



Satsang Sandesh

India Temple Association, Inc.

Hindu Temple, 25 E. Taunton Ave, Berlin, NJ 08009
SOUTH JERSEY ♦ DELAWARE ♦ PENNSYLVANIA
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Religious Calendar

January 8 Sunday
Putrada Ekadashi

January 12 Thursday
Purnima

January 14 Saturday
Makar Sankranti, Pongal
Celebration in Temple

January 23, Monday
Shat Tila Ekadashi

Monthly Activities
Kshamatemple@gmail.com

January 06, Friday
Vishnu Sahasranaam

January 12, Thursday
Shri Satyanarayan Pooja
6pm

January 21, Saturday
Sunderkand Path 10am

Monthly Bhajans

Shriji Bhajan
Winter Recess till April
Urmi Upadhyay 856-424-9328
Charu Sheth 856-662-8754

January 20 Friday 8-9 pm
• Satya Sai Baba of Medford
P.K.Prabhakar 856-596-3147
Sesha Vemuri 856-751-0867

HAPPY 2017

TO ALL OUR ITA FAMILIES, FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS

Year 2016 was a successful year for many religious, cultural and educational activities. We encourage everyone to continue with more energy and support level for the activities planned for the year 2017. Please notify any of the ITA key personnel listed anywhere in Satsang if you want to provide your Volunteer Service to our organization. ITA always needs Volunteers to succeed every activity planned for our community.

ITA 2016 GENERAL BODY MEETING & 2017 TRUSTEE ELECTION

2016 General Body Meeting was not an event to take pride as a member of ITA. This is an annual meeting conducted by the Board of Trustees to make ITA members aware of their rights, including operation of our organization, and recognize dedicated Volunteers to our ITA families. We all are used to maintain our commitments for our businesses, jobs, friends, families and relatives. However, somehow, we have not paid same level of attention to our most important place that many of us and our earlier generation created for the maintenance of our religion, culture and heritage. Presence of hardly 65 to 70 members does create fear for the future of our Hindu Community. Hope this may be a turning point for many to come and rejuvenate for the brighter future.

Due to lack of required Quorum, our by-laws amendment could not go through the approval process. However, due to less number of nominations than the available seats for the Trusteeship, we did not need any election.

Fortunately, we see bright light in the tunnel by having three young Trustees on ITA Board. Samir Patel, Sagar Dalal and Anuradha Munshi happen to be active young Volunteers from Bal Vihar with a common goal of exposing importance of ITA to upcoming generation. BOT welcomes these three Trustees along with our longtime dedicated names Lalit Patel, Shobna Daga, Sangeeta Rashtwar, Pankaj Desai, and Dinesh Depani.

BOT also likes to thank Election Committee (Dahyabhai, Bhulabhai and Ghanshyambhai) for its hard work for the smooth nomination and election process.

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.

• Dilip Guharoy	Jan 02	Anil Desai	Jan 20
• Mulchand Giyanani	Jan 05	Vinod Patel	Jan 20
• Milan & Monica Gupta	Jan 14	Shailen Patel	Jan 24
• Kusum Kumar	Jan 14	Narendra Amin	Jan 28
• Divyakant Parikh	Jan 14	Ravin Patel	Jan 31
• Ashvin-Deviyani Shah	Jan 18		

Condolences

Prafulbhai Patel, husband of Jyotiben Patel (caterer and longtime Volunteer for Mahaprasad preparation), passed away on December 11, 2016. ITA and its Board extend their sincere condolences to Jyotiben and the family.

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

**Our first meeting will be on Wednesday January 11, 2017 at 6.00 PM
SENIOR NITE by the Seniors, for the Seniors and of the Seniors**

To celebrate the new year, some of our talented seniors will sing Bhajans and Bollywood songs. We will recite Kavitas (Poetries), Jokes and other pertinent material to the audience so their laughter takes the front seat.

HAVE FUN AND ENJOY THE NITE.

Ram Arora, President

If you want to sponsor for snacks ,please contact Manju Goel at 856-424-9028

From Me to You
Pranams!

