### S.K.S. SWAMINARAYAN TEMPLE (LONDON) – BAL YUVAK MANDAL



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# **Bhuj Mahant Paramapara**

# 1st Mahant of Bhuj = Sadguru Mahant Swami Shree Achutya Dasji

- Achutya Dasji Swami was born in Tufi (village), Abrasa as Mangal Daas.
- Became a devout satsangi due to the chatra chaaya (what is this?) of Shatanand Swami (who was he?)
- Whilst his parents were away from home, santos came to his ghaam and were hungry for 3 days and it was ekadashi the next day. Mangal made 2 rotlas and fed Vyapkanand Swami and Swaroopanand Swami.
- The santos ate and were very happy. They told Mangal to ask for something. Managal said 'What can you give me? Even the food you had was given by me. Give me what you can.
- The santos gave him divine vision. Mangal was therefore able to do darshan of Maharaj whilst sitting at home, no matter where Maharaj was!
- When he was 8years old, Mangal's parents went to Gadhada to do Maharaj's darshan (walking!!!). They left Mangal with his mama as he was too young for the journey. Because of his divine vision he was able to see every seva that his parents did. When his parents dictated what they did, he would actually correct them.
- Mangal's parents went to Akshardhaam when he was 12 years old.
- Upon the advice of Siddhanand Swami, he received his diksha in VS 1890 from Ayodhyaprasadji Maharaj.
- With Siddhanand Swami's blessings, he made a profound difference and spread the name and satsang of Maharaj throughout Bhuj and its neighbouring ghaams.
- His Guru was Sadguru Anandanand Dasji Swami
- He even went to Rampur Vekra and met Samji, who would later be known as the infamous Aksharjivan Dasji Swami.
- So outstanding was this sant that Brahmanand Swami, Muktanand Swami, Nityanand Swami and Bhagwan Himself came to collect him in VS 1945.

#### 2nd Mahant of Bhuj = Sadguru Mahant Swami Shree Aksharjivan Dasji

- He was born in Rampur Vekra to Meghjibhai and Amarbai Patel as Samji in VS 1908.
- Was a devout satsangi from a very young age.
- One time 4 Yamduts came to get a kusangi. The kusangi ran to Samji who had come home with his barad. Samji used a rope to beat 2 of the Yams who then ran away. He tied the other 2 up all night. The Yams were defeated and promised that they would never come to his ghaam without his permission.
- At the age of 12 Samji became a bhagat, and received his diksha at 16 from Keshavprasadji Maharaj in VS 1926.
- His Guru was Sadguru Achutya Dasji Swami.
- As a sant he spread satsang across many ghaams in Vagad Desh.

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- Wherever he went, santos, Mahants and even the Maharjshree's would listen to his vachan.
- In Baladia, Aksharjivan Dasji Swami wanted to build a Mandir on Ghanji bhagats vaari. However this was very far away from the rest of the ghaam. Swami gave ashirwaad that eventually the Mandir would be in the centre of the ghaam (as it is today). Every vachan that Swami gave came true.
- Swami had such a massive impact on those around him that even Kasu, a Muslim bhakta vowed to stay open feet in Swami's seva until the Mandir was built.
- Aksharjivan Dasji Swami was the one who wrote the Ekadashi Patra which is read in all the Swaminarayan Mandir's every Ekadashi.
- Swami went to Akshardhaam on VS Fagan Sud 2 1965.

## 4th Mahant of Bhuj = Sadguru Mahant Swami Shree Dharmajivan Dasji

- He was from a poor family in Rampur Vekra and his parents passed away when he was only 1 ½ years old.
- At 8 years old, he met Swami Bhaktivallabh Dasji who took him to Bhuj where he did seva in the Goshala.
- When other santos laughed at him due to his small and weak appearance, Swami Bhaktivallabh Dasji would tell them that he was not one to be laughed at and that one day he would lead them.
- He received his diksha in VS 1943 and studied Sanskrit in Karachi.
- Swamis are supposed to eat once a day, but Dharmajivan Dasji Swami would eat twice a day due to an illness. Another sant did ninda of this, and became ill (Maharaj has consistently said that He will never forgive those who do ninda of His haribhaktas).
- On one occasion Swami was singing kirtans. He sang 5 pads to one kirtan and during the 6<sup>th</sup> pad the Maharaj in His Sukh Shaya Murti (which murti is this?) stood up from His singhasan and sat in front of the Swami, and started to rock. His Guru, Krushnacharan Dasji went to see what the Swami was doing and saw a divine light. It was after this event that all the santos realised the true importance of Dharmajivan Dasji Swami.
- Swami went to Akshardhaam in VS 1972.

# 10th Mahant of Bhuj = Sadguru Mahant Swami Shree Hariswarup Dasji

- Born to Devjibhai and Kuverbai Ketani on 29<sup>th</sup> October 1911.
- Was a devout satsangi from a very young age and renounced worldly pleasures at 16.
- His guru was Swami Shreevallabh Dasji and he got his diksha on VS 1984 Kartik Vad 1.
- Had divine darshan of Nar-Narayan Dev everyday.

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- As Mahant he spread satsang to haribhaktos all over the world, including Africa, Australia and the UK.
- Established the Yuvak Mandals around the world and inspired youths to become the forefront of the Swaminarayan Sampraday.
- Despite old age and weakness, so powerful was his vaigraya that he would only eat once a day no matter what his health.
- Swami went to Akshardhaam on VS 2063 Kartik Sud 8.

### Mahant Parampara in order

(Source: http://www.shreeswaminarayanmandirbhuj.org/mahant.html)

1. Sadguru Mahant Swami Shree Achutya Dasji

a. Diksha: 1890b. Aksharvas: 1945

c. Guru: Shree Anandanand Swami

2. Sadguru Mahant Swami Shree Aksharjivan Dasji

a. Diksha: 1926b. Aksharvas: 1965

c. Guru: Shree Achutya Dasji Swami

3. Sadguru Mahant Swami Shree Krishnacharan Dasji

a. Diksha: 1931b. Aksharvas: 1965

c. Guru: Shree Achutya Dasji Swami

4. Sadguru Mahant Purani Swami Shree Dharmajiyan Dasji

a. Diksha: 1943b. Aksharvas: 1972

c. Guru: Shree Krishnacharan Swami

5. Sadguru Mahant Swami Shree Mahapurusha Dasji

a. Diksha: 1935b. Aksharvas: 1981

c. Guru: Shree Achutya Dasji Swami

6. Sadguru Mahant Swami Shree Bhaktapriya Dasji

a. Diksha: 1952b. Aksharvas: 1991

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c. Guru: Shree Krishnacharan Dasji Swami

7. Sadguru Mahant Swami Shree Balkrushna Dasji

a. Diksha: 1933b. Aksharvas: 1988

c. Guru: Shree Krishnacharan Dasji Swami

8. Sadguru Mahant Swami Shree Shreevallabh Dasji

a. Diksha: 1963b. Aksharvas: 2010

c. Guru: Shree Mahapurusha Dasji Swami

9. Sadguru Mahant Swami Shree Dharmajivan Dasji

a. Diksha: 1981b. Aksharvas: 2033

c. Guru: Shree Bhaktipriya Dasji Swami

10. Sadguru Mahant Swami Shree Hariswarup Dasji

a. Diksha: 1984b. Aksharvas: 2063

c. Guru: Shree Shreevallabh Dasji Swami

11. Sadguru Mahant Swami Shree Dharmanandan Dasji

a. Diksha: 2013

b. Guru: Shree Dharmajivan Dasji Swami