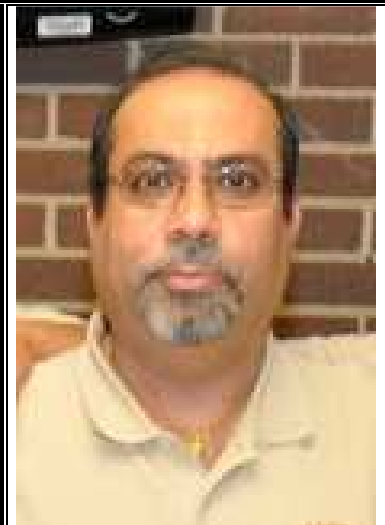


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Gujarati Tutoring Classes

Mandir will be offering FREE
Gujarati tutoring classes starting
January 7th

Saturdays – 10 – 11 AM

Ages 8 and UP

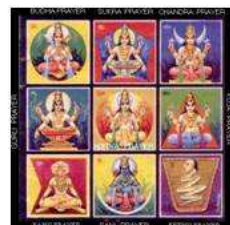
Please register at Mandir office or
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Upcoming Events



Nav Grah Puja



Sunday, January 15

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Mahaprasad – 7:45 PM

Yajman Seva - \$ 51

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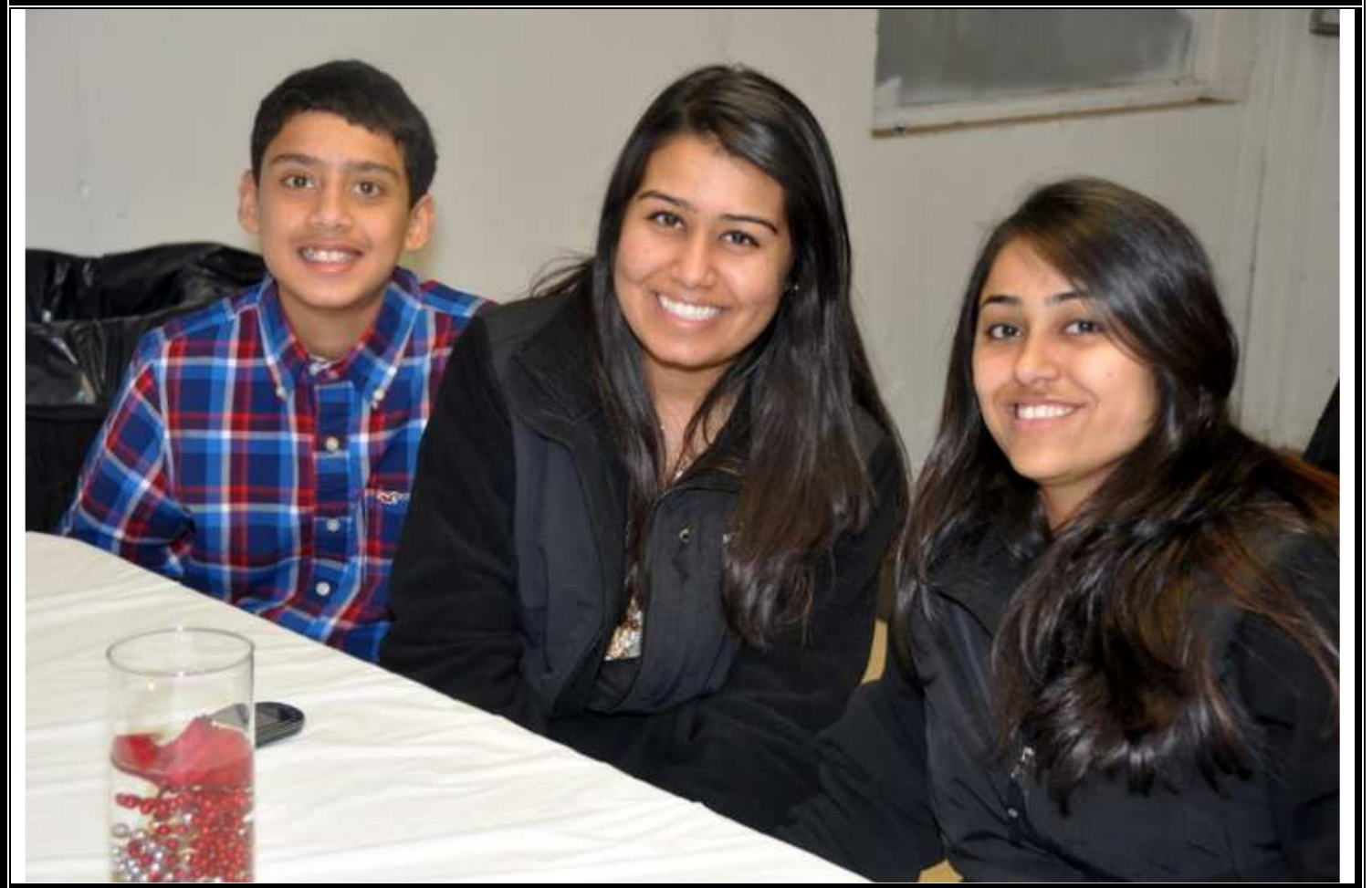






































