I have had a wonderful journey with you all, these last two years – sharing my thoughts and feelings in the monthly articles. Thank you so much for indulging me. The board of trustees and I tried to do our best in fulfilling our roles and responsibilities. In case, something is amiss....the buck stops with me as the Mandir President and as such, I seek your forgiveness. With that said, our Mandir will be having a new President and some second generation dynamic trustees ; I seek your blessings and support to the new board as they embark on further progress.

Thank you all again and with this, I conclude my 'From Me to You' articles.

As always,
Ramesh Viswanathan, Outgoing ITA President
ITA President



Monthly Pujas at Mandir SATYANARAYAN PUJA

Thursday, January 12 @ 6:00 PM

Followed by Mahaprasad sponsored by Indian Vila
Anyone can sit in this Puja and receive blessings of Lord Satyanarayan.
Please contact Charuben at 856-662-8754 or Kshamaji at 707-332-3400
if you are planning to be Puja Participant. Suggested Donation of \$31 or
more from Puja participants will be appreciated.

SUNDARKAND PAATH

Saturday, January 21 @ 10 AM to 12:00 Noon

Followed by Mahaprasaad sponsored by Gagan Palace



YOGA Classes at Berlin Mandir FREE YOGA CLASSES FOR ALL

Please see our WEB CALENDAR on www.indiatemple.org and see schedule day and time for this class on Saturday Mornings. It will cover soft but complete exercise, pranayama and short meditation. There may be another YOGA CLASS FOR BACKACHE for an hour in weekday morning, provided there is enough interest.

Please call Dr. Veena S. Gandhi at 856-435-9148.

Although classes are free, participants can donate money to ITA for Dr. Gandhi's valuable time.

HEAD START SPEAKER SERIES

The ITA & ICC are co-sponsoring a monthly speaker series for community youth focused on enhancing their professional and academic knowledge. Our goal is to create a forum where the next generation can benefit from the experiences, relationships, and mentorship of successful individuals. We hope that this information transfer will help them make better career decisions.

FIRST EVENT DETAILS

Topic: College Application Process and Timeline

Speakers: Sona Dadhanian & Nihar Sheth

Date: January 29th, 2017

Time: 630 – 8PM

Location: ICC

Cost: Free

Program Coordinator: Samir K. Patel- (201) 657 8661 / samirkpatel@yahoo.com

AARPTAX-AIDE (FREE TAX PREPARATION SERVICE BY AARP VOLUNTEERS)

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 HOME-STEAD REBATE AND 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.

Locations and Timing:

- Barrington Municipal Bldg, 229 Trenton Ave, 856-547-0706 Every Monday 10 AM-1 PM , Feb 6 to April 17**
- Bellmawr Public Library, 35 E. Browning Rd, 856-931-1400, Every Tuesday 11AM to 2PM, Feb 7 to April 11**
- Blackwood Public Library, 15 S Black Horse Pike, 856-228-0022, Every Friday 10AM to 1PM, Feb 3 to April 14**
- Cherry Hill Municipal Bldg, 820 Mercer St, 856-488-7868, Every Tuesday and Friday 10AM to 2PM, Feb3 to April 14**
- Collingswood Public Library, 771 Haddon Ave, 856-858-0649, Every Friday 12PM to 4PM, Feb 3 to April 14**
- Camden Ferry Ave Public Library, 852 Ferry Ave, 856-342-9789, Every Monday 10:30AM to 1:30PM, Feb 6 to April 17**
- Haddon Heights Public Library, 608 Station Ave, 856-547-7132, Every Monday 12PM to 3PM, Feb 6 to April 17**
- Pennsauken Public Library, 5605 Crescent Blvd, 856-665-5959, Every Wednesday and Thursday 1PM to 4PM, Feb 1 to April 13**
- Runnemede Senior Center, 2 Broadway and Black Horse Pike, 856-208-9983, Every Thursday 11AM to 2PM, Feb 2 to April 13**
- Voorhees Public Library, 203 Laurel Road, 856-772-1636, Every Tuesday and Thursday 11AM to 2PM, Feb 2 to April 13**
- Westmont Public Library, 15 MacArther Blvd, 856-854-2752, Every Tuesday 12PM to 4PM, Feb 7 to April 11**
- Winslow Public library, 35 Coopers Folly Road, 856-753-2537, Every Monday and Wednesday 10AM to 1PM, Feb 1 to April 17**

CALL KIRAN DOSHI AT 856-424-8046 OR 609-405-2641 FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, INCLUDING SPECIAL ASSISTANCE FOR HANDICAP AND/OR INDIAN LANGUAGES

Senior Social Group

Senior Social Group (SSG) will meet every Tuesday at 1pm in the Social Hall at Berlin Temple. Please contact Mr. Bhulabhai Bhaktaji at 8569830769 for details.

