



Peace through non-violence, an interfaith forum and Temple anniversary celebration at the Jain Society of Chicago

On June 25th, 2011, Jain Society of Metropolitan Chicago, on its 18th anniversary celebration, is organizing an interfaith forum – “Peace through non-violence” at their temple in the city of Bartlett, Chicago. Following spiritual leaders and dignitaries will be speaking on a topic of non-violence – “Ahimsa”, the core principle of Jainism:

- ❖ H.H. Acharya Lokesh Muni Ji - President of Ahimsa Vishwa Bharti (Jain)
- ❖ H.H. Swami Chidanand Sarshwati Ji - President of Parmarth Niketan Rishikesh (Hindu)
- ❖ Dr. Vallabh Bhai Kathiriya - Chairman of Gao Sewa Board, Govt. of Gujarat & Ex Minister, Govt. of India
- ❖ Shri Dinesh Trivedi - Minister of Health & Family Welfare Govt. of India
- ❖ Michael Ribet – Science of Spirituality

Along with above forum a beautiful cultural program is planned to showcase great talents of the Jains of the Chicago.

Significance of Deräsar (Temple) anniversary is in two main events – Dhwaja Ceremony and 18 Abhishek Ceremony. On this auspicious day, all the Bhagawan Deri and main Deräsar Dhwaja (Flag) will be replaced with new ones with the chanting and the prayers conducted by a well-known Vidhikär Shri Hiteshbhai Shah from Vadodara, India. 18 Abhishek is a very sacred ritual ceremony of offering 18 different types of holy water that is mixed with sacred substances like “Chandan” (Sandal). This once a year event of Abhishek is a very important event for all the Jains.

Jain Society of Metropolitan Chicago invites all the Jains of Chicago and people who are interested in interfaith activities to attend this one day of event at JSMC, Bartlett on June 25th, Saturday.

For more details, visit JSMC Website – www.jsmonline.org.

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