



JCYC PATHSHALA PHENOMENA

Pathshala: Summer Break

As COVID-19 related quarantine measures continue, conducting meetings and gatherings remotely has become the “New Normal”.

But many activities continue:

- Some teachers have continued pathshala classes over the summer, holding them less frequently, but keeping the children engaged.
- The shelter at home conditions may have put a pause on in person events, but the JCYC Committee has been busy preparing a host of activity for the pathshala community
- This year’s Paryushan events will be held remotely given the limitation on the size of in person gatherings. There are activities for children before and during Paryushan, so read on. Children are invited to participate in all events.
- Participate in Aangi Design and Essay writing prior to the start of Paryushan. Make sure to submit your entry by the due date.
- There are children’s activities during each day of Paryushan Parv.
- Download the Paryushan Parv Activity Sheet to complete over the 8 days of Paryushan or the 10 days of Das Lakshan.



JCYC Committee will be hosting a cooking demonstration for our pathshala children on August 1



Children enjoy learning Gahuli during 2019 Paryushan. The 2020 event will be on Zoom

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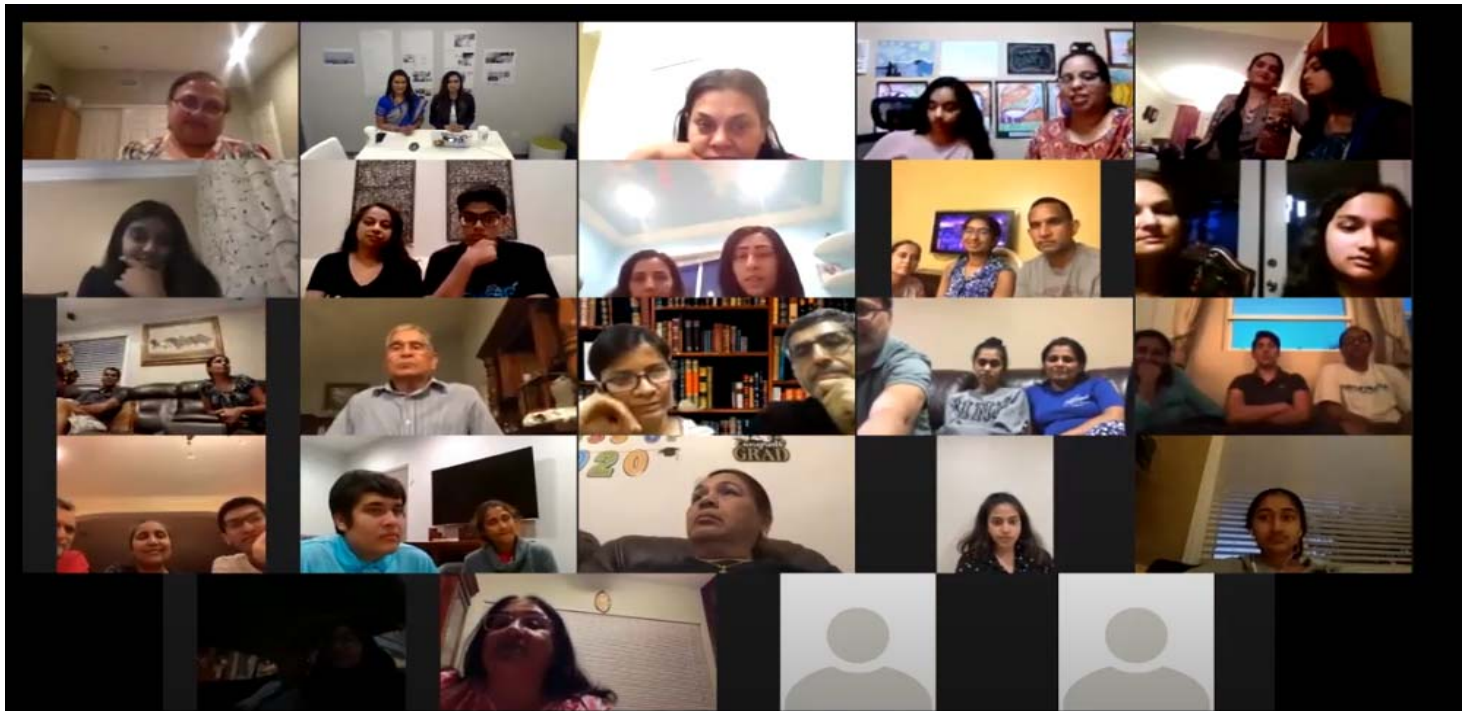
- Seniors celebrate a virtual graduation.
- Zoom-ba with the JCYC committee
- Paryushan Activities planned for our Pathshala Children. Something to look forward to on each day of the week.

