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Editor's Report

Life appears to be returning to some normality. Most of restrictions due to Covid Pandemic have been lifted. Let us remember that the covid is still there and we still have the responsibility to safeguard ourselves and our families. We cannot stop working and living but we have to ensure that we do not become careless and take unnecessary risks.

Most organizations have started normal activities cautiously. During the Pandemic our community had done an excellent work in keeping the community aware and assisting in all possible ways and liaising with the authorities highlighting the special needs and situations.

On a personal note, I have been editing this newsletter for nearly 10 years from Dubai and have been finding it more and more difficult to keep abreast with the activities of the members to publish a newsletter. I welcome Mr. Tarak Gajjar who has accepted to assist in this from UK and take the publication forward. I urge the readers to send him feedback, items of interest and news of activities to make this newsletter of wider interest.

It is with great sadness I note the passing away of Dr. Natubhai Shah a leader of Vanik Council with enormous contribution. He was a founder of Jain Centre Leicester and Jain Centre Collindale. He had dedicated his life with the vision of unifying all Jain organizations and was the founder of Jain Network. His tireless work and dedication will be hugely missed. We pray for his eternal peace.

Anil Parekh

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The Importance of a Guru in Spiritual Life



Guru means a teacher, the one who removes mental and spiritual darkness with his teachings and conduct. The word “Guru” is derived from the Sanskrit language and has a deep spiritual meaning. Its two syllables “Gu” and “Ru” stand for the following: “Gu” denotes the spiritual ignorance of humankind. “Ru” represents the radiance of spiritual knowledge that dispels the spiritual ignorance. In common usage, any person who is an adept in some branch of knowledge and who imparts the same to others is considered a guru. However, more specifically in Hinduism it is used in the context of a spiritual teacher, or the one who helps others in their liberation.

The significance of gurus

In Hinduism, spiritual Gurus are the pillars of the tradition. They are the self-appointed guardians of the Dharma. A guru is a living God, an aspect of God or a representative of God with access to the knowledge of God and liberation. Above all he is a great devotee of God and personifies the best of human character and conduct.

He does not have to have followers or wear orange robes. If he is engaged in teaching and spreading the knowledge, he is a guru. The gurus are largely responsible for the continuation of Hinduism for thousands of years, despite the numerous challenges it faced. Hindus revere them with great respect and treat them on par with gods, parents and God himself.

The spiritual gurus of Hinduism play many roles in society and serve many purposes. They act as spiritual advisers, counselors, teachers, astrologers, therapists, leaders, protectors, guardians, exorcists, messengers, healers, reformers and upholders of Dharma. Hindu gurus come from both genders and all classes of society. Some may be even illiterate but possess the knowledge of the Self.

Through their teachings and character, Hindu gurus exert a lot of influence upon society, serving as role models, experts in secret doctrines and esoteric knowledge. They are looked upon with respect and faith as the final authority on virtuous conduct and on the finer aspects of liberation theology. In spiritual matters, they provide their followers with knowledge as well guidance and inspiration for liberation.

Gurus in contemporary world

Apart from parents, in the past the gurus had been the main source of spiritual knowledge to people since only they possessed the secret knowledge of the Vedas and other scriptures. Students used to spend decades in their homes (gurukulas) to acquire the basic knowledge of the scriptures and spiritual wisdom. Today, much of that knowledge is in public domain, and one can get it from many sources. Therefore, as far as basic knowledge is concerned, our reliance upon gurus has become redundant.

Another important recent development is that many gurus are public figures. In the past, they used to live in remote places, and even forests. Now, they live in society and their lives are as open for public scrutiny as those of celebrities, politicians and popular figures. Their teachings are also publicly available through many sources and mediums. Hence, without visiting them or following them, one can know a lot about them, their personalities, private conduct, teachings, scandals, controversies and other activities.

The need for a guru in spiritual life

The question is, when you have so much information freely available about the religion and spirituality, whether you still need a spiritual guru. The answer to it depends upon your personal choice and temperament. If you are self-reliant and disciplined and think for yourself and if you are still in exploratory phase, you may not require a guru, but if you cannot practice discipline on your own or cannot rely upon your own judgment and discretion, you may need one to guide you, goad you or approve you.

