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## COMMISSIONER LAHORI RAM'S EIGHTH BARSII

**"Time is not measured by the years that you live but by the deeds that you do and the joy that you give."**

On January 29, 2017 the Ram Family hosted a religious function celebrating the life of Late Commissioner Lahori Ram. The Ram family hosted the Akhand Path at the Shri Guru Ravidass Temple in Pittsburg, CA. The function commemorated the eighth anniversary of the passing of Mr. Lahori Ram. Over 1000 friends, family and well-wishers attended the memorial. People traveled from all over the United States to attend the function. Many people traveled internationally to pay homage to their dear friend and give support to the family to continue the annual memorial to keep Commissioner Ram's memory alive.

Many dignitaries attended on Sunday and praised the work Mr. Ram accomplished in his lifetime. The elected officials included: California State Controller Betty Yee, California State Insurance Commissioner Dave Jones, California State Assembly Speaker Pro-Tempore Kevin Mullin (District 22), Joseph Voelker representing US Congressman Mark DeSaulnier's Office, Michael Sponsler representing CA Assemblyman Tim Grayson's office, San Mateo County Supervisor David Canepa, Pittsburg City Mayor Merl Craft, and Fremont City Councilman Raj Salwan.

Kirtan was performed by Shri Guru Ravidass Temple Pittsburg head priest Bhai Prakash Singh, and Gyani Ompal and Gurnam Singh. Bibi Chanchaldeep Kaur da Dhadi Jatha from San Jose Gurdwara Sahib was also there. Head Priest from Manteca Gurdwara Sahib Harpal Singh performed Katha. Bibi Asha Sharma also spoke about her close connection with Lahori Ram and how she uses him as an example of someone who came from a small village in Punjab and reached the White House. Most of the local BayArea Sikh Temples sent their representatives to attend the memorial. Committee members from Fremont, Yuba City, Sacramento, Rio Linda, Fresno, Bakersfield, San Jose, Hayward, Modesto, Livingston and El Sobrante were all present.

California Controller Betty Yee spoke about Mr. Lahori Ram's contribution to the American political system. She said we need more Indian Americans to be active in US politics.

She used Mr. Ram as a prime example of the American Dream.

Supervisor David Canepa presented the Ram family with a procla-

Ram family lives, thanked the family for allowing all community members an opportunity to get together and remember the contributions of their Fa-

Insurance Commissioner Dave Jones said that even though he never met Mr. Ram he feels like he knows him very well through his interaction with the Ram Family. He said the Family is a gift for the community. Commissioner Jones said that he has attended many of the past Memorials over the years and can't believe how fast eight years have passed.

Pittsburg Mayor Merl Craft spoke about the close relationship the Ram Family has had with the Pittsburg City government. She saluted the community and the work the Sri Guru Ravidass Temple has done in the City. She brought a proclamation recognizing the entire Gurughar Sangat for their achievements.

Many other Indian leaders spoke. Asit Dutta, representing the Indian Consulate, praised Lahori Ram's legacy. Fairfield Gurdwara President Harjinder Dhama saluted the Ram family for organizing the Barsi every year. San Jose Gurdwara General Secretary PritamSingh Grewal spoke about his close relationship with Mr. Ram and recalled some of his personal stories interacting with Babu Lahori Ram. Dashwinder Pal spoke about Lahori Ram's sacrifice in establishing the Sri Guru Ravidass Temple Pittsburg. He said that without the Ram Family's contribution the Temple would not be in existence. Dr. Harmesh Kumar also attested to Dashwinder Pal's statements and added that he is relative of the Ram family. Mr. O. P. Bailey gave a tribute to Commissioner Ram and remembered the times they enjoyed together in the early days of the Sabha.

Rabbi Steven Jacobs said a Hebrew prayer asking God to grant peace to Lahori Ram's soul and wished the best to the Ram Family. Prem Chumber editor Ambedkar Times & Desh Doaba weekly newspapers also attended and covered the Barsi. Jagdev Ram, Ajaipaul Ram and Jagdish Kaur Ram thanked everyone for helping out in the three-day service and especially thanked the community and elected officials for their encouragement and support. They appreciated the great things said about their Father and hope to continue the work their Father started.



[Ambedkartimes.com](http://Ambedkartimes.com) considers it a matter of great honour and prestige to carry the proceedings of the eighth Barsi of revered Commissioner Lahori Ram Ji who devoted his entire life to honestly live and stupendously work not only for his family but also for the Samaj. His contribution to the society has many facets. He wanted his people to be empowered to enjoy equal human rights and lead a life of respect and dignity. He worked hard with his colleagues to establish Guru Ghar for his people where they could gather with honour and equality in the real sense of the term. He was not only well known in his own community but among all as is witnessed in the presence of large number of California state dignitaries on the occasion of the celebration of his eighth anniversary at the Sri Guru Ravidass Temple in Pittsburg, California. The laudable community work commenced by Commissioner Lahori Ram Ji is being carried forward by his illustrious family led by Jack and Paul brothers (Ram Brothers) under the spiritual guidance of their mother Mrs. Pritam Kaur Ram Ji. The Adaras of "Ambedkar Times" & "Desh Doaba" weekly newspapers sincerely wish and pray for the well-being of the sweet family of Revered Commissioner Sh. Lahori Ram Ji. Akal Purkh give them more strength to serve the Samaj to keep up the golden legacy of selfless work of Revered Commissioner Lahori Ram Ji.

