# **Our Mission**

Propagate and understand the life and teachings of Lord Krishna as envisioned by Vallabhacharya Mahaprabhuji in the "Path of Grace- Pushtimarg".

Cultivate a "Parivar" that lives, promotes and enhances
 Vaishnav values and our way of worship.

# The First Vaishnav Temple in the West Coast

# Shreemaya Krishnadham Bay Area Youth Vaishnav Parivar

# Goals and Objectives

- Establish a Haveli and Cultural Center to serve the growing needs of the Vaishnav community
- Create a platform to promote humanitarian, educational, cultural, social and spiritual activities centered on Hindu culture.
- Teach, commemorate and celebrate various Hindu Vaishnav festivals, rituals, and events (Utsav).
- Promote personal development of youth and children by emphasizing activities that foster the universal values of Vaishnav tradition irrespective of race, caste or religion

### Our Inspiration

- 🗞 Grace of Lord Krishna ShriNathji Bawa
- Philosophy of Jagadguru Vallabhacharyaji
- Guardianship of P. P. Goswami Indirabetiji Mahodaya ("Jiji")
- Guardianship of P. P. Goswami
  Dwarkeshlalji Maharajshri (Vadodara)
- Patronage of our revered "Vallabhkul Balaks"
- Support of Saints, Philosophers, Scholars and Fellow Vaishnavs



### History at a Glance

**1984-2001** - Vaishnavs performed home Satsangs, celebrated Utsavs in local temples and organized the first large Hindu "Katha" in Bay Area

2001 - Formal Inauguration of BAYVP

2002 - Formation of first BAYVP Executive Committee, Registered as non-profit 501c-3 organization

**2005** - New leadership, formalized Bylaws and constitution, assigned various sub-committees.

2006 - Acquired land in heart of Silicon Valley in Mountain View, CA (July)

2006 - Performed Bhoomi Poojan and Purushottam Yagna of new facility (September)

**2007** -Signed contract to purchase existing Swaminarayan (BAPS) temple in Milpitas.

### Our Activities

#### Religious/Spiritual - Annakut,

Mahaprabhuji Prakotsav, Janmastmi, Monthly and Ekadashi Satsangs, Spiritual discourses by visiting Acharyas, Philosophers, Scholars

Cultural & Social - Makarsankranti (Kite Flying), Holi (Festival of colors), Picnic, Raas/Garba, "Pushti Sandhya" musical concerts

Educational - Gujarati classes, Bal Pushti Vidyalaya, skits / dramas, folk dances, elocutions

Humanitarian - Gujarat Earthquake Relief, Tsunami Relief

# Our New Home "Shreemaya Krishnadham"

# A focal point for worship, knowledge, and culture.

- "Krishnadham", is place for peace, Seva, and for realization of God.
- "Krishnadham", is the inspiration for a higher way of life, a place to cultivate deep knowledge of the soul and God and a place for transformative uplifting activities.
- "Krishnadham", is the vibrancy of our culture with its mosaic of music, art, language, dance and festivals and a place to have pride in our rich heritage.

# Attributes of **"Shreemaya Krishnadham"**

✤ Exclusive temple for Seva and Darshans.

- Swaroop of Lord ShriNathji ("Shree"), Mahaprabhuji ("Ma"), and Yamunaji ("Ya") in "Shreemaya Krishnadham".
- Community hall that can be used to accommodate large size gatherings, with professional stage equipped with state of the art equipments.
- Classrooms to meet children's needs of cultural and spiritual education..
- network A professional and well equipped Kitchen
- Attached living quarter for the Haveli priest.
- State of art facility with Internet access, Security Cameras, Audio/Visual, Webcasting Systems, Video Conferencing, Computer rooms, Telephone System, Hall acoustics, etc

### 2006 - A Milestone Year

- Bhoomi Poojan and Purshottam Yagna performed at our new site in presence of Pujya Jiji.
- Prepared conceptual drawings for Shreemaya Krishnadham by a professional architect.
- > Preliminary design review with the City of Mountain View, California.
- Formed a special Fund-Raising and Building Committee.
- Collected over \$1million pledges
- Parivar Database increased three-fold within 12 months.

# 2007 - A Year of Challenges and an Opportunity to Create History

- Worked with architect to make changes to the plan based on feedback.
- Signed contract to purchase existing Swaminarayan (BAPS) temple in Milpitas.
- An opportunity to realize our DREAM of "Shreemaya Krishnadham" in 4 months and celebrate our Annakut this year at OUR home!
- Successful acquisition of the BAPS Mandir (Milpitas) on completion of the following contingencies:
  - 1. Sell of the Mountain View property and reinvest the net proceeds from the sale towards the down payment.
  - 2. Loan for approximately \$3.2 million.
  - 3. Approval of Conditional Use Permit from the City of Milpitas.
  - 4. Collection of outstanding pledges.
  - 5. Raise at least \$600,000 to close the deal.

# How can we all meet these challenges ?

- >> With the help of every member of the community contributing their share.
- Encouraging all the donors that have pledged to pay their outstanding amount.
- This challenge cannot be met by one individual or one family alone, but can become an opportunity by the collective contributions and effort from every member of the community.
- You can be part of this momentous endeavor, and lay the foundation to build a thriving center for preserving our culture by joining one these Yojnas as a "Vaishnav Legacy Builder"

Temple Hall \$200,001
Multipurpose Hall \$100,001
Kitchen \$75,001
Dining Hall Yajman \$50,001
Shiksha Kendra Yajman \$25,001
<b>102</b> Life Members \$15,001
Ashta Sakha \$10,001
ሪ४ Vaishnav \$5,001
રપર Vaishnav \$2,001

- Encourage each Vaishnav family to become a "Sopaan" (take the first step) by contributing \$1001 that can be used as a step towards getting started or upgrading to one of the yojnas.
- Every Yojna participant's designated names will be inscribed on the walls of Shreemaya Krishnadham.

# laying the groundwork for tomorrow's communities

# Future Activities at Our Home

#### In Addition to Our Current Activities:

- Seva and Daily Darshans of Lord Krishna ShriNathji Bawa
- Monthly Utsav Celebrations and weekly Satsangs
- nusic, Gujarati, Hindi, Sanskrit Classes 🇞
- 🗞 Yoga Classes
- realth and Career Fairs, Blood Drives
- Fun Fairs promoting competitions in our Arts, Food preparations, Writing, Debates, Shringar etc.
- Scholarly and Interfaith Conferences
- Social and Cultural Activities for people of all ages children and seniors

### **Executive** Committee

Rohit Parikh Sangeeta Shah
Saumil Shah
Sharad Kurani
Suresh Gandhi (President)
Varsha Patel

#### **Building Committee**

Arvind Desai	Deepak Patel
Bhupen Kurani	Raj Motipara
Ramesh Kansara	Phalguni Shah

# Fund-Raising Committee

Bharat Shah Bipin Kapadia Bob Sheth Dr. Samir Vora Hirabhai Patel Jayesh Shah Jogen Shah Krishnabhai Jhaveri Mahesh Shah Milan Gandhi Prashant Mehta Sanjay Thekdi Subhash Desai Subhash Shah Subodh Toprani Thakor Desai



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