



Satsang Sandesh

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Religious Calendar

Saturday, Nov 3
Rama Ekadashi
Monday, Nov 5
Dhan Teras. Dhanteras puja
Tuesday, Nov 6
Kali Chaudas / Narak
Chaturdashi
Wednesday Nov 7
Diwali, Laxhmi puja, Anna-
koot, Special Childrens' Arti
Thursday, Nov 8
Vikram Samvat
Friday, Nov 9
Bhratri Dwitiya / Bhai Bij /
Yam Dwitiya
Monday, Nov 12
Labh Panchami
Monday, Nov 19
Dev-Prabodhini Ekadashi
Tulsi Vivah
Thursday, Nov 22
Shri GuruNanak Jayanti

**November 22, Thursday 6pm
Shri Satyanarayan Puja**

**November 17, Saturday
Sunderkand Path 10am**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Children's Diwali Program – Sunday November 4th
DhanTeras Puja—Monday November 5
Diwali - Annakut - Laxmi Pujan—Wednesday November 7
Vikram Samvat 2075 - New Year—Thursday November 8
ITA GENERAL BODY MEETING & ANNUAL TRUSTEE ELECTION
Saturday November 17th at 1:30 at the Berlin Temple
Tulsi Vivah— Monday November 19 @ 6pm
Please book these dates in your planner and join these major events with
friends and families
VIKRAM SAMVAT 2075 / YEAR 2019—CALENDAR & Event Updates
Will be ONLINE -<https://www.indiatemple.org/>
If you would like to receive temple info & Satsang Sandesh via email, Please
email vpinfo@indiatemple.org

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.

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.

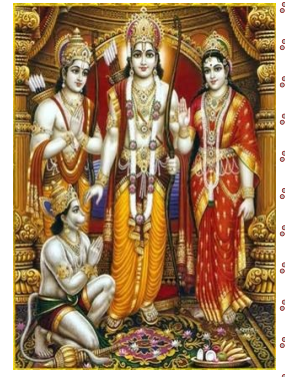
• Patel Lalit	Nov 01	Deshbandhu Hansi	Nov 17
• Patel Piyush	Nov 02	Dixit Mahesh	Nov 18
• Puttaswamy Dunthur	Nov 02	Patel Bimal	Nov 18
• Patel Chandrika	Nov 03	Dixit Mahesh	Nov 20
• Gupta Roopali.	Nov 04	Patel Jagdishver	Nov 21
• Ravani Kishan	Nov 05	Shah Champaben	Nov 22
• Maheswari Arun	Nov 09	Patel Kusum N.	Nov 24
• Desai Barbara	Nov 11	Patel Kusum N.	Nov 28
• Bagaria Surendra	Nov 15	Patel Ritai	Nov 28



Monthly Pujas at Mandir

SUNDARKAND PAATH
Saturday, November 17 @ 10 AM to 12:00 Noon
Followed by Mahaprasaad sponsored by Gagan Palace

SATYANARAYAN PUJA
Thursday November 22 @ 6:00 PM
Followed by Mahaprasaad sponsored by Indian Vila
Anyone can sit in this Puja and receive blessings of Lord Satyanarayan.
Please contact Charuben at 856-662-8754
or Kshamaben at 707-332-3400
if you are planning to be Puja Participant. Suggested Donation of \$31 or
more from Puja participants will be appreciated.



Tulsi Vivah— Monday November 19 @ 6pm



Tulsi Vivah is the ceremonial marriage of the Tulsi plant to the Hindu god Vishnu or his Avatar Krishna. This ceremony can be performed any time between Prabodhini Ekadashi - the eleventh lunar day of the bright fortnight of the Hindu month Kartik to the full moon of the month but usually it is performed on the eleventh or the twelfth lunar day. The day varies from region to region. The Tulsi wedding signifies the end of the monsoon and the beginning of the Hindu wedding season.
Tulsi Vivah Monday November 19, from 6 pm at Mandir.