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mation. He declared Sunday January 29, 2017 as "Lahori Ram Day" in San Mateo County.

Assemblyman Kevin Mullin, who represents the district where the

ther. He said, "Lahori Ram was a self made man and a role model for all." Assemblyman presented Jagdev and Ajaipaul a Certificate of Recognition to honor the Eighth Memorial.



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ਬੋਲੇ ਸੋ ਨਿਰਭੈ ! ਗੁਰੂ ਰਵਿਦਾਸ ਮਹਾਰਾਜ ਕੀ ਜੈ !



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 ਨਾਂ ਤਸਵੀਸੁ ਖਿਰਾਜੁ ਨ ਮਾਲੁ ॥ ਖਉਫੁ ਨ ਖਤਾ ਨ ਤਰਸੁ ਜਵਾਲੁ ॥1॥  
 ਅਬ ਮੋਹਿ ਖੂਬ ਵਤਨ ਗਹ ਪਾਈ ॥ ਹਾਂ ਖੈਰਿ ਸਦਾ ਮੇਰੇ ਭਾਈ ॥1॥ਰਹਾਉ॥  
 ਕਾਇਮੁ ਦਾਇਮੁ ਸਦਾ ਪਾਤਿਸਾਰੀ ॥ ਦੋਮ ਨ ਸੋਮ ਏਕ ਸੋ ਆਹੀ ॥  
 ਆਬਾਦਾਨੁ ਸਦਾ ਮਸਹੂਰ ॥ ਉਹਾਂ ਗਨੀ ਬਸਹਿ ਮਾਮੂਰ ॥2

## ਸ੍ਰੀ ਗੁਰੂ ਰਵਿਦਾਸ ਜੀ ਮਹਾਰਾਜ ਦਾ 640ਵਾਂ ਪ੍ਰਕਾਸ਼ ਦਿਹਾੜਾ ਫਰਵਰੀ 10-12, 2017

ਸ੍ਰੀ ਗੁਰੂ ਰਵਿਦਾਸ ਸਭਾ ਪਿਟਸਬਰਗ (ਕੈਲੇਫੋਰਨੀਆ) ਵੱਲੋਂ ਸਤਿਗੁਰੂ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਗੁਰੂ ਰਵਿਦਾਸ ਜੀ ਦਾ 640ਵਾਂ ਪ੍ਰਕਾਸ਼ ਉਤਸਵ  
 ਗੁਰੂ ਘਰ ਵਿਖੇ 12 ਫਰਵਰੀ 2017 ਨੂੰ ਮਨਾਇਆ ਜਾ ਰਿਹਾ ਹੈ। ਮਿਤੀ 10 ਫਰਵਰੀ ਨੂੰ  
 ਸ੍ਰੀ ਅਖੰਡ ਪਾਠ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਪ੍ਰਾਰੰਭ ਹੋਣਗੇ ਅਤੇ ਪਾਠ ਦੇ ਭੋਗ 12 ਫਰਵਰੀ ਨੂੰ ਪੈਣਗੇ।  
**ਪ੍ਰੋਗਰਾਮਾਂ ਦਾ ਵੇਰਵਾ**  
 ਆਰੰਭ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਅਖੰਡ ਪਾਠ- ਫਰਵਰੀ 10, 2017 (ਸ਼ੁੱਕਰਵਾਰ) 9:20 ਵਜੇ ਸਵੇਰੇ  
 ਨਿਸ਼ਾਨ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਦੀ ਸੇਵਾ- ਫਰਵਰੀ 11, 2017 (ਸ਼ਨਿਚਰਵਾਰ) ਸ਼ਾਮੀ 3 ਵਜੇ  
 ਭੋਗ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਅਖੰਡ ਪਾਠ ਸਾਹਿਬ- ਫਰਵਰੀ 12, 2017 (ਐਤਵਾਰ) ਸਵੇਰੇ 9:20 ਵਜੇ  
 ਕੀਰਤਨ ਦੀਵਾਨ- ਅਖੰਡ ਪਾਠ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਦੇ ਭੋਗ ਉਪਰੰਤ 2 ਵਜੇ ਦੁਪਹਿਰ ਤੱਕ ਕੀਰਤਨ ਦੀਵਾਨ ਸਜਣਗੇ



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