



# Satsang Sandesh

## India Temple Association, Inc.

Hindu Temple, 25 E. Taunton Ave, Berlin, NJ 08009  
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### Religious Calendar

- 6-Mar Amalaki Ekadashi  
9-Mar Holikadahan Purnima  
19-Mar Papmochani Ekadashi  
25-Mar Chaitri New Year,  
Gudi Padavo / Ugadi /  
Vasanti Navratra Aarambh  
29-Mar Mata ki Chowki at ICC  
1-Apr Durga Ashtami  
2-Apr Shri Rama Navami,  
Shri Sahajananda Jayanti  
4-Apr Kamada Ekadashi  
8-Apr Hanuman Jayanti

### Temple Hours

#### Monday - Friday

9 am - 12:30 pm

4 pm - 8:30 pm

#### Saturday & Sunday

9 am to 9 pm

#### Aarti

12 pm and 8 pm

Times may change during  
special occasions

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please try front door, ring  
bell or call (856) 768-3134.*

### Satyanarayan Puja

Monday, Mar. 9 at 6pm

### Sunderkand Path

Saturday, Mar. 21 at 10am

### ITA NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!!!

Email [communityservice@indiatemple.org](mailto:communityservice@indiatemple.org) if you are interested in volunteering at events.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Mata Ki Chowki at ICC—Sunday, March 29th, 3:15pm  
Durga Ashtami & Chaitri Navaratri Havan at Temple—Wed, Apr 1st, 5pm  
Shri Rama Janma Puja in Temple—Thursday, April 2nd, 10:30am  
Akhand Ramayana Paath— Starts Sat., April 4th at -11am  
Aarti / MahaPrasad on Sunday, April 5th at 12pm  
Hanuman Chalisa Paath—Wednesday, April 8th, 6pm after Satyanarayan Puja

VIKRAM SAMVAT 2076 / 2020 CALENDAR AVAILABLE ONLINE  
<https://www.indiatemple.org/>

### Special Prayers

*ITA has a program whereby you can have prayers performed on your behalf every year on a special day in your life by pledging \$301. Also, at your request, Shri. Bhupendra Shuklaji or Shri Sudhir Jhaji will perform a special puja on your behalf, or the regular temple puja performed on the designated day will be dedicated in your name. Below are the donors for this month.*

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|----------------------------|--------|-------------------|--------|
| • Jashwantlal Mehta        | 1-Mar  | • Ketan Shah      | 14-Mar |
| • Lakshmi Pillalamani      | 1-Mar  | • Dhiraj Panda    | 15-Mar |
| • Raj and Anita Chopra     | 1-Mar  | • Rima Gandhi     | 15-Mar |
| • Anisha Desai             | 8-Mar  | • Troy Hudson     | 17-Mar |
| • Shashi Gupta             | 8-Mar  | • Bhanumati Mehta | 18-Mar |
| • Sharad Pimplaskar        | 9-Mar  | • Jaysukh Sheth   | 19-Mar |
| • Chandubhai Patel         | 11-Mar | • Dinesh Desai    | 20-Mar |
| • Harshad Patel            | 12-Mar | • Vinnu Shah      | 23-Mar |
| • Nishtha and James Hudson | 14-Mar | • Aarav Shah      | 28-Mar |

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**MONTHLY PUJAS AT BERLIN TEMPLE**

**SATYANARAYAN PUJA: Monday, Mar. 9 @ 6 PM**  
Followed by Mahaprasad sponsored by Indian Vila

**SUNDARKAND PAATH: Saturday, Mar. 21 @ 10am to Noon**  
Followed by Mahaprasad sponsored by Gagan Palace

Anyone can sit in this Puja and receive blessings of Lord Satyanarayan.  
Please contact Binduben at (856) 768-6785 if you plan to participate.



**PROGRAMS FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH, HEALTH, HAPPINESS & GOD REALIZATION @ BERLIN TEMPLE**

Vishnu Sahasranamam and Lalitha Sahasranamam will be recited on 1st Friday of each month starting at 10:30 AM.  
This will be followed by Aarti at Noon. Please join us to receive blessings

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Satya Sai Baba of Medford Bhajans 3rd Friday of each month from 8-9pm  
Contact P.K. Prabhakar (856) 596-3147/ Sessa Vemuri (856) 751-0687 for details.