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Shree Jalaram Mandir was inaugurated on the March 8th, 2008. It was a dream of many devotees and followers of Jalaram Bapa to establish Jalaram Mandir. With a determination to realize that dream, Jalaram Organization was established in December, 2006. With the help of Generous Donations from many Donors and Volunteers \$1.25 Million Dollars worth property was purchased.

Friday, December 30, 2011, was a day to appreciate every single person who had devoted their time towards the Mandir's progress. In honor of such commitment Jalaram Mandir Board decided to have a beautiful way to say thanks to all the volunteers with a Musical night and splendid dinner. There are lots of Temple in Chicago however Shri Jalaram Mandir is only Mandir that celebrates Volunteer Appreciation dinner with music and masti. At present, Mandir has team of 250 volunteers, who are involved in various activities and perform duties with all their heart.

Rajendra Thakkar who is the volunteer coordinator, assigns volunteers whenever necessary. He requested the executive board of the Mandir to organize this event to recognize all the volunteers for their tireless service. Several volunteers prepared decorations for this event.

Prior to Musical program delicious Gujarati dinner was served. The program started with Deep-Pragatya. Normally, the Chief Guest participate in the Deep-Pragatya ceremony, however this year the Executive Board Committee decided a different method. This year they had a raffle to select four volunteers as Chief Guests. Shree Chaturbhai Deevan is the Assistant Priest of Jalaram Mandir. Deevanji and four volunteers performed Deep-Pragatya Ceremony. Prior to Deep-Pragatya, Deevanji addressed all the volunteers to their dedicated Seva to the Mandir and he recital Swasti Vachan Mantra. Deevanji birthday was also celebrated with birthday song and cake.

Chirayu Parikh welcomed the guests and volunteers on behalf of the Jalaram Mandir Trust Board and Executive board. He thanked all those who have helped in Mandir improvement work and those who assisted in accommodating the devotees with Mandir activity. He added, "We have closed the year 2011 with lots of accomplishments (Completion of parking lot) and progress in our Bapa's Mandir. We are moving into another year of hopes and challenges and plan to continue to work on all unfinished tasks of "Mandir expansion" with your help and support. With the blessing of Jalaram Bapa we continue to be united and stronger. Improvement tasks will include elevator, central air-condition and Murti Pratishtha. While we are satisfied with what we have accomplished so far, we are aware of the progress that need to be made and are humbly willing to work hard." He welcomed suggestions for completion of Murti Pratishtha and expansion. "Any suggestions for improvement of the Mandir activity are most welcome, but these have to be meaningful, realistic and should be an enhancement on the existing system of Shri Jalaram Mandir", he said.