2020 Graduating Class



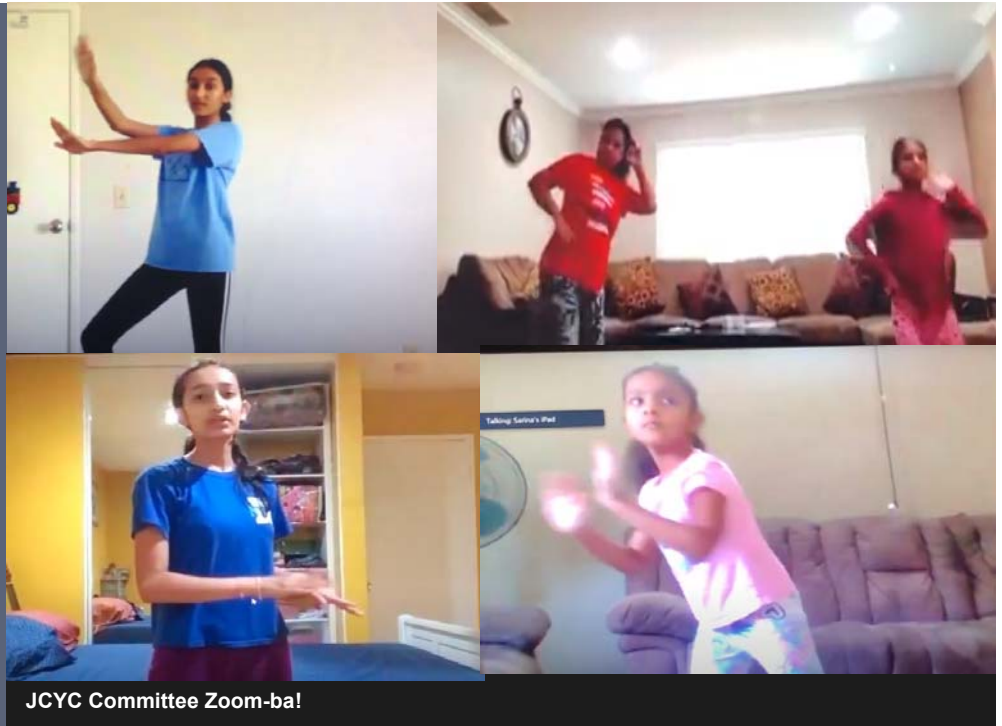
In lieu of the Graduation Garba celebrating the graduating class, this year the seniors graduating from Pathshala celebrated Graduation over zoom. Like every year, the graduates received a copy of Dr Seuss' *Oh the Places You'll Go*, - this time home delivered with a box of fresh cookies ahead of time. The Zoom graduation was held on May 30th, the original date of the Graduation Garba. The students each spoke about their future plans, including the college they have all selected to move forward with.

Parents had a chance to reminisce about the pathshala years that their children have gone through, from the toddler class to now reaching graduation stage as high school seniors. Many of the students think of Jain Center as their second home where they have created close bonds with their friends, the teachers as well as the broad pathshala community. "These are memories we will cherish for the rest of our lives, and we will take with us the values that we have gained during our pathshala years."



Zoom-ba! with the JCYC committee

Members of the JCYC Committee conducted a Zumba session on Zoom for children and adults.



The 2020-2021 JCYC Committee conducted their first event of the year with a morning session of Zumba.

