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## HALARI VISA OSHWALS OF AMERICA AND CANADA MEMBERS DIRECTORY

We are planning to publish the third edition of Directory of Halari Visa Oshwals of America and Canada by the end of October, 2006. Please review your entry in the June 2003 edition and advise us of any additions or changes you would like to make by completing the Directory form available at the following web site:

[www.oshwal-usa.org](http://www.oshwal-usa.org) or the Family Profile Form included in this newsletter. You may also contact your Regional Representative to check the information we have in our data base. If you have already completed the form for additions or changes, you do not have to resubmit the form. If you know of any Oshwal family or individual (at least one member has to be of Halari Visa Oshwal origin) who is not listed, please ask the head of the family to visit the above web site and complete the Directory form or complete the form included in this directory. Finally, if you have changed your e-mail address, please provide us your new address. Please submit your form by October 20, 2006

Sponsors: As it has been the practice in the past, we once again request all those who would like to make financial contribution for the cost of printing and distributing the directory, please contact us as soon as possible. Each sponsor usually donates \$100.00. This time we have already received commitment from 9 sponsors and we are grateful to all them for their generous support.

With best wishes,

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**Thanksgiving Gathering 2006 - Hackettstown, New Jersey**  
It is that time of the year once again where we like to renew our contacts. Mark your calendar, plan your trip and day to join us at our extended Oshwal family gathering in one of the 100 best towns of America to live, in beautiful Hackettstown, NJ on **Saturday, November 25**, from 4:00pm onwards. As always, for Oshwals traveling from a distance, local accommodations will be provided, so please let someone from the board know about your plans.

**Location:** Trinity United Methodist Church, 213 Main Street, Hackettstown, NJ 07840.

**Directions:** From interstate 80 west take exit 26 for route 46 west. After seven miles when you are in the Hackettstown the church is on your right and the parking is in the back.

**Time:** 4:00pm to 11:00pm. We will post details of the program on the web.

**Contribution:** Above 10 years: \$18.00 per person;  
From 5 to 10 years: \$15.00 per person; Under 5 years: free.

## Community News:

▪ The rain stayed away for our recent Mid-Atlantic Father's Day picnic, on June 18, 2006. This event has become an annual tradition for the Oshwal community in the Northeast. This year, it was held at Merrill County Park in New Jersey. About 60 of us, young and old, enjoyed the company of family and friends.

▪ We held our Northeast Regional picnic on June 18, 2006, at Leominster, MA. **Madhuben and Hemendrabhai** were hosts for the day. There was all together 28 Oshwals who enjoyed to create your own pizza, mogo and corn on the cob. We all had a great time at the picnic, and the weather did favor us. It was beautiful day.

### Paryushan:

▪ **Mrs. Naynaben Jay Shah** completed her Aththai. She lives in Sherman, Texas, with her husband Jay Shah and daughters Krishma and Sheena. The parnu took place August 29, 2006, at the Dallas-Ft. Worth Jain Center.

▪ **Kamal Jayanthilal Shah**, did the Aththai Tap during the Paryushan Parv 2006. **Lipa Kamal Shah** did 5 Ekasana and Attam Tap during the Paryushan Parv 2006.

▪ **Chiraag Galaiya**, 15, of Long Valley, NJ, completed his first aththai this past paryushana with excellent sata.

▪ **Vijya Galaiya** of Long Valley, NJ, completed her aththai with excellent sata during the paryushana to add to her many previous taps. Last year Vijya did 16 Upvas during the paryushana and she regularly does both the ayanbil holis in Chaitra and Aaso month for past few years.

▪ **Nilam Shah** of Edison, NJ completed her aththai. Also Mansukh and Nilam Shah had a pratishtha of their ghar dehasar this past Saturday.

▪ **Monica Shah** (Hanover, MD) for completed her aththai this past paryushana. Monica had good sata though out the paryushana. Monica is wife of Raju Mansukhlal Shah and Daughter in law of Manu and Niru Shah.

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## Condolences

- **Udayan Ramji Bid** passed away in Haidrabad at young age of 50 on August 15th. He was father to Dhruvi Shah (Bid) of Springfield, NJ. He was husband of Minaxiben and father of Keyur of Haidrabad, and brother in law (Banevi) of Rajani Dedhia of Iselin, NJ.
- **Chimanlal Ramji Raishi Shah** of Mombasa/ London/ Seattle, Washington (Jhakharia of Khara Beraja) who passed away on August 14, 2006, in Seattle after a long illness. He was born in Mombasa in 1943. The cremation ceremony was held on August 17. He is survived by his wife, Snehlata, two sons - Jagrut and Jitesh, and four grand daughters.
- **Jiviben Rajpal Punja Shah (Haria)**, passed away in Nairobi, Kenya, on Tuesday, May 16th, 2006. She was 93 years old. She enjoyed good health and long life per her family. She was a mother to Pravinbhai of Austin, Texas; Ashokbhai of London, UK; Lalitaben, Savitaben, and Shantaben of Nairobi, Kenya; Kantaben (Shiluben) of Australia; Nimuben and Sushilaben of London, UK; Champaben of Nairobi, Kenya. She was a grandmother to Deepa Milan Shah of Australia; Depesh, Sanjay, and Kushal of Texas; and many other grandchildren in UK and Kenya.
- **Zaverchand Shamji Dodhia** of Navagam, of Chetan Pharmacy, Bombay, India, passed away peacefully, on March 15, 2006. He was Mama of Chandulal Popatlal Shah of Irving, Texas.
- **Meghji Kumbha Narshi Gada** of N.M. Shah Distributors, Meghji & Company of Nakuru & Raha Wholesalers of Kericho, Kenya, passed away on February 26, 2006. He was 87 years old. He was a father to Hashuben of Nairobi; Chandanben of Toronto; Nalinkumar, Pankachalal, Vipin of Nakuru, Kenya; Rashmikant of Kericho, Kenya; & Paresh of Atlanta.
- **Jethiben Motichand Pethraj Shah**, of Wellingborough, UK, passed away on Wednesday, February 15th, 2006. She was a mother to Mayuri Sharad Shah, (St. Louis, Missouri, USA); Jayantbhai, Ashwinbhai, Kaylashben, Minaben of Canada; Fulvantiben and Arunaben of UK.