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Bhajan Sandya by SJ Bhajan Mandali Group 1st Friday of each month 7:00 to 8:00 pm led by Venu Gopal Verma.

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Bhagavat Gita Study each Tuesday morning at 11am organized by Sharad Pimplaskar (856) 466-1430.

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**ITA Senior Social Group**

Meetings every Tuesday at 1pm in the Social Hall. Contact Mr. Bhulabhai Bhakta 856-983-0769 for details.

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**Yoga and Pranayama Classes at Berlin Mandir**

Doing Yoga regularly can help you stay physically and mentally healthy. Join Dr. Veena Gandhi (856) 816 4095 & Hina Desai (856) 435 9148 every Tuesday and Thursday from 9-10:15 am for yoga. .

**CONDOLENCES**

Smt. Savitriben Babulal Doshi, age 95, passed away in Mumbai on Monday February 10, 2020. She was mother of Kiran (Kirti) & Shailesh (Chetna) Doshi. She is survived by 2 sons, 4 grand children and 5 great grandchildren, 2 sisters and a brother. ITA and it's board extend their sincere condolences to Doshi Family.

**PROGRAMS FOR SENIORS BY HSC OF NJ**

Location : ICC, 820 Rte. 73, MARLTON, NJ

On Thursday, March 19, 2020. Mr. Raj Maruvada MBA,CPA will go over the potential Tax Law Changes for the year 2019 as a result of enactment of TCJA-Tax Cuts & Jobs Act-a major Tax Legislation, Important changes for individuals in the New Tax Law, New Tax Rate Changes and Deductions, Review of foreign financial accounts, followed by a Q & A session. Mr. Raj Maruvada has his own accounting and tax practice in Voorhees, NJ since 1991. Snacks will be provided-courtesy of Dr. Kavita Gupta Shah and Rupali Gupta Hall daughters of Drs. Ramesh & Asha Gupta. ~Virendra K. Gupta & EC Team

**AARP FOUNDATION FREE TAX ADVICE: Camden District Site Schedule (Feb 3 to April 15th)**

**Monday (closed 2/17)**

Haddon Heights 11-2  
Winslow 10-1  
Ferry Ave 10:30-1:30

**Tuesday**

Bellmawr 11-2  
Cherry Hill 10-2  
Voorhees 11-2  
Westmont 12-4

**Wednesday**

Pennsauken 11-2  
Winslow 10-1

**Thursday**

Pennsauken 11-2  
Runnemede 11-2  
Voorhees 11-2

**Friday**

Blackwood 10-1  
Collingswood 12-4  
Cherry Hill 10-2 (closed 4/10)

**2020 Select Site Addresses**

Bellmawr	Public Library	35 E. Browning Road	931-1400	Cherry Hill	Muni. Building	820 Mercer St. Room 208	488-7868
Collingswood	Public Library	771 Haddon Ave	858-0649	Haddon Heights	Public Library	608 Station Ave	547-7132
Pennsauken	Public Library	5605 Crescent Blvd	665-5959	Voorhees	Public Library	203 Laurel Road	772-1636
Westmont	Public Library	15 MacArthur Blvd	854-2752	Winslow	Public Library	35 Coopers Folly Road	753-2537

For Question or Help Call Kiran Doshi 856-424-8046

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## MATA KI CHOWKI

Sunday, March 29th at 3:15pm at ICC



TU NE MUJHE BULAYA  
SHERAAN WALIYE  
MAI AAYA, MAI AAYA,  
O MA SHERAAN WALIYE

Jai Kara Sherawali Da  
Bol Sanche Darbar ke Jai  
Unche Pahado Wali Mata  
Teri Sada Hi Jai

Chaitra Navratri, also popular as 'Varshik Navratras', is the nine-day celebration every year in Spring season. The festival marks the worshipping of nine incarnations of Goddess Shakti or Goddess Durga which symbolizes purity, power and divinity. This year Navratri dates, during Chaitra month are –

from March 25<sup>th</sup> to April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Chaitra Navratras starts on the first day in Chaitra month and ends on Ram Navami, the ninth day of the month. As per the legends mentioned in the Puranas and other Hindu scriptures, Chaitra Navratri is said to be the actual Navratra during which Goddess Durga was worshipped. Chaitra Navratri is one of the most important festival of Hindus. Devotees worship Maa Shakti, Goddess of cosmic power, during this time and wish to be bestowed by divine benediction from Goddess. Goddess Shakti manifests herself in three different dimensions as Goddess Laxmi, Saraswati and Durga. On the first three days Durga or Goddess of Energy is worshipped. The next three days are devoted to Lakshmi or Goddess of Wealth and the last three days for Saraswati or Goddess of Knowledge.