A guru is not a mere substitute for books or scriptural knowledge, just as having little knowledge of few diseases does not preclude the need for a doctor. A guru is an adept, who imparts skillful knowledge, which is different from the one you find in the books. Outwardly, both may appear to be the same, but the knowledge which arises from the guru's mind is infused with the light of his own experience or a whole lineage of his prior masters. It has the power to cleanse you and transform you. It is like the waters of the River Ganga, which flows upon earth from the head of Lord Shiva, the universal Teacher, and purifies, enlightens and liberates.

Books may increase your interest and curiosity in spiritual matters, but spiritual practice needs a lot of motivation, genuine effort and sincerity. Sometimes a guru can push you into that mode and force you to open your eyes. He can also help you minimize your mistakes and dangers on the path. He may help you know where you are on the path, and whether you are progressing in the right direction. Every spiritual aspirant who is striving for liberation needs a guru as his or her charioteer in the battlefield of spiritual life.

A guru is comparable to the sun. He spreads the light of liberation. Anyone who comes into his presence can benefit from it. Wordily people and lay followers can also benefit from him by seeking his company, even if their intentions are impure. Just as in a satsang (meeting of the truthful), they can spend time in his presence to recharge their minds and bodies, regain their balance, gain confidence or feel reassured and good about themselves.

Intention is important

People approach a spiritual guru for various reasons. They may do so out of curiosity, depression or boredom. They may also seek them to learn, find a mentor, seek guidance and blessings, fulfill worldly desires, cure some disease, feel important, find a purpose, practice spirituality, gain knowledge or achieve liberation. Some may do it just because their friends, neighbors or a large number of people are following a popular guru and want to join the crowd to feel inspired, accepted or approved.

If you are seeking a guru for any of these reasons, except liberation, your need for a Guru may not be that serious. If you are serious about it, you must let a guru manifest in your life rather than forcing yourself upon him. One of the popular beliefs of Hinduism is that a guru and his disciples are made for each other. If you are genuinely driven by an aspiration to achieve liberation, one of the following two will happen. Either you will find a guru, or your guru will find you.

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Thus, before you start seriously looking for a guru, examine your intent or motivation. Ask yourself how serious you are about your liberation. If liberation is just a fancy word, perhaps you may continue with your spiritual exploration and improving your knowledge. The Bhagavadgita says that out of millions of people and only after innumerable lives does a person become genuinely interested in achieving liberation and approaches God with unconditional devotion.

The benefits of serving a guru

One of the advantage of following a guru is that he may give you spiritual advice, which is specific to your personal needs. He may also protect you from your own negative karma, and from evil influences of the world. When you are initiated, your guru gives you a guru-mantra, which can help you to focus your mind and engage in spiritual practice.

He may clarify your doubts, correct your mistakes, resolve your karma, guide you in the practice of self-discipline and purification, serve as an example for others to follow, bestow his grace upon you and provide you with knowledge and clarification. Here also, the result and the work of the guru depend upon your faith and commitment.

In today's world, it is difficult to find a genuine guru and obtain his initiation. It is even more difficult to find a guru who has time for you. A guru can initiate you in different ways. He may do it directly in person by giving you an audience, by a mantra, by touch or by looks. He may also do it indirectly by a look, visual thought, letter, word, dream, or subliminal suggestion. If you are initiated indirectly, you may get further signals about it through dreams or intuition.

God is your true guru

It is difficult to explain why a guru chooses certain followers and ignores others for initiation, or why he considers a few for his advanced teachings. A guru himself may not always know the answers to such questions since he is not always guided by reason or purpose in his decisions and judgment. Since karma works in mysterious ways, you may never know in advance who will be your guru, or when you will be initiated into spirituality by an enlightened master.

Sometimes, a guru may appear briefly in your life to give you a few instructions and disappear forever, leaving you entirely to fate or your own effort. Sometimes, you may also be initiated by gods or spiritual masters from higher realms. Distance is not a problem. A guru who has achieved oneness with God is always in communication with his followers as their very witness.

A guru is the face of God. Your real guru is always God himself. He is the power, which guides your spiritual effort. He is always there, with you as your true Self and your inner witness. Therefore, you may follow your heart in choosing a guru, but you should not bring your ego into the effort. It is tamasic to insist on him for an initiation when you are not truly ready. That decision should be entirely left to him.

Finally, the guru is not your destination, nor should you become attached to his human personality or ego. God is your true guru. He is only the means, the raft, or the support to reach the immortal world. Your true guru resides in you as your own Self. Until you find a true guru, worship the guru in you so that he may show you the right guru when the time is ripe.