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

We will have two meetings at ICC in the Month of November at 6.00PM—
Our First meeting will be held on November 14, 2018, at ICC at 6.00PM.
Dr. Surindra Bagaria, MD a well-known cardiologist from Cherry Hill, NJ will talk about a subject, very dear to the Seniors, in interactive form, about congenital heart defects, angina, arrhythmia, coronary artery disease, heart aneurysms. We will also learn from him about symptoms, like shortness of breath, dizziness & chest pain, heart problems identified and cared for early, can result in NO HEART FAILURE.
Our second meeting will be held on November 28, 2018, at ICC at 6.00 PM.
Senior Nite—for the Seniors-by the Seniors and of the Seniors. There is so much talent in this group that you need more than two hours to enjoy their melodies--Bhajans, Bollywood songs, jokes, Shayari, poetry, and ghazels.
Please join in to support your esteemed group. If you want to participate, please call Raj Verma at 856-344-7074.
If you want to sponsor for snacks, please call Manju Goel at 856-424-9028
Ram Arora, President

Prayers



We will be reciting Vishnu Sahasranamam and Lalitha Sahasranamam on Friday, November 2nd 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.



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. Gandhi will resume yoga classes along with Hina Desai. Please review, the schedule is every Tuesday and Thursday at 9 am and Saturday at 8.30am. The class is usually 1 hour and 15 minutes. Come with yoga mat, on an empty stomach at least for 2 hours. Classes are free. but If you wish to give donation please give on the name of temple for providing us with the beautiful space. Contact: Dr. Veena S. Gandhi (856) 816-4095; Hina Desai (856) 495-5864 or Pam Cross; November Dates—Tues: 6-13-20-27; Thurs: 1-15; Sat: 3-17;

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Please let us know if you would like to sponsor the beautiful garlands we are receiving for all our Deities on this Special Occasion for Diwali!

DhanTeras Puja—Monday November 5

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 or Kshamaben Raghuvveer 707-332-3400 [<kshamatemple@gmail.com>](mailto:kshamatemple@gmail.com). Suggested donation is \$51.

Diwali - Annakut - Laxmi Puja—Wednesday November 7

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 4:30 pm. ; Aarati: 5:30 PM, 7 PM, 8 PM, and 9 PM.

Puja starts at 5 pm

Vikram Samvat 2075 - New Year—Thursday November 8

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



Children's Diwali Program – Sunday November 4th

Join us from 2-4 pm at the Berlin Temple for Special Diwali Celebration



Program will include:

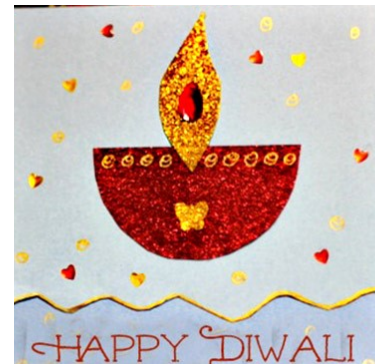
Telling of the Story of Diwali; Mini-ANNAKUT; Short Laxmi Puja; Crafts (Making Diya, Rangoli, and Lanterns); Sparklers; Aarti

We ask each family to bring one small item for the Annakut that we can all share after Aarti.

Please contact Vinita Ganju 609-744-8558

[<vinudidi@gmail.com>](mailto:vinudidi@gmail.com), Vidya Shukla 610-703-1710

[<vidyashukla@gmail.com>](mailto:vidyashukla@gmail.com), or Charu Sheth 856-662-8754 [<sheth_charu@yahoo.com>](mailto:sheth_charu@yahoo.com)



ITA GENERAL BODY MEETING & ANNUAL TRUSTEE ELECTION

Saturday November 17th at 1:30 at the Berlin Temple

The ITA will hold a General Body Meeting and Annual Election on November 17th 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 2019.
- ◆ Trustee Candidates for 2019 to 2021 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.