We will be celebrating this auspicious festival on Panchami of Navratra as "MATA KI CHOWKI". The **fifth day of Navratri** celebrates the fifth incarnation of Goddess Durga in the form of Skandmata. She is the fearless form of Goddess Durga that rides on a lion with her baby in her arms.

**Day: Sunday March 29<sup>th</sup> Time: 3:15 pm to 7pm followed by Maha-Prasad.**

Pls join us in celebrating this auspicious festival together and receive the blessings of MATA RANI.  
LIVE BHAJANS/ MUSIC BY FAMOUS SINGERS FROM SOUTH JERSEY  
BHANDARA & FASTING FOOD WILL BE SERVED  
NAV DEVI DANCE PERFORMANCE JASMINE DANCE ACADEMY

ITA cordially invites all family and friends to celebrate Chaitra Navratri on its fifth day at ICC. Join us on this auspicious occasion to obtain blessings of Mata Rani and Rejuvenate self with positive vibrations.

Note: All Donations / Sponsorships are welcome for Mata Ki Chowki. Donations starting from \$101 and above shall be given "Mata Ki Chunri to offer" Please make checks payable to "ITA".

For Online Donations: Use the Website Below, Enter Amount Against "Mata ki Chowki". In the Memo Field, mention "Mata ki Chunri" if the Donation Amount is \$101 or more.

[https://www.indiatemple.org/donation\\_form.php](https://www.indiatemple.org/donation_form.php)

For Sponsorship & Details, Please Contact:

Pankaj Desai (856) 874-6431

Sangeeta Rashatwar (609) 685-2755

Dhiru Saparia (856) 287-1415

Charu Sheth (732) 710-6297

Nitin Khanna (267) 475-6932

Kinnari Patel (609) 230-4040

Nidhi Agrawal (856) 520-3451

Rashmi Julka (856) 873-6447



**DURGA ASHTAMI & CHAITRI NAVRATRI HAVAN**

April 1, Wednesday 5pm at Berlin Temple

**JAI MATA DI**



**AKHAND RAMAYAN PAATH**

Starting at 11am on Saturday, April 4

MahaPrasad will be provided after the Purna Ahuti on Sunday, April 5

As this Navratra coincides with Ram Navami, it also referred as Ram Navratri. These nine festive days would be including "Akhand Ramayana" starting on Saturday April 4 followed by Maha-Aarti on Sunday April 5.



Sri Rama Navami

Sri Raghavam Dasharadhatmajam aprameyam

Sitapathim Raghukulanvaya Ratna Deepam;

Aajanubahum Aravinda Dalayathaksham

Ramam Nishachara Vinashakaram Namami

Temple observances will begin on Saturday April 4th at 11 am by reading of Ramayan. The Mahaprasad will be provided after the Purna Ahuti on Sunday.

It will be helpful if you bring your Ramayan.

Anyone interested in helping, please call: Meena Bhatnagar (856-424-2581), Rano Vasishta (609-926-0142), or Ritu Pandya (856-435-6577).

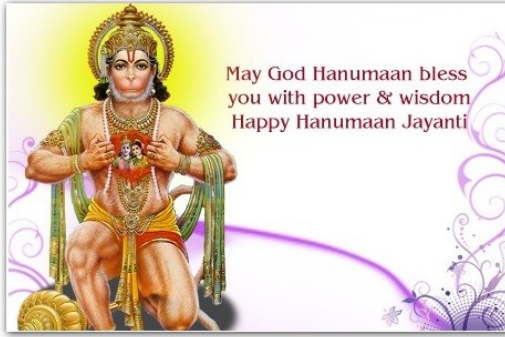
**SHRI RAMA JANMA PUJA**

Thursday April 2nd, 10:30am

**Shri Rama Navami Celebration**

## Hanuman Jayanti & Purnima Satyanarayan Pooja

Wednesday, April 8, 2020 at 6pm



Hanuman Jayanti is celebration of birth of Lord Hanuman. We are celebrating Hanuman Jayanti Wednesday April 8 and we are doing it like in previous years reciting Hanuman Chalisa 11 times. We are organizing a wonderful program with melodious bhajans and celebrations at our temple. All of us will recite Hanuman Chalisa 11 times, and sing Kirtan, Bhajan, and Dhun along with Satyanarayan Pooja, Aarti and Mahaprasad.

## 2020 I.T.A. SCHOLARSHIP

**Purpose:** *To support the I.T.A. community by giving scholarships to graduating senior students who have demonstrated dedication and significant contribution to the I.T.A.*

**Description:** *Up to two scholarships worth \$1000 each will be awarded to graduating high school seniors whose families are current members of the I.T.A. Each will be renewable for up to 3 additional years based on meeting maintenance criteria and available funding. The scholarship can be used at a 2 or 4-year accredited institution for undergraduate studies related to tuition or books only.*

### Eligibility:

- \* Applicant's family must be a current I.T.A. member
- \* Demonstration of engagement at the Temple **will be weighed heavily:** examples are participation in Balvihar -Youth Program, volunteering at the Temple, participation in ITA sponsored events such as fundraising, cultural programs and community events, etc.
- \* Applicant must be a current senior at a local high school with plans to enroll full-time in an accredited 2 or 4 year college in the United States.
- \* A completed application form

**Contact:** Amit Patel at amitmpatel@gmail.com or 301-785-1170 for details and scholarship application form.

**SENIOR APPLICATION DEADLINE:** Postmark by May 15, 2020

**RENEWAL ALLIATION DEADLINE:** Postmark by June 1, 2020

## COMMUNITY EVENTS FOR MARCH

**Census 2020 Key Note Speaker Shanti Narra at ICC**  
Sunday, March 15, 2020 3pm—5pm

**A Women's History Month Event, Why We Give, A Celebration of SJ Women Who Give Back at Rowan BCC**  
Friday, March 20, 2020 8:30am—Noon

**SENIOR & FAMILY CAREGIVER WORKSHOP—Crowne Plaza—2349 W. NJ-70, Cherry Hill, NJ 08002**  
Tuesday, March 31, 2020 7:30am—12:30pm

## FREE NOTARY SERVICE

POC: Ghanshyam Dave.:856-596-7531, Raman Modhera: 856-528-2863 & Dalapat Patel: 609-298-2724



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**Send address changes or Membership renewals to:**

ATTN: VP of Information at 25 E. Taunton Ave. Berlin, NJ 08009 or email vpinfo@indiatemple.org

## PUJA SERVICE & TEMPLE RENTAL FEES

Shri Shuklaji /Shri Sudhirji perform religious services on request. Please contact Anoo Joshi at (855) MY-MANDIR Ext 715 to schedule a Puja Service or Rental of Temple facilities.

<u>Puja Services</u>	<u>MEMBER</u>		<u>NON-MEMBER</u>	
	Inside Temple	Outside* Temple	Inside Temple	Outside* Temple
Archana	\$11		\$11	
Vahan Pooja	\$25		\$25	
Namkaran/Annaprashan	\$51	\$101	\$101	\$151
Birthday	\$51	\$101	\$101	\$151
Shradha	\$51	\$101	\$101	\$151
Anniversary Celebration	\$101	\$151	\$151	\$201
Kesh Mundan	\$101	\$151	\$151	\$201
Satyanarayan Pooja	\$121	\$151	\$201	\$251
Engagement Ceremony	\$101	\$201	\$151	\$251
Havan/Graha Shanti	\$201	\$251	\$251	\$301
Vastu Pooja-Outside Only		\$251		\$301
Wedding per day	\$401	\$501	\$501	\$551
Upanayan/Yagnopavit	\$251	\$301	\$301	\$351
Uttarkriya Per day -Outside Only		\$151		\$201
Yagna/laghu rudra-Outside Only		\$351		\$401
Navchandi Yagna-Outside Only		\$651		\$701
Antim Kriya		No Charge		No Charge

\*\$.58/ mile charge applied when puja requires greater than 20 miles of travel.

In addition to their base salary, Pujaris receive 50% of Outside Puja Services payment as compensation.

### Facility Rental Fees

	<u>Member</u>	<u>Non-Member</u>
Prayer Hall Rental	\$201	\$251
Social Hall Rental	\$301	\$351