Parents and children joined the fun as committee instructors showed us how to

Class Project on Punya using Gacha style Animation



The religion class for the 11-year olds (P-11) have continued to hold classes over Zoom during the Summer. The children were all given an assignment to put together a group project on the topic of "punya". Some of the children developed their project in the form of an animated "Gacha" video. "It is amazing to see the creativity and capability of the children not only in their understanding of the topic, but in the way they demonstrate and present their knowledge," said the teacher in the class. Click below to see a number of the presentations made over the Zoom class session.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1_PXVDIYmGFUoGKOGoiQUQeED_j8OAluq/view?usp=drive_web

Celebrating Paryushan with the JCYC Committee

Paryushan Parv will be celebrated virtually this year given the limitations on the number of people that are allowed to gather at the Jain Center.

So JCYC Committee children will join the adults in putting together events during the eight day festival to engage the pathshala children in activities remotely. There is something planned for each day of the Paryushan Parv.

Saturday, August 15:

[Zoom Cultural Program : 1:30 pm onwards](#)

JCYC committee will host a virtual culture program on Zoom, featuring some of the children's performance from prior Mahavir Janm Kalyanak children's programs and other events. Watch a variety of dances, skits and musical performances that rock the stage in our cultural hall.



Sunday, August 16:

[Zoom Swapna Ceremony](#)

Pathshala children will have the labh (honor) to perform the 1st Swapna-Utarvanu, Puja and Darshan.

August 15–August 21:

[Evening Activity: 8:30 pm](#)

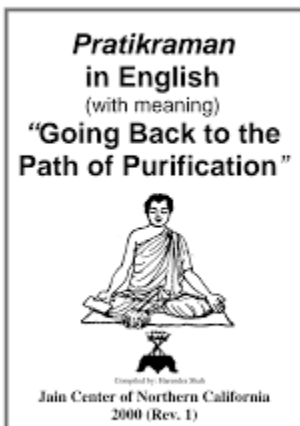
Each evening after Bhavna Bhakti and Aarti, there will be a 40-45 minute Zoom activity session for children hosted by members of our JCYC Committee.

These will be interactive sessions, offering a different activity each evening. Examples include Gahuli, Story time, Games, and much more. Look for announcements of more details as we get closer to the days of Paryushan.



Gahuli

The Zoom activity will begin at about 8:30 pm each evening, right after Aarti/Mangal Divo.



Saturday, August 22

[Samvatsari Pratikraman](#)

Given the limitation on the number of people allowed at the Jain Center, plans are to have the pratikraman also available on Zoom, so that individuals can also follow the Pratikraman from home.

It will begin around 4:00 pm and will be conducted by Dr. Nitin Shah.

So prepare your spot on an uncarpeted area of the floor and get yourself situated with your Pratikraman mat and join your peers.

