On September 20, 2015, Jain Society of Greater Detroit's Jain Organization of Youth (JOY) held a unique event—TEACHER'S DAY to commemorate the teachers and volunteers of bi-weekly Pathshala.

The JOY volunteers (ages 13-17) took the places of the teachers and taught the ~140 young kids who attended—there were a variety of topics like Karma Theory, Jain Holidays and Ashta Prakhari puja, to name a few. They also prepared games and creative activities for all the students. Additionally, JOY took care of the usual assembly for announcements and helped handle the food.

For the most important part of the event, we recognized and thanked each and every teacher, Pathshala coordinator and food/set up volunteer, along with the man who inspired it all, Mahendrabhai (GURUJI) Shah. We can’t appreciate them enough.

The purpose of this event was to showcase the effort that JSGD puts to just run one day of Pathshala. It was also to motivate JOY members to participate in the Pathshala of tomorrow. The younger kids now have aspirations to be like their older role models and also learn about Jainism in exciting ways.

Thank you,
JOY President, 2014-2015: SHEILY SHAH, age 16