2018 By-Laws and Constitution Amendments

As a reminder the ITA is governed by its Constitution which outlines the guiding principles of the organization and By-Laws which provides operating details. Last year with Membership's support, we were able to make significant changes to the By-Laws and position the ITA for the future. In implementing these changes, BOT has realized that additional incremental changes would be helpful. As such, we are asking the Membership to approve Amendments to the By-Laws and to Constitution which has not been revised since 2004. We are seeking your affirmative vote at the General Body Meeting on November 17th. The ITA Executive Committee, Board of Trustees and Advisory Board believe that these changes will allow us to better serve the community. For example, splitting the role of Temple Manager into a Facilities Manger and Pujari Service Manager positions will allow us to be more responsive to Member scheduling inquires and facilities problems; adding a Code of Conduct for Members, volunteers and Trustees will create a more welcoming environment; and clarifying historical election policies and procedures will avoid future conflicts.

A mark-up copy of the By-Laws which shows all of the proposed changes and a comparison document which shows the Current and Proposed Constitution side by side are available online at https://www.indiatemple.org/ita_documents.php. Although the changes are evolutionary and more modest than those approved in 2017, we still believe it is important for Members to stay informed and encourage you to please review the changes. If you have any questions, please contact By-Laws Committee members directly with questions: Samir Patel (201) 657 8661, Kiran Desai (856) 217-3400, Rina Patel (856) 313- 5235, Vinita Ganju (609) 744-8558, or Dahya Patel (856) 269-0367.

Sincerely,
By-Laws & Constitution Committee and Board of Trustees

Trustee Election Information

Candidates: The Eligible Candidates for the 2019-2021 Trustee Term are below (listed alphabetically by last name). Eligible voters will be asked to vote for their top 7 choices.

1. Vijesh Darji
2. Ankit Desai
3. Vinita Ganju
4. Ramesh Gupta
5. Hari Kalagara
6. Gopal Patel
7. Charu Sheth
8. Vidya Shukla

Members are requested to be in time to listen to prospective candidates about their experience, involvement in temple activities and what they can do for the temple and community.

Voting: Members will have the ability to receive and cast ballots any time from 1:30 to 3:00 or 15 minutes after the conclusion of the General Body meeting whichever is later. Ballots must be cast by 3:15 or 30 minutes after the conclusion of the General Body Meeting, whichever is later. Please bring a photo ID

Voter Eligibility: In order to vote at the 2018 General Body Meeting individuals must have been continuous paid ITA Members from July 1, 2016 to October 3, 2018. For Family Membership holders, both the husband and wife are individually eligible to vote. Members must be present to vote. There is no proxy voting. If you have questions regarding your eligibility please contact: Vidya Shukla- Vidyshukla@gmail.com; Harshad PatelHarshad41@aol.com; or Govind ModiGovindmodi@msn.com.



This Winter Comfort
Someone With the
Warmth of New or Like
New Unwanted Jackets
Or Donate For Blankets!

India Temple Association SEVA SAMITI
is collecting New and Old, BUT CLEAN and good
conditioned winter jackets to distribute to those who are in
need of the warmth of your heart.

3 Blankets for Donations \$40.00

Drop Off at the Temple

Drop by Sunday, Dec. 16th, 2018
For Info call Hina Desai (856) 495-5864 or
hinadesai@hotmail.com
Lata 856-985-4785, latap1215@gmail.com





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Fall Food Drive

Halloween~Diwali~Thanksgiving

October 14th—November 14th 2018

Most needed food items
Peanut Butter, Jelly, Macaroni & Cheese,
Breakfast Cereal, Canned Vegetables,
Canned Fruit, Pasta

Drop off location
Hindu Mandir 25 East Taunton Ave. Berlin, NJ

Community Service Hours will be given to
Balvihar & Youth Students who join us for a
Halloween Trick or Treat for Canned Food Drive.
To sign up please email bvadmin@indiatemple.org

For more details contact
Charu Sheth (856)662-8754 sheth_charu@yahoo.com
Chetna Giyanani (732)322-6212 chetnatemple@gmail.com



Condolences

Shri Jeshankar Bhatt of Marlton passed away on October 23, 2018 at the age of 90. He is survived by his wife, 3 children and 6 Grand Children.