Upcoming Phenomena at Pathshala

Here are some key events coming up over the next 2 months

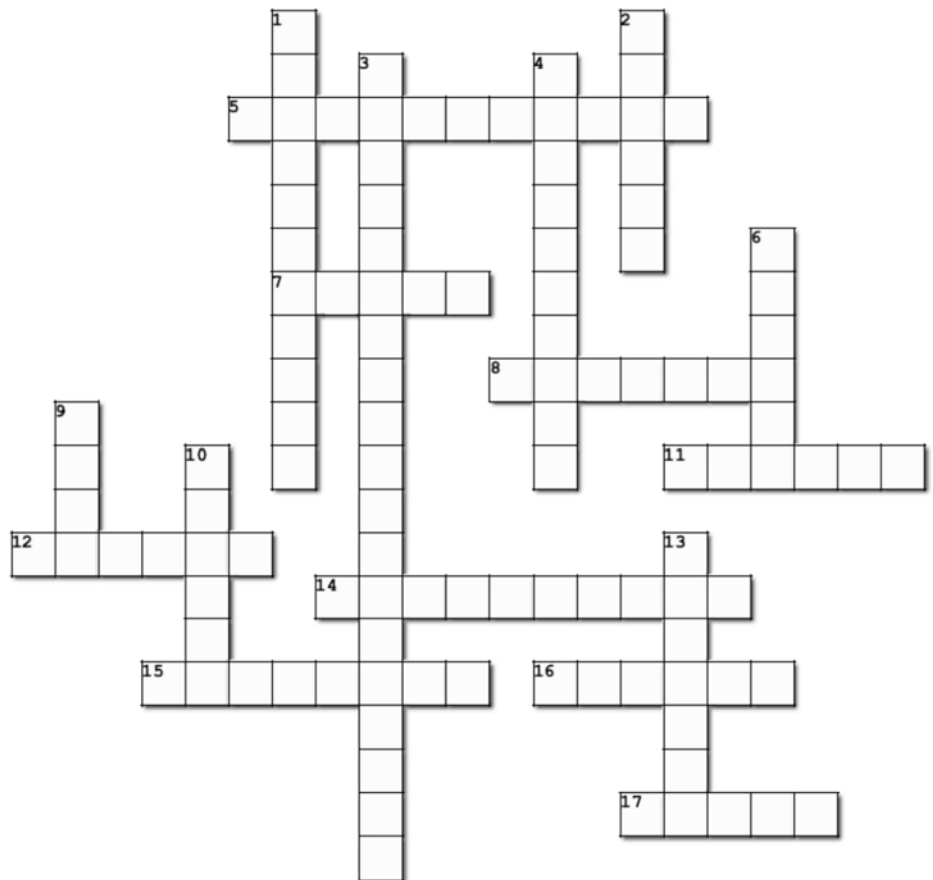
See if you can complete this crosswords. All the clues and answers pertain to Paryushan and Das Lakshan

August 2020

| August 1 | Last Dates for Submission | August 15 - 22 |
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| Cooking Demo by JCYC Committee | August 1 Aangi Design | Paryushan |
| | August 15 Essay: "Reflections on Paryushan during a Pandemic" | August 23 - September 2 Das Lakshan |
| Paryushan Activities | | |
| August 15 | August 15 - 21 | September 5 |
| Cultural Program hosted by the JCYC Committee 1:30 pm onwards | Evening Children's Activity hosted by the JCYC Committee 8:30 PM | Submit Completed Paryushan/ Das Lakshan Activity Sheet |
| August 16 | August 22 | |
| Swapna Ceremony Pathshala Children get 1st Swapna labh | Zoom Samvatsari Pratikraman 4:00 pm | |

All Events and Activities listed will be conducted on Zoom

Paryushan and Das Lakshan



Across

- Prayer of repentance and forgiveness, literally it means 'introspection'
- The number of fasts in Atthai
- 48 minutes of meditative prayer
- When fasting, drink water that has been _____.
- Aarti and _____ Divo
- Ten Virtues
- Michhami _____
- Fast
- Decorating the Pratima

Down

- We ask for this from all living beings after Pratikraman
- Trishlamata had 14 of these
- The virtue celebrated on the third day of Das Lakshan
- Last day of Paryushan
- Devotional music
- The true nature of self
- Austerities. best when practiced of the body, mind and tougue

We want to hear from you

As we move forward with the Pathshala phenomena, we want to incorporate more of the things that matter to the pathshala community. Let us know if there is a particular topic or story you would like us to cover or highlight. Send us some photos and a little narrative of an occasion that you know of that we should share with the readers.

Send your ideas to pathshala@jaincenter.org. Put "suggestions for the Phenomena" in the subject line.

We are still looking to add to our Teachers' group. If you are able to connect with children and would like to give back to our youth, apply for a teaching position. We are looking to recruit from both our first and second generation community members!

JCYC Pathshala is a part of the Jain Center of Southern California.

Cooking Demonstration for Pathshala Children:

Hosted by:

JCYC Committee

On

August 1, 2020

Recipes that are suitable for different age groups.

