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24. Yatra Games - Spiritual Games for the Whole Family
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Yatra Games has developed The Freedom Puzzle and Jain Fundamentals Flash Cards. The Freedom puzzle reflects each Atma/Soul’s ongoing journey through various cycles of birth and death (realms). The object of the Jain Fundamentals flash card game is to gain knowledge about Jainism’s basic tenets.

25. Bringing Jainism to the Mainstream
Dr. Vastupal Parikh vastup@hotmail.com
Dr. Parikh is dedicated to popularizing Jain principles and practices through his books, lectures, and research. Two of his popular books are displayed here. These books lucidly explain Jain principles and inspire our youth to work for the betterment of our planet through Ahimsa, Anekantavad, and Aparrigraha.

26. Non-Violence - What it Means and How to Use It. Lessons for Youth
Dr. Manoj Jain mjain@aol.com
How do young students explain to their friends that they believe in nonviolence? This booklet shows that nonviolence is a continuum to respect ourselves, all people (even our enemies), and the environment.

27. Overcoming Fundamentalism: An Answer to Terrorism- Lessons for Youth
Sapna Jain sapna144@gmail.com
Conflicts surround us. The root causes are simple: poverty, injustice, inequality and fundamentalism. The solution is simple: adopting Non-Absolutism (Anekantavad) and adjusting our thinking to dissolve fundamentalism. This booklet will teach about Jain principles of Anekantavada.

28. Ahimsa Center
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Ahimsa Center is aimed at interdisciplinary teaching and learning about nonviolence and nonviolent social change.

29. Greening The Detroit Jain Center
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Since 2009, the Jain Society of Greater Detroit has adopted environmentally-friendly practices in its office operations and large community events (800-1000 attendees). Major practices were implemented in waste avoidance, waste source reduction, recycling, and reuse to reduce our carbon footprint. We encourage all Jain centers to go lean and green.

30. Religions for Peace, North American Interfaith Youth Network
Khushbu Vora khushbu.vora@gmail.com
Religions for Peace is a coalition of religions communities working for peace and justice. Through this mission, the North American Interfaith Youth Network (NAIYN) is involved in the Arms Down! Campaign for a non-violent future.

31. Volunteering at Veerayatan
Malhar Teli malhar.teli@gmail.com
Veerayatan is a non-profit organization that works to provide opportunities for those less fortunate. Several Jain students from the US have contributed to the efforts of the organization with enormously positive experiences.

32. Boy Scouts of America Jain Religion Emblem Awards Program
Eshaan Jain sanjoy.jain@bmc.org
Begin the adventure: Bring the best of both Jain principles and scouting experiences together to share the strengths for developing youth with confidence, character and excellent attitudes. Register now. Join Today.

33. IAAMJV (International Alumni Association of Shri Mahavira Jain Vidyalaya)
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Founded in 1991, IAAMJV is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization dedicated to professional education in the Jain community. It has initiated three interest-free Loan Scholarship Programs averaging $60,000 per year available to any Jain student irrespective of sect or region.

34. Jain Food: Compassionate and Healthy Cooking
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Jain Food: Compassionate and Healthy Eating will enlighten you about a unique Jain way of life diet. This book also answers many questions about Jain food in the context of traditional practices and contemporary lifestyles.

35. Jain Scriptures Swadhyay in your Temple
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In addition to Murti darshan, new visitors to Jain temples can do a quick Swadhyay of the scriptures. Non-Jain visitors can learn about Jainism. 12 or 24 posters have been developed. The posters are available online on www.JAINA.org.

36. Jain Paintings
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These samples are just a few of the many hand painted ideas inspired by Jain philosophy and practice. Shown here are paintings of Gunapathana (“levels of Growth”).

Jainism is a religion and a way of life. For thousands of years, Jains have been practicing vegetarianism, yoga, meditation and environmentalism.

Jains have three core principles:
- Non-Violence is compassion and forgiveness in thoughts, words, and deeds towards all living beings. For this reason, Jains are vegetarians.
- Non-Absolutism is respecting views of others. Jains encourage dialog and harmony with other faiths.
- Non-Possessiveness is the balancing of needs and desires, while staying detached from our possessions.

