



# Satsang Sandesh

## India Temple Association, Inc.

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

Sept 1, Sunday  
 Kevada Trij—Haritalika Teej /  
 Samoohika Teej Puja @6pm  
 Sept 2, Monday  
 Shri Ganesha Chaturthi  
 Sept 3, Tuesday  
 Rishi / Rushi Panchami  
 Sept 6, Friday  
 Radha Ashtami  
 Sept 9, Monday  
 Parivartini Ekadashi  
 Sept 10, Tuesday  
 Shri Vamana Jayanti  
 Sept 12, Thursday  
 Anant Charudashi, Shri Gane-  
 sha Visarjan  
 Sept 13, Friday  
 Vrat Purnima  
 Sept 14, Saturday  
 Purnima, Mahalaya Starts  
 Shradha Paksha /  
 Pitri Paksha Starts  
 Sept 15, Wednesday  
 Indira Ekadashi  
 Sept 28, Saturday  
 Sarvapitri Amavas, Amavas  
 Tarpan;  
 Shradhha Paksha Concludes  
 Sept 29, Sunday  
 Shri Sharadiya Navaratra  
 Aarambh

### Sign up to Volunteer!!

Click on the community service logo on ITA website to check out the ITA community service opportunities and sign up to volunteer.



**September 13, Thursday 6pm  
 Shri Satyanarayan Puja**

**September 21, Saturday  
 Sunderkand Path 10am**

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Ganesh Utsav September 2nd - September 12th, 2019  
 Pitri-Paksha Shradha Spiritual Celebration Sept.14th to Sept.28th  
 Children's Navratri Sunday, September 29th 2:30—5:00 pm @ ICC  
 NAVRATRI 2019— save dates in September & October  
 Vishnu Sahasranama on Saturday October 5, 2019 at 9:30am at our Mandir  
 October 6th, Sunday—Durga Ashtami Havan in Temple 3-6pm  
 October 8, Tuesday—Vijaya Dashami / Dahsera  
 October 8, Tuesday—ITA Dasher—Ravan Dahan Program at ICC 6pm  
 October 17, Thursday—Karva Chauth Puja  
 October 25, Friday—Dhan Teras Puja at Temple 6pm  
 October 27, Sunday—Special Diwali Aarti for Children @4pm  
 Oct 27, Sunday—Diwali, Laxhmi Puja, Annakoot 5-930pm; Aarti @7pm, 8pm, 9pm  
 October 28, Monday—Vikram Samvat New Year;  
 Aarti 6am-noon every half hour; 4pm-8pm every hour

VIKRAM SAMVAT 2075 / YEAR 2019—CALENDAR & Event Updates  
 ONLINE -<https://www.indiatemple.org/>  
 To receive Berlin Temple info & Satsang Sandesh by email,  
 Please email [vpinfo@indiatemple.org](mailto:vpinfo@indiatemple.org)

### Special Prayers

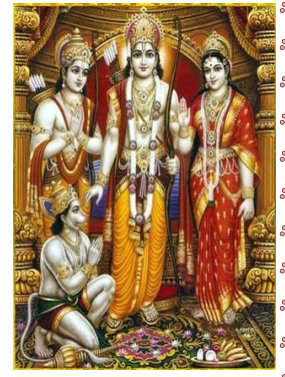
*ITA has a program whereby you can have prayers performed on your behalf every year on a special day in your life by pledging \$301. Also, at your request, Shri. Bhupendra Shuklaji or Shri Sudhir Jhaji will perform a special puja on your behalf, or the regular temple puja performed on the designated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

Hudson James	1-Sep	Devendra & Neeta Soni	18-Sep
Vinod N Patel	3-Sep	Nagindas & Champaben Shah	19-Sep
Giyanani Mulchand	4-Sep	Nathu Mistry	22-Sep
Kashiben Patel	8-Sep	Girish Aggarwal	23-Sep
Ajay Patel	10-Sep	Kirti Doshi	23-Sep
Omila Kochhar	14-Sep	Babubhai Patel	27-Sep
Krina Patel	14-Sep	Thakor Patel	28-Sep
Arun Maheswari	17-Sep	Vijay & Asha Gupta	30-Sep



**Monthly Pujas at Mandir**

**SUNDARKAND PAATH**  
**Saturday, September 21 @ 10 AM to 12:00 Noon**  
Followed by Mahaprasaad sponsored by Gagan Palace



**SATYANARAYAN PUJA**  
**Friday September 13 @ 6:00 PM**  
Followed by Mahaprasaad sponsored by Indian Vila  
Anyone can sit in this Puja and receive blessings of Lord Satyanarayan.  
Please contact Binduben at (856) 768-6785  
or Kshamaben at kshamatemple@gmail.com  
if you are planning to be Puja Participant. Suggested Donation of \$31 or  
more from Puja participants will be appreciated.