-From Speaking Tree

Always in our hearts



Dr Natubhai Shah MBBS, PhD, MBE 1932-2022

We are deeply saddened to announce the passing of Shri Dr Natubhai Shah in London on the 6th March 2022. Shri Natubhai was the Chair/CEO of the Jain Network and is best known for his tireless and visionary leadership over several decades to promote Jain values around the world. He brought focus and unity to Jain communities, established strong relationships with other faiths, promoted academic discourse to disseminate Jain values, engaged with local and national leaders, and drove projects that have had long-lasting impact. Foremost among these is his establishment of the Jain Centre in Leicester in 1988, a marvel of splendid architecture in the midst of a traditional English city and a cornerstone for community worship and activities to this day.

A retired medical practitioner, Shri Natubhai was a genuine scholar. He obtained a PhD in Jain religion after his retirement, wrote extensively – including the book “Jainism: The World of Conquerors” – and drove the establishment of “Jain Studies” departments in several top international universities. He established the Jain Academy as a forum for the dissemination of such scholarly activities. He held a Visiting Professorship in Jain Studies at the University of Antwerp (Belgium). Ahimsa for Quality of Life was an international welfare charity that he established to alleviate poverty and promote self-sufficiency. He was a pioneer of inter-faith activities in the UK working alongside the leaders of other religions such as Christianity, Judaism and others and was regularly invited to key national events as a representative of the UK Jain community.

Shri Natubhai’s most recent and perhaps most ambitious project, the establishment of a Jain Centre in Colindale, London is now nearing completion and scheduled for its Pratistha in 2023. This will be a unique three storied Jain Centre including 108 Parshwanath Jinalay, a place of worship and study for all Jain traditions, and a multifaith centre – positioned in London as an ideal hub from where to disseminate Jainism and Jain Values globally.

Shri Natubhai was born in Mahemadpur and was the first in his family to go to university and qualify as a doctor. He and his wife, the late Bhanumati, moved to Leicester (UK) in 1968. He was a very successful general practitioner before turning to his religious, academic, social and charitable work, unstintingly supported by Bhanumati. He was an exceptional bridge player. They moved from Leicester to London in 1997 but “retirement” for Shri Natubhai was still a full-time job, just not medicine! He received countless honours amongst which notable ones included the award of ‘Jain Ratna’ by the Prime Minister of India in 2001, an ‘MBE’ by Her Majesty the Queen in 2012, ‘Man of the Year’ by the American Biographic Institute, and a Civic award by the London Borough of Barnet. He was listed in Who’s Who International and the American Biographical International Book of Honor, 5000 Personalities of the World.

Shri Natubhai led his life with great energy, single-mindedness, determination and dedication. He had a unique ability to be charming and tough at the same time, often needed to accomplish complex projects. He always sought to engage the younger generation in these activities. Remarkably, he remained fully independent and active until his 90th year, virtually to the end.

Shri Natubhai is survived by his daughter Leena, son Samir, son-in-law Ajay, daughter-in-law Nita, and 4 adult grandchildren Ravi, Jasmine, Alyssa and Rajiv. His remarkable life’s work in the service of society ensures that he will long remain in our collective memories.

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Vanik Council committee as per results of VC election




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 <p>Chairman Manaharlal Mehta</p>	Executive Committee Members Mr Bharat H Mehta Mrs Renu Mehta Mr Mahesh Gandhi Mr Kirit Batavia Mr Jayshree Vora Mr Priyesh Mehta Mrs Saroj Varia	 <p>Regional Vice Chairman South Prakash Mehta</p>
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 <p>Deputy General Secretary Anup Mehta</p>	 <p>Webmaster Suresh Mehta</p>	 <p>Editor Mr Tarak Gajjar</p>
		 <p>Regional Vice Chairman North Nehal Mehta</p>

We are increasing our presence on Social Media Platforms



Please follow NCVA on the following Social Media platforms and to spread awareness please request your friends & family to follow as well. If you like them, please click  Like for each post.

Increased 'following' and 'likes' will help us in giving better and effective service to the community.

Website: <https://www.ncva.co.uk>
YouTube: <https://youtube.com>
Twitter: <https://twitter.com/vanikcouncil>
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NBC Committee 2022-2024

Election of Office Bearers and EC members

The following members were elected at the Vanik Council AGM held on 27th February, 2022.

