# **Arya Samaj of New Jersey**



# **Havan Hosting Guidelines**

The ASNJ member families are encouraged to host the Havan/ Satsang. The Yajman (Host) family may like to select Satsang dates near birthdays of their family members, wedding anniversary or any other solemn occasion they may like to celebrate with their relatives and friends. If so desired, two ASNJ member families can also jointly host the Havan/ Satsang.

To sign up to host / sponsor havan for an available date, you may use the link below:

## Arya Samaj of NJ Havan Calendar

- Havan/ Satsang is held every Sunday from 10:30 AM at 32 Park Avenue, Park Ridge, NJ.
- Havan/ Satsang proceedings can also be watched live through Zoom link

#### Havan Setup:

- The host family is expected to arrive at the venue by 10 AM to help in setting up the place for the satsang. Volunteers shall be present to provide any required assistance.
- Host family is strongly recommended to be in traditional attire for the occasion.
- The host families are requested to bring the following items to conduct havan:.
  - Camphor
  - Half pound of ghee
  - One dried coconut
  - Prasad (Halwa/ shudh mithai) for offering in havan
  - One roll of aluminum foil

In case the Host is finding difficulty in arranging the above items, they can inform the Satsang Coordinator in advance to get them arranged on their behalf.

#### **Prasad**

- The Host / Havan sponsor should arrange prasad for the guests expected to attend the Satsang.
- The menu for the prasad may be kept simple and is at the discretion of the host family.
- The Host / Havan sponsor must take care of the after the prasad clean up, including removing the
  food served, cleaning any samaj dishes/ serving spoons/ tea maker etc that are used during prasad,
  as well as disposing the trash. There are volunteers to help, the host should make sure to request for
  help in advance by reaching out to the Havan & Prasad coordinator or any member of the Executive
  Committee.

In case the Host / Havan sponsor family must attend the havan through Zoom/ virtually due to unavoidable circumstances, they must ensure that Prasad is at the venue by 11 AM in ready to serve form.

#### **Donation**

- The Host / Havan sponsor is suggested to donate minimum \$300 for the havan, to partly cover the satsang expenses
- The Host / Havan sponsor, in addition, should donate \$25 to cover the cost of biodegradable plates, utensils, etc. to serve the prasad.

## <u>Bhajan</u>

• The Host / Havan sponsor should let the Havan coordinator and/ or President know in advance the name of participants who will be singing Bhajans