**PROGRAMS FOR SENIORS BY HSC OF NJ**  
**ICC, 820 RT 73, MARLTON, NJ**

We will have two meetings in the month of September 2019 at ICC at 6.30 PM:-  
The first meeting will be held on September 12, 2019. Avin Dube, a retired engineer will talk about : "The Last Hindu Empire " (Marathas) of India--a very interesting topic of History. Avin did his BS from Birla Inst. Ranchi and MS from Univ. of Toronto. He worked in the Automation field for 40 years for multiple corporations.  
Our second meeting will be held on September 26, 2019. Dr. Samir Shah, MD, FACS will dwell on an ear condition such as an infection, hearing loss or trouble with balance--nose and nasal issues like allergies, sinusitis or growths--throat problems like tonsillitis, difficulty swallowing and voice issues--sleep trouble like snoring & obstructive sleep apnea--infections or tumors of your head or neck--followed by Q&A session. Dr. Shah is an ENT-otolaryngologist in Cherry Hill, NJ and is affiliated with multiple hospitals in the area. Dr. Shah received his medical degree from State Univ. of NY and has been in practice for more than 20 years. Dr. Shah also achieved his MBA with highest honors from Rutgers.  
Snacks provide by Dr. Kavita Gupta Shah and Roopali Gupta Hall. Ram Arora, President

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**Prayers**



We will be reciting Vishnu Sahasranamam and Lalitha Sahasranamam on first Friday of each month- Friday September 6th at our Berlin Temple. We will start at 10:30 am. This will be followed by Aarti at 12 noon. Please join us with family and friends and get Blessings.  
Annual Program—Remember, by spreading the word, collectively we all can do Sri Vishnu Sahasranama chanting across the Globe for world harmony and peace. In this connection, on Saturday October 5, 2019 at 9:30 AM at our Mandir. We all get a chance to participate in the Same Time Satsang across different countries in the world.



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**FREE YOGA CLASSES FOR ALL LEVELS—YOGA and Pranayam Classes at Berlin Mandir**

How do we stay physically and mentally HEALTHY? Yoga - done on regular basis is the answer. So come in large numbers and enjoy the yoga classes in the serene atmosphere of the temple. Dr. Veena S Gandhi lead YOGA Class on Tuesdays at 9AM and Hina Desai will lead class on Thursdays at 9AM, Veena - Tel. Number (C)856 816 4095, (h) 856 435 9148; Hina - Tel Number: 856 495 5864. Wish all of you will continue practices daily. All the best for the happy and healthy 2019. In God's services, love you All.

**Karak Chaturthi - Karva Chauth Puja Thursday October 17th at: 3:00 PM, 4:00 PM, 5:00 PM, 6:00 PM**



Karva Chauth is a one-day festival celebrated by Hindu married women safety and longevity of their husbands.  
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**Bhagavat Gita Study— Every Tuesday morning 11AM- Sharad Pimplaskar: (856) 466-1430**

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**Satya Sai Baba of Medford Bhajans 3rd Friday of Month 8-9pm P.K.Prabhakar 8565963147/Sesha Vemuri 8567510687**

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**Senior Social Group—Senior Social Group (SSG) meets every Tuesday at 1pm in the Social Hall.**

Please contact Mr. Bhulabhai Bhakta 856-983-0769 for details.

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**Free Notary Service** Notary Service by our ITA Members—The following ITA members provide Free Notary Service to our community: Ghanshyam Dave.:856-596-7531; Raman Modhera: 856-528-2863 and Dalapat Patel: 609-298-2724

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**Condolences** -Smt. Niranjana Jhonsa, wife of Bharat Jhonsa of Castor discount store of NJ passed away in India on 8/19. She is survived by two daughters and one son. ITA and it's Board extend their sincere condolences to Jhonsa family.