ITA and it's board extend their sincere condolences to Bhatt family.

Daytime Gita study group

A new Gita study group has just started meeting at the Temple on Tuesdays, 11AM to 12Noon. This is an informal group to study Gita verse by verse following "Bhagavat Gita Study" summaries published by India Temple Association. Since Gita speaks to every aspect of human issues, these discussions encourage questioning and reflecting upon our life and our thoughts. Many of the topics get repeated and reviewed in light of the on-going Gita verses.



The study is open to all. Please join in the group, as we would like as many people to participate as possible. You are never too late to join. Please contact Sharad Pimplaskar at (856) 466-1430 by text message or call.

Invitation to join Marlton Gita Study Group, At ICC on 820 NJ-73, Marlton, NJ 08053 Begins on Tuesday, September, 25th, 2018 Will Meet every Tuesday at 9:30AM

Uddhava Gita:

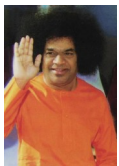
Beautiful Conversation Between Krishna and Uddhava.

Uddhava was Krishna's childhood friend and had done a number of services to Bhagwan Krishna. He had never asked anything from Krishna. Krishna asked him to ask for anything Uddhava wishes as a benefit or boon. Though Uddhava did not desire anything for himself, the conduct of Krishna, whom he had observed from childhood, appeared to be a riddle, with his words and deed being divergent. He wished to get an clarification from Lord Krishna.

What follows is a beautiful, heartening, enlightening and the final teachings of the Lord to His dearest devotee. These final chapters of Shri Bhagavatam is worth learning for every devotee of Lord Krishna and even the most ascetic Vedanta student who may have intellectually accomplished the study of the Vedas and yet may have missed its very glue to the human heart. As Shri Shankaracharya has said, Jnanam without Bhakti is like a wick burning in a lamp without the oil.

Class is Limited to 15 Members, only 10 more remaining.

Please register by email latap1215@gmail.com Or Call 856-9854785



Satya Sai Baba of Medford

Bhajans

November 16th, Friday 8-9pm

P.K. Prabhakar 856-596-3147 ; Sesa Vemuri 856-751-0867

Senior Social Group NEWS-----Seniors Social Group (SSG) arranged Chronic Pain Workshops

Please RSVP. The Chronic Pain Workshop Teaches/Trains " How to Live Healthy & Happy Life with The Chronic Pains" caused by many Illness/deceases/disabilities from Arthritis (RA & OA), Diabetes and Joint Operations etc. Presently 60 SSG members have been enrolled in the CPWs. For detailed info **Contact Bhulabhai Bhakta of SSG@ 856-983-0769.**

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.

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

**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 note that 50% of the listed cost of Puja performed outside the temple goes to Pujari in addition to his regular salary. Please check temple availability at 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 **	INSIDE TEM- PLE	OUTSIDE TEMPLE	Following listed fees and charges are in addition to the charges listed for Puja Services
Archana(Panchopachar)	\$11	N/A	
Vahan (Vehicle) Puja	\$21	N/A	
Namakaran/Annaprashan	\$51	\$101	
Birthday	\$51	\$101	<u>TEMPLE FACILITIES USAGE FEE:</u>
Shraddha	\$51	\$101	Prayer Hall: \$200
Anniversary Celebration	\$101	\$151	Social Hall: \$300
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	<u>OTHER CHARGES</u>
Vastu Puja - outside service only	N/A	\$251	\$51. travel charges for 25 to 50 miles
Wedding Grah Shanti	\$201	\$301	\$101 travel charges for 51 to 100 miles
Wedding Ceremony per day	\$301	\$351	\$51 Non-member charges
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 - 12:30 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*

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<https://www.indiatemple.org/>
Or via email.

If you would like to receive a Satsang Sandesh via email
Please email 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: _____