



# Satsang Sandesh

## India Temple Association, Inc.

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

March 2nd, Saturday  
Vijaya Ekadashi  
March 4, Monday  
Mahashivaratri  
March 17th, Sunday  
Amalaki Ekadashi  
March 20th, Wednesday  
Holikadahan, Vrat Purnima  
March 21st, Thursday  
Purnima / Dhuleti /  
Color Festival  
April 1st, Monday  
Papmochani Ekadashi

### 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.



**March 20, Wednesday 6pm  
Shri Satyanarayan Puja**

**March 16, Saturday  
Sunderkand Path 10am**

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Maha Shivratri Rudrabhishek on March 4, Monday at our Berlin Mandir  
Rudrabhishek timings 9:00am - 1:00pm & 4:00pm - 8:00pm  
Bhajan's from 4:00pm-8:00pm**

**MATA KI CHOWKI Saturday April 6 at 4 pm followed by Bhandara at ICC  
Chaitri Navaratri Havan on Sunday April 7, 4-6pm at our Berlin Mandir  
Akhand Ramayana & Shri Rama Navami Celebrations April 13 Sat & 14 Sun**

**VIKRAM SAMVAT 2075 / YEAR 2019—CALENDAR & Event Updates  
ONLINE -<https://www.indiatemple.org/>  
If you would like to receive temple info & Satsang Sandesh via email, Please  
email [vpinfo@indiatemple.org](mailto:vpinfo@indiatemple.org)**

### Special Prayers

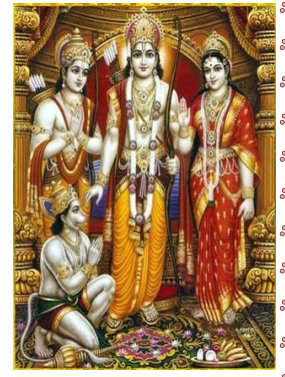
*ITA has a program whereby you can have prayers performed on your behalf every year on a special day in your life by pledging \$301. Also, at your request, Shri. Bhupendra Shuklaji or Shri Sudhir Jhaji will perform a special puja on your behalf, or the regular temple puja performed on the designated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

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



**Monthly Pujas at Mandir**

**SUNDARKAND PAATH**  
**Saturday, March 16 @ 10 AM to 12:00 Noon**  
Followed by Mahaprasaad sponsored by Gagan Palace



**SATYANARAYAN PUJA**  
**Wednesday March 20 @ 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 one meeting on Thursday, March 21, 2019 at ICC at 6.30 PM. Raj Maruvada, MBA,CPA will go over the potential Tax Law Changes for the year 2018 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.  
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 Roopali Gupta Hall daughters of Drs. Ramesh and Asha Gupta.  
Ram Arora, President

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**Prayers**



We will be reciting Vishnu Sahasranamam and Lalitha Sahasranamam on first Friday of the month- Friday, March 1st and April 5th 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.



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

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 Gandhi will resume YOGA Class in March. Wish all of you will continue practices daily. All the best for the happy and healthy New Year-2019. In God's services, love you All.

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**Bhagavat Gita Study every Tuesday morning at 11:00 AM**  
Sharad Pimplaskar phone number : (856) 466-1430

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**Satya Sai Baba of Medford Bhajans- March 15th, Friday 8-9pm**  
P.K. Prabhakar 856-596-3147 ; Sessa Vemuri 856-751-0687

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**Senior Social Group**

Senior Social Group (SSG) will meet every Tuesday at 1pm in the Social Hall at Berlin Temple. Please contact Mr. Bhulabhai Bhakta 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**

Our founding member Bhanuben's Brother (Harshadbhai's brother-in-law) Shri Chhaganbhai H Patel passed away in India at age 90 on January 20 2019. ITA and it's board extend their sincere condolences to their family.