## ITA GENERAL BODY MEETING & ANNUAL TRUSTEE ELECTION

Saturday November 23rd at 1:30 at the Berlin Temple

The ITA will hold a General Body Meeting and Annual Election on November 23rd at 1:30. We encourage all members to attend this important event. Please note we have moved the meeting time, day and month to mitigate weather impacts and improve attendance by addressing member concerns about night driving and conflicts with winter travel to India, NFL games and children's school night preparations. The preliminary agenda for the meeting is below:

ITA leadership will provide a review of the past year and priorities for the 2020. Trustee Candidates for 2020 to 2022 term will discuss their qualifications and planned contribution. Election will be conducted. Constitution and By-Laws Amendment Vote will be conducted. General Body will be given the floor to ask questions.

### GENERAL BODY TRUSTEE BACKGROUND, APPLICATION AND ELECTION

The ITA is searching for committed and dedicated individuals who are interested in serving our community to join the Trusteeship. Board of Trustees oversee the functioning of the entire ITA and consists of 24 members that are each elected on staggered basis for a three-year term. 21 of the Trustees are General Body Trustees and 3 of the Trustees are Advisory Board Trustees. Each year the ITA General Body must elect 7 General Body Trustees and the Advisory Board must elect one Trustee. The General Body Trustee election is held at the ITA's General Body Meeting on. The 7 candidates with the highest number of votes will be elected.

In order to be an eligible for Trusteeship an individual the requirements below and those outlined in the Trustee Application: Believe in the Objectives of the ITA as articulated in Article III of the ITA Constitution\*.

Be willing to assume the responsibilities and requirements of Trusteeship as outlined in Article II of the ITA By-Laws\*.

Have been a continuous ITA member from October 1st, 2017 to September 30th, 2019.

Have participated on an ITA Committee for at least one year and willing to continue volunteering and contributing to ITA activities as Trustee as required by the By-Laws\*.

Not be an elected public official; candidate for public office; or an employee of a political campaign or party.

Not have resigned in the past 12 months or lost "Good Trustee Standing" in the past 24 months.

Not have completed third consecutive ITA Trustee term as of December 31st, 2019.

Not have served five (full or partial) cumulative terms as ITA Trustee as of December 31st, 2018.

Interested candidates that meet these criteria must submit a Trustee Application via email by October 1st, 2019 in order to be considered. Soft copy of application will be available after September 5th online at: [https://www.indiatemple.org/ita\\_documents.php](https://www.indiatemple.org/ita_documents.php). Email typed and completed applications to [electioncom@indiatemple.org](mailto:electioncom@indiatemple.org). If you have any questions, please contact: Rina Patel, Election Committee Chair, at [electioncom@indiatemple.org](mailto:electioncom@indiatemple.org).

\*Copies of By-Laws and Constitution are available at [https://www.indiatemple.org/ita\\_documents.php](https://www.indiatemple.org/ita_documents.php)

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### ITA invites you to celebrate Ganesh Utsav September 3rd - September 12th, 2019

◆ September 2nd 2019, Monday 2@5.30 pm Ganesh Sthapan & Puja

Ganesh procession from temple parking lot to the alter followed by puja, Aarati and Maha prasad

September 3 - September 12 2019

◆ 12:00pm Ganesh Archana and Aarati followed by temple Aarati.

6.00 pm Samuhik Ganesh puja followed by Aarati and Prasad.

Special Programs:

◆ Friday September 6th 2019-Introducing two new Artists-Arjun Shankar & Aakash Pillai Musical Program from 6.45 pm-7.45 pm followed by Aarati and Mahaprasad.

◆ Saturday September 7th 2019-: Special Bhajans by Shri Venugopal Verma and team from 6.45 pm-7.45 pm followed by Aarati and Mahaprasad.

◆ Visarjan September 12th, Thursday at 6.30 pm after Ganesh Pooja followed by Maha prasad

Donations are welcome. To sponsor puja and prasad or for more information, please contact Anoo

Joshi at 856-616-2460 or [anootemple@gmail.com](mailto:anootemple@gmail.com) or Charu Sheth at 856-662-8754 or [sheth\\_charu@yahoo.com](mailto:sheth_charu@yahoo.com)

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### Pitri-Paksha Shradha Spiritual Celebration Sept.14th to Sept.28th



Every year, an important period of 15 days (Pitru Paksha or Shraadh) is dedicated to the ancestors and forefathers. Shraadh Paksha is also a time to offer our prayers for liberation of our forefathers' Atmas Date:

Sept.14th to Sept.28th—according to South Jersey Panchang. Matri Navami Shradha on Monday Sept 23th; Sarva Pitri Shadha on Saturday Sept.28th. We are introducing two new short pujas during Shradha Paksha

lasting 15-20 minutes through out the mornings between 9:30 and 11:30. For questions, please contact Pujari Sudhirji.