Vipul Thakkar performed a surprise poem which was followed by vote of thanks proposed by Chairman Madhubhai Thakkar. At the intermission, Rajendrabhai Thakkar, volunteer program coordinator addressed the audience with details of the services provided by volunteers and recognized them for the excellent work by all of them. Musical program continued past midnight with a lot of songs requested by the audience. At the tea break, the Chairman of the Trustee Board, Madhusudanbhai Thakkar thanked all the volunteers, the music party and stressed that Lord Rama won the battle only because of the Vanar volunteers and that Jalaram wins in the work of human services with the help of volunteers.

Following are the volunteer committees for Jalaram Mandir:

Kitchen - any work related to the kitchen i.e. cooking, serving, cleaning

Parking - any activity related parking i.e. when parking lot is full, utilize Schaumburg Park District parking and shuttle bus for passengers

Floor - any activity related to main floor i.e. Seating arrangement in main hall during Aarti and also during major events when there are a lot of people to manage.

Maintenance - any activity related to building repair and routine maintenance

Construction committee - Village permit for future projects and work with contractors

Youth committee coordinator is Jignaben Thakkar

Shree Jalaram Mandir governing board has an Executive Committee and Trust Board. Trust Board is mainly involved in construction, expansion and fund raising efforts, where as Executive committee organizes and maintains activities related to religious, Bhajan, satsang, cultural, kitchen and youth committee. Among many kitchen volunteers, 6 committed members are, Chandrakantbhai, Bhupendrabhai, Rameshbhai, Dakshaben, Bhavnaben, Kokilaben and Rupaben.

Followings members from "Soham musical group" performed at this event.

Ritaben Patel (Female Singer),

Atulbhai Sony (Male Singer)

Puranlal Vyas (Tabla)

Kamlesh Desai (Keyboard)

Raj Savsani (Side Rythym)

Soham is a professional group who has come together because of their love for music and their passion to sing. They specialize in presenting musical programs, singing both old and new Bollywood melodies. They customize their offerings for any kind of celebration or occasion for individuals or groups including professional, cultural or other associations. Last ten years, they have performed lots of shows in the Chicago land area. Atulbhai sang songs of Mukesh, Kishor Kumar and SD Burman while Ritaben sang songs of Asha and Lata. Over all everybody enjoyed the beautiful musical evening.

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Trust board and Executive board for 2012

Trust board: Jasvant Patel, Ashwin Thakkar, Hasmukh Thakkar, Chandulal Thakkar, Madhusudan Thakkar, Yogesh Thakkar, Chandrakant Thakkar and Raju Thakkar

Executive board: Bhupendra Thakkar, Chirayu Parikh, Vipul Thakkar, Rajendra Thakkar, Rajesh Thakkar, Ravi Thakkar, Utpal Gandhi, and Ramesh Thakkar

Auditors: Jaswantbhai Patel CPA (Shree Jalaram Mandir accounting)

Chief Priest: Acharya Shri Chandra Parshad. Lilanand Shastri, **Asst. Priest:** Chaturbhai Deevanji.

About Shree Jalaram Mandir

Regular activities at the temple include Bhajans on every Thursday, first and third Sunday, Sunderkand path every Saturday, Abhishek on Mondays and on Ekadashi, group Satyanarayan Katha, Jalaram Jayanti, lectures of saints from India and celebrations of all religious events like Ram Navami, Janmashtmi, Navratri, Holi, Diwali and others. Ekadashi. On the humanitarian side the temple arranges annual health camp, provides free flu shots, arranges blood donation. Soon, there are plans to provide monthly clinic Seva, which will include doctor's consultation, laboratory tests and providing free generic medicines on an ongoing basis. Educationally, the activities include yoga classes, music teaching, Gujarati classes and religious classes. For more information about the Mandir and its activities, please visit Shree Jalaram Mandir, 425 Illinois Blvd, Hoffman Estates, IL 60169 Ph: 847.490.5252 or www.shreejalarammandir.org

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