These core principles will help us manage our anger, ego, deceit, and greed. Jains believe in existence of soul – in each living being which is eternal and divine. The Jain Way of Life (JWOL) respects and honors all living beings. We are all independent – having a JWOL we can bring peace and spirituality to our lives and those around us.

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JAINA and Jains in North America have done tremendous work in sharing and educating us on Jain philosophy and Jain Way of Life. This work is reflected in over 35 inspiring projects which are being exhibited at the JAINA Convention 2011. JAINA.org. The leaders of these projects welcome volunteers to continue expanding and promoting the projects in North America among Jains and Non-Jains. Volunteer your time. Furthermore these projects need your financial support. Your generous donations will support and accelerate these projects. Thank you. This project exhibition was jointly sponsored by JAINA and Jain Center of Greater Boston. Project team includes Yogendra Jain (Chairman JAINA Long Range Planning, JCBG Director), Khushbu Vora (JYA, JCBG), Shashank Jain (JCBG), Kripi Chabhra (Jain Society of Houston) and Rohan Lathia (JCBG). Also, thanks to many other volunteers, project leaders and committee members for their support.
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1. What is JAINA
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The Federation of Jain Associations in North America (JAINA) is an umbrella organization of local Jain associations in the USA and Canada. JAINA's mission is to preserve, practice and promote Jain Dharma and Jain Way of Life.

2. Jain Mentorship Program
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The Jain Mentorship Program (JMP) is a project led by members of YJP and YJA. Our mission is to unite jains by facilitating mentor-mentee relationships to foster growth in career and personal development. All jains high-school level and up can sign-up. Please visit http://www.jaina.org/mentorship.

3. Jain World
Vinod Daryapurkar vinod@jainworld.com
Jain World is the most visited Jain website. Developed and maintained by only volunteer effort, the team now offers 24L: Jain World in 24 different world languages.

4. JAINA Office Manager
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JAINA is growing with over 80 organizations under its umbrella. We need to have a professionally staffed full time Executive Director which can take JAINA to the “next level.” Are you interested in applying for this paid position or doing volunteer work for JAINA?

5. JAINA and Jainism Brochures
Prabha Mohnot psmohnot@yahoo.com
The Jainism Brochure provides a simple introduction to Jain principles. The Jainism Brochure describes the functions of JAINA and its accomplishments. Each Jain Center is encouraged to order 100-500 of each brochure through JAINA.

6a. Incorporating the Vegan Diet into the Jain Way of Life
Shilpa Pandya shilpapandya@gmail.com
Should Jains refrain from eating meat as they refrain from root vegetables? Should Ghee be used in arti? Should dairy based products be used in rituals? Should root vegetables? Should Ghee be used in arti? Should dairy based products be used in rituals? These are just a few of the many questions that jains ask. This book has sold over 3000 copies and defines Jain Way of Life in North America. Jain Way of Life is ideal for kids, parents, and mixed married couples as well as Jains who have recently moved to the US. Many Pathshallas across the US are using this for High School level classes.

7. Elevator Pitch
Naman Jain naman.jain@yja.org
When Jains are asked the question “what is Jainism” - most jains can immediately answer “soul’s journeys’” After hundreds of hours of work, the JAINA team has developed a short “elevator pitch” on Jainism. We have also created a video on YouTube that has received over 50K views. This pitch is for all Jains to develop a common, clear, concise, and accurate response to this question. These pitch cards are available on request.

8. JCGB/JAINA Directory Project
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Jain Directory published by Jain Center of Greater Boston, has been a huge success in social and marriage networking. The first edition was published in 1979 listing 900 families. Subsequent editions were published in 1987, 1992, 1997, and 2005 with 8000 families.

9. Prarthana and Samayik Books and Audio CD
Pankaj Shah magnusng.comcast.net
The Jain Prarthanas and Samayik Sutras books and accompanying audio CD are essential materials for youth born in NA. The Prarthanas are presented with light symphonic music, and the Sutras are recited by the youth born in USA. Listening to this CD frequently, children and parents will be able to recite the Prarthanas and Sutras with correct pronunciations.

10. Shree Shatrunjay Mahatirth-99
Arvind Shah arvind.shah.1941@yahoo.com
JAINA is proud to announce a historic, once in a lifetime event: The Ninety-Nine Yatra Event. It will take place at Patitana, India from January 10 through January 9, 2012. Cost per yatra: $1200.00. Last day for registration: August 31st 2011.