The new EC comprises of the following:

POSITION	NAME
Chairman	Manhar Mehta
General Secretary	Purnima Mehta
Treasurer	Jaykumar Shah
Vice Chair North	Nehal Mehta
Vice Chair Midlands	Rajnikant Shah
Vice Chair London	Vijay Sheth
Vice Chair South	Prakash Mehta
Deputy Secretary	Anup Mehta
Exec Com members (7)	Kirit Batavia
	Bharat H Mehta
	Renu Mehta
	Mahesh Gandhi
	Saroj Varia
	Jayshree Vora
	Priyesh Mehta

***Co-Opt** – Jaymanbhai Mehta and Rameshbhai Shah, the previous co-opted members having responsibilities for Matrimonial Register and Speed Dating respectively, will continue as co-optes. Shashibhai Shah co-opted for being VC representative for Chaplaincy Network. Other positions of co-optes will be filled as required.

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Members of the Sub Committees

Activity	Co-ordinator	Committee Member/more members can join in the activities of their choice
Speed Dating	Ramesh Shah	Jayman Mehta Mahesh Gandhi Jayshree Vora
Matrimonial Register	Jayman Mehta	Ramesh Shah Mahesh Gandhi
Jain Spiritual Care	Manhar Mehta	Shashi Shah
Vaishnav Spiritual Care	Manhar Mehta	
Befriending	Purnima Mehta	
Community Health (Health and Welbeing)	Manhar Mehta	
Organ Donation	Anup Mehta	
Vanik Voice	Anil Parekh Tarak Gajjar	
Jain Funeral rites	Manhar Mehta	Vijay Sheth Jayantibhai Ghelani Kishore Shah Hitesh Rayani Ramanbhai Shah Hullas Mehta
Vanik Professional Group	Anil Parekh Tarak Gajjar	
Social Media	Manhar Mehta	Tarak Gajjar
Existing Website	Suresh Mehta	
New Website	Mahesh Gandhi	Suresh Mehta

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Matrimonial Register

Vanik Council (UK) have a professional, anonymous structure in place to help prospective candidates of our community to meet their soul mate. The matrimonial register is administered by Mr. Jayman Mehta on behalf of Vanik Council.

The List of candidates can be viewed at <https://www.ncva.co.uk/matrimonial-register>

Online registration can be done by prospective candidates and once registration is confirmed, the candidate can contact Mr. Jayman Mehta by email to get contact details of up to four candidates.

Please contact

Mr. Jayman Mehta- Matrimonial Register Co-ordinator

Phone: Landline 02089072428 Mobile: 07852563974

E-mail: jayman.mehta@vanikcouncil.uk

Speed Dating



The poster features a silhouette of a man and a woman on a hill at sunset, with the man holding a small object. Below the image, the text reads: 'Speed Dating' in large pink letters, followed by 'Sunday Sun, 22 May 2022 11:00 - 16:00' and 'Navnat Centre, Printing House Lane, Hayes, UB3 1AR'. It includes contact information for Ramesh Shah and mentions that the event is open to all Gujarati Hindu & Jains with no age limit. The poster also includes a small heart icon and a URL to register.

Vanik Council (UK) has successfully run events for Singles since 1982. Speed Dating events take place in major cities in the UK, twice a year and are open to Jains and Gujarati Hindus of all ages.

Next Event

Next Speed dating date : 22 May 2022, 11am to 4pm

- Last event attracted 240 people and we had to turn down some applicants.
- This is the biggest speed dating event for Gujarati Hindus and Jains. It is open for all ages. Many people have found their partner at this speed dating event, maybe you will too this time.
- The event finishes with a full vegetarian meal.
- It is your moral duty to inform Vanik council if you find partner due to our speed dating.

Venue

Navnat Centre, Printing House Lane, Hayes, UB3 1AR

Please register by clicking tinyurl.com/SpeeddatingVC

If you have any questions, please email us on speed.dating@vanikcouncil.uk or for more information, please contact:

Ramesh Shah: 07742 045 154 or Manhar Mehta: 07775 523 233

Mahesh Gandhi: 07801 718 293 or Jayman Mehta: 07852 563 974

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Vanik Council's new Befriending service to the community

With Covid-19 and lockdown combined it is evident it has taken a considerable toll on mental health of all ages, and we want to signpost, support and raise awareness within the Vanik community.