Details to follow

Pathshala Contacts

Pathshala: Sailes Jain,
Poorvi Parekh

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Registration: Jigar Shah

Religion Lead: Smriti Shah
Julie Shah

Gujarati Lead: Mita Mehta

Hindi Lead: Ritu Jain

Culture Class: Dip Sanghvi

Life Balance Class: Hina Shah

Security: Shailesh Mehta

Toastmasters: Deven Shah

Snack Duty: Ritesh Desai

JCYC Committee:

Committee Mom: Dipti Doshi

Committee Youth Coach:
Namrata Deliwala

Co-Presidents: Savan Shah,
Sahil Kale

Design your Aangi

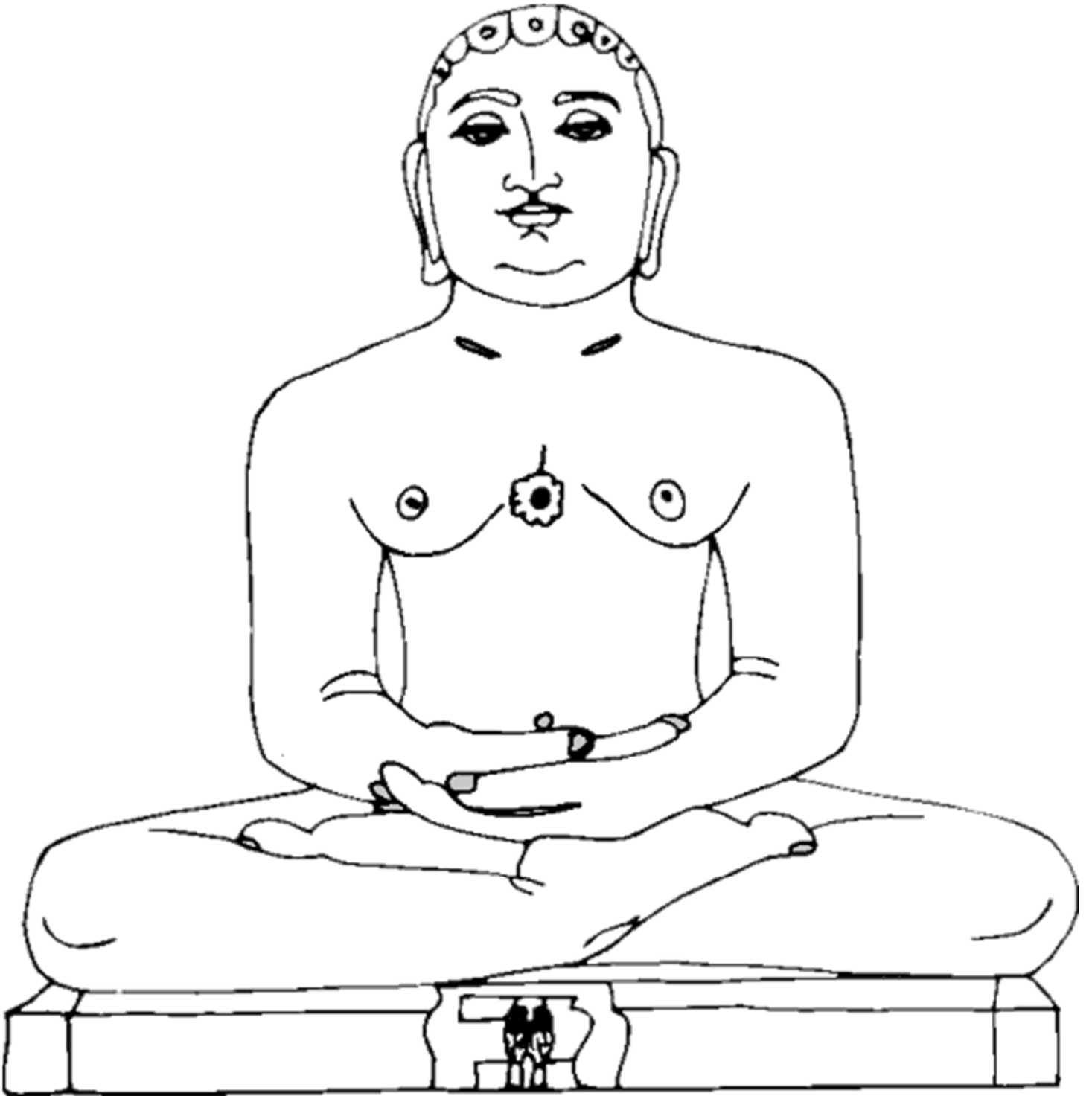


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