Nimit Murat nimit.murat@gmail.com
By providing English transliteration of the traditional (Hindi/Gujarati) books and commentary for each song, we hope to provide a meaningful and enjoyable experience in participating in musical bhavana. The carefully selected collection of Jain songs are created especially for today’s generation of Jain youth.

12. Jain Way of Life - Handbook on Compassionate, Happy, and Healthy Jain Living
Yogendra Jain yogendra.jain@yja.org
This book has sold over 3000 copies and defines Jain Way of Life in North America. Jain Way of Life is ideal for kids, parents, and mixed married couples as well as Jains who have recently moved to the US. Many Pathshallas across the US are using this for High School level classes.

13. Material for Pathshala (Sunday School)
JAINA Education Committee
Pravin K Shah education@jaina.org
JAINA Education books provide a lively introduction of Jainism to our children. These books in full color books uniquely connect Jain principles to everyday life through stories from scriptures and more modern parables. Also included are the practical views of Jainism, such as yoga, healthy nutrition, non-attachment to consumer goods, and respect for the environment.

14. Charting the Future of Jains and Jainism in NA-
Long Range Planning Committee
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The LRPC committee developed a vision/mission for JAINA (to Live and Share a Jain Way of Life), an elevator pitch, the Jain Way of Life Handbook, and Jain Leadership sessions. It also manages the www.jaina.org membership management portal. Our next major goal is to strengthen our infrastructure by developing a strong and professionally staffed JAINA office and continue supporting the many Jain projects taking place in NA.

15. www.JAINA.org
Technology Committee
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The Technology Committee develops and maintains the IT infrastructure for JAINA, JAINA Committees, Jain Centers, and Jain Community members. The scope of this committee includes the JAINA web portal, Convention registration system, Jain Networking Functions, Group emails, Online Payment processing, Domain Name registration and maintenance, Webserver management, Technology support, etc.

16. Humanitarian Projects
World Community Services Committee
Prakash Mehta pnehta@psint.com
The WCS committee has raised over $250K for JAINA. The book this money was raised for is the nonseaster Jain TV show. It focuses on youth-related programming.

17. Jain Calendar
JAINA Calendar committee
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Over 150 scholars have learned Jainism in India through our summer scholarship program. Many of these scholars now teach courses in Jainism in NA and around the world.

18. The Coffee Table book
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The Jain Birth Yatra Coffee Table Book is a project under the JAINA Calendar Committee. The book presents detailed descriptions of ancient Temples throughout India. It focuses on their architecture and structural significance to Jainism. The book is in the process of being ready to launch in the coming year.

19. Mangalam the Jain TV Show
Media Production Committee
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With its 100th episode recently broadcast, Mangalam is the only nonsectarian Jain TV show. It focuses on youth-related programming.

- Dish Network (U.S.) Channel 797 Saturday at 9:00AM and Tuesday at 11:00AM
- Sky Digital (UK & Ireland) Channel 817 Sunday at 9:00AM
- World TV (Europe) Channel 5 Sunday at 9:00AM
- Rogers Cable (Canada) Channel 580 Saturday at 9:30AM

20. Jain Academic Studies: Strategies for Growth
Academic Liaison Committee
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Over 150 scholars have learned Jainism in India through our summer scholarship program. Many of these scholars now teach courses in Jainism in NA and around the world.

Sunil Jain suniljain99@hotmail.com
JNF is a JAINA Committee formed in 2001, to create and maintain online profiles of candidates. JNF online database provides an opportunity for registered candidates to complete their online profile and also search other profiles online.

22. JAINA Interfaith Committee
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The Interfaith Committee represents Jains and Jainism in local and global forums. The team has participated in events in Mexico City, Montreal, Monterrey, Istanbul, Taiwan and Barcelona and is now preparing for the upcoming 2014 Parliament in Brussels and additional interfaith forums.

23. Adhyatmic Committee
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The Adhyatmic Committee educates adults and children about Jain Adhyatma. We arrange a lecture series of dedicated scholars from India, conduct Adhyatmic Shibiris / Seminars / Workshops, prepare appropriate educational materials, and help various centers in running Pathshallas.