If you or someone you know is lonely and needs a Befriender (a person who gives you a friendly company), please note that our volunteers can help.

Our service aims to provide:

- Vanik Council UK is proposing to run a pilot project to provide "Befriending Service" for the Vanik community. This pilot study will cover areas in North and North-West London where a large number of Vaniks are situated.
- Befriending is providing companionship and a listening ear. This will be a service for all ages and stages of life; for people in a range of circumstances such as the elderly, vulnerable and those who are experiencing loneliness or social isolation.
- The aim of this service is to provide regular social contact to lonely adults; social and religious care to people suffering long term illnesses; give support to and signpost people with mental health issues to the appropriate agencies.

- Who will benefit from this service? The whole Vanik community, which includes the Jain and Hindu Vaniks, men and women in their homes and care homes, lonely adults, elderly, and young living with family or alone, those who are sick and in need of Spiritual health care and those suffering with mental illnesses.
- Our volunteers will be fully trained to the nationally accepted 'Befriending Volunteer Training Scheme' and in providing mental health support.

One of the ways we try to combat loneliness in later life is through our friendship services.

We offer 2 different ways to connect:

- On telephone
- Face to face

How will you benefit from befriending?

- It helps to build your self-confidence.
- It helps to reduce feelings of loneliness and isolation.
- It helps you to get involved in new activities within the community.



Living Kidney Donation

Get Involved

Celebrating 72nd year of World Health Day

With kidney transplants dropping a third during the pandemic, it's more important than ever to consider living kidney donation. Kidneys are the most commonly donated organs by living people, and about a third of all kidney transplants carried out in the UK are from living donors.

In the UK living kidney transplants have been performed since 1960 and currently around 1,100 such operations are performed each year, with a very high success rate. A kidney transplant can transform the life of someone with kidney disease.

A kidney donated by a living person is more effective than from a deceased person. In most cases a kidney donated by a living donor offers the best long-term outcome for the recipient. We can live healthy and normal life with one kidney, many people are born with one kidney only.



Take a moment to consider living Kidney Donation

- 10th March 2022 was World Kidney Day

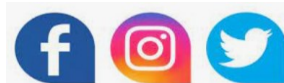
Vanik Council is campaigning to save lives of people needing Kidney transplant

Vanik Council is raising awareness for Living Kidney Donation within the Hindu and Jain community living in UK, in the primary stages of this initiative we will primarily be focussing on community living in North-West London (Barnet, Brent, Ealing, Harrow, Hillingdon, and Hounslow) and will expand in other regions depending on our success.

For details please check: <https://tinyurl.com/VanikCouncil>

We will be inviting Health Professionals and Religious Leaders to our live event in September 2022 followed by two Zoom events a follow-up workshop will be organised in October 2022 (Dates yet to be confirmed).

Currently we are trying to raise awareness for Living Kidney Donation via all Social media platforms and we request you to follow us on →