Please join us for  
"MAHA SHIVRATRI"



**Maha Shivratri Rudrabhishek on Monday March 4 in our Berlin Mandir  
INDIA TEMPLE ASSOCIATION INVITES YOU TO JOIN IN CELEBRATING  
MAHASHIVRATRI AT THE BERLIN MANDIR On MARCH 4TH, MONDAY TIME:  
9AM-12PM & 4 PM-8:00 PM  
BAM BOLE BAM BOLE BAM BAM BAM..... IF INTERESTED TO SPONSOR  
PRASAD, FLOWERS, GARLANDS,  
ICE DEITY & DECORATIONS. ALL SPONSORSHIPS WELCOME!  
GROUPS WELCOME TO PREPARE AND SPONSOR FASTING FOOD.  
FOR DETAILS PLEASE CONTACT: PANKAJ DESAI-(856) 874-6431 SANGEETA  
RASHATWAR-(609) 685-2755 DANNY SAPARIA -(856) 287-1415 NIDHI AGRAWAL  
-(856) 520-3451 VIJESH DARJI- (609) 675-6141 RASHMI JHULKA-(856) 873-6447  
NITIN KHANNA-(267) 475-6932 KINNARI PATEL-(609) 230-4040  
MELODIOUS BHAJANS ; OPEN FLOOR BHAJANS ; 4PM -6 PM  
SOUTH JERSEY BHAJAN MANDLI ; 6PM ONWARDS ; AARTI 8:00 PM**

**You are welcome to sing Bhajans between 4pm to 6 pm. South Jersey Bhajan group will present bhajans from 6 pm to 8pm.**

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**CHAITRA NAVRATRI -VASANT NAVRATRA**

The word "Navaratri" is a conjunction of two words "nava" (meaning "nine") and "ratri" (meaning "night"). Spread over 9 nights and 10 days, it is one of the most sacred festivals in Hinduism where we worship Goddess Durga or Shakti, which represents the energy of the universe, in her 9 beautiful forms with great reverence.

During the period of 9 days of Navratri, 9 forms of Durga, called nav-durga, are worshiped in the following order: Shailaputri, Bhrahmacharini, Chandraghanta, Kushmanda, Skandamata, Katyayani, Kaalratri, Maha Gauri and Siddhidatri. Navaratri is celebrated 4 times in a year. Vasanta Navaratri, Ashad Navaratri, Sharad Navaratri and Magha Navaratri.

Out of these four Navaratri, two are most popular and significant.

Vasanta or Chaitra Navaratri: This Navaratri is celebrated during the Shukla Paksha of Chaitra, which is between March to April. The beginning of this Navaratri also marks the start of the New Year as per Hindu Lunar Calendar.

Maharastrians celebrate the first day this Navaratri as GudiPadwa. Ninth day of this festival people celebrate the birthday of Lord Shri Rama as "RamaNavami". This Navaratri is mostly celebrated in North India and Western India.

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**Join Us at ICC from Tuesday, March, 12th, 2019 at 8:00 PM; Register on ICC website. Seats are limited.**

**More information call Lata Pimplaskar 856-985-4785**

Kaivalyopanishad "I stand alone in this vast universe, disconnected. Oh! Lord, everything is a mind boggling mystery." A sentiment that is common in human heart. And in the mist of living life in this Samsara, Who am I? Do I have connection to this vast universe? And, if so, how it dwells in our hearts? "Ocean" is the support the waves, "Gold" is the support of ornaments, "Cotton" is the support of the textiles. It is in the same sense the word support is used in the Kaivalyopnishad. "The Upanishad indicates Brahman colossal, gigantic like space. But space itself depends on Its support. Space is subtle because it has only one attribute – sound, or more accurately, vibration – with which it can be sensed. By adding the Upanishad says that Brahman is beyond space & time. It is the support of the universe. It is that from which this universe of innumerable worlds springs; it is that into which the universe folds & enters at dissolution. The Upanishad says: That is verily what you are; you are verily That."

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**Camden District  
2019 Sites Schedule**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Feb 4-Apr 15	Feb 5-Apr 9	Feb 6-Apr 10	Feb 7-Apr 11	Feb 1-
Apr 12				
*Barrington 10-1	Bellmawr 11-2	Pennsauken 12-3	Pennsauken 12-3	Blackwood 10-1
*Haddon Heights 11-2	Cherry Hill 10-2	Winslow 10-1	Runnemede 11-2	Collingswood 12-4
*Winslow 10-1	Voorhees 11-2	Audubon 10 -1	Voorhees 11-2	Cherry Hill 10-2
*Ferry Ave 10:30-1:30	Westmont 12-4* CLOSED FEB 18			



**2019 Site Locations**

Audubon	Library-Senior Center	247 Oakland Ave	547-8686
Barrington	Recreation Center	229 Trenton Ave	547-0706
Bellmawr	Public Library	35 E. Browning Road	931-1400
Blackwood	Public Library	15 S, Black Horse Pike	228-0022
Cherry Hill	Municipal Building	820 Mercer Street Room 208	488-7868
Collingswood	Public Library	771 Haddon Ave	858-0649
Ferry Ave	Public Library	852 Ferry Ave	342-9789
Haddon Heights	Public Library	608 Station Ave	547-7132
Pennsauken	Public Library	5605 Crescent Blvd	665-5959
Runnemede	Senior Center	2 Broadway & Black Horse Pike	939-4688
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