## Graduations...

- **Avni** (daughter of **Narendra and Prafuli Shah**) of Racine, Wisconsin graduated from University of Wisconsin-Madison with a doctoral degree in Pharmacy.

## Births...

- **Drs. Alpa and Kiran Premchand Shah** of Plano, Texas, on the birth of their daughter, **Sonya**. Also to proud sister **Amy**, and grand parents **Jayaben and Premchandbhai Bharmal** of Plano, Texas, and **Drs. Hemlata and Kantilal Lakhamsi Vora** of Mumbai, India.
- **Priti** (daughter of **Dr. and Late Mrs. Badla**, of Nakuru Kenya) and **Priyesh** (son of **Ashwin and Usha Shah** of Somer, Wisconsin) on the birth of their baby girl **Anya**. Priti is our Regional State Representative of Wisconsin.

## Engagements...

- **Milan** (son of **Bhanuben and Late Vinod Lalji Gosrani** of Nakuru, Kenya) of Shawnee, Kansas, to **Sonal** (daughter of **Manjulaben and Sharad Vaghji Shah** of London, UK), on their recent engagement.

## Weddings...

- **Raju** (son of **Manubhai & Niruben Shah**, Baltimore) to **Monica** (daughter of **Prafulbhai & Pratimaben Shah**, Michigan) on May 14th, 2006, at the Mirage in Detroit, Michigan.
- **Sanjay** (Son of **Mrs. Indira and Dr. Ratilal Lalji Dodhia** of Lincoln, RI) and **Ratna** (Daughter of **Mrs. Sarojben and Mr. Navinbhai Bhojani** of Waltham, MA) on their wedding, which took place on April 15, 2006, in Burlington, MA.
- **Mayur** (Son of **Ms. Kamala Mansukhlal Gudka** and Nephew of **Debbie and Veni Sumaria** of Boxford, MA) and **Jigna** (Daughter of **Mrs. Gitaben and Mr. Ashokbhai Shah** of Wembley, UK) on their wedding, which took place on December 4, 2005, in Junagadh, Gujarat, India.

## HALARI VISA OSHWALS OF AMERICA AND CANADA FAMILY PROFILE FORM

(Note: You can complete this form and send it to the address noted below or complete the form available on the our Web site: [www.oshwal-usa.org](http://www.oshwal-usa.org))

New Entry \_\_\_\_\_ Correction: \_\_\_\_\_ (Check one)

	SELF	SPOUSE
1. First Name:		
2. Last Name:		
3. Father's Name:		
4. Grandfather's Name:		
5. Mother's Full Name (Maiden)		
6. Original Surname (Atak/Nukh):		
7. Education:		
8. Occupation/Profession:		
9. Place of Birth:		
10. Ancestral Village in India:		
11. Work Phone:		
12. E-Mail:		
13. Year Born (Optional)		

14. ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE/PROV.: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

15. HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ 16. FAX NO.: \_\_\_\_\_

17. OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS AT THIS ADDRESS:

Name	Relation to Above	Year Born	College/University	E-Mail Address

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**Upcoming Events...** Mark your calendar!

- November 25, 2006 (Saturday)  
Thanksgiving Gathering  
(See details inside)
- July 4-6, 2007; (July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend)  
Edison, New Jersey  
JAINA Convention  
This is the ideal meeting time and place for our community from all over the continent. We'll expand on the meetings and short gatherings we've held at the past two conventions. Look to future newsletters for details, but please start making plans to attend this year's convention.

### ***Message from President***

It is been busy time for young energetic executive board and area representatives. We have kept you informed via our website of the events happening everywhere at best of our abilities with your support. As you know we have had picnics, cruise, camps, tapasyas, engagements, weddings, births and many other events.

We have planned an annual gathering in Hackettstown, NJ, on Saturday, the 25<sup>th</sup> of November as many of you have requested and look forward to seeing you there. On this fun filled evening, we intend to distribute combined third edition of USA and Canada Oshwal directory, fourth for the USA. We also will have Rise and Glory (Oshwal history by Rati Dodhia) for those who have not yet received it.

We have worked on draft constitution for our organization. It is available for review, comments and suggestions. Many of you know we have applied for going non-profit; it may take up to 8 months before we get approval. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to many mature members of our community for assistance.

Jai Jinendra,  
Jayanti Galaiya

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