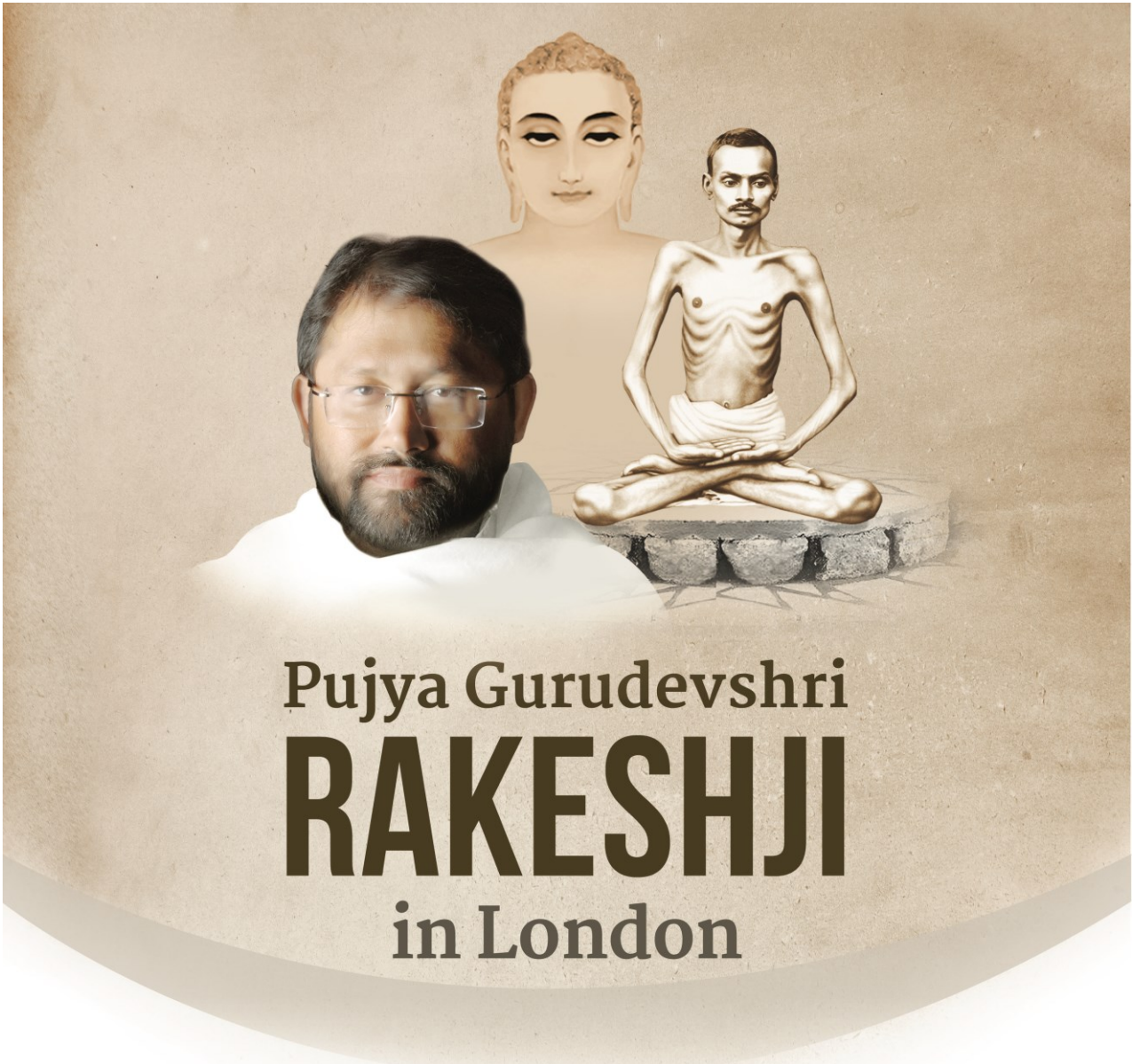


Useful Link: <https://www.organdonation.nhs.uk/become-a-living-donor/donating-your-kidney/>

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Puja Gurudevshri **RAKESHJI** in London

JFS School
The Mall
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Discourses on
MAY 28 - 29
SAT - SUN
10:30 am - 12:30 pm

Mayur Mehta:
+44 7835 237325
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FREE ADMISSION

Swamivatsalya (Lunch) has been arranged on both days after the session



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Update from Navnat Bridge Club



Bridge - The most fun you can have with your clothes on.

The Covid rules have been relaxed and the Navnat Bridge took the opportunity and had their long awaited AGM in the Navnat Centre on Saturday 13 November 2021

Our deepest condolences to the families for the loss of our members during the covid period. We hope recovery goes smoothly every step of the way for the members who are going through tough times.

A quite large number of members attended the AGM. The delicious dinner was sponsored by Suryakantbhai and Vanitaben honouring the gathering after almost 2 years. Also a huge thanks to Jaswantbhai and Kalpanaben Doshi for sponsoring the tasty Ice Cream.

Our huge thanks to Vandanaben Wadhar NBC general secretary for her devotional hard work over the years. Jagdishbhai Mehta executive committee member for all his support over the years especially in assisting the accounts of the club. Kiritbhai Wadhar for maintaining Bridge-web website during the current pandemic period.

Ameetaben and Jayeshbhai were honoured for their support in organising online bridge since the inception of Covid in March 2020 and still going on.

Ameetaben was presented with an IPAD from Navnat Bridge Club, Harrow Elders Club and Barnet Bridge Club.