CALL KIRAN DOSHI @ 856-424-8046 / 609-405-2641 FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. WE CAN ARRANGE SPECIAL ASSISTANCE FOR HANDICAP AND/OR INDIAN LANGUAGES AARP TAX-AIDE IS A FREE SERVICE PROVIDED BY VOLUNTEERS WHO HAVE BEEN TRAINED AND ARE CERTIFIED BY THE IRS AND THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO PREPARE INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX RETURNS, INCLUDING PROPERTY TAX REIMBURSEMENT (PTR) APPLICATIONS. TAXPAYERS FILING PTR SHOULD HAVE THEIR FORM CERTIFIED BY THE APPROPRIATE TAX ASSESSORS OFFICE PRIOR TO COMING TO THE AARP SITE. AARP TAX-AIDE IS AVAILABLE TO ALL TAXPAYERS WITH MIDDLE OR LOW INCOME, WITH SPECIAL ATTENTION TO TAXPAYERS AGE 60 AND OLDER. COMPLEXITY OF A RETURN WILL DETERMINE OUR ABILITY TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE. TAXPAYERS MUST BRING SOCIAL SECURITY CARDS AND PHOTO ID FOR THEMSELVES AND ALL DEPENDENTS, ALONG WITH A COPY OF THEIR PRIOR YEAR RETURN AND ALL RELATED AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FOR BOTH INCOME AND EXPENSES. RETURNS ARE PREPARED AND FILED ELECTRONICALLY.

## MATA KI CHOWKI on Saturday April 6th at 4 pm followed by Bhandara at ICC JAI MATA DI

Navratri is the Hindu festival of nine days dedicated to the glorification of Shakti, the feminine form of the Divine. The actual worship of the Goddess Durga as stipulated by the Hindu scriptures falls in the month of Chaitra, which roughly overlaps with March or April and is called Basanti Durga Puja. During this auspicious time, mother goddess is worshipped in nine different forms, the three forms of the goddess -Durga, Lakshmi and Saraswati.

The first three days are tamasic, the next three rajasic, and the last three sattvic. These nine days are a reminder symbolizing victory of positivity over negativity. It is the awakening of the Divinity – that quality of the Mother Divine which does not negate anything, yet nurtures the good qualities.



This year Navratri dates, during Chaitra month are – from April 5th to April 14th.

We will be celebrating this auspicious festival by doing "MATA KI CHOWKI"

on Saturday April 6th during NAVRATRI starting at 4 pm followed by Bhandara at ICC.

Pooja: 4pm to 4:30pm

Mata ke Bhajan will be presented by South Jersey Group from 5pm to 7:15pm. Aarti: 7:30pm; Bhandara: 8pm onwards  
Sponsors -- Welcome for Mata Ki Chowki.

For more information or sponsorship, pls contact:

Nidhi Agrawal (856) 520-3451, Sangeeta Rashatwar (609) 685-2755, Kinnari Patel (609) 230-4040, Nitin Khanna (267) 475-6932.

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## Chaitri Navaratri Havan on Sunday April 7, 4-6pm at our Berlin Mandir



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## Akhand Ramayana & Shri Rama Navami Celebrations April 13 Sat and April 14 Sun

As this Navratri coincides with Ram Navami, it also referred as Ram Navratri. These nine festive days would be including "Akhand Ramayana" starting on Saturday April 13 followed by Maha-Aarti on Sunday April 14.

Sri Rama Navami

Sri Raghavam Dasharadhatmajam aprameyam

Sitapathim Raghukulanvaya Ratna Deepam;

Aajanubahum Aravinda Dalayathaksham Ramam

Nishachara Vinashakaram Namami

Akhand Ramayan Patth Date : Saturday, April 13 starting at 11am:

Temple observances will begin on Saturday April 13th at 11 am by reading of Ramayan.

The Mahaprasad will be provided after the Poorna Ahuti on Sunday.

Anyone interested in helping, please call: Meena Bhatnagar (856-424-2581),

Rano Vasishta (609-926-0142), or Ritu Pandya (856-435-6577). It will be helpful if you bring your Ramayan.



