 1/2 mile to HARI Temple
on the right.

Goddess



Gayatri