The following members were duly elected for NBC 2022-2024 Mahendra Kothary -

President

Ajit (Dilip) Shah - Treasurer Anup Mehta -

Secretary

Shakuben Sheth - Executive Committee Member Ushaben Shah -

Executive Committee Member Kirit Kothary - Executive Committee

Member Aroon Vora - Executive Committee Member

Bridge is recognised as a mind sport. It is a partnership trick-taking card game of skill. It is played by four players who form two partnerships; the partners sit opposite each other at a table. There is an auction (often called bidding) and then the play, after which the hand is scored. The more tricks a partnership correctly predicts they will make the better their score. However, if they do not make as many as they predict, their opponents score points instead. In competitions the same hands are played at each table so you can compare your scores with the other partnerships and work out who did best with what they were dealt, thus almost eliminating the 'luck' aspect.

NBC Committee had been planning for considerable time for normal bridge sessions to begin and the moment just came and to top it all up Mahendrabhai and Nimuben celebrated their 50 Golden Wedding Anniversary with their Bridge Family a fitting occasion.

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The catering team lead by our in-house Ushaben and Shakuben started the menu preparation for the event from Saturday 19 February and then all day on Sunday 20 February to serve all of us with a delicious Indochinese fusion meal.

On Sunday 20 February just after 1 PM members started arriving at Navnat Centre and one can see the overjoyed and radiant faces full of joy. The members started mingling with the bridge family and a delicious dabeli with tea was served. The hour quickly passed and members were directed to the main hall for the bridge session.

There were 2 streams of 10 table each, the 4 new players joined in observing bridge play. We had a small tea break with biscuits at 4 PM and then back to bridge play.

The following were the top 3 pairs:

1	7B	Asha Mehta & Kalpana Doshi	411.40	69.97	78
2	14B	Bharti & Haresh Shanghavi	392.90	66.82	72
3	10A	Pratibha Desai & Jasu Mehta	374.60	63.71	66

A huge thanks to Jayeshbhai, Ameetaben and Dilipbhai for conducting and preparing the bridge session on the day.

Just around 6 PM more guests and family arrived for the cake cutting ceremony for Mahendrabhai and Nimuben Golden Wedding Ceremony. We were almost 100 of us in the dining hall. The atmosphere was electric.

Jasuben Sheth recited a beautiful poem for the lovely couple.

The Indochinese sumptuous dinner was served with:

Corn Soup, Manchurian, Fried Rice, Stir Fried Noodles with Spring Vegetables, Spring Rolls with special sauce.

Desert was Strawberries with fresh cream and the ceremonial cake. Everyone enjoyed the delicious dinner.

Thanks to Ushaben Shah and Shakuben Sheth their team, Nimuben Kothary, Nayanben Shah, Harshaben Kothary, Prafulla Mehta, Chandbhai Patel all the committee and many other volunteers. (Apologies if I have missed anyone)

The NBC Bridge family are so proud to announce the following members have been duly elected for Navnat 2022-2024

The following members for Navnat Vanik Association:

Dilipbhai Mithani: President

Jaswantbhai Doshi: General Secretary

Pareshbhai Mehta: Assistant Treasurer

Davidbhai Holden: Executive Committee Member

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Minaben Mehta: Executive Committee Member

Our heartfelt thanks to all the Navnat bridge members and their families for the generous donations they have contributed to Navnat for the extension of dining hall project. The project is ongoing and your generosity is most welcome. We would also like to thank our members for their donations to NBC when celebrating their birthdays, family weddings and other occasions. NBC donated £2001 for the extension of dining hall building fund project.

The Covid rules have been relaxed and normal bridge will be starting from mid March 2022, further information will be sent to all the members. Hoping to play bridge twice a week Wednesdays and Fridays as before, there will also be additional days of bridge with dinner on Saturdays/Sundays/Bank Holidays when ever possible.

We have a few new members joined in for 2022.

New members are more than Welcome, to join please contact Mahendrabhai Kothary-

mahendra.kothary@navnat.com. The annual subscription is only £75. Additional annual fee of £20 is charged for non-navnatees.

We would like to thank Dilipbhai Mithani Navnat Vanik Association President and all of Navnat EC team and advisory board for their continued support for NBC

My humble apologies if I have missed anyone- Micchami Dukkadam Kind Regards

Anup Mehta

Secretary (NBC)



Ameetaben and Jayeshbhai Shah Organised on line Bridge Session since inception of Covid - March 2020

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Mahendrabhai and Nimuben Kothary with NBC Bridge Family, Friends & Relatives celebrating 50th Golden Anniversary

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