**Shri Rama Navami Celebration on Sunday April 14**

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## Friday April 19– Hanuman Jayanti and Purnima Hanuman Chalisa Paath after Satyanarayana Puja @6pm

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## Sunday April 28—ITA Holi Celebration

**PROGRAMS FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH  
YOGA ABHYAS FOR HEALTH, HAPPINESS &  
GOD REALIZATION:**  
Contact: Veena Gandhi at 856-435-9148

**GITA STUDY GROUP:**  
Every Tuesday 8-9 pm 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 bvadmin@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.

<b>PUJA SERVICE **</b>	<b>INSIDE TEM- PLE</b>	<b>OUTSIDE TEMPLE</b>	<b>Following listed fees and charges are in addition to the charges listed for Puja Services</b>
Archana(Panchopachar)	\$11	N/A	
Vahan (Vehicle) Puja	\$21	N/A	
Namakaran/Annaprashan	\$51	\$101	
Birthday	\$51	\$101	<b><u>TEMPLE FACILITIES USAGE FEE:</u></b> Prayer Hall: \$200 Social Hall: \$300
Shraddha	\$51	\$101	
Anniversary Celebration	\$101	\$151	
Seemant	\$101	\$151	
Kesh Mundan Puja	\$101	\$151	
Sodashopchar, Kalash Puja, Punyah-Vachan or Blessings	\$101	\$151	
Satyanarayan Puja	\$121	\$151	
Engagement Ceremony	\$101	\$201	
Havan/Grah Shanti	\$201	\$251	<b><u>OTHER CHARGES</u></b> \$51. travel charges for 25 to 50 miles \$101 travel charges for 51 to 100 miles \$51 Non-member charges
Vastu Puja - outside service only	N/A	\$251	
Wedding Grah Shanti	\$201	\$301	
Wedding Ceremony per day	\$301	\$351	
Upanayan/Yagnopavita	\$251	\$301	
Antim Rites (Funeral Service)	Voluntary donation		
Uttar Kriya per day-outside service only	N/A	\$101	
Yagna//laghu rudra - outside service only	N/A	\$351	
Navchandi Yagna—outside service only	N/A	\$651	

**NOTE: Charges and availability of other Puja Services not listed above may be discussed with Anoo Joshi @ (855) my-mandir Ext 715**

**DIRECTION TO BERLIN TEMPLE**

- A. From Tacony Bridge:**  
Take NJ route 73S; drive about 12-13 miles and follow sign for East Taunton Ave. Temple on your right
- B. From Ben Franklin Bridge:**  
Take route 30E to NJ route 70E to NJ route 73S, drive about 7 miles and follow sign for East Taunton Ave. Temple on your right
- C. From Walt Whitman Bridge or Delaware Memorial Bridge:**  
Take I-295N to Exit 29-A for route 30E to Berlin Twp. Turn left on East Taunton Ave.
- D. From Central and North Jersey:**  
Take NJ turnpike south, Exit 4 for route 73S. Drive about 10-11 miles and follow sign for East Taunton Ave. on your right.



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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

*If back door is locked,  
please try front door, ring  
the bell and call  
856 768 3134*

Digital Satsang Sandesh available online at

<https://www.indiatemple.org/>

Or via email.

If you would like to receive a Satsang Sandesh via email

Please email [vpinfo@indiatemple.org](mailto:vpinfo@indiatemple.org)

Please check appropriate items from the following, and mail it to  
**Hindu Temple, 25 East Taunton Ave., Berlin, NJ 08009 Attn: Mr. M. Kanzaria**

I/We would like to join India Temple Association and I/We are remitting the membership dues (please select one) Individual or Family one year (\$75) \_\_\_\_\_

Individual or Family three year (\$111) \_\_\_\_\_

Individual or Family five year (\$161) \_\_\_\_\_

Life (\$1,001) \_\_\_\_\_

I/ We are seniors, age 65 and above and would like to join India Temple Association. I am/We are remitting the membership dues

(please select one) Individual or Family Five year (\$25) \_\_\_\_\_

Life (\$101) \_\_\_\_\_

I am adding additional donations:

\_\_\_\_\_ Scholarship Fund \_\_\_\_\_ Lifetime Seva (\$301) \_\_\_\_\_ Temple Renovations

\_\_\_\_\_ Seva Samiti Fund \_\_\_\_\_ Bal Vihar Fund \_\_\_\_\_ Youth Fund

I am relocating to the following address

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_