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CULTURAL PROGRAM
SUNDAY MAY 11, 2014



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SAMANI BHAVIT PRAGYAJI

Samaniiji was born on 03-11-1962 in Samdari, Rajasthan and took her Diksha on 15-04-1983 by Acharya Tulsī. She has a double masters as M.A. In Jainism and M.A. in Science of Living. She is highly qualified in Yoga and Meditation and is a visiting Professor in Jain Darshan & Jeevan Vigyan. She majored in Sanskrit & Prakrit. And is very proficient in Hindi Gujrati & English. She has studied Aagamas under the guidance of His Holiness Acharya Mahapragya.

She has travelled far and wide to London, Scotland, Hongkong, Thailand, Indonesia, U.S.A. Canada, U.K., Switzerland, Germany, Belgium, Holland, Italy, Israel, Romania, France, Taiwan, Singapore, Nepal, China, & most of India. She is a author of various books like: Jain View of Life (English), Articles of Management and Modern Living Problems & Solutions.

She has conducted Preksha Meditation Camps, Seminars, Conferene, & Conventions regarding Jainism, Preksha Dhyana and Science of Living. She also attended the World Peace Prayer, Vishwa Hindu Sammelan And World Peace Conference.

SAMANI SANGHA PRAGYAJI

Samniiji was born on 18 March 1967, at Charwas in Rajasthan, India. She was initiated into Diksha on 18th October 1992, at Ladnun, Rajasthan. She has a M.A. in Jainology from Jain Vishva Bharati University. She has travelled worldwide to USA, Canada, UK, UAE, Nepal, Bhutan and many states of India. She has a expert command on languages like Hindi, Rajasthani, Bengali, English, Sanskrit and Prakrit.

She is immensely skillful in conducting camps, workshops on subjects of Philosophy, Yoga & Preksha Meditation, Personality Development, Time management, Stress management and Anger management.

COUNSEL GENERAL OF INDIA – MR. DNYANESHWAR M. MULAY

Born on November 5, 1958 in Kolhapur District of Maharashtra State (Western India), Ambassador Dnyaneshwar Manohar Mulay took his primary education at the village Primary School. Subsequently, he completed Bachelor's Degree in English Literature from Shahaji Chhatrapati College at Kolhapur, followed by Master's Degree in Personnel Management from

Mumbai University. He joined Indian Foreign Service in 1983 and, besides serving at the Ministry of External Affairs in New Delhi, has also done postings in Indian Missions in Tokyo, Moscow, and Port Louis. He served as Minister in Damascus and was High Commissioner of India to Male (Maldives) from April 2009-March 2013. In New Delhi, he acquired diverse experience during his assignments at Ministry of Commerce and Industry and Ministry of Finance. He also served as Advisor in the Cabinet Secretariat. Ambassador Mulay took charge as Consul General of India in New York on April 23, 2013.

Ambassador Mulay has been an award winning writer in Marathi and Hindi. He has contributed several books some of which have been translated into Kannada, Arabic, Urdu and Dhivehi. He has keen interest in Education, Environment (particularly water security) and socio-economic issues. Ambassador Mulay is married and has three children (a daughter and two sons).

CONGRESSWOMAN GRACE MENG

U.S. Congresswoman Grace Meng is serving her first term in the United States House of Representatives. Grace represents the Sixth Congressional District of New York. Grace is the first Asian-American member of Congress from New York, and the first female Member of Congress from Queens since former Vice Presidential nominee Geraldine Ferraro.

Prior to serving in Congress, Grace was a member of the New York State Assembly. Born in Corona, Queens and raised in the Bayside section of the borough, Grace graduated from Stuyvesant High School and the University of Michigan. She then earned a law degree from Yeshiva University's Benjamin Cardozo School of Law. Prior to entering public service, she worked as a public interest lawyer. Grace resides in Queens with her husband, Wayne and her two sons – Tyler and Brandon

NEW YORK CITY COMPTROLLER – SCOTT M. STRINGER

Mr. Stringer was elected to the New York State Assembly in 1992, representing Manhattan's Upper West Side for 13 years, and won election in 2006 as Manhattan Borough President. He was elected Comptroller on November 5, 2013. Mr. Stringer was born and raised in Washington Heights, where he at-

tended local public schools and graduated from John Jay College of Criminal Justice. He and his wife, Elyse, live with their two sons, Maxwell and Miles, on Manhattan's Upper West Side

New York City Comptroller Scott M. Stringer has dedicated himself throughout his public service career to building a strong middle class for the City—focusing on New York's fiscal health and issues that matter to working people, including affordable housing, budget reform, school overcrowding and public safety.

ASSEMBLY MAN – DAVID WEPRIN

In 1983, then Governor Mario Cuomo named Weprin the Deputy Superintendent of Banks and Secretary of the Banking Board for New York State, a position responsible for regulating more than 3,000 financial institutions and financial service firms in New York State

In 2001, Weprin was elected to the New York City Council, where he served until 2009. Shortly after taking office, he was selected as Chairman of the Council's Finance Committee. On February 9, 2010, Weprin won a special election to represent New York State Assembly's District 24. He won the general election the following November with 67 percent of the vote.

COUNCIL MEMBER – DISTRICT 24 – RORY LANCMAN

Rory Lancman was born and raised in Queens, where he has lived in the Twenty-Fourth Council District for forty years. He is a graduate of Public School 164, Parsons Junior High School, Hillcrest High School, Queens College of the City University of New York and Columbia Law School.

Prior to being elected to City Council, Rory served three terms in the New York State Assembly, where he chaired the Assembly Subcommittee on Workplace Safety. His legislative agenda in the Assembly focused on issues related to workplace safety, homeland security, public safety and government reform. Rory lives in Hillcrest, Queens, with his wife Morgan and their three children.

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Time	Program	Director
2:30 pm	Welcome & Stuti Navkar	
2:35 pm	Mahavir Janmakalanak Importance of the Event	
2:40 pm	Diya Lighting	
2:45 pm	Stavan – Deen Dukhiya	Rajul & Unnati Shah
2:55 pm	Jagmagta Tarla Nu Derasar	Ayushi Modi & Drashti Muni
3:05 pm	Banna ho Toraniya Rath Aaya	Shilpaben Mithaiwala
3:15 pm	Mein Veer Jee Ko Jhulavu Sone Ke	Shilpaben Mithaiwala
3:25 pm	Mhara Aanganiye Ayoda Mahavir	Guru Shri Jamuna Mitcham
3:35 pm	Nemi Rajul ki Amar Kahani	Guru Shri Jamuna Mitcham
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4:20 pm	Darshan Deejo Nath	Vipra & Charmi Shah
4:30 pm	Jino Jino Ude Re Gulal	Shilpaben Mithaiwala
4:40 pm	Jambuswami Play	Vardhamaan Paathshala
5:10 pm	Jab Shanti Ko Pana Ho	Shilpaben Mithaiwala
5:20 pm	Girnarji Ki Mahima Apar	Om Paathshala
5:30 pm	Sun Sun Re O Mera Bharat Ladla	Shilpaben Mithaiwala
5:40 pm	Youth Performance	Youth Group
5:50 pm	Vandana - Varshi Tap Tapsvis	
6:00 pm	Vote of Thanks	