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

Recognition For Major Donors of ITA

ITA appreciates donations of \$1000 or more in year 2016 from the following donors.

Akshay & Diane Amin, Surendra and Sheela Bagaria, Smt Panna Bhatt, Mayur and Manisha Chheda, Mahavir Chudasma, Thakor and Neema Dahya, Nilesh and Sangeeta Doshi, Smt Urmila Gujarati, Devkumar Gupta, Navin and Renu Gupta, Magan and Hansa Kanzaria, Devang and Kruti Lodhavia, Dipal and Ameer Parikh, Divyakant and Pratima Parikh, Alkesh and Hina Patel, Alpesh and Jeneet Patel, Asvin and Aruna Patel of Moorestown, Gopal and Geeta Patel, Harshad and Bhanu Patel, Jitendra and Sumi Patel, Samir and Urvashee Patel, Brinda and Kshama Raghuvir, Subash and Sangeeta Rashatwar, Dhuru and Usha Saparia, Ms Gita Saparia, Ashish and Abhilasha Saxena, Amit Shah and Dilip Gandhi, Hemendra Singh, Vishal Vasistha and Malini Khanna, Ramesh and Usha Viswanathan, and Ram Yadav.

Additional names for donations received in excess of \$1000 (total contribution in 2016) by the end of 2016 will be published in February Satsang.

From your outgoing President

Pranams!

As I hand over the responsibility and position to the new team, I can only stand in awe in witnessing the growth and evolution of our India Temple Association over the last two years. The evolution of ITA was always ongoing and dynamic, but the harmonious relationship, the dedication, complete involvement, and sincerity of the board of trustees and other fellow community members was truly a treat to watch and something that is worthy of emulating for the future board. Before I became a President, I was privileged to be part of various committees, positions of importance, and the corresponding responsibilities. However, after becoming the President, I could see the global picture with a better vision and have come to truly appreciate as to how every wheel, every minute part equally and significantly contributes to the whole; if any one part fails to perform, the cascading effect dramatically affects the outcome. Hence I am truly thankful to everyone, who have done their bit for our Mandir.

Rest assured, your Mandir is in very good hands as we continue to progress with all your blessings and participation.

I remain indebted to you all forever,

Ramesh Viswanathan

Board of Trustees extends its special appreciation for Mr. Ramesh Viswanathan's dedicated Presidential Role as a Chief administrator for India Temple association for last two years.

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

Contact: Vina 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

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 @ Marlton Middle School
Contact: Malathi Shankar (856) 424-7849 or Bhavesh Patel 1-855-my-mandir ext 3.

YOUTH PROGRAM: A program for young adults (8th to 12th Grade) and parents. Two Sundays a month from 9:45 am - 1 pm at our Mandir. Contact: Praveen Garg (856) 783-4692 or Sangeeta Rashatwar (856) 424-4211

CREATIVE ART WORKSHOP

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

Contact: Sudha Patel (856)489-4065

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 Shri. Divyakant Parikh at 1-855-MY-MANDIR Ext 1 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	
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	
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	

TEMPLE FACILITIES USAGE FEE:

Prayer Hall: \$200

Social Hall: \$300

OTHER CHARGES

\$51. travel charges for 25 to 50 miles

\$101 travel charges for 51 to 100 miles

\$51 Non-member charges

NOTE: Charges and availability of other Puja Services not listed above may be discussed with Divyakant parikh @ (856) 745-9676

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

*Please use the front door
and ring the bell if locked*

**PLEASE REVIEW YOUR ADDRESS LABEL AND RENEW YOUR
MEMBERSHIP BASED ON EXPIRATION DATE OR SUPPORT ITA WITH YOUR
ENROLLMENT IF YOU ARE NOT IDENTIFIED AS A MEMBER**

**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 (\$51) _____
Individual or Family five year (\$151) _____
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: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____