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Om Namoh Bhagavaté Vasudevaya Namah- Remember, our Vedic Rishis words, "All be Happy and be Prosperous". If maximum numbers of people in a society (city, state, or country) are happy, then that society is happy and prosperous. One easy way is to chant Sri Vishnu Sahasranama and do good work. Experience has shown that an individual chanting VSN alone makes him/her calm and happy. If this chanting is done as a part of a Satsang, then one feels his/her happiness elevated to another level, and the satsang group feels very positive and happy (multiplying effect). By spreading the word, collectively we all can do Sri Vishnu Sahasranama chanting across the Globe for world harmony and peace. In this connection, on Saturday October 5, 2019 at 9:30 AM at our Mandir. We all get a chance to participate in the Same Time Satsang across different countries in the world. Thanks for your time and help, and please spread the word.



**October 6th, Sunday—Durga Ashtami Havan @3-6pm**



**Ravan Dahan ITA Dussehra Festival**  
**on Tuesday October 8th 2019 from 6—10pm at ICC**  
ITA celebrates Dussehra on Friday October 8th at 6 pm at the ICC. There will be a Musical Ramayana Play presented by Hindi USA students.  
Raavan Dahan Bigger and better.  
Food Fun for the whole family.  
For information contact Sangeeta Rashatwar 609-685-2755,

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**NAVRATRI 2019—WHERE and WHEN !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

Sunday, September 29th to Thursday to October 3rd, October 6th & 7th  
Indian Cultural Center  
Friday October 4th (Venue to be announced)  
Saturday, October 5 Moorestown High School (Mac Gym)  
Saturday October 12th Eastern High School, Voorhees

All Programs From 7.30 PM to 12 AM

ONLINE SEASON NAVRATRI TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED  
ONLINE AT [WWW.INDIATEMPLE.ORG/NAVRATRI.PHP](http://WWW.INDIATEMPLE.ORG/NAVRATRI.PHP)



**Children's Navratri Sunday September 29th 2:30—5:00 pm @ ICC**

Join us for an afternoon of Garba and Raas for young kids (ages 4-12)!

**Including:**

- Small group garba and raas instruction
- Slower paced music to facilitate learning
- Less crowded environment

- Live musicians & singers
- Navratri related crafts

Online Tickets ONLY / NO tickets at door  
[www.indiatemple.org/childrens-navratri-ticket.php](http://www.indiatemple.org/childrens-navratri-ticket.php)  
Adults \$13 / Children \$6

**Ticket Sales Begin September 1st**  
**DON'T MISS OUT! ONLY 300 TICKETS AVAILABLE**



For questions and additional information contact:

Samir Patel: 201.657.8661

Sagar Dalal: 201.705.4466

Shashank Sheth: 732.604.8956

Vidya Shukla: 610.703.1710

**HAPPY NEW YEAR! DhanTeras Puja—Friday October 25 at 6pm**

Bring your jewelry, or precious items for Dhan Puja. In order to participate as yajman in puja, please contact Binduben Shukla at 856-768-6785 [bshukla53@gmail.com](mailto:bshukla53@gmail.com) or Kshamaben Raghuvveer 707-332-3400 <[kshamatemple@gmail.com](mailto:kshamatemple@gmail.com)>. Suggested donation is \$51.

**Diwali - Annakut - Laxmi Pujan—Sunday October 27 at 5pm-930pm**

In order to participate in Laxmi puja as a Mukhya yajman or Sah Yajma or bring Prasad for



Annakut, please contact Binduben or Kshamaben. Please drop Prasad early by 4pm- 56 bhog, 28 sweet, 28 namkeen Sponsorship: PUJA 5 PM; \$251 and above- Mukhya Yajmans; \$101 Sah Yajmans; Early Aarti for children at 4 pm; Aarati: 7 PM, 8 PM, and 9 PM. Puja starts at 4 pm.

**Vikram Samvat 2076 - New Year—Monday October 28**

Please join us for the New Year day celebrations starting at 6 am.

Enjoy special breakfast items (nashta) served 9 am – 11:30 am. Please contact Binduben or Kshamaben to sponsor breakfast items (Nashta) and Prasad. Suggested items for breakfast (nasta) are: tea, mathia, gota, sweets. Please bring these items to the mandir by 8:30 am. Aarati: 6:00 AM, and every half hour until Noon; 4:00 PM and every half hour until 8 PM



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**Sunday October 27th Children Diwali Puja and Annakut—Join us from at 4 pm at the Berlin Temple for Special Diwali Celebration**

**PROGRAMS FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH  
YOGA ABHYAS FOR HEALTH, HAPPINESS &  
GOD REALIZATION:**

Contact: Veena Gandhi at 856-435-9148

**GITA STUDY GROUP:**

Every Tuesday 11am at our Mandir

Contact: Sharad Pimplaskar @ (856) 985-4785

**BHAJANS & STUTI:**

Every Friday 7:30-9 pm

Contact: Shree Shuklaji (856) 768-6785 or

Shree Sudhirji (856) 768-3134

**REGULAR PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

**BALVIHAR:** For children (PRE-K to 8th Grade) teaches Sanatana Dharma, Vedic Heritage and Indian Culture. Two Sundays a month from 10 am - 1 pm.

Contact: Malathi Shankar, Sagar Dalal, Samir Patel at -855-my-mandir ext 3 or badmin@indiatemple.org

**YOUTH PROGRAM:** A program for young adults (9th to 12th Grade).

Contact: Lalit Patel at -855-my-mandir ext 4 or youthadmin@indiatemple.org

**CREATIVE ART WORKSHOP**

1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday @ 9:30 am at our Mandir

Contact: Sudha Patel (856)489-4065 or art@indiatemple.org

**PUJA SERVICE CHARGES, TEMPLE FACILITIES USAGE FEE AND OTHER CHARGES:**

The following provides list of applicable charges and fees. Shri Shuklaji /Shri Sudhirji will be available for religious services on request. Please check temple availability at [www.indiatemple.org](http://www.indiatemple.org); Click on "CALENDAR tab" and, from drop-down menu, Click on "EVENT/RENTAL CALENDAR". **Please contact Anoo Joshi at 1-855-MY-MANDIR Ext 715 for the booking of the Temple Facilities and/or scheduling of Puja Services by Shuklaji or Sudhirji.**

Please note that 50% of the listed cost of Puja performed outside the temple goes to Pujari in addition to his regular salary.

**PUJA SERVICE CHARGES, TEMPLE FACILITIES USAGE FEE AND OTHER CHARGES:-EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2019**

PUJA SERVICE	MEMBER		NON MEMBER	
	Inside Temple	Outside Temple	Inside Temple	Outside Temple
Archana	\$11.00		\$11.00	
Vahan Pooja	\$25.00		\$25.00	
Namkaran/Annaprashan	\$51.00	\$101.00	\$75.00	\$121.00
Birthday	\$51.00	\$101.00	\$75.00	\$121.00
Shradha	\$51.00	\$101.00	\$75.00	\$121.00
Anniversary Celebration	\$101.00	\$151.00	\$121.00	\$175.00
Kesh Mundan	\$101.00	\$151.00	\$121.00	\$175.00
Satyanarayan Pooja	\$121.00	\$151.00	\$151.00	\$175.00
Engagement Ceremony	\$101.00	\$201.00	\$151.00	\$251.00
Havan/Graha Shanti	\$201.00	\$251.00	\$251.00	\$300.00
Vastu Pooja-Outside Only		\$251.00		\$300.00
Wedding per day	\$401.00	\$501.00	\$501.00	\$551.00
Upanayan/Yagnopavit	\$251.00	\$301.00	\$300.00	\$351.00
Uttarkriya Per day -Outside Only		\$151.00		\$200.00
Yagna/laghu rudra-Outside Only		\$351.00		\$400.00
Navchandi Yagna-Outside Only		\$651.00		\$700.00
Antim Kriya	Voluntary Donation			
Prayer Hall Rental	\$200.00		\$225.00	
Social Hall Rental	\$300.00		\$325.00	
Mileage	\$ 0.58 per mile over 20 miles			

**Payment is required before service is provided.**



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### Darshan Schedule

#### Morning

9:00 am - 1 pm

#### Evening

3 pm - 9 pm

#### Aarti

12 pm & 8 pm

Times may change during  
special occasions

